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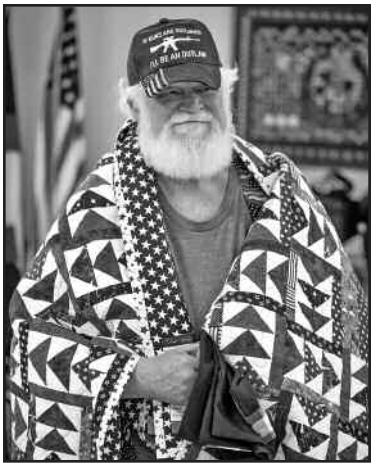
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Colorado State Grange Officers 2021-2023



The 148th Annual State Grange Convention was an election year in which new officers were elected and installed. National Lady Assistant Steward Karen Overstreet installed the officers on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at the Masonic Temple in Durango, Colo. Buddy Overstreet acted as Marshall and Kathy Wardle as Regalia bearer. The following officers were elected and installed:
President/Master – Gary Wardle, Wheat Ridge Grange
Vice President/Overseer – Harry Greer, Marvel Grange
Lecturer/Program Director – Vivian Vos, Wheat Ridge Grange
Steward – Roger Ayers, Marvel Grange
Assistant Steward – Christopher Cleary, Crescent Grange
Lady Assistant Steward – Amy Peterson, Florida Grange

Chaplain – Loeda Westphal, El Paso Grange
Treasurer – Sheryl Ayers, Marvel Grange
Secretary – Cindy Greer, Marvel Grange
Gate Keeper/Greeter – Barry Willits, Redlands Mesa Grange
Ceres – Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise Grange
Pomona – J Kelly, Maple Grove Grange
Flora – Yvonne Chapman, Mt. Allison Grange
Executive Committee – 3 year term – Tom Campion, Marvel
Executive Committee – 2 year term – John Cruz, Maple Grove
Executive Committee – 1 year term – Larry Corman, Mt. Allison



Redlands Mesa Grange member Barry Willits served in the Navy and received a Quilt of Valor.



Marvel Grange members Debbie and John Lee, who both served in the Army, received Quilts of Valor.

And The Winners Are...

The Colorado State Grange raffle for a quilt or smart watch were drawn on September 25 at the Masonic Temple in Durango. The winner of the quilt was Muriel Frink from Enterprise Grange. The quilt was made up of blocks entered in the contest last year and put together by Karen Baxter and Quilted by Karen. The Smart watch was won by Audrey Maydew of Cherry Creek Grange. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets or sold tickets. The raffle brought in a total of \$684. After expenses we cleared \$536.80.



Sixth Degree candidates at State Convention, left to right: Jean Willits, Marcia Phillips, Ruth Wilson Francisco, Barry Willits, Melissa Lively, Sherry Figgs, and Christopher Cleary. Not shown: Billy Greer.

Elizabeth Hiner Named 2021 Outstanding Granger

Elizabeth Hiner is Colorado's Outstanding Grange for 2021. Since the day Elizabeth Hiner joined the Grange she has been an involved member. She jumped right in with both feet and hasn't stopped running since that day. She has become a wonderful asset to the Florida Grange, the La Plata Pomona Grange, the Colorado State Grange, and the National Grange.

Elizabeth has served the Florida Grange as Secretary for several years. She has been the Lecturer for La Plata Pomona Grange and has put up and manned a booth at the County Fair, practically by herself, for at least two years. As the Lecturer she is responsible for managing our annual exhibit day — receiving entries, having them judged, and presenting awards. She has helped in reorganizing their junior Grange and getting it up and running again.

She has served the Colorado State Grange as the Publicity Director for about four years at least, and as State Lecturer for the last two years.

Elizabeth was Colorado's first (and only to date) participant in the Fellow's program at the National Grange Convention in 2016, and became a Senior Fellow for 2017. As such, she has helped promote the Grange at all levels, created content for our National *Good Day* magazine, e-newsletter, and social media. She has used that knowledge once returning home each year to improve the communications products of her local Florida Grange and the Colorado State Grange.



Outstanding Granger Elizabeth Hiner

She also has served as an invaluable resource to connect and tell the stories of Granges and Grangers to our members and beyond.

Elizabeth is passionate and proud of her Grange membership, even though she came to the organization later in life. She is a welcome face at every event, embracing fellowship and leading by example. Moreover, she is a fantastic mentor, helping others as they face new tasks. Her enthusiasm is contagious. Elizabeth is willing to try new ideas and to work with you. Elizabeth and her husband Dean have moved to Hawaii. They will continue to be Grange members at the Florida Grange and participate remotely whenever possible. Elizabeth hopes to start a Grange in Hawaii.

Colorado State Grange Teacher Of The Year Award

Marlene Hay is a very caring and loving teacher at Sedalia Elementary. She has been with Sedalia for 22 years and a teacher with the Douglas County School District for 32 years. She was nominated by Sunflower Grange. She was selected as Colorado State Grange Teacher of the Year.

She is currently a First grade teacher at Sedalia Elementary and has also been a reading interventionist. Marlene is retiring from teaching at the end of this school year and is a deserving candidate for this award. She has done many required trainings through the Douglas County School District as well as training for reading programs. Her love for children shines through every day. Marlene likes to call first grade a magical year. Watching kids learn to read is magic!

She received a special recognition award called the Apple Award for Sedalia Elementary through DCSD. This award is a nomination from parents within the school.

Marlene has been a part of at Sedalia Elementary Literacy Committee and helped build a bookroom at the school. This is a very important committee at the school and they dedicate a lot of time to children to help them with their reading needs.

Marlene is very helpful in all communities she is a part of. She works hard to make the world a better place. She gardens and has helped to make the Sedalia Gardens beautiful in the past. She has been a huge part of the Sedalia Elementary family and will be greatly missed when she retires at the end of this year.

Colorado State Grange Fire Fighter Of The Year Award

April Gallagher has been a Firefighter for the West Douglas County Fire Protection District for six years and an EMT for five of those years. She strives to make every emergency call that she can, in fact, in 2020 she covered 140 calls (over 70% of the department total). She is always working hard to learn more about Firefighting and EMS skills (logging 113 training hours last year), and is happy to share her knowledge and expertise with those less experienced. As a member in good standing with the all-volunteer WDCFPD, citizens and fellow firefighters are always grateful and even relieved to have her on the scene. She is truly dedicated to serving this organization and her community home. April was nominated by Sunflower Grange for this award.



Master's Message

Gary Wardle, State Master

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It is my honor to serve as the President of the Colorado State Grange for the next two years. For those who do not know me I have been a member of Wheat Ridge Grange for 58 years. Our family are fourth generation Grangers. I have served in Local, Pomona, and State Grange offices.

We all owe a great thanks to Cindy Greer for her six years of service to the State Grange as Master, Thank You Cindy. She did an outstanding job.

Over the next two years I would like to assist all Granges in membership development through community service and community involvement. During this time, I believe there are many people looking for community involvement and the Grange is a great vehicle

for this. We need to promote our assets.

I would like to visit many of the Granges around the state. If I can come and meet your members at an appropriate event, please call or email and Kathy and I will make every effort to be there.

I look forward to working with all the officers of the State Grange, the Masters, and members of all Granges to help Grange be relevant in all communities.

— Fraternally, Gary Wardle

Notes From The Secretary

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The Colorado State Grange office has moved. When I was elected Secretary the decision was made to work out of my home, saving the State Grange from paying for office rent, so the Colorado State Grange's official address is 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Please be sure to make a note of this change. When the 2021-2022 Roster is out the information will be in it. The phone number was transferred to a cell phone number, so you can now text 719-748-5008. The e-mail address stayed the same.

If you have not already sent in your updated list of officers and Chairmen, please do so ASAP. The plan is to have the Roster completed and out to Granges by January 1.

November is the time that Subordinate/Community Grange Secretaries need to start reminding their members that their annual dues should be

paid by the first of the year. Remind members at meetings, if you have a newsletter be sure that the notice is put in it and send each member a notice stating that their dues are due Jan. 1, the amount of dues they owe, where to send them, and how to make checks out. We all need reminding of upcoming bills, so that we can plan for them.

