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Understanding Definitions

by Cindy Greer

The Grange is a non-profit organization, that is true. Most subordinate Granges have a 501c5 status. The State Grange has a 501c8 status. The IRS has several different definitions for all these different 501c status which you can find on the IRS web site. The Grange is a Fraternal organization, which means that we have a format that we are supposed to follow at each meeting (that is our ritual or way of opening and closing the meeting.) If you are not using the ritual please be using the round table format adopted by the State Grange.

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Great Plains Regional Leaders Conference

REGISTRATION:

Registration forms and fees need to be to Billy Shufeldt by June 1st, 2024

\$50.00 ADULTS & YOUTH

\$25.00 JUNIORS

5 & UNDER FREE

Contact the Colorado State Grange office for a registration form.

MEALS:

Continental Breakfast included with stay.

Friday Evening: Build your own Sandwich & Get acquainted beginning at 5:30

Saturday Lunch & Dinner will be served.

LOCATION:

Claremore Conference Center

Holiday Inn Express

1400 Country Club Road

Claremore, Ok 74017

(918) 283-4877

Room Rates \$92.00 Double or King

This conference is a great way to connect with Grangers from Kansas, Oklahoma,

Texas, Colorado and Nebraska.

Please send money and Registration form to:

Billy Shufeldt (918)842-0242

6399 NS 413 RD

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Upcoming Events

Call individual Granges for more information.

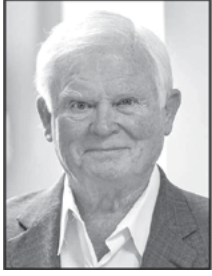
- May 5** Mount Lookout — Mancos Bloom Fundraiser, 1-5 p.m.
- May 8** Enterprise — Cinco de Mayo Potluck, 6:30 p.m.
- May 9** Golden Gate — Business Meeting, 3 p.m.
- May 11** Pleasant Park — Meeting and Potluck, 10 a.m.
- May 11** Sunflower Grange — Bee Talk with Jaclyn Monteserin, jakinese@gmail.com, Firehouse Training Room 1-3 p.m.
- May 11** Florissant — Pine Needle Basket Class 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Needle Felting Class 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; Fabric Landscaping Class 11 a.m.-12 p.m.; Paint With Me Class 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- May 12** Mount Lookout — Community Dinner, 6 p.m.
- May 13-19** Golden Gate — Firefighter Hydration Drive.
- May 13** Florissant Grange — Monthly Meeting.
- May 16** Mt. Allison Grange — Pine River Shares (PRS). (Help Needed starting @ 8:30 a.m. — Doors Open to Public between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.)
- May 17** Marvel Grange — Seniors Facing Surgery Program.
- May 18** Florida Grange — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
- May 19** Golden Gate Canyon Clean up, 7 a.m.
- May 20** Florida Grange — Third Annual Community Garage Sale, 8 a.m.
- May 23** Mt. Allison Grange — Field To Fork Potluck, 6 p.m.
- May 25** Florissant — Purple Heart Community Sign Dedication.
- May 25** Sunflower Grange — Plant Sale, Memorial Day, (John and Lindsey Rominsky) at BMan's, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- May 28** Mount Lookout — Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- June 1** Registration for Great Plains Leadership Conference due to Oklahoma State Grange.
- June 7** Marvel Grange — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- June 8** Florissant — Pine Needle Basket Class 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Needle Felting Class 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; Fabric Landscaping Class 11 a.m.-12 p.m.; Learn to Sew/Paint With Me Class 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- June 8** Sunflower Grange — Heirloom Tomato Farms: Growing and Sales, Speaker Tracy Weil.
- June 8** Pleasant Park — Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. Followed With Potluck.
- June 9** Mount Lookout — Community Dinner, 6 p.m.
- June 13** Golden Gate Grange — Meeting, 3 p.m.
- June 17** Mt. Allison Grange — Business Meeting @ TBD.
- June 18** Mt. Allison Grange — PRS. (Help Needed starting @ 8:30 a.m. — Doors Open to Public between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.)
- June 19** County Commissioners on the Road, Meeting at Marvel Grange, 6 p.m.
- June 22** Florida Grange — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
- June 22** Florissant — Summer Flea Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- June 27** Mt. Allison Grange — Field to Fork Potluck, at 6 p.m.
- June 29** Marvel Grange — Community Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
- July 5** Marvel Grange — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- July 8** La Plata Pomona — Grange Meeting, 7 p.m. at Florida Grange Hall.
- July 11** Golden Gate Grange — Meeting, 3 p.m.
- July 12-14** Great Plains Regional Leaders Conference — Claremore, OK.
- July 13** Sunflower Grange — The Mane Mission Equine Therapy, Speaker: Kathy Hulley.
- July 13** Florida Grange — Beading Class, 1-3 p.m.
- July 13** Pleasant Park — Regular Meeting, 10 a. m. followed by Pomona Picnic.
- July 21** Marvel Grange — Ice Cream Social, 3 p.m.
- July 27** Florida Grange — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
- August 2** Marvel Grange — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- August 10** Sunflower Granger — Barn Fire Prevention, Speaker: Tad Keegan.
- August 14** Enterprise Grange — Meeting 6-8 p.m.
- August 17** Maple Grove Grange — Susie Knight to perform Concert, 6 p.m.
- August 24** Florida Grange — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
- Sept. 21** Florida Grange — Pancake Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
- Sept. 25-28** State Grange Convention — Masonic Lodge, in Durango, CO.
- Nov. 12-16** National Grange Convention in Iowa. Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf, 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, IA 52722.
- Marvel Grange — *Line Dancing on Monday, 9-10 a.m.*
- Golden Gate AA — Every Tuesday, from 7 p.m.
- Golden Gate Yoga — Wednesdays, from 3-4 p.m.
- Florissant — Gift Shop is Open Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday weekly.
- Florissant — Every Thursday is Community Potluck and Music.
- Sunflower — Third Thursdays, Local History Book Club Meets at BMan's BBQ at 1 p.m.

Master's Message

Gary Wardle, State Master

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I hope all are enjoying this spring weather. I look forward to hearing of all your Grange Month activities. I am sure they are all a great success and helped to find new members.

The National Grange has started a new podcast called the Grange Hall. This will be a weekly podcast talking to Grangers about their Grange experience. You can find the podcast on *Apple Podcasts*, *Spotify*, *Amazon/Audible*, or *iHeartRadio*. You can also listen on *PodBean* or watch on *YouTube*!

Registration for the 2024 National Convention to be held in Bettendorf, Iowa, in November will be open May 1. I hope you will consider going. The National Convention is a great opportunity to meet other Grangers and make new friends. The 2025 convention will be a new experience. They are planning on having the convention on a Caribbean Cruise. Stay tuned for more information.

We have been working on the location for the 2024 State Grange Convention. The most affordable location is the Masonic Lodge in Durango. They will hold the date for our convention September 26 to 28, 2024. I hope to see you all in Durango. We will provide information on lodging in the next paper.

Larry Corman has been working on the State Grange website. It was down for a short time but is working. Thanks, Larry, for your efforts to keep the website up.

Membership needs to continue to be a priority for all Granges. Your Granges need to identify ways your Grange can benefit your communities and work with other organizations to accomplish the goals. Projects benefiting the community will attract new members. When you do your community activities, make it a priority to have membership applications readily available and assign someone to ask people to take an application and join your Grange. Grange is an organization that can help bring communities together. Let me know how I can assist your Grange. This is the 150th anniversary for the Colorado State Grange. I hope you can use this in your efforts.

I have talked to many Granges that are doing great things in their community. They are having cultural events, doing community service, providing garden projects, and recognizing persons from their community for their service. They enrich lives by providing social and educational opportunities for Grange and community members. I congratulate the many Granges that are growing and providing services to their community and members.

IN ESSENTIALS UNITY, IN NON-ESSENTIALS LIBERTY,
IN ALL THINGS CHARITY

Reaching Surgical Seniors Campaign

There are several documents available to help Seniors facing surgery. If you are interested in any of these documents, please let the state Grange office know and we can send you a copy or email a PDF copy. The topics covered are as follows:

- Planning for my future Guide (Things your family needs to know)
 - Pre-Surgery Guide — Questions Prompt list (see article in this issue)
- There are five videos that were

developed for this program and the National Grange YouTube has additional videos with good advice.

- #1 Advocacy and Shared decision making
 - #2 Hospitalizations
 - #3 Falls
 - #4 Talking to Others
 - #5 Questions prompt List
- And a Promotional Video

Visit their web site at: www.senior_surgicalguides.com.

Granger Deadline And Guidelines

June 15, 2024, is the deadline for articles for the July-August 2024 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326 or email costategrange@gmail.com.

We would appreciate your following these guidelines when writing an article.

- Name of Grange
- Contact person (with phone number)
- Upcoming dates

Brief summary of what has been happening at your Grange — DO NOT SEND MINUTES

- Community Service Projects
- In Memoriam (Grangers who have passed away)
- Thinking of You
- (Grangers who are sick and shut in — include address if they would enjoy cards)
- Hats Off (Grangers to be recognized)
- You're Invited (activities open to nonmembers and visiting Grangers)

Notes From The Secretary

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June 1 — Registration due for Great Plains Leadership Conference, Oklahoma — Contact the State office for registration forms.

June 30 — End of Second Quarter.

July 12-14 — Great Plains Leadership Conference, Oklahoma.

July 30 — Second Quarter Reports due.

September 25-28 — State Session, Durango, Masonic Lodge.

November 12-16, 2024 — National Grange Convention — Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf, 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

Often, I wonder if anyone reads the articles in *The Colorado Granger*. After the last issue I did learn that some of you do and some do not. No big surprise! I admit that there are times when I do not read every article.

The Resources that we have provided are for you to use if at all possible.

The *Roster* has the names and addresses of the officers of the National Grange, the State Grange, the Subordinate Granges, and the Pomona Granges along with several other contacts important to the Grange. It was sent out to Secretaries in late December or Early January. Each Grange received two copies.

The *Journal of Proceedings* tells you what happened at the State Convention last year.

The *National Grange Digest of Laws* tells you what the rules and guidelines are for Granges. It is available on the National Grange website and is updated every year.

There are numerous history books that contain information about the Grange from it's beginning. Some are no longer in print but the State Grange office does have a few copies.

We don't mind you asking, but if you can utilize the resources provided we would greatly appreciate

Understanding Definitions

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One does not have to do the floor work, but the group should be using the wording in the blue manual.

I decided to look up the definitions and thought I would share them with you.

A non-profit organization is a group organized for purposes other than generating profit and in which no part of the organization's income is distributed to its members, directors, or officers. A nonprofit organization (NPO) is one that is not driven by profit but by dedication to a given cause that is the target of all income beyond what it takes to run the organization. Because of this, NPOs receive tax-exempt status from the federal government, meaning they

do not have to pay income tax.

What is a charitable donation?

A charitable donation is a gift of money or goods to a tax-exempt organization that can reduce your taxable income.

To claim a deduction for charitable donations on your taxes, you must have donated to an IRS-recognized charity and received nothing in return for your gift. Donated to a friend's GoFundMe? That is typically not tax-deductible.

- An organization can be nonprofit without 501(c)(3) status, which can make it tricky to ensure your charity of choice counts.
- Not all donations made to a Grange are tax deductible. One should check with their account

your efforts.

When a Grange has a change in officer, especially secretary, it is important that you notify the State office of the change so that information can be sent to the right person. The person leaving the position should make the notification but sometimes that is not possible, so the new person should make the notification or the President/Master.

We will be preparing for the state convention in the near future. Please send resolutions as soon as possible. I recently heard a member say that maybe we should hold the State Convention when motel rates are cheaper, and not during color season in September or early October. When is the real question. Colorado has become such a tourist state that it's extremely difficult to gauge when the least busy time is and rates might be better. Between skiing and summer activities and fall activities that leaves a very small window of time. I'm sure it's possible, just a challenge.

"In our fraternity there is work for all and those reap the most abundant harvest of Grange benefits who contribute most liberally of their own time and talent." (Official Grange Obligation Ceremony; Secretary.)

tant or tax advisor before claiming a tax deduction for a donation made to the Grange.

- Donation made to PICK (People Improving Communities and Kids) is tax deductible. PICK can accept donations for a Grange and the Grange can apply for those funds for a specific project.

Who qualifies for sales tax exemption in Colorado?

- Charities & Nonprofits. Generally, an organization qualifies for sales tax-exempt status if it is organized and operated exclusively for one of the following purposes: It is a religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational organization.
- The individual organization has to apply for a sales tax-exempt license from the Secretary of State in order to not pay sales tax on items purchased. They require filing quarterly.

— In Memoriams —

Doris Bainbridge

Pikes Peak Grange
August 17, 1931 –
January 21, 2024

Doris J. Bainbridge passed away on January 21, 2024, at her home in Wray, Colorado.

Doris J. Frost was born on August 17, 1931, in Inola, Oklahoma. Doris was married to Howard C. (Buck) Bainbridge on January 7, 1951, in Denver, Colo.

Doris gave birth to Bruce, Anita, and Connie. She has eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Doris Bainbridge is buried in the Parker Cemetery, Pastor Michael Young officiated at the funeral. There was a memorial at the Pikes Peak Grange Hall in Franktown, Colo.

Doris Bainbridge will forever be blessed.

Edward Zupancic

Died: February 5, 2024

Edward "Ed" Zupancic, 85, of Florissant, Colorado, passed away February 5, 2024. The oldest of five children, Ed was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1938.

His lifetime of public service began in the U.S. Army where he served from 1956-1959, including being stationed in Thule, Greenland. Meeting the love of his life, Jeanette, while in the Army, he settled in Detroit, Michigan. After the Army, Ed spent 31 years rising through the ranks of the Detroit Police Department,



Edward Zupancic

retiring as an Inspector (Captain).

Moving to Florissant, Colorado, in 1997, he was instrumental in forming the Teller County Sheriff's Posse. Ed continued his service as a volunteer firefighter, Florissant Grange Master, county coroner, and was an active member of Our Lady of the Woods Catholic Church where he was a 4th degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus.

Ed is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jeanette (Glanz); children Debra Voss, John (Lynn) Zupancic, Joseph (Jane) Zupancic, DeAnne (Mark) Zamora; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, his brother William Zupancic, Baltimore, Maryland; and his sister Patricia (Zupancic) Nolan, Euclid, Ohio.

Colorado State Grange Website

Larry Corman takes care of the web page for the State Grange. He is requesting that Officers and Directors contact him with updates for their departments.

He would like to link the web page of each Grange to the State Grange site. Please contact him to have this done so Grange members and others can easily access your page for information.

Larry Corman: larry_corman@hotmail.com or 970-749-8438.

Visit www.coloradogranger.org

Please notify the State Grange Office of any address change.

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Call 719-748-5008 or mail the form below.

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As I write this article, we are in the middle of National Grange Month! I hope it has been a good April 2024 for all of our Granges to be a huge presence in our communities! Maybe you had several occasions to wear your Grange Strong t-shirt and other Grange branded items. It has been my pleasure this month to meet more of you through Pomona events and local celebrations! Kudos to everyone for the good attendance, great programming, and continued stability that the Grange is known for!

Did Grange Spirit Week inspire you? Did your Grange do something special to highlight Friendship Day or Raised Right Here Day? How about Grange Apparel/Pin day? Did you acknowledge a Grange Hero? I'm looking forward to hearing about your Grange Projects and Grange Week Community Service Day!