The State Office has copies of the new *Colorado State Grange History book, 1974-2020*. Each book costs \$12.50 and you will need to pay an additional \$4 for shipping. These books would be a great gift for that long-time Grange member. We still have a box of *Colorado State Grange Cookbooks* which are \$10 each plus \$4 for shipping.

We've also discovered quite a stash of Grange jewelry that we have available. If you need an award for a retiring officer or are going to recognize members, the following items might

be of interest: Silver Star pins (25-year member), Gold Sheaf Pins (50-year member); stick pin with a Subordinate Grange emblem, 30-year member pin, 20-year member pins, 7th degree pins and tie tacks, Grange emblem post earrings, Grange emblem necklace, past secretary pin, Subordinate past master pin, bracelet with Colorado State Grange emblem, Grange Emblem tie tack with chain, Grange emblem clip (for tie or scarf), 50-year non-consecutive membership pin, 40-year member button, 7th degree tie tack bar, 65-year member button, Silver Star decorative pin, 7th degree adjustable ring with fake diamonds in a circle around emblem, past master gavel tie tack, screw on emblem earrings, 70-year button, 5th degree button pin, 6th degree pin, bow dangle emblem pin, gold color emblem key chain, flag dangle pin, past master pin, 4th degree charms, 5th degree charm, Super J.G. buttons, Junior Grange magnets, digital watch with Grange emblem, red 125th Grange commemorative pin. Prices vary, so call or email for more information.

It will take me a while to learn where things are on the State Grange computer, so I ask for your patience and forgiveness if I can't find something right way.

'All Options Are On The Table' In National HQ Discussion

by Betsy Huber, National Grange President

Every Grange member is extremely proud of our headquarters building, located around the corner from the White House in Washington, D.C. We own a beautiful, 11 story building in a fantastic location in the capitol city of our country.

The building is 61 years old now and hasn't always had the ongoing maintenance that it needed. There are a lot of little problems like leaking pipes, an aging electrical system, and lots of other big things that are needing attention. Recent updates include new roof, new boiler and a new air conditioning system, but many other repairs are necessary. Engineers have provided a variety of estimates and urgent versus important totaling \$4.5 million over the next eight years just to maintain the building's safety, status, and its justification for rental rates. Some more extensive repairs like wiring and piping may require us

to vacate the building for about two years — both tenants and contents, including the National Grange offices.

To do any of those projects would require borrowing a lot of money, which is of course a concern. How will we repay the loans? We live off our current income — we are saving a little bit of money, but nothing close to what it would take to make these needed improvements.

Mechanical issues are not the only problem facing the building, as outdated décor and a changing style of work brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic risks the ability of the Grange to find suitable tenants.

The conversation then turns to return on investment — which even with the best-case scenario would take years to pay off — or finding another way to fund the work such as a one-time or multi-year member assessment or major dues increase.

With a building appraised at \$13 million according to a 2018 apprais-

al, with a market value of possibly \$24 million, and a budget that relies heavily on the nearly \$400,000 a year rental income, clearly 1616 H Street is a great asset.

The question, though: Is it worth it? Should we mortgage the future just to have an office close to the White

House? When does an asset become a liability because of the scope of work necessary?

The National Grange Executive Committee has been studying this issue for two years, and states, "all options are on the table."

Those include borrowing and mak-

ing necessary repairs in a well-planned, systematic way; or to sell the building outright and find a new building to purchase that is large enough to produce rental income or small enough to house only necessary operations and put the remaining sale profits into investments with hopes for good returns to support our programs and staff.

THE FACTS:

The approximate value of the building:
Assessed value (taxes) \$9,072,010
Appraised value
9/2018 \$13,000,000
Market value \$24,000,000
Current mortgage \$1,558,400
The income it brings in (generally) –
Gross income – \$1.1 million;
Net \$385,300

Repairs needed:

Urgent – \$485,000 1-3 yrs.
\$3,667,500 4-8 yrs.
\$825,000
Total needed repairs next 8 years = \$4.5 million
Monthly payments on 20-year mortgage = \$40,060 = \$9.61 per member per year

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Have you taken time to enjoy the beautiful colors of autumn? With a late visit from Jack Frost this fall, the leaves have been especially lovely.

While at State Convention, I was looking for leaves for the memorial service. They were just beginning to turn. I found a few colored leaves to assist us in the remembrance of members who have been a part of our organization. These leaves were placed upon our altar to help us remember the days of life. During the service, life was compared to the seasons of the year. These leaves have fallen, and our brothers and sisters have been remembered in full glory and have experienced the changing seasons. The holy creativity of their lives have come to fruition and been celebrated. Convention was a time of sharing after being separated for several years. We now look forward to another Grange year. Another winter is nearly upon us.

By the time the publication of this issue is mailed, the holidays will be near. It is a time of thanks for being able to meet the demands of life. Perhaps we are tired of the piles of laundry. Yet, we are thankful for plenty of clothes to wear. We are thankful for our homes, even when we have a difficult time cleaning them. We become tired of school schedules, yet we are thankful for our children and the schools providing education. We become tired of going to work, but the provisions it provides offer us needs for families. Sometimes the snow that falls proves to create problems. Yet, the moisture sent provides us the much needed water. It is so easy to take for granted every day of blessings. Take time to remember to give thanks in all things.

May the blessings of the holiday season be a special time for you and your family as you share traditions together in celebration of all that has been given us.



Maple Grove members Idella Lewis and J Kelly receive flowers from Chaplain Loeda Westphal for LaVerne Jessop at the Memorial Service.

The Colorado Granger Guidelines

December 15, 2021, is the deadline for articles for the January-February 2022 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 non-members and visiting Grangers)

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LECTURER/PUBLICITY: As reported in the last *Granger* and at the convention, I regretfully will no longer be able to serve as your Lecturer or Publicity Director. Vivian Vos was elected to be your new lecturer. Please assist her in her new position.

This year we had a small but fun convention. I had eight submissions for the Star Awards Program. I received reports from Animas Valley, Darden Pomona, Enterprise, Florida, Marvel, Mt. Allison, Sunflower, and Wheat Ridge (who I strong-armed into sending in).

I also received submissions to the Lecturer's Program from our Granges. I received entries for woodworking from Marvel and Mt Allison, photography from Mt. Allison, Golden Gate, and Marvel. I also received paintings and drawings along with sculpture and clay art. Overall, we had a good showing from the Granges represented. Congratulations to each of the winners and thank you to everyone who participated. I hope as COVID winds down more of you will come back to participating in Grange activities.

Friday Night Mardi Gras Gala was fun. We started the evening with mask making for those who wanted to participate. Those of us that took part in the mask making had fun although the glue I purchased was not the best for the project. But we produced some creative masks. Our National Officer Karen Overstreet and her husband Buddy chose our winners.

For dinner we had pizza and salad, serving Veggie, Supreme, Hawaiian, Cheese, and Gluten free Veggie, Hawaiian. We did our part and there was not much in the way of food waste for the evening.

After dinner we had our awards presentation. The eight submissions for the Star Awards Program were from Animas Valley, Darden Pomona, Enterprise, Florida, Marvel, Mt. Al-

lison, Sunflower, and Wheat Ridge. Each received a certificate of achievement and either an outstanding or distinguished Grange certificate depending on the star categories they completed. The Granges who did not already have their awards book received the book also. I was immensely proud of the well thought out and diverse programs.

The awards for the Lecture's Program were presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. We have creative people in our organization, and it has been an honor to work with all of you. Our mask makers, 1st and 2nd place winners each won a Grange backpack from the National Convention in Spokane. We also had an impromptu hat contest; the winner received a Grange bag.

Certificates were presented to the Granges who participated in the Christmas Card Writing Project. Pleasant Park signed the most cards at 6750, Darden Pomona with the Scarlet Hatters did 4500, Enterprise did 2500, Marvel did 1356, Sunflower did 1164 and Florida did 873. That makes, if my addition is correct, 17,143 cards signed and delivered to Marlys.

As I head off for the National convention in Wichita, I am taking a couple of the woodworking items and the railroad spike sculpture to the National Convention, along with pictures and information to display showing what we are up to in Colorado.

Thank you again for all the support and encouragement you have given me over the years. I will still be reachable as a member of the Florida Grange.

Lecturer Program (hopefully ongoing): Christmas Card Signing

Please DO NOT use cards with glitter or upraised attachments.