If your Grange hosted things like a celebration, service event, educational workshop, or highlighted agricultural awareness during Grange Month, consider submitting those efforts as Star Reports. I look forward to seeing all of the submissions and would like to highlight the year's programming at the Colorado State Session in September.

With the change in seasons comes that transition to more outdoor activities, gatherings, and events to help educate and bond our family, friends, neighbors, and fellow Grangers! As our calendars fill up and as we look to future outreach, let us challenge each other to focus on ways to impact entire families with these celebrations and programs.

Then, also, let us show our support for local FFA Chapters as they round out their year, celebrate successes, and award new roles to the next leadership teams. They so appreciate our support at their events! Let us not forget that the 4-H community is hard at work preparing their projects for competition. June Jackpot Shows are just around the corner to be held at many fairgrounds across the state. Consider attending as a way to show your support and maybe reach out to the 4-H Leadership Council to see how you can do more. Building leaders and providing ways to positively impact society is a common theme we share with both of these organizations that have humble beginnings with the Grange.

**Grange Month, Grange Strong!
 Continue being
 Rooted, Resilient, and United!**

Chaplain's Corner

Amy Peterson State Chaplain
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Recently we celebrated the greatest act of love, Easter, the love of Jesus dying on the cross for those He loved. Love is a wonderful thing, and we need more love today in our world. We are all sinners and Christ demonstrated His love for us by taking on all our sins and dying for us.

John 15:13 says "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (NIV) Jesus called believers His friends and He laid down His life for them. God loves those who love Him and believe in Jesus His Son, who was sent into the world for our benefit.

John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." (NIV).

So, what is love? Ephesians 4:2 says Love is "completely humble and gentle; being patient, bearing with one another in love." (NIV).

And Corinthians 13; 4-7 says, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth." (NIV).

Our world today seems to want to be the opposite of all the things Paul said love is. Evil seems to want to take over the world. It becomes self-seeking, easily angered and enemy to all who believe in Jesus, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." John 4:8 (NIV)

"We love because He first loved us." John 4:19. Let's spread the love God has given us to all our enemies and see what happens. I would guess that things in this world would change for the better. All our world needs is more love and belief in the fact that God can change everything if we just live as He asked us to. So do what John asked, "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and truth." 1John 3:18. (NIV)

COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

Memorial donations to honor members and past members who have passed away should be made payable to CSG Leadership/Scholarship and mailed to the State Grange office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Memorial donations are listed in the Book of Memorials and included in the Memorial service at the state convention.

Memorial received:
 Jean Ayers Marvel #479



Family Activities

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Many people are becoming gluten free.

Gluten is a protein found in wheat, barley, rye, and triticale. A gluten free diet is the main treatment for celiac disease. Gluten can trigger severe autoimmune response or other unpleasant symptoms. Gluten can damage the small intestine. Some may feel sick after eating gluten.

This gluten free cookie recipe is truly amazing and even though you may not be gluten free, you will enjoy these. You may not be able to tell that they are a healthy snack! They can also be used for a quick break-

fast snack on the go!

PEANUT BUTTER OATMEAL COOKIES

1 C. creamy peanut butter
 2/3 C. brown sugar OR coconut sugar
 1 1/2 t. vanilla
 2 large eggs
 2/3 C. rolled oats
 1 t. baking soda
 2/3 C. chocolate chips
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
 In a small bowl, add oats and baking soda.
 In a medium bowl whisk peanut butter, brown sugar, eggs, and vanilla for about 5 minutes.

Add dry ingredients into liquid ingredients and mix well.

Add chocolate chips, reserving a few to put on top.

Grease a baking sheet and scoop out 1 T batter, 2" apart and top off with a few chocolate chips.

Flatten top of cookie with two fingers.

Bake 9-11 minutes and let cool completely before removing or they will break apart.

They may look underdone but will continue to cook once removed from the oven.

Yield: 16-20 cookies. Enjoy!

A Guide To Prepare For Surgery

Surgery can be scary. That's why some patients and families used their experience to make this. It has questions they think are important. You can circle the ones you want to ask and write your own questions. It's OK if you don't want to ask some of these questions. You can ask your surgeon about whatever is important to you. You can tell your surgeon how much or how little you want them to know. And you can ask your surgeon to explain anything you don't understand. You have options for treatment. We hope this helps you and your surgeon decide what's right for you.

Should I have surgery?

Questions to answer: What are my options?

What is likely to happen if I do

have surgery? If I don't have surgery?

In your opinion, will surgery make me feel better?

In your opinion, will surgery help me live longer? If so, how much longer?

Do I Need to stop any of my medications early?

What Should I expect if everything goes well?

How do you think my daily life will look after surgery? Right after surgery? Three months later? One year later?

What will I be able to do that I cannot do now?

Will I have any tubes or drains put in during or after surgery? Will I need them at home?

I live in a rural area – when will I

be able to go home?

In your opinion, how will this surgery affect my other health issues (Such as a diabetes or high blood pressure?)

After I leave the hospital, what type of help do you think I will need? (Medical equipment, caregivers).

What happens if things go wrong after surgery?

Can you describe serious complications and explain what those might mean for me?

If I'm too sick to speak for myself how can I make sure you know my wishes?

If I decide to appoint someone to make medical decisions for me, what do I need to do to make those arrangements official?



2024 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Quilt Block Contest provides an opportunity for Grange members and friends to collaborate in creating quilted items that can be donated or auctioned for funds to provide additional services to community members in a nationwide effort

RULES

- The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone – Grange members and members-to-be.
- All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2024**. Send entries to:

Tom Gwin, National Lecturer	or by UPS to:
PO Box 1186	924 Capitol Way S., #300
Olympia, WA 98507-1186	Olympia, WA 98501
- Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 158th National Grange convention in Bettendorf, Iowa.
- The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.
- There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but you must choose **one quilt block** per person to be judged.
- All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.
- A 2024 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

GROUPS

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

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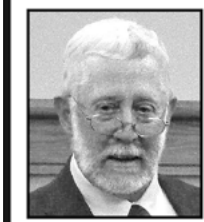
- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st (\$50), 2nd (\$30), and 3rd (\$20) place in each Group.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

Any questions? Contact Tom at lecturer@nationalgrange.org

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Several recent events about bird flu and humans have been active in our news — my interpretation is the apprehensions about human infection and possible human-to-human infections is a fear that far exceeds reality. Human infection is very rare and so far, the virus appears stable and free of mutations that would place us at risk.

Below is paraphrased from National Grange, Mar. 28, *View from the Hill, Bird Flu Found in Dairy Cows:*

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (bird flu) [H5N1 virus] has been detected in dairy cows in Kansas, New Mexico, and Texas; virus appears to have been introduced by wild birds. Dairy farmers became concerned when milk production dropped sharply, the cows lethargic. However, the cows appeared to recover in a week or so on their own and the affected cows did not appear to be transmitting the virus to other cows within the same herd. Initial testing by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories has not found changes to the virus that would make it more transmissible to humans which would indicate the current risk to humans is low. Pasteurization of milk also kills viruses and bacteria, and the process is required for milk sold through interstate commerce. In addition, the bird flu virus cannot be transmitted to humans by eating properly cooked meat and poultry products.

A USA Today article reports humans have contracted bird flu, in one instance, apparently from contact with infected dairy cows. A member of the Colorado Senate Ag Committee related one of his constituents had been infected, and recovered. The challenge remains safe unless this virus mutates and becomes transmitted from cow-to-human or from birds-to-humans.

The risk has been limited to trans-

mittal from birds-to-birds (chickens, turkeys, etc.) and the apparent rare infection of farm animals, largely dairy cows, with no mutations placing humans at risk, and this status has not changed in 20 years.

Where humans are infected, Tamiflu is the suggested treatment. Dairy cows experience pinkeye and mild upper respiratory symptoms, milk production is off (milk is not used for human consumption) then they recover. Milk pasteurization will inactivate the virus.