Contact Marlys for each year's salutation for the cards. Cards need to be sent unsealed (for insert to be added) to Marlys Halbiesen at 10650 West 45th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. The cards can be sent anytime during the year before September 1, of each year.



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It was nice to once again have events at the State Session since we were not able to have them last year due to the COVID virus. This year there were 76 total entries in the Baking and Needlework categories at the Colorado State Grange Session in Durango.

Entries came in from seven Granges with the following Granges participating and the entries from each;

- Mt. Allison, 23 entries
- Golden Gate, 20 entries
- Marvel, 13 entries
- Maple Grove, 11 entries
- Enterprise, 5 entries
- Fountain, 2 entries
- Florissant, 2 entries

The bake sale held after the judging brought in \$190. Everything sold for \$5 which was turned in to the Family Activities fund.

Following is a list of the winners:

BAKING

Class A Cakes

1st Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise
2nd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class B Altered Cake Mix

1st Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate
2nd Vickie Gallegos, Mt. Allison
3rd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Class C Yeast Bread

1st Beverly Weinert, Fountain
2nd Norene Hawthorne, Maple Grove
3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class D Sweet Rolls

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel
2nd Norene Hawthorne, Maple Grove
3rd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Class E Bar Cookies

1st Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise
2nd Norene Hawthorne, Maple Grove
3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class F Cookies

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel
2nd Norene Hawthorne, Maple Grove
3rd Norma Conley, Mt. Allison



Checking out the exhibits.

Class G Quick Bread

1st Norene Hawthorne, Maple Grove
2nd Beverly Weinert, Fountain
3rd Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise

Class H Fudge

1st Shirley Engler & Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
2nd Norma Conley, Mt. Allison

3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class I Other Candy

1st Norma Conley, Mt. Allison
2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel

3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class J Gluten free cookies

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel
2nd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

3rd Trish Corman, Mt. Allison

Class 2 Jams & Jellies

1st Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate
2nd Vickie Gallegos, Mt. Allison

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ANNUAL REPORT

This last year has been quite the ride for the Colorado State JG.

Jenna and I have had such a blast serving this wonderful community. We have made some MASSIVE plans and accomplished pretty much everything that we could have dreamed of, giving youth and juniors across the state a great experience.

Our plans yet again got thwarted by COVID restrictions. But this time we refused to let it get us down. So, we punted and planned an outing for anyone!

We had a Game Day at the Colorado Rockies the beginning of September. It was amazing!

We had a great turn out for the one-day event filling three rows at the

Coors ball field.

While Jenna and I have had TONS of fun and learned so much along the way, God has pulled our lives in a slightly different direction going forward. While we have had a blast serving you over the past years, we feel that our attention is not on the Youth and JG as much as it should be for this role. So, we are respectfully stepping down as the Directors. Of course, we will help whoever takes over.

This is such a great organization, and we truly want someone in this position who can devote more attention to it than we can going forward.

The Colorado JG and Youth are growing and there are growing opportunities for all of our kids.

Jenna and I would like to take a few

3rd Sheryl Ayers, Marvel
Class 3 Juices

1st Tom Campion, Marvel
2nd Sheryl Ayers, Marvel
3rd Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
Class 4 Salsas, Tomatoes, Relishes

1st Trish Corman, Mt. Allison

2nd Vickie Gallegos, Mt. Allison
Class 5 Pickles

1st Ashley Lackey, Enterprise
2nd Vickie Gallegos, Mt. Allison

3rd Norma Conley, Mt. Allison
Class 6 Dried Foods

1st Vickie Gallegos, Mt. Allison
2nd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

3rd Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
NEEDLEWORK

Class A Afghans
1st Pauline Ford, Florida

2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel
3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class B Sweater
1st Cindy Greer, Marvel

Class C Crochet, Miscellaneous

1st Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class E Decorator Pillow

1st Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class F Machine Quilted Quilt

1st Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison

2nd Merle Sachse, Golden Gate

Class H Table Runner

1st Merle Sachse

2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel

Class I Wall Hanging

1st Marcia Phillips, Florissant

2nd Merle Sachse, Golden Gate

Class J Adult Garment

Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class K. Child Garment

Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class N Quilt block

1st Bernie Hall, Marvel

2nd Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison

3rd Cindy Greer, Marvel

Class O Miscellaneous

1st Marcia Phillips, Florissant

2nd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate



Community Service

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Hello Grangers! We got combined reports submitted from eight Granges, and you all did some really good stuff this past year! I hope some of you got to look over the reports online and maybe got some new ideas for your future projects. Animas Valley won first place with their Farm to Families, Share Your Garden, and Speaker Series — with a ton of interesting and educational topics to learn about for their community. Second place went to Marvel with their Halloween Carnival, a Honey/Bee program, regular Community Breakfasts, and an Ice Cream Social for Veterans. Enterprise took third place with their Senior Stockings and Gift Bags projects for Christmas, a Community Garden, and a BBQ with collection of dog-related items (food, leashes, toys, etc.) for the local food bank. I congratulate all of them for making some real differences in their communities!

As I'm sure you're learning in this edition of *The Granger* (and if you didn't know before) we have a new Colorado State Grange Lecturer. The Community Service Director will work with Vivian on some changes to the reporting forms, to make the Community Service section more workable for our State winner to be reviewed at National, while still keeping things as clean and easy for all of you as possible.

I can't thank Elizabeth Hiner enough for driving changes to how we can and should try to eliminate the confusion we had before between Community Service and Lecturer reports — the duplication of reporting the same events in both reports, in which color star to report something and how to work out reporting on events that actually fit in both the Community Service and one or more of the Lecturer stars. We couldn't have made the progress we've made so far without her work on the definitions of the stars and how to cross-reference your projects without duplicating their stories in multiple places. Thank-you Elizabeth! I, for one, will miss working with you — a lot!

Remember to make notes of information on your holiday events for entry in your reports — did you partner with any other organizations, how many guests did you have, how much money did you raise, and what sort of feedback did you get about it from your guests? Are there any other interesting aspects of these kinds of events, or other presentations or programs you hosted? It will help when you're ready to put the information into your report if you don't have to try to remember these details a few months later. Thank you for all you do, and have a wonderful and blessed holiday season!



Junior Grangers who opened the session on Saturday morning.



Jacob Greer, Junior Grange Master, opening the meeting at State Session.



moments and thank everyone in the Grange. All of you have touched our lives in one way or another.

So, for that we say thank you!

If you ever need us, please don't hesitate to find us on social media or simply give us a call or shoot us an email.

Thank you again for letting us serve you over the past years.



Agriculture Report

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FALL 2021

Colorado Water Conservation Board Commissioner Mitchell's Statement on Colorado River System Projections was released September 29, 2021. The following comments are derived from the Board's Web site:

Note as I write this, Colorado's southwest has just received fresh snow and allowed the Wolf Creek Pass and A Basin Ski Areas to open. However, water supply conditions remain dire. Projections for Lake Powell (Glen Canyon Dam) and Lake Mead (Hoover Dam) are that Powell has a near 90% chance of meeting the critical elevation of 3,525 ft. above sea level in 2022, full pool is 3,700 feet, and for Lake Mead the forecast elevation of 1,025 feet above sea level may reach 66% by 2025.

Statement from Colorado River Commissioner Rebecca Mitchell:

Though deeply troubling, these projections tell us what we already know and have experienced in Colorado and the whole Upper Basin — that this has been a very dry and challenging year and these conditions will continue into the future. Our water users have already experienced painful and deep cuts, and these will continue. Colorado is fully committed to working with the basin states and the Bureau of Reclamation to chart a course that provides additional security to the entire Colorado River Basin and its water users during this challenging time and into the future.

Below is an outline of the Colorado Water Plan that will help guide our state's responses to water demands for the Colorado River. Blue Lake has been drained well below my awareness of that reservoir's level. Other reservoirs that drain to the Colorado are likely similar. WHAT IS COLORADO'S WATER PLAN? Includes information and goals for the state and borrows information from the nine Basin Implementation Plans, allows planners to understand what types of projects will work best in different areas, and that these basins are interconnected when it comes to finding statewide solutions to water scarcity.

The Plan was built on three primary values outlined by then-Governor Hickenlooper in his executive order: productive economy, efficient and effective water infrastructure, and a strong environment, and created "Measurable Objectives" for embracing these values in the future.

1. Supply-Demand Gap — has to do with the fundamental fact that Colorado uses more water than the environment naturally provides.

2. Conservation — Colorado needs to reduce its demand through conservation and efficiency in cities, towns, farms, and ranches.

3. Land Use — With the state population expected to keep growing, Colorado must find more water-thrifty measures to support the next 5 million residents than it did the last 5 million.

4. Agriculture — This is both the

largest consumer of water in Colorado and vital to our state's economy and local communities. Due to the large volume of water used by this sector, large scale water conservation and efficiency efforts, and innovative water sharing approaches must be implemented. Includes a measurable objective that agricultural economic productivity will keep pace with growing state, national, and global needs, even if some areas go out of production. Plan sets a goal to share at least 50,000 acre-feet of agricultural water for other uses, through voluntary agreements, known as alternative transfer methods, by 2030. It is projected that without these coordinated efforts, Colorado could lose up to 20% of its irrigated agricultural land by 2050. [Ed note: a portion of ag water is termed "return flow" recognizing that not all "ag water" is consumed on-site but some is returned to the source, river, stream, ditch, etc.]

5. Storage — new water storage is seen by many as a way to supply growing populations in a changing hydrological landscape. New projects will be innovative, relying on technology like aquifer storage and recharge, and strong environmental health. Colorado's Water Plan sets a measurable objective of attaining 400,000 acre-feet of water storage in order to manage and share conserved water and the yield of many of the Identified Projects and Processes (IPP) by 2050.

6. Watershed Health, Environment, and Recreation — In accordance with a "strong environment," the plan presents the importance of establishing strategies to maintain the health of Colorado's waterways. Stream and watershed management plans provide a framework for keeping healthy stream and watershed systems while also protecting local water uses and planning for future consumptive and non-consumptive water needs." The Plan's measurable objective is to cover 80% of locally prioritized lists of rivers with stream management plans, and 80% of critical watersheds with watershed protection plans by 2030.

7. Funding — To meet objectives new sources of funding, especially for traditionally under-funded projects like conservation, environment and recreation, and water-sharing. In 2015, only 1% of Colorado's state budget went to natural resources, of which water and related projects received only a portion. The Plan sets a measurable objective to sustainably fund its implementation by raising \$100 million annually, or \$3 billion by 2050, starting in 2020. [Ed note: the voter approved sports betting provides for a percent of the bet to be dedicated to implement the Water Plan — approved since the plan was completed in 2015].

8. Education, Outreach, and Innovation — All of these objectives will be easier to meet if the general public has a better understanding of the state's water issues. A measurable objective is to improve public awareness and engagement on water issues by 2020 as well as engage Coloradans statewide on at least five of the key water challenges (identified by CWCB) that need addressed by 2030.

State Grange Leadership And Scholarship Foundation

Dear Colorado State Grangers,

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report of the Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation on behalf of Foundation President Jeanne Davies.

The following young adults each received \$1,500 scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year:

Rebecca Borst	University of Colorado/Colorado Springs	Florissant
Paige Nicholas	Fort Lewis	Golden Gate
Katrina Borst	University of Colorado/Colorado Springs	Florissant
Emily Kirts	Denver College of Nursing	Golden Gate
Halina Halbeisen	University of Colorado/Colorado Springs	Maple Grove
Nathan Lane	Colorado School of Mines	Maple Grove
William Land	University of Northern Colorado	Garden Home
Teagan Hackett	Red Rocks Community College	Garden Home
Sierra Saltus	Colorado State University	Golden Gate
Miles Green	Red Rocks Community College	Golden Gate
Jared Kirts	Colorado Mesa University	Golden Gate
Chloe Roach	Colorado State University	Golden Gate
Trent Boynczynski	Red Rocks Community College	Golden Gate

On behalf of President Davies and the Foundation Board, I would like to express our deepest appreciation to those Granges and individuals who contributed to the Foundation in memory of Grangers who have passed. The Foundation is able to fund these scholarships from donations and the earnings from the Foundation corpus fund. Your donation is fully tax deductible, as the Foundation is incorporated under the Internal Revenue Code as a 501(c)(3).

Fraternally and with deepest thanks,
Jim Miller, Treasurer

Health Awareness

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Cold and Flu Season is here and with the cooler weather here in Colorado we must remember to stay hydrated. What is your favorite option; Hot, cold, warm? Whichever it is, *Think when you drink.*

You know water is the healthiest beverage option. But while people can hydrate with water alone, you might be craving a bit more flavor, wanting to indulge in a treat, or looking for added nutrients such as calcium or protein.

When choosing a beverage, it's important to limit your intake of added sugar. Beverages are the No. one added sugar source in the U.S., even more so than snacks, and sweets such as candy, doughnuts, and ice cream. The 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans says that added sugars should make up less than 10% of your daily calories.

And remember that while it's tempting to think liquid calories "don't count," they do, and they can

quickly add up if you're not careful. *Good choice — Water.*

Water is a perfect beverage: a calorie-free, refreshing way to hydrate. In places with safe tap water, there's no reason to spend extra for bottled water. Fill your own water bottle to encourage water drinking throughout the day. If you're craving flavor, there are ways to add zest to your glass:

- Try adding slices of lime, lemon, cucumber, or mint.
- Flavored, sugarless sparkling waters are a good calorie-free option if you like the zest of carbonation.

With either option, be aware that frequent sipping throughout the day may lead to tooth enamel damage.

Dairy And Non-Dairy Milks

Dairy milk can be a good option for balanced nutrition. Fat-free skim or 1% milk is the best choice for most adults. Or you can opt for nondairy milk alternatives.

Condensed from Mayo Clinic Health Letter.

Colorado State Grange Museum

It was decided in early 2020 to deed over the Grange Museum and its contents to the City of Aurora. The city had taken over the operation of the Plains Conservation Center several years earlier. The city was very interested in making the museum a part of the offerings at the Plains center. Gary Toby and I started working on deeding the museum and its contents to the

City. Due to COVID and how slowly a city government works, it took until August of 2021, to properly deed the museum building and its contents to the City.

Once this phase was done, the money that was associated with the museum was donated to the City of Aurora, with the understanding that the money will be used in the maintenance and upkeep of the museum.

Currently, none of the buildings are open to the public at the Plains center due to COVID. When it is safe to do so, the City will be able to welcome back volunteers for tours, at that time the museum should be open much more often for people to view and enjoy.

I would like to give a special thanks to Gary Toby for his help on making sure all the documentation was done correctly. I would also say thank you to my fellow board members for their support as we move to the next chapter for our little museum.

Submitted by Audrey Maydew, Grange Museum Board.

Deadline for the Jan.-Feb. 2022 Issue of The Colorado Granger is December 15, 2021.

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Preparing your Grange building for the drop in temperatures this winter has a twofold purpose.

Firstly, it will make the interior spaces of your building more comfortable for your renters and members. Secondly, it will save you significant amounts of money on your monthly heating bills. Here are some winterization tips you can use to get your building ready for the season.

• Prepare your heating system: Any winterization techniques you apply will help reduce the stress on your HVAC system. The first and most important step is to contact your local trusted HVAC professional for a preventive maintenance visit. Your HVAC tech will be able to inspect your heating equipment, along with the ductwork, and make corrections and minor repairs that will keep the system working at its best. Maintenance will ensure the equipment functions properly and that it performs at its highest possible level of efficiency. The HVAC technician will perform tasks such as adjusting controls, testing operation, cleaning and tightening electrical connections, and changing air filters. Check the ventilation system to ensure that potentially harmful exhaust gases, such as carbon monoxide, are properly vented to the outdoors.

• Seal and insulate ductwork: Along with attention to the HVAC equipment itself, you should make sure the ductwork is properly sealed and well insulated. The ductwork carries all the heated air produced by your furnace or boiler, so any losses of heat or air in these pipes can result in significant waste and higher heating bills. Connections between duct sections should all be tight and sealed with mastic or metal tape. Any damaged sections should be replaced. Ducts should be insulated with an appropriate material, such as rigid fiberboard or standard blanket insulation. Make sure ductwork is tightly connected at all vents and registers.