Eggs from infected chickens do not enter trade and infected chickens are killed to prevent further spread of the virus to non-infected flocks. Our wild mammals, including mink, seals, foxes, skunks, and domestic dogs and cats are vulnerable to bird flu but apparently do not experience severe effects.

My guess is our flocks of chickens for eggs and meat production remain at risk from infected wild birds, could be flocks of geese passing over, and when infected, the poultry producers are burdened with destroying products and killing off their birds.

Junior, Youth And Young Adult

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I am excited to see Granges across Colorado take advantage of the 1 Plus Program which allows a subordinate Grange to sponsor a child to become a junior Granger and participate in all organized junior Grange activities. Please contact me or refer to the explanation on the National Grange website if you are wondering how to participate in the 1 Plus Program which allows any child to participate in junior Grange activities.

As school slows or disappears giving way to free time for Grange juniors and youths, I want to promote a State and National program designed to enhance the 1 Plus Program.

The program is the Junior Grange Community Service Contest. Teaching children about the value of community service is fundamental to Grange. This program not only teaches the value of community service but can teach how businesses and organizations operate.

Across Colorado, junior Grangers

help their subordinate Granges with community service projects or even do community service projects on their own. This program draws local attention to what a junior Granger is doing for their community. It builds self-esteem within the child, plus confidence and knowledge of how to work for the betterment of their community.

The contest involves just a single collaborative community service project to make it easier for the junior Granger to put together the report. The subordinate Grange is

expected to collaborate with the junior to achieve the completion of the service project. Recognition will be given at the State Convention and awards will be presented at the National Convention. Details of the contest can be found in the Junior Grange Handbook on the National Grange website.

Entrance requirements include a short paragraph about the project, a newspaper article, pictures, and a paragraph from a subordinate member, sponsor, about how the project impacted the community and what the junior Granger learned.

This is only one of the many programs and projects that junior Grangers can participate in. I hope you will look at the National Junior Grange Handbook and Junior Grange section in the Colorado State Handbook for fun developmental activities to enhance leadership, confidence, and knowledge.

Real Estate Management

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As of 2021, reverse mortgages are still available for older homeowners in the United States. These loans allow homeowners aged 62 and older to tap into their home equity without having to make monthly mortgage payments. Instead, the loan balance and accrued interest are paid back when the borrower sells their home, moves out, or passes away.

The projected usage of reverse mortgages is expected to increase in the coming years as more boomers retire and seek ways to supplement their retirement income. However, there are some concerns about the

potential risks and drawbacks of reverse mortgages, such as high fees, compound interest, and the potential for foreclosure if the borrower fails to meet the loan obligations.

Overall, reverse mortgages can be a useful financial tool for some older homeowners, but it is important for borrowers to fully understand the terms and implications of these loans before proceeding. It is recommended to consult with a financial advisor or housing counselor before taking out a reverse mortgage to ensure it is the right option for your individual financial situation.



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PICK has filed it's 990N postcard for 2023!! And I've completed the 990 EZ just for our records! Doing these reports helps me to realize just how much PICK does in a year. The financial impact may not be large.

Our 501c3 Status helped the State Grange receive a Grant from the city of Brighton to help offset the cost of state session. We helped a group of middle school cheerleaders obtain

funds to utilize for clothing when the school district was unwilling to work with them.

In the past we've helped Subordinate Granges receive funds for building repairs and construction that allows individual donations to be tax deductible.

If your Grange is in need of utilizing a 501c3 for a project or program please contact me and we'll do our best to partner with you.

Mandy Project

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When we do not receive applications, one often wonders if people still know we exist. Fortunately, I recently had two inquiries about the Mandy Project. I think one was from someone seeking assistance but have not yet received an application, partly because the website was not working properly. We are so fortunate to have Larry Corman to take care of things once we find out that something is not working. Thank you, Larry!!! The other was from another organization that refers people to potential resources. I answered their questions and received an acknowledgement that they got the information. One never knows

about email.

Grangers sharing information with others is a great way to let people know about our project. If you have an audiologist, would you please mention our project to them or take them a brochure. If you need a brochure or flyer, please let me know and I will send you as many as you want.

We truly appreciate your support. If you want to donate to the project, you can send a check to the Colorado State Grange or to PICK with a notation that it is for the Mandy project. Do not make checks out to "Mandy Project," we don't have an account with that name.

Split Back Star Block

Pattern courtesy of Kim DJoseph
This pattern was the 2023 Quilts of Valor official block



Pieces Needed for one

12" finished block

White:

1-4 1/2" square 8-2 1/2" squares

Red:

3-4 1/2" square 1-5" square

Blue:

3-4 1/2" square 1-5" square

Step 1: STAR POINTS

With 2 red and 2 blue 4 1/2" squares, sew a 2 1/2" white square to one corner. Cut 1/4" off the sew line and press towards the white. Sew the 4 remaining 2 1/2" squares to the other side of the color, cut 1/4" off sew line and press towards the white. These 4 units will make your star points.



2024 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Member: Prospective/Not Yet a Member:

Grange Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)

- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)

All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2024**.

The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

Please make as many blocks as you wish, but **only one contest entry per person**.

Each contest entry must have a completed Entry Form.

Mail entries to:
Tom Gwin, National Lecturer
PO Box 1186
Olympia, WA 98507-1186

or by UPS to:
924 Capitol Way S., #300
Olympia, WA 98501



Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

Contact Renee Caldwell, 719-748-5004, florissantgrange@gmail.com, for further information.

Upcoming Events:

Every Thursday is Community Potluck and Music.

Every Tuesday the Quilters meet to make Quilts of Valor.

Gift Shop is open Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday weekly.

May 13 — Monthly meeting.

May 11 — Pine Needle Basket Class, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Needle Felting Class, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; Fabric Landscaping Class, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.; Learn to Sew/ Paint with Me Class, 1-2 p.m.

May 25 — Purple Heart Com-

munity Sign Dedication.

June 8 — Pine Needle Basket Class, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Needle Felting Class, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; Fabric Landscaping Class, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.; Learn to Sew/ Paint with Me Class, 1-2 p.m.

June 10 — Monthly Meeting.

June 22 — Summer Flea Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Monthly Craft classes are filling up. Basket making, needle felting, Painting, Sewing, and Fabric Art are classes to choose from.

We held our Annual Easter Party and Easter Egg Hunt in March. We had approximately 35 kiddos and their parents. The Easter Bunny was played by Marcia Phillips again this year and as always the Bunny was a hit with the kids. We hid over 700 eggs and in spite of that... they were out the door and back with baskets full of eggs within about 20 min-

utes. The Easter Bunny handed out goodie bags and we had cookies and punch for everyone.

Our Spring Art and Craft Show was full with 15 artists, crafters, and vendors at our sale. The weather held out and we had a beautiful day with lots of shoppers checking out all the local arts and crafts. We provided home baked breads and cinnamon rolls for purchase and we had burritos for lunch with proceeds going to the Grange.

Renee Caldwell has been asked to be a judge in Las Animas (the Santa Fe Trail Art Show and she is looking forward to attending and being a part of the 90th anniversary of this show. Some of her art and some of the art from the talented artists at the Florissant Grange will also be on display in the Gallery.

Legislative Activity

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Colorado's state legislature is close to 50 days into its 120-day lawmaking period while legislators have introduced over 486 bills addressing myriad issues, this session has perceptibly been colored by the residual effects of both the 2023 session as well as the special session related to residential property tax relief that occurred last November. While issues surrounding housing, public safety, health care, and general affordability remain at the fore, the first six weeks of the Colorado General Assembly's work has thus far been largely dominated by occurrences linking back to previous sessions, including a series of resignations and protests, as well as leadership and committee changes.

For example, Democratic Reps. Ruby Dickson and Said Sharbini left their positions between the 2023 special session and the outset of the 2024 session, necessitating a series of vacancy appointments to fill their posts. In that same vein, former House Assistant Minority Leader Rose Pugliese (R) ascended to the minority leader post in the opening weeks of the session after caucus members forced votes to oust Rep. Mike Lynch from the top Republican job in that chamber.

However, while the 2024 session is shaping up to be one of the most unpredictable in recent memory (particularly with November's elections on the minds of lawmakers, certain key issues and themes have emerged that will certainly shape the rest of the Colorado General Assembly's work moving forward.

Meanwhile, Gov. Jared Polis (D) has stated his intent to resurrect priority proposals for his administration that failed last session.

Chief among those is a package of bills that would dramatically alter the current relationship between the state and local governments related to the creation of housing supply, particularly affordable housing. Specifically, instead of an omnibus bill like last session's SB23-213, Capitol observers are expecting a number of standalone proposals that would require local governments to reconfigure their planning as it relates to accessory dwelling units (ADUs), housing located near public transit corridors, occupancy limits, among other potential proposals.

Democratic lawmakers have also promised a continued focus on longer-term solutions on property taxes, eliminating Colorado's public school budget stabilization factor and ensuring the state's climate goals address environmental justice.

Republicans' priorities weren't too different: insulate Colorado's increasing cost of living, provide relief for small businesses, and promote public safety. And while stated goals were similar across party lines, many of the bills introduced make it clear that Democrats and Republicans have differing perspectives on how to achieve them.

Lawmakers seem to clash on housing and environmental solutions, and appear more aligned on addressing data privacy, the burgeoning artificial intelligence (AI) industry, and our state's mental health crisis.

Progressive

Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

Sunflower

Contact Cherry Ellis, 303-581-7672, cherryellis5@yahoo.com, sunflowergrange.org, P.O. Box 221, Sedalia CO 80135, for further information.

Upcoming Events:

May 11 — Bee Talk with Jaelyn Monteserin, jakinese@gmail.com, Firehouse Training Room 1 to 3 p.m.; Plan for Sale on May 25.

May 25 — Plant Sale Memorial Day (John and Lindsey Rominsky) at BMan's 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

June 8 — Heirloom Tomato Farms: Growing and Sales, Speaker Tracy Weil.

June 25 — Colorado Congressional Primary Election and Special Election for House District 4.

July 13 — The Mane Mission Equine Therapy, Speaker Kathy Hulley.

August — Douglas County Fair. August 10 — Barn Fire Prevention. Speaker, Tad Keegan.

At each of Sunflower's meetings this spring, we've had a speaker on agriculture. March 9, Cale Sprister, Sedalia's Micro farmer, spoke on short notice about his farm experience here. Cale has provided organic vegetables for Farmers Market for several years, and has learned about microclimates, small space techniques, sustainability, and soil health, and the hard work that goes with farming. See his remarkable farm at <https://sandyswayfarm.com/> This year, Cale is offering his services to gardeners at a new website <https://backyardgardenbuilder.com/> We hope to have him at our Spring Plant Sale to visit with customers and provide information. He likes to pass on his learning, as we all should. We will be growing productive gardens by next year with Cale's help!

O'Brien's Café held its 30th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17 with melting snow and mud from Thursday and Friday's big storm. The American Legion Color Guard led the way, followed by floats (O'Brien's, Magpie Arts), a fleet of West Douglas Fire Protection vehicles, the Thunderbird Club's classic cars, Highland Pipers, skittish horses, Fred LaPierre and his WWII jeep, Billy Moore and Todd Jensma on tractors, Robbie and Don Person's family and 4-H group, two very large wolfhounds with their people, and a photogenic cow wearing a green collar. Candy treats thrown to the crowd got a little soggy in the mudpuddles, but the kids picked them up anyway. After the last parader passed, the crowd gathered at O'Brien's for a traditional corned beef and cabbage meal. Thank you, Donna, Arlene and Brittany, three generations of O'Briens!

Thanks to Dennis Ellis and his supervisor at United Foods for the 30 dozen eggs for the third Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by BMan's and Sunflower Grange. Bunny helpers who boiled and dyed the eggs: Sandi Hier, Karen Laughlin, Jaelyn Monteserin, BJ Bushman, Cherry



BJ Bushman with garden seedlings.



Dennis, Lexi and Mom on Easter. and Dick Ellis, Margaret Ellis, Dennis and his creative grandchildren. Gretchen Newman brought candy for the hunters, and Roxann and Brian Martinez of BMan's gave stuffed animals to lucky finders of "Winner" eggs. Four generations of Ellises were at this hunt — Margaret and Bill, son Dennis, granddaughter Erika, and great-grandchildren Mayeli, Eliseo, Ezekiel.

Even the smallest egg hunters succeeded. Nolan (son of Gary and Addie Heferle), who's not yet two, learned to find those hidden eggs very quickly. Next year, we need more teenage egg hiders like Desi and Augustus because old egg hiders are too slow; savvy 3-year-olds followed them around and picked up just-hidden eggs. We'll also bring a salt shaker for hungry parents who need an egg snack.

Master Rob Northway invited other Grange members to Garden Home's 94th birthday. BJ, Dick and Cherry from Sunflower enjoyed a great evening with Kathy and Gary Wardle, Idella Lewis, and the great folks from Garden Home. The spaghetti dinner was delicious, and Grangers hospitable and nice. They know how to have a great time.

Karla Medgar Velis, Small Acreage Management specialist from CSU, spoke on Soil Health April 13. She talked about methods for improving soil, and emphasized the importance of soil testing before planting. The audience had questions on restoring pastures that have been over-grazed, fire damage, weed mitigation methods (knelgar@colorado.state.edu). John Murgel of Douglas County's Extension Office later wrote that CSU's Spur Complex has "some lovely 'passive' soil exhibits, and the soil lab is visible to the public so you can even see samples being processed! Free facilitated tours and events are listed here: <https://csuspur.org/spur-events/>" After Karla spoke, local beekeeper and bee advocate Jaelyn Monteserin brought out honey combs and gave

veterans in our community. Master Alan will read the proclamation declaration and our Sheriff and County Commissioners and Veterans from all over Teller County will be present. We will honor two Purple Heart recipients with special Purple Heart quilts our Quilts of Valor quilters created just for this occasion. We will serve Ham and Cowboy beans and many finger foods and desserts. The Quilt of Valor quilters will also hold a fundraising event and silent auction during this time.

The Potluck and Music nights every Thursday continue to be very successful event for our Grange. Now that the weather has warmed up and the show is melting quickly, our crowds are getting better and more fun.

Renee Caldwell



Micro Farmer Cale Sprister and family.



The Ellis clan at Sunflower's Easter Egg Hunt.



Roxann's uncle and cousin enjoying the Easter festivities.

a short introduction to bee behavior. Next month she will give a longer talk. Two lucky people took home a dozen eggs each from Lindsey and John Rominsky.

Too many tomato plants leads to sharing. Cherry is distributing 30 varieties of tomato seedlings she started to groups and individuals to see just how many people will participate in a growing project. Bring the garden-ready plants back to the plant sale on May 25, OR substitute other plants (squash, cukes, lettuce, herbs, etc.) for the sale, OR donate to the Grange, OR just enjoy the plants and give your email address so you can keep up with the latest. Tomato Diplomacy is a great way to introduce people to Grange generosity.

So far about 10 growers are participating in this year's 12th Annual Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale on May 25 at BMan's organized by Lindsey and John. There will be 30 or more tomato varieties, peppers, herbs, squash, cucumbers, greens, and flowers. Jami Lopeman of Sunflower is working with Jennifer Tucker, Sedalia's art teacher, on this year's Poster Contest. You'll see this year's winner in the next Granger. Gary Heferle will bring some mushroom starters, Cale will be there with gardening help, Jaelyn with bee information, and volunteers to help find plants for our customers.