• Seal building air leaks: Air leaks in the structure of your building can also cause wasteful air loss and reductions in indoor comfort. A commercial energy audit can help determine exactly where these leaks are. Energy audits can locate even small, otherwise hidden leaks. When you know where the air leaks are, make sure they are sealed with caulking or other appropriate material. Add weatherstripping around doors and windows to stop leaks in these common areas. If your commercial building has customers constantly entering and exiting, make sure the doors have weatherstripping, sweeps, or other devices to help keep cold air out. Pay particular attention to points where pipes, conduits, or wires penetrate the wall of your building and seal those areas.

• Increase insulation: The walls, floors, ceilings, and foundation of your building should be thoroughly insulated to stop the flow of heat from warmer to colder areas. Add insulation where there is not enough and put insulation in where there is none. Blanket-style insulation is commonly used between beams and joists in walls and floors. Foam or loose-fill insulation can be used for areas that are hard to reach with standard insulation, or that have an irregular shape that would make it difficult to install blanket insulation. It is also a good idea to insulate the plumbing pipes to prevent freezing, especially if any sections of the pipes travel through an area of the building that may get particularly cold.

• Check the roof: Check the roof for any damage, holes, or similar problems that could mean leaks when snow or ice melt. Roof winterization should include inspections of flashing or seals around roof penetrations for vents, pipes, and chimneys. Make sure the roof is capable of handling the weight of snow or ice and that there is little likelihood that ice buildup could fall off the roof and hit any pedestrians below.



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PICK had a meeting at the annual Colorado State Grange Sessions. Those present voted to reappoint the officers: President Dominick B; Vice President Marlys Halbeisen; Sec/Treas Cindy Greer; State Master Gary Wardle; Overseer Harry Greer; and State Treasurer Sheryl Ayers.

We reviewed the proposed budget and made one adjustment to balance it.

Since we didn't seem to have any youth/juniors/or talent attending National Session we didn't have a need for discussion on support.

Scenes From The 2021 Colorado State Grange Session



Loeda Westphal showing Past Masters Record Book at Past Masters Breakfast.



Lisa Mittan showing her mask for the Mardi Gras themed Gala.



Idella Lewis showing her mask creation for the Mardi Gras themed Gala.



State Session pianist Ruth Wilson Francisco



National Representatives Karen and Buddy Overstreet



Florissant delegates Marcia Phillips and Renee Caldwell



Amy Peterson, L.A.S.; Christopher Cleary, A.S.; Buddy Overstreet, Marshall; Kathy Wardle, Emblem Bearer.



J Kelly, Dorothy Dannels, and Kathy Wardle



Mt. Allison Grangers serving at the Banquet at State Session.



Grangers playing Farkel after enjoying homemade ice cream.



Lori Schuell, Speaker from Congressional Redistricting commission.



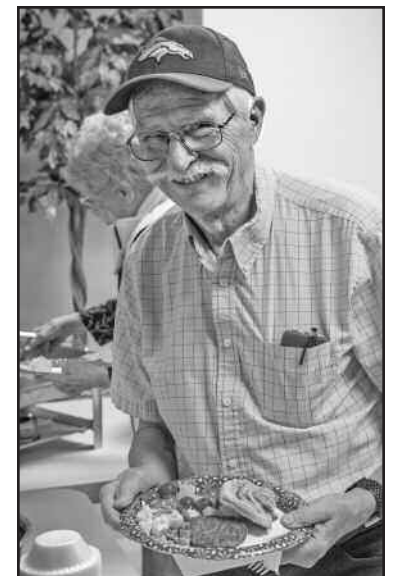
Beverly Weinert



Karen Overstreet



Karen Baxter



Roger Ayers



New State Lecturer Vivian Vos filling in for Membership Director.



Junior Grangers serving lunch.



JG and Youth Director Jenna Greer



Kathy Wardle served as Regalia and Emblem bearer during the Installation of Officers.



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Darden Pomona had Grangers from Enterprise, Golden Gate, Maple Grove, and Wheat Ridge attend the Colorado State Grange Session held in September in Durango. Delegates from Darden Pomona were Idella Lewis and Gary Wardle.

Congratulations to Gary Wardle from Wheat Ridge Grange who was selected to be the Colorado State Grange Master. Other state officers from Darden Pomona are Vivian Vos of Wheat Ridge – Lecturer, Dorothy Dannels of Enterprise – Ceres, J Kelly of Maple Grove – Pomona, and John Cruz of Maple Grove, Executive Committee.

Idella Lewis

Enterprise

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November 10, Wednesday — Thanksgiving Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope clients will join us along with any Granger, friends and family who wish to attend. All are welcomed. Our Thanksgiving feast is a traditional potluck with turkey and all the trimmings. Turkey, beverages, and desserts are provided by the Enterprise Grange. Attendees bring a small dish to share. Hope to see you all there!

November 13, Saturday — 10 a.m. to about 1 p.m. Pre-Stocking Stuffing Day. This is the day to sort and stuff candies and toiletries into individual small bags. Also, writing of 212 Christmas cards. These things will need to be completed for adding them to the large Christmas stockings on stuffing day. Be sure to add this to your calendars and come join in the fun!

November 21, Sunday — My Village Fights Hunger Community Service Project.

Location: Three Creeks K-8 School, 19486 West 94th Avenue, Arvada, CO 80007.

Times: Set up starts at 7:30 a.m., 1st shift at 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 2nd shift at 12-2 p.m., Tear down at 2 p.m. Merry Whyman will be signing up Volunteers for this project. Please contact her at 303-883-7335 with your preferences in set up, tear down, or shifts. Just in time to give back during the Thanksgiving Season.

Prior to COVID, this community group came together to pack 200,000 meals that were used to help feed those who had been in the direct path of Hurricane Dorian as well as many in need locally. The situation locally and in so many countries is still dire with lockdowns rampant and food sparse. As a Grange, we are hoping to do at least a small part in helping to pack at least 150,000 meals to help feed families. We will be partnering with My Village Fights Hunger and

with Kids Around the World and their partners. These meals will not only help bring kids out of malnutrition, but also bring them hope in their time of crisis. Be sure to call Merry and sign up early. They are looking for 360 volunteers so there is plenty of space to make a difference this holiday season!

November 27, Saturday — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stocking Stuffing Day. We will be gathering at the Enterprise Grange to fill the 212 Stockings for seniors and disadvantage families,

December 11, Saturday — 5 to 8 p.m. The Darden Pomona Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner starts with a potluck for friends and family of the all the Granges and disadvantaged children referred from the Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope. Main course, beverages, and desserts are provided by the Grange. Attendees bring a small dish to share. The Program after includes Christmas Carol sing-a-longs, children's performances and reading of the "Night Before Christmas." Santa Claus arrives and everyone sits on Santa's lap, gets a small gift, and tells him their Christmas wishes. The evening ends with a piñata for the children. Please join us with your children and grandchildren for a festive holiday evening.

January 12, Wednesday — Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Following potluck, we will hold a short meeting to plan activities for the rest of the year. Dorothy Dannels will have a program that is TBD.

This year we are continuing our Stocking projects for seniors and disadvantaged adults. Below are some of the things that we would appreciate your help getting.

Items Needed To Stuff Stockings

- Men's and women's socks/gloves or mittens, scarves
- Decks of Cards
- Non-perishable food & snacks — individual size containers such as pudding, fruit cups, cheese & crackers, granola bars, etc.
- Large print puzzle books like crossword, search words, Christmas pins or fun jewelry, watches, etc.
- Toiletries, i.e. small packets of facial tissues, shaving cream, combs, nail polish, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion etc.... Regular sized toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Individually wrapped candy/chocolates (including sugar free), tea bags or instant coffee

Call Dorothy Dannels at 303-425-0111 or Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477 for pick-up or for further information.

Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

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

J Kelly and John Cruz served as delegates at the Colorado State Grange Annual Session held in Durango in September. J held the office of Pomona and John was a member

of the Executive Committee and both were re-elected to serve another term. Idella Lewis attended and served as Co-Chairperson of Family Activities.

The weeds finally were mowed in our lot, thanks to Dean Halbeisen and his wife. Due to early spring rains the weeds were really thriving and we had a weed patch along the edges of our property. It was a great improvement to have the weeds mowed!

Maple Grove provided dictionaries for 28 students at Peak Academy Pennington Elementary School in the Words For Thirds Dictionary Project. The students were excited to receive their very own dictionary which they will use at school and be able to keep for their very own. Kullerstrand will receive theirs later as their school was delayed due to remodeling.