We are proud to announce the addition of three new members during the 1st Quarter: Bob Bushman, Gary Heferle, and Don Richards. Welcome!

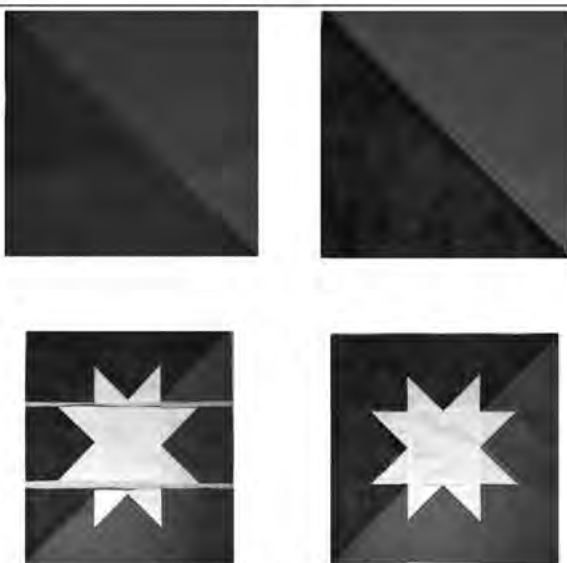
Cherry Ellis

Step 2: HST's

With a 5" red and a 5" blue square. Place right sides together, draw a line diagonally and sew 1/4" on each side of the line. Cut on the draw line and iron. Square both HST units to 4 1/2".

Step 3: ASSEMBLE BLOCK

You will now have 9 squares, each measuring 4 1/2". Assemble in 9 patch style to create your QOV Split Back Star.



Darden Jefferson County

Contact Idella Lewis, idellamlewis@gmail.com, 303-233-3393, for further information.

July 13 — Saturday, 12 o'clock — Darden Pomona Picnic at Pleasant Park Grange. Bring a dish to share.

The annual Kentucky Derby Party was held at Enterprise Grange, May 4. More information on this event will be in the next *Granger*.

Everyone is looking forward to the annual Darden Pomona picnic which is hosted by Pleasant Park Grange in Conifer. Bring a dish to share and enjoy a day of good food and fellowship in the mountains. All are welcome!

Idella Lewis

Enterprise Grange

Contact Carol Lackey, carollackeyhomes@gmail.com, or 303-521-4477, for further information.

May 4, Saturday — 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., DARDEN POMONA meeting at Enterprise Grange #25.

Meeting starts at 3:30 p.m. We will be discussing in much detail the Show being held this summer. Continue solicitations for door prizes and possible auction items Pre-race watch and games at 4 p.m., Race at 4:45 p.m., Potluck to follow. The theme will be "The Kentucky Derby Grange Day." Wear your Derby Hats. A prize will be given for the best Derby Hat as voted by your peers. Bring Southern-inspired potluck to share and be prepared to pick the winner of the race! More prizes to be awarded!

May 8, Wednesday — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Enterprise Meeting.

Cinco de Mayo-themed Potluck. Let's all dress the part! And who doesn't like Mexican food! Bring a Mexican dish to share, from tacos to enchiladas to rice bowls. Participants can layer on their toppings of choice and customize their spice level with a variety of toppings. Dorothy Dannels, our lecturer, will be happy to provide ideas of what to bring. During the meeting, elections for Enterprise officers will be held and delegates for the Colorado State Grange will be chosen.

June and July — No Enterprise Grange #25 meeting will be held.

Darden Pomona Picnic — TBD Time and location will follow.

August 14, Wednesday 6-8 p.m. (this is a change in times for the 2024/2025 year from the usual 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.) Enterprise meeting.

During this meeting, we will be planning our 2024/2025 Grange Year calendar. Potluck will be a TAILGATE Party. The Grange will provide hotdogs and hamburgers. Participants can bring nachos, veggies and dip, bar cookies, or anything that you love to eat at a tailgate party. This is one tailgate where you skip the crowded parking, mobs of people, and even the game!?

During our March meeting, we had a Saint Patrick's Day celebration with an Irish-themed potluck. Lisa Mittan brought the main dish; Corned beef & Cabbage. During the meeting, we decided to continue again this year with our community



Enterprise 4H club on Easter Egg stuffing day.

garden at Common Earth Community Garden across the street from the Grange Hall. We did receive a raised garden this year. Should be much easier to handle for everyone. Mike and Ashley Lackey will spearhead this effort and keep us up to date on any help she may need. The widening of 72nd in front of our Grange is mostly complete. It definitely not what we signed up for but working with any city is definitely a challenge! Thankfully we have the church parking lot across the street to supplement our parking.

On March 16, we all got together to fill 10,000 plastic eggs with toys and candy for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Some members of the 4H Club came to help us out. Pizza was provided by House2Home Real Estate so we were able to work until we got them all finished! It definitely was a fun time and was a true labor of love.

We had our Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on March 31. It was estimated that there were between 500 to 800 participants. We held it at Robby Ferrufino Park in Arvada. We provided donuts from Lamar's Donuts, bagels, cookies, juice, coffee, bubbles, chalk, and of course, the eggs. One hundred of the eggs had a heart drawn on them. Each heart egg received a special prize, a stuffed animal. We also had a professional photographer taking children's pictures with the Easter Bunny. This could never have happened without our sponsor, House2Home Real Estate. And without the help and support of the friends, families and members of the Enterprise Grange and the 4H Club of Jefferson County. Thank you all for the hugely successful Easter Egg Hunt.

Our Community Service night took place during our meeting on April 10. We started with our usual potluck. The main dish was ham complimented by potatoes, beans, salads, breads, and desserts. Jim Calm, a wonderful pianist, brought his portable piano and played various songs throughout the evening. Our honoree this year was Nancy Sells. Nancy was presented with the Grange's Community Citizen's Award plaque, Dorothy Dannels' Homemade breads, Carol Lackey's Homemade Vanilla, and flowers. Nancy has been working with the Enterprise Grange Senior Stocking and Bag Projects. It seems that just one day during the Christmas holidays, she showed up on our door



Jim Calm playing at the Enterprise Grange Community Service Night.



Dorothy and Mike recognizing Nancy Sells with Enterprise Grange's Community Citizen Award.



Enterprise 4H live bunny booth at the Easter Egg Hunt.



Enterprise Egg Hunt Grange Helpers

step offering to help with whatever we needed to accomplish our goals for the Stocking Projects. From that day forward we have been blessed with her unwavering dedication to the Stocking Project. She sorts, counts, and organizes all the items for the stockings and all the logistics; pre-stuffing day, stuffing day and delivery to the centers. Many would think that would be a holiday event but with all the collecting and different items received, it has become a year round job that she has totally mastered. She has even solicited her daughter and son-in-law's bible study group to write the over 200 Christmas cards that go into each stocking. We are so thankful for Nancy and all she does for us!

The Grange is not the only one that benefits from Nancy's generosity. The Grange sometimes receives donations that do not fit our needs. This is how we found out that Nancy volunteers with the Denver's CommunityWorks program, founded in 1995. Its mission is to empower people through meaningful employment opportunities. She collects men's and women's professional business clothes throughout her personal network to help those once in jails to get back on their feet and to be able to get back to work.

Another one of Nancy's passions is to regularly contribute clothing and house wares to Joyful Journey. Joyful Journey fights poverty by providing food, clothes, household items, hygiene products, school supplies, and much more. They also provide tutoring, after school care, and various classes and courses.

The "YESS Institute" in Denver

is another volunteer program Nancy is involved with. Here she donates her professional skills to support youth development through peer mentoring programs.

Nancy more than deserves this recognition for all her hard work throughout the community. We are pleased to recognize her and her accomplishments. Congratulations!!

Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

Contact Idella Lewis, idellamlewis@gmail.com, 303-233-3393, for further information.

Aug. 17, Saturday, 2 p.m. — Susie Knight to perform a concert at Maple Grove Grange. All are welcome to attend. Save the date!

Maple Grove Grange was finally able to meet in March after several cancellations this winter due to the snowstorms. Spring is finally on its way and we are glad for that! Who knows what we're in for this summer!

Maple Grove Grange donated \$50 to the Carin' Clinic at the Darden Pomona Christmas Party in December.

The National Quilt Block Contest rules were in the last *Granger*. Everyone is encouraged to enter and non-members and potential members are also encouraged to enter.

Maple Grove has 25 members and we welcome anyone who would like to join. Several memorials were recently held in our hall.

A 30-ft. section of the fence by the north parking lot was taken out by a delivery truck. They were able to repair the fence within a reasonable amount if time, someone dumped a load of branches on the south side parking lot. This also happened last winter. Cameras will be installed to hopefully deter this from happening again.

Dennis and Peggy Pleim are now raising chickens and need egg cartons.



Pleasant Park happenings.

Put them in the kitchen for pickup.

A guest at the April meeting was Mark Hubner and he provided a pizza lunch for us from his company, Denver Pizza.

Idella Lewis told of the new Makerspace opening in Wheat Ridge at the entrance to Anderson Park.

Tools and equipment are available to use including woodworking, welding, jewelry making, sewing machines, and more; users can pay by the month or by the year to use tools on site. This is a great way to learn how to use equipment and maybe start a new hobby. Maybe you could enter something in an event at the next State Grange Session!

Idella Lewis

Pleasant Park

Contact Yvonne Ludwig, Master, for information, at 303-838-4805, 22551 Pleasant Park Road, Conifer, CO 80433.

May 11 — Regular Meeting 10 a.m. followed with Potluck.

June 8 — Regular Meeting 10 a.m. followed with Potluck.

July 13 — Regular Meeting 10 a.m. followed with Pomona Picnic.

Mother Nature gave us four feet of snow and high winds which caused power outages up to 36 hours. Luckily no more trees were lost. Our ancestors deserve lots of credit for surviving such storms without the tools available today to deal with disasters.

Cori and Kate Charvat are our newest members. Kate is our youngest member and will be graduating this year. Her graduation party will be held at the Grange Hall on May 18 where many of her birthday parties were held as a child.

Terra Stern got married in St. Thomas on April 18. Her granddaughter Madi will hold her graduation party at the Grange on May 25. Congratulations to both of them for these happy events.

The annual Chili Dinner was held on April 13 following the meeting. Thank you to Idella Lewis for attending and bringing plants to give away.

Laura Anderson's mother passed away after a long illness. Deepest sympathy to the Anderson/Spoor Family.

The Bicycle Rest Stop will open soon. The bicyclists are anxious to get on the road!

We look forward to hosting the Pomona Picnic on July 13. Mark your calendars!

Jon Kullmann, Lecturer, has interesting programs planned for the remainder of the year.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings the second Saturday of every month at 10 a.m.

Yvonne Ludwig



Golden Gate Grange Eggmania fun!



Golden Gate

Contact Terri Costeldia, terri.costeldia@hotmail.com, 970-640-7185, for further information.

Peak to Peak Chorale — Friday, May 3.

Grange Meeting — Thursday, May 9 at 3 p.m.

Firefighter Hydration Drive — May 13 to May 19.

Canyon Cleanup — Sunday, May 19 starting at 7 a.m.

Grange Meeting — Thursday, June 13 at 3 p.m.

Grange Meeting — Thursday, July 11 at 3 p.m.

Yoga — Wednesdays, from 3 to 4 p.m.

AA — Every Tuesday, from 7 p.m.

Together Jeffco is a group which discusses issues facing our county and takes input from its residents. We had a great turnout of Canyon residents at this event. Issues including water sustainability and road traffic were discussed. Residents were also presented with new updated maps of the newly acquired Open Space acreage and the properties with Conservation Trust designations in our Canyon community. In addition, the reasons that a group of property owners in the 1990's convinced the county to implement 35A status to their property holdings were reviewed.

Eggmania has become a favorite activity at the Golden Gate Grange. Several new families in the Canyon attended their first Golden Gate Grange activity. Fun was had by all!

During our yearly Hydration Event, we collect water and sports drinks for our GGFPD firefighters. They are of critical importance when our volunteers are on a call or during training events in the field. Please bring only water or sports drinks...no soda. Be sure your donations are not past their expiration date. Thanks — in advance. Your help over the past years has always been generous and

greatly appreciated.

Get ready to help with the Canyon Cleanup on May 19. We have volunteered to clean Golden Gate Canyon roadside from just below Galbraith Open Space to Crawford Gulch. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. To sign up contact Terri Costeldia at terricosteldia@hotmail.com or 970-640-7185.

Our annual Rummage Sale will be held on August 1 and 2 this year. Start cleaning out those closets! We would appreciate donation of your gently used items. Please be sure clothes are clean and not damaged. No tires, mattresses, televisions, computer equipment, sofas, pressed board, or other large items of furniture. If you have any questions about donations or would like to sign up to help, call DeeDee Ramstetter at 303 279-6113 or email DKMHH1@gmail.com. Join us on Friday, August 1, and Saturday, August 2, for the sale where you may find a bargain or maybe a treasure! Clothes, kitchenware, tools, furniture, books, decorations, collectibles, jewelry, linens, sports equipment, garden items, and more will be for sale at bargain prices.

We have decided to move our monthly Grange Meetings from the 1st Thursday to the 2nd Thursday of each month. Hope you will join us at a meeting!

Yoga is held on Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. If you haven't been to a class before, instructors Judy and Susan will provide a class that will offer alternatives for all levels.

Our Health Coordinator, Marge Frueh, has researched the options for a new AED for our Grange Hall. We will be sending out more information about the choice and how you can help to defray the cost of this life-saving piece of equipment.

Website: www.GoldenGateGrange.com/Facebook: Golden Gate Canyon Community.

Grange phone: 303 273-9516.

Jayne Ruesch



2024 National Grange Lecturer's Weather Watcher Challenge

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Changing climate and the challenge it presents to farmers and gardeners alike is a concern for all of us. This challenge is to help educate and inform us as we closely follow the day-to-day changes in weather and phenology in our local areas. Use of the various Weather Watcher Partnership sites will be of help to complete this challenge.

GUIDELINES

- A. The National Grange Weather Watcher Challenge is open to everyone.
- B. All entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **September 1, 2024**. Send entries to:
 - Tom Gwin, National Lecturer or by UPS:
 - PO Box 1186 924 Capitol Way S., #300
 - Olympia, WA 98507-1186 Olympia, WA 98501
- C. Entries may be submitted electronically as a single file at <http://grange.biz/grangeweather2024> or mailed as a packet to:
 - Tom Gwin, National Lecturer or by UPS:
 - PO Box 1186 924 Capitol Way S., #300
 - Olympia, WA 98507-1186 Olympia, WA 98501
- D. Groups:
 1. Individual Junior Grange (age 5 – 14)
 2. Individual Adult (age 14 +)
- E. Divisions:
 1. One Month
 2. Three (3) Months
 3. December 1, 2023-August 31, 2024
- F. Entries must include:
 1. Entry information
 2. Completed Weather Watcher Forms for your Division
- G. Any entries received after the September 1, 2024 deadline will not be judged.
- H. Winners will be announced at the 158th National Grange Convention in Bettendorf, Iowa.
- I. Monetary Awards will be given to 1st (\$50), 2nd (\$30), and 3rd (\$20) place in all divisions of each group.



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ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grange Member: Prospective/Not Yet a Member:

Grange Name: _____ No.: _____ State: _____

Please select your Group and Division

- Group I – Individual Junior (age 5-14)

- One month

- Group II – Individual Adult (age 14+)

- Three months

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Florida

Contact Melissa Lively, 970-259-7796, livelymelissa@hotmail.com, for more information.