Over 50 pair of used eyeglasses collected at Maple Grove Grange were taken to Lutheran Medical Center to be picked up by the Lions Club in Arvada. These are recycled and given to those who are unable to afford glasses. The lenses and eyeglass cases were given to an eye doctor who goes to Jamaica to help people there. Anyone using the Grange can deposit their used eyeglasses in the collection bin made by Dean Jessop.

Idella Lewis

Wheat Ridge

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November 11/Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Grange monthly business meeting.

November 13/Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Second Saturday Sale (vendors) at the Grange (SSS).

November 18/Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m. Fall Harvest Dinner at the Active Adult Center where many Grangers will be serving the meal and/or cleaning up the hall.

December 4/Saturday, 3 to 6:30 p.m. Christmas tree lighting for the city with hot chocolate and cookies served at the Grange by the Grangers.

December 9/Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Grange monthly business meeting.

December 11/Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Second Saturday Sale (vendors) at the Grange (SSS).

September 23, 2021, was the 17th Annual Business Awards Ceremony in Wheat Ridge at the WR Recreation Center. There was breakfast and 10 awards of which our WR Grange President, Dom Breton, was awarded the Mayor's partnership award. Hip, Hip, Hooray!

All summer long Grangers have tended to the two pumpkin patches growing at the Stevens Elementary School across the street from the Grange Hall. September 18 several Grangers harvested 40 medium size pumpkins and placed them in a good holding space until members could distribute these 40 to Stevens Elem. school children. On October 14, five Grangers loaded up wagons and ven-



Wheat Ridge Grangers loaded up wagons and ventured into classrooms at Stevens Elementary School to let the children choose one pumpkin each with gourds also.

tured into four classrooms to let the children choose one pumpkin each with gourds also. What fun, what a delight to see their excitement. So the two garden patches have been cleaned and we will wait until next season 2022, and have agreed to do the same: plant, water, grow, and distribute pumpkins.

Recently the Grange's fire extinguishers were checked by South Metro Fire Dept. and all passed inspection. Safe for another year.

Three WR Grange members attended the Colorado State Grange convention in Durango, September 23 to 25. Durango area was gorgeous in the Aspen colors. Good reason to attend the State Grange convention when held in Durango!!!!!! WR Grange was awarded a distinguished Grange award and received a certificate of the Stars award.

Wheat Ridge has been holding a class called WR101 giving citizens total information to all of the city departments. On September 29 Vivian presented to this class about the Grange in a three-minute talk.

WR Grange Hall is fully booked and still a lot of requests to rent. Michelle does a fantastic job keeping all the renters in order.

September 10 was the date we hon-

ored our past Treasurer Doris Bruntz, who died early 2020, at a specific place of memories. Several Grangers attended.

Vivian Vos

Pleasant Park

Contact Yvonne Ludwig, Master, 303-838-4805, for information.

November 13 — Regular meeting 10 a. m. followed by Thanksgiving Dinner.

December 11 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed by Christmas Party.

January 8 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

It is time to shut down the bicycle rest stop for the year. It was a successful season and the committee is ready to take a break. Thank you for a job well done!

We will have a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner after the November meeting. It is always a wonderful time for fellowship and there are a lot of great cooks in our Grange.

We will have a Christmas Party after the December meeting and exchange White Elephant gifts. It will be great to celebrate Christmas twice this year as we had a Christmas in July party already.

Member Laura Anderson is a retired school teacher. She has volunteered to hold a story telling hour a couple of times a month as a community service and in hopes of attracting new members to our membership.

Several trees in the yard have died and had to be cut down. We are looking into planting replacements to keep the integrity of the property and provide shade for the bicyclists.

We feel blessed that none of our members have contracted COVID. We will continue to use safe measures at all our meetings.

Yvonne Ludwig

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 970-884-4762.



State Session Mardi Gras Gala participants from Enterprise Grange.

Progressive

Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

Sunflower Grange

Contact Cherry Ellis, sunflowergrange162@yahoo.com for further information.

Sunflower is very pleased to welcome a new member, Rachel Ballinger, in November. She is a gardener, a quilter, a 4-H mom, and all 'round organized person. Rachel has eight children, who may help us get our Junior Grange organized. Member Eugenia Thomas is expecting a baby girl in mid-October — the first baby in our Grange. We feel very fortunate to have young families in our organization.



Nena Robbins and Renee Sweet demonstrated seed-saving at the 9th Annual Tomato Tasting at BMan's.

The Charter was draped for Grange member Karl Denton who passed away in September. We wish Gisele Denton a return to health; she has been hospitalized with COVID for several weeks.

Sungolds, Black Sea Man, Taxi, Atomic Grapes were at the 9th Annual Tomato Tasting at BMan's, where about 25 people tasted 25-30 varieties of tomatoes. Black tomatoes had an outstanding year, but most others did well, too. No hail this year, but grasshoppers were thick in some places. Everyone took a break from eating to watch Nena Robbins and Renee Sweet demonstrate seed-saving. Even seed catalogs suggest we all save seeds to help preserve heirloom varieties and adapt them to our environ-

ment. In January, we hope other Granges can participate in the Seed Swap. Right now, we're planting garlic, our newest interest.

October 5 was the Cherokee Castle tour. The Castle and owner Tweet Kimball (who passed away in 1999) have been important in Sedalia life. Santa Gertrudis cattle that won numerous Stock Show ribbons still graze on Castle land, and the Castle Foundation has preserved and restored the building. Some tour highlights: the Great Room's mounted elk and buffalo heads, a suit of armor, paintings and furnishings from the 1600s, a tiny winding staircase to the roof for a view from Pikes Peak to Long's Peak on a beautiful fall day. Of local interest were several bronze sculptures by Sedalia artist Bill Duncan (d. 2021) of buffalo, wolves, and cowboys roping cattle. After the tour, we met at Sedalia Bakery to celebrate Judy Smith's and Margaret Ellis' birthdays; Margaret was ill and didn't have to listen to our version of "Happy Birthday."

Thank you, Colorado Grange! State Lecturer Elizabeth Hiner delivered several awards to our Lecturer Nena Robbins after the State Convention. Colorado State Awards went to April Gallagher EMT/Firefighter, and Marlene Hay Teacher of the Year; Nena Robbins for STAR reports; Margaret Ellis for Christmas Card Project (1,168 cards); Sunflower Grange Distinguished Grange Award. We are so pleased for recognition of April and Marlene and very proud of Nena's and Margaret's accomplishments.

Because COVID restrictions kept Sedalia Elementary from having its usual classroom parties for Halloween last year, they got very creative and celebrated with "Trunk or Treat" in the school parking lot. Local businesses sent one car and one person to hand out candy, and costumed students paraded around the school and received treats. This year, Sunflower will be participating, so we are making the big decisions about which candy to buy and who will dress up and decorate a car trunk for the event.

Pumpkin Weigh-in at Bud's Bar will be held October 22. In 2018 reigning champ Billy Moore's entry weighed 370 pounds (!) which required suspending Jabba the Pumpkin in a tarp hooked to a scale on a front-loader—an engineering feat. In 2019, Billy's pumpkin was killed by the hail, and the only contestant (age 5) weighed his pumpkin on Bud's "people" scale—where everything weighs 5 pounds. In 2020, Billy captured 1st place with a 109 pounder and 2nd place a 107 pounder. This year, though, Billy lost his kitty who'd been keeping rodents away from the pumpkins, so he may not have an entry. Other contestants will have to keep the tradition alive.

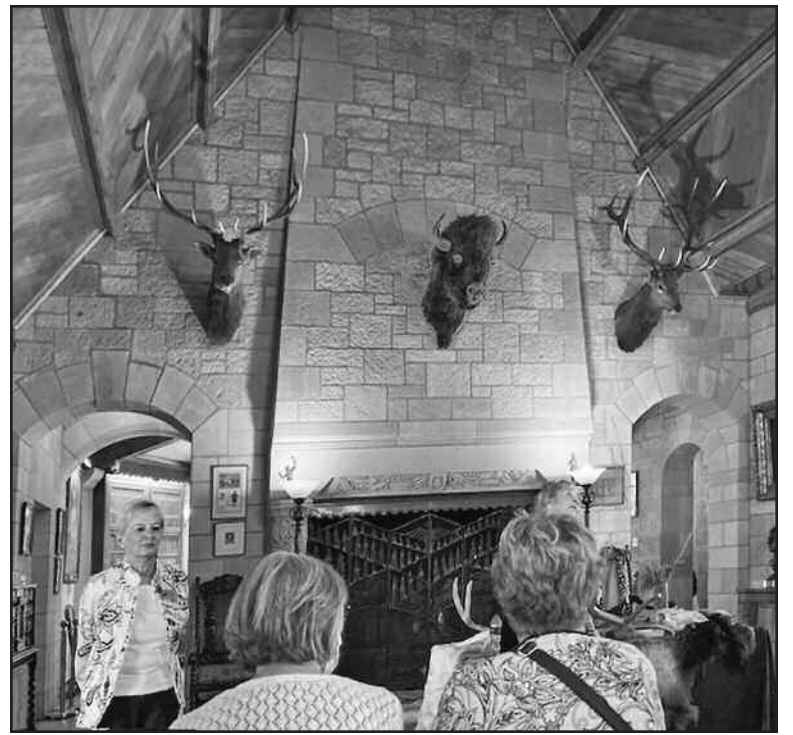
Our second annual Bigfoot Story Night is October 16 at BMan's BBQ from 6 to 8 p.m., the best time for hearing stories. Wesley Watts, Sunflower's resident expert, will tell us about his research, then others have a chance to tell their stories. Denny Ellis will show the locally-produced DCP Library video, "The Monster of Plum Creek," a Sedalia sighting of Bigfoot.

Colorado author Linda Womack will give a talk November 13 about her book, *Colorado Ranching Women 17 Legendary Ladies*, among them Tweet Kimball of Sedalia, Adeline Hornbek of Florissant, Annie Rudolph Huffington of Delta, and Josephine Bassett McKnight Ranney Williams Wells Morris. We will also learn about homesteading and the connection between Sunflower Ranch and our Grange name. (<https://www.caxtonpress.com/ranchingwomenofcolorado17legendaryladies.aspx>).

December 11 will be Winterfest in Sedalia. Tractor-trailer Taxi of Zach Watts will carry the celebrants from one end of town to the other to collect cookies, hot chocolate, cider, and crafts. Mrs. Santa (Margaret Ellis) will be at BMan's BBQ and all members will help hand out Sunflower's homemade Christmas stockings.

We wish everyone a healthy, happy holiday season!

Cherry Ellis



Sunflower Grange members touring the Cherokee Castle Great Room.



Several bronze sculptures by Sedalia artist Bill Duncan were on display.



April Gallagher was named EMT/Firefighter of the Year at State Session.

La Plata

Archuleta and La Plata Counties, CO and San Juan County, NM

Animas Valley

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The Animas Valley Grange had a wide variety of activities this summer. Our Thursday Share Your Garden and Farms to Families event has turned into a weekly coffee klatch where we catch up with each other on the week's events while we gather and organize fresh produce for delivery. In July we hosted our first annual yard sale, which drew many from our community to the Grange for the afternoon. In August, about 30 people, including some very curious children, joined us for a tour of the Old Fort Farmer training plots and greenhouses in Hesperus. In September, 60 people attended the tour of historic houses, orchards and the Hermosa cemetery. Also in September, Grangers made cider with the few apples we could find this year and played a rousing game of croquette with more laughs than mallets. Our last program of the year will be in October—a tour of two local farms that are implementing organic and regenerative practices that produce nutrient dense food and store carbon in the soil.

Deborah Paulson

Marvel

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December 3 — Business meeting 7:30 p.m. Program: Roger Ayers.

December 17 — To be decided.

December 31 — New Year's Eve Party — baked potato bar — Theme: TBD.

January 7 - Business meeting 7:30 p.m. Program: Volunteer needed.

January 15 — Chili cook-off/ dessert auction.

January 29 — Community Breakfast.

At our October meeting we took time to discuss plans for the coming

year and came up with several ideas for programs, activities, building repairs, and community service projects.

October 15 we had a Taco night potluck and presented the "What to do with a cancer diagnosis" program sent from the National Grange.

October 30 we had a community breakfast and San Juan Basin Health and Upper Pine FPD offered COVID-19 booster shots and COVID vaccinations.

We were delighted to receive second place at state in Community Service and we thank our Grange members who took the time to enter the Lecturers and Family Activities contests.

We were offered a couch and accepted it, getting rid of an old one.

In November four of our members attended the National Grange convention in Wichita, helping out where needed.

IN MEMORIAM

James Greer

Nov. 9, 1933-Oct. 16, 2021

James Patrick "Pat" Greer passed away October 16, 2021, surrounded by his family. He was born November 9, 1933, on the Greer Homestead near Marvel. Pat grew up, raised his family, and died from Cancer, NOT COVID, on the Greer Homestead.

Pat married Lila Eldridge February 1, 1953. They had four children: Harry (Cindy) Greer, Jim Greer, Frances (Dale) Horvath, and Karen Ray. He has 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Pat was a true family man, with a great sense of humor and a real love for music. He was very community minded. Pat was a life-long member of Marvel Methodist Church as well as a member of Marvel Grange, and 10 year member, then 4-H leader for over 35 years and also a long-term 4-H supporter. He also served on various boards and commissions, including Animas La Plata Board, La Plata Water Conservancy District, La Plata County Fair Board, and the La Plata County Planning Commission.

Services were held Saturday, October 23, 10 a.m. at the Marvel Methodist Church. Interment was in the Marvel Cemetery and a Potluck followed at the Marvel Grange.

Cindy Greer

Ute Mountain
Dolores and Montezuma Counties

Mount Lookout

Contact **Katheryn Fulton**, kstralfarm@gmail.com, for further information.

Every 4th Tuesday — Board Meeting.

Every Monday afternoon — Mancos FoodShare distribution.

Due to healthy monsoonal summer rains, and a decent early snowstorm, southwest Colorado has experienced one of the most stunning autumns that I can remember. The contrast of golden aspens, red scrub oaks, and snowy peaks is exhilarating. Having had the luxury of traveling for much of the summer, I always feel joyful to come home to this community, and cannot stop marveling at the natural beauty.

Earlier in the summer our board had been feeling optimistic about resuming normal operations at Mt. Lookout Grange, including hall and kitchen rentals and monthly community dinners. Unfortunately, due to

the COVID variant and a significant number of unvaccinated individuals, we have decided to play it safe and shut down again. We did, in the meantime, host two community dinners, and we pulled off our annual Pig

Roast fundraiser.

Our Pig Roast event occurred entirely outside, and it was very well attended by more than 100 people. The party featured a lively band, two fat piggies, fresh, local side dishes, and

local beverages. The food was amazing, and the community reveled in the festivities. It was so fun to see folks of all ages that we have greatly missed during this past strange year. We loved watching the gangs of children playing together again. The event was a successful fundraiser for us, helping to offset losses that we have

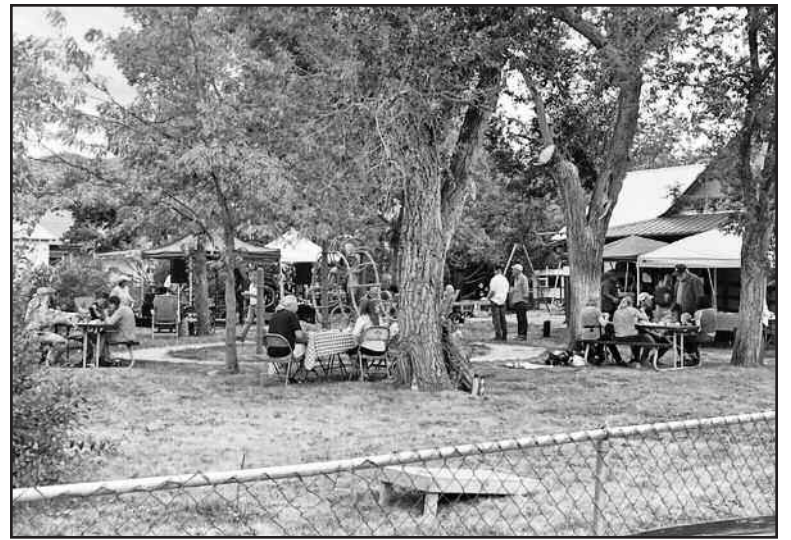
incurred during the shutdown.