Upcoming Events:

Pancake Breakfast — 8-10 a.m. on April 27, May 18, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 21.

3rd Annual Community Garage Sale — May 20 at 8 a.m.

July 13 — Beading Class, 1-3 p.m.

The first quarter of the year has come, and time is speeding along. The Grange Hall has been busy. We have a new class meeting at the Grange: Swing Dance Lessons brought to us by Swing Bees and new member Annika Fae. Two classes have been held with such a good turnout that more will be added to the Grange Schedule. We continue to have Yoga Class, taught by member Jill Tierney, every Wednesday. On March 10 we hosted the annual Pinewood Derby for the Cub Scouts.

February 10 brought members out to help Cub Scout Pack 508 with one of their annual community service projects. The scouts collected food items left out by the residents of the Three Springs area. The event is arranged by Scout Leader and Grangers Ken Ouellette and his wife Marta. Grange members helped to sort and box the donations for delivery to the local food bank. They collected an amazing 833 lbs of food. Now that's a lot of boxes.

In April our free monthly community breakfast will resume. There will be breakfast every 4th Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m. (except in May and September when it will be the 3rd Saturday). Grangers meet up at the crack of dawn to whip up pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, breakfast burritos, and gluten free waffles.

We are in the process of planning our 3rd Annual Community Yard Sale at the Grange. The whole community is invited to rent a spot in the parking lot and sell their wares.

On July 13, member Polly Ford will teach a beading class. The ten-



Cub Scout Pack 508 collected food items for their annual community service project. Grangers helped sort and box the donations for the food bank.

tative project is a beaded suncatcher. Renee Hackett

Mt. Allison

Contact Larry Corman, larry_corman@hotmail.com, 970-749-8438, for more information.

Upcoming Events:

- **May 16** — Pine River Shares (PRS) (help needed starting @ 8:30 a.m. — doors open to public between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.)
- **May 23 @ 6 p.m.** — Field to Fork potluck.
- **June 17** — Mt. Allison Grange Business Meeting @ TBD.
- **June 18** — PRS (help needed starting @ 8:30 a.m. — doors open to public between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.)
- **June 27 @ 6 p.m.** — Field to Fork potluck.

Greetings to all Grangers throughout Colorado.

Mt. Allison Grange has been staying busy and it appears that we'll be busy throughout the summer. We have a lot of projects that are in process. We are awaiting approval for a building permit for a grow dome (gifted by a community member) that will be erected in the coming weeks. We also have been gifted a commercial freeze dryer that will also be available to the local community. There are a lot of logistics to be figured out but the bottom line is that both of these will be of great benefit to our community. We

thank Pine River Shares for being the catalyst in getting both of these to happen. For the past two years (as some of you may remember), we have been having monthly potlucks with local community members (Field to Fork). The purpose of these meetings was to brainstorm what the community wanted in terms of food sustainability. We will continue, most likely, to have these monthly potlucks as we figure out how to maintain and use the dome and freeze dryer.

We had our visitation day earlier in April with good attendance from our area Granges. It was great visiting with friends and we thank Sheri Figgs for presenting some information regarding the America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission.

We are continuing our 3rd Tuesday of the month food distribution with the Pine River Shares. Approximately 75 boxes are being distributed each month.

In the next *Granger*, we will provide updates on these projects and the sourdough workshop that was held on April 20.

Enjoy your summer and be safe!

Larry Corman

Marvel

Contact Cindy Greer, 970-588-3386 or hcrdgreer@frontier.net, for further information.

May 17 — Seniors facing Sur-



gery program.

June 7 — Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. **June Spriggs Program.**

June 19 — County Commissioners On the Road meeting.

June 29 — Community Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.

July 5 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

July 21 — Ice Cream Social, 3 p.m.

August 2 — Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. **Diane Delaney Program, August 18** — La Plata Pomona Picnic hosted by Marvel.

In March we joined forces with Pioneer 4-H Club with a baked potato bar dinner and a dessert auction. There were around 100 in attendance and the 4-H had a lot of dessert to auction off for their community service projects. We put out word searches and trivia questions on St. Patrick's Day for all to enjoy.

We had to postpone our Ladies lunch scheduled on April 6 due to the illness of the program presenter. We did have it on April 20.

We are making plans to cater the Basin CO-OP Banquet on May 7. We decided that the spring account we have had would be closed and used to pay the Grange's water bill since the building is used by the community for several activities. We have two new beverage dispensers. One got broken by a user of the hall and when we discovered it was

broken we had a mess with punch leaking out.

Our breakfast in March had around 80 in attendance. We had fried potatoes and green chili along with pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, juice, and coffee.

We had a 150th celebration on April 26, which we turned into our Visitation Night. We honored school bus drivers, a Granger, gave out Grange membership awards, shared some Grange History, and presented a quilt of valor after a potluck. We will have more details in the next report.

Cindy Greer

Marvel JG

Contact Cindy Greer, leader, 970-588-3386 or hcrdgreer@frontier.net, for further information.

We've had a hard time meeting recently. We did meet on April 15 to work on projects. Our juniors are involved in 4-H, Sports, School activities, and church, so finding a time between all those things is a challenge but we keep trying.

Cindy Greer

Lambert Grange

Lambert Grange has been hosting a music, band, signing, and dance night on the last Friday of each month. They have an average of 10-12 musicians and 20-25 members and friends attending. March will be their 4th or 5th time and new people come each time. This includes a good potluck. Their spring activity is horsemanship. This includes many young riders and Grangers with horses. They may ride in the Fourth of July Parade.

Helen Denison

Deadline for the July-August 2024

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Here's what to look for in the challenge:

Date	Time	Temp	Wind	Sun	Clouds	Precipitation	Phenology Notes

- Temp:** taken on outdoor thermometer in the shade
- Wind:** what direction is the wind coming from? A wind gauge may tell you the speed
- Sun:** full sun, cloudy, partly cloudy
- Clouds:** what type of clouds? Cirrus, etc. (check the sites of our Weather Partners for more information!)
- Precipitation:** rain, show, hail (Check out <https://www.cocorahs.org/> for a great precipitation collection activity)
- Phenology Notes:** arrival of birds such as robins and finches, budding out of trees, blooms on trees or plants on the ground, ice is out on the lake, moon phase, other events that occur for the first time each season. Include if there is extreme weather such as thunderstorms, blizzards, heat waves, etc.

An online version of this form can be downloaded to be completed at: <http://grange.biz/weatherwatcher> or you can use the form on the next page, print it, and mail in your entry

Ute Mountain
Dolores and Montezuma Counties

Mount Lookout

Contact Abby Fox, abbyjfox@gmail.com for further information.

May 5 — Mancos Bloom Fundraiser, 1-5 p.m.

May 12 — Community Dinner, 6 p.m.

May 28 — Monthly Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

June 9 — Community Dinner, 6 p.m.

June, Monthly Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

March brought golfing, costumes, and the generosity of our community to the Mancos Melt Putt Putt Tournament. \$780 was raised and donated to Mt. Lookout Grange to support our roof replacement project, scheduled for May.

As we look forward to May we are also thrilled to be preparing for our annual Mancos Bloom event, to be held on Cinco de Mayo this year.

There will be live music, homemade food, delicious drinks, a maypole, and a silent auction full of wonderful donations from local businesses and individuals. It is a great way to bring our community together, to enjoy and support our beloved Grange.

Finally, we are incredibly grateful for Patti Dudley, who generously led a strategic planning session at the start of April. She guided the officers through a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats), which was a great opportunity to take a step back and look at so many elements of our Grange, both strengths and challenges. From there, we brainstormed and identified new goals, including our desire to increase our digital presence, create an online booking platform for building rentals, pay key staff, and strengthen our agricultural connections and programs. We are excited to move forward with these goals and continue to improve Mount Lookout Grange for everyone.

Abby Fox



Mount Lookout Officers