Our board remains committed to utilizing our Grange to promote community fellowship and food security, and will be poised to resume normal operations whenever it feels appropriate to do so. We hope you all stay well and happy this winter.

Katheryn Fulton



Zach roasting the pig for the Mt. Lookout 2021 Pig Roast event.



Mt. Lookout Pig Roast was very well attended by more than 100 people.

Resolutions Passed At The 2021 State Session

The following is a list of resolutions adopted during the Colorado State Grange session September 23-25, 2021 in Durango, CO. Thirteen resolutions were considered. Ten were adopted and three were sent on to National Grange for further consideration.

INITIATIVE 16 (PAUSE ACT)

WHEREAS, in 2021 individuals with direct ties to well-known animal extremist groups (PETA and Direct Action Everywhere) began Initiative 16 (PAUSE ACT); and
 WHEREAS, Initiative 16 was written by individuals with no animal husbandry background; and
 WHEREAS, the initiative would affect pets as well as animals that are a source of food for meat-eating individuals; and
 WHEREAS, the initiative calls for a change in statutes dealing with criminal cruelty to animals, even though there are already protections in place for animals; and it would include criminalizing certain animal husbandry practices (including procedures for common and routine animal care and management); and
 WHEREAS, the Colorado State Grange Executive Committee voted to oppose Initiative 16; now therefore be it
 RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange opposes future initiatives similar to Initiative 16 which affect the food supply, spaying and neutering, birthing assistance and reproductive practices (artificial insemination, pregnancy diagnosis, fertility testing, etc.) in animals.

RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE COTTONWOOD PASS AS AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE WHEN I-70 THROUGH GLENWOOD CANYON IS CLOSED

WHEREAS the Glenwood Canyon portion of I-70 is too frequently closed due to fires, extreme rain storms, and vehicle wrecks, and
 WHEREAS the closures pose severe economic and practical challenges for efficient east-west movement of freight and people through Colorado, and
 WHEREAS an efficient alternate route is needed. Therefore, be it
 RESOLVED that Colorado State Grange supports the improvement of the Cottonwood Pass, road linking Gypsum on I-70 and Highway 82 south of Glenwood Springs as a practical alternative route.

BROAD BANK ACCOUNT REPORTING TO THE IRS

WHEREAS policymakers in Washington have proposed requiring banks to report virtually all their customers' bank account information and activity to the IRS regardless of the customers' consent and
 WHEREAS community banks do not endorse such broad IRS access to their customers' account information and consumers need to be aware of the potential effects of this proposal and
 WHEREAS mandating new, broad bank account reporting to the IRS would infringe on the privacy of bank customers, push more people away from a banking relationship and overload the IRS with more personal information about American citizens than it can possibly process or keep safe from a data hack now therefore be it
 RESOLVED that the Colorado State Grange opposes legislation that requires community banks to report to the IRS all customers' bank account information without their expressed consent and be it further
 RESOLVED that the Colorado State Grange encourage all Grangers to contact their legislators regarding this issue.

AMERICAN INCOME LIFE

WHEREAS, the Colorado State Grange has partnered with American Income Life (AIL) since 2006 to provide a \$4,000 accidental death and dismemberment policy to members at no financial cost; and
 WHEREAS, some Grange families and members have benefited from the insurance; and
 WHEREAS, some Grange members have needed the additional insurance offered; and
 WHEREAS, some Grange members object to receiving calls from AIL; and
 WHEREAS, the opportunity to opt out of AIL was presented in *The Colorado Granger* and not one single reply was received by the Colorado State Grange office; now therefore be it
 RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange continue partnership with American Income Life for the next year.

NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION PROCESSING FEE

WHEREAS, the National Grange has increased the registration fee for participants at the National Grange convention; and
 WHEREAS, the registration fee is intended to cover the cost of renting rooms for meetings and other general expenses (audio/visual, workshops, entertainment, speakers, meals for guests, paper, name tags, etc.); and
 WHEREAS, the National Grange also initiated a 5% processing fee on the entire registration, including meals; and
 WHEREAS, the members of the Grange pay dues; and
 WHEREAS, each state Grange has been sending \$1.00 per member each year for a special convention fund to cover convention expenses; now therefore be it
 RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange opposes the processing fee added to each registration that the National Grange has instituted.

“BOARD OF DIRECTORS” TITLE

WHEREAS, the title “Board of Directors” has a meaning in public and business that is different from its meaning in the Patrons of Husbandry; and

WHEREAS, the public understands a Board of Directors having control over the organization and its elected and appointed officers; and
 WHEREAS, Grange dictates that the Executive Committee makes decisions only between regular meetings of the Grange; and
 WHEREAS, the “Board of Directors” title is causing confusion among some Subordinate Grange members; and
 WHEREAS, Grange laws are not understood completely by all members especially by members who reside in the world where a Board of Directors has control of the officers and officials; now therefore be it
 RESOLVED, that the Grange at all levels refer to their Executive Committee as “Executive Committee” in all internal communications; and be it further
 RESOLVED, that the duties and responsibilities of the Grange Executive Committee as stated in the National *Digest* and in the installation of officers be communicated to the Granges at all levels, informing them that the Executive Committee works in conjunction with the Master and Overseer (President and Vice-President), not in control of those officers; and be it further
 RESOLVED, that the National Grange be the responsible party for communicating information about the Grange “Executive Committee” responsibilities and privileges.

NEW MEMBER PACKETS

WHEREAS, new members are essential to the continued existence of the Grange at all levels; and
 WHEREAS, each Grange is unique; and
 WHEREAS, Subordinate secretaries submit the names and addresses of new members to the Colorado State Grange secretary; now therefore be it
 Resolved: that the Colorado State Grange prepare a welcome packet for new members, explaining member benefits and that the State Grange Secretary communicates with each Grange Secretary to determine the best way to provide the packets to the new members.

APPRECIATION OF LEADERSHIP (WRITTEN IN COMMITTEE)

WHEREAS, every organization functions better with competent, even skilled, dedicated leadership; and
 WHEREAS, we have been fortunate to have Cindy Greer in leadership as our State Master for the last six years; and
 WHEREAS, Cindy is a model of service to the Grange and its members, while continuing to serve her community and family also; and
 WHEREAS, Colorado has been represented superbly at National Grange by our State Master, Cindy Greer; now therefore be it
 RESOLVED, that the Grange members at this 148th session of the Colorado State Grange extend heartfelt appreciation to Cindy Greer for her service and leadership in our Grange.

APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE (WRITTEN IN COMMITTEE)

WHEREAS, when Renee Caldwell became Colorado State Grange Secretary, the first task was relocating the State Grange office; and
 WHEREAS, it was her suggestion to move it to Florissant in order to avoid travel expenses for the Grange; and
 WHEREAS, she also helped save money by cancelling and/or not renewing some expensive equipment contracts; and
 WHEREAS, Renee worked to streamline and digitize much of the Grange's information; and
 WHEREAS, Grangers and non-Grangers all appreciated her pleasant and cheerful demeanor on work issues; now therefore be it
 RESOLVED, that the Grange members at this 148th session of the Colorado State Grange extend heartfelt appreciation to Renee Caldwell for her dedicated service as State Secretary the last six years.

GENERAL APPRECIATION (WRITTEN IN COMMITTEE)

WHEREAS, David McCord (Agriculture), Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter (Family Activities), Lisa Mittan (Community Service), Dominick Breton (Membership Development), Cindy Greer (Mandy Project), Daniel and Jenna Greer (Junior Grange and Youth Activities), Elizabeth Hiner (Information/PR), Mike Lackey (Real Estate), Jeanne Davies (Historian), and Louetta Phelps (Health Awareness) all worked as chairmen and directors the last two years; and
 WHEREAS, this successful State Session exhibits the results of their hard work; and
 WHEREAS, the officers' and delegates' diligence and service have enabled us to have an enjoyable and successful meeting; and
 WHEREAS, Ruth Wilson Francisco, especially, added to the convivial environment with her piano playing; and
 WHEREAS, Christopher Cleary worked diligently as photographer for this state meeting, and
 WHEREAS, Karen and Buddy Overstreet brought us joy and fellowship from Texas and The National Grange; now therefore be it
 RESOLVED, that the Grange members at this 148th session of the Colorado State Grange extend heartfelt thanks for those members' contributions.