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Upcoming Events

Call individual Granges for more information.

- Sept. 5,12** Florissant Quilt of Valor meets. All are welcome. 19,26
 - Sept. 9** Florissant Craft Classes. Pine Needle Baskets 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Needle Felting 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Paint with Me 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
 - Sept. 9** Sunflower Tomato Tasting/Garden-to-Table Potluck, 4 p.m. and Vintage People Band at 6 p.m. at BMan's BBQ.
 - Sept. 13** Enterprise Grange Potluck with Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - Sept. 9** Mount Lookout Community Supper, 5:30 p.m.
 - Sept. 9** Pleasant Park Regular meeting 10 a. m. followed with potluck.
 - Sept. 19** Mt. Allison Grange — Pine River Shares (PRS) Help needed starting at 8:30 a.m. Doors open to public between 11 a.m. and noon.
 - Sept. 26** Mount Lookout Officers Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 - Sept. 30** Mount Lookout Annual Pig Roast.
 - Oct. 8** Mount Lookout Community Supper, 5:30 p.m.
 - Oct. 6** Marvel Meeting cancelled due to State Session.
 - Oct. 11** Enterprise Grange Potluck with Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - Oct. 14** Sunflower Monster of Plum Creek/Big Foot Night.
 - Oct. 14** Pleasant Park Regular Meeting 10 a. m. followed with potluck.
 - Oct. 15** Enterprise Annual Chili Dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
 - October** Marvel Luau — Date to be determined.
 - Oct. 16** Mt. Allison Grange Business Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
 - Oct. 17** Mt. Allison Grange — Pine River Shares (PRS) Help needed starting at 8:30 a.m. Doors open to public between 11 a.m. and noon.
 - Oct. 24** Mount Lookout Officers Meeting.
 - October** Mt. Allison Fall Dinner — Date to be determined.
 - Nov. 3** Marvel Business Meeting.
 - Nov. 8** Enterprise Thanksgiving Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
 - Nov. 11** Pleasant Park Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Weekly Events:**
- October** "First Friday after the first frost" Bud's Pumpkin Weigh-in — Sunflower.
 - Third Thursdays — Local History Book Club, reading *Men of Sedalia* — Sunflower.
 - Florissant Every Thursday is Community Potluck and Music.
 - Florissant Business Meeting is the 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

State Grange Convention Locations

Directions To Holiday Inn Express, 2221 S. Medical Center Dr., Brighton, CO

From the South via I-25.

- Take exit 216A to merge onto I-76 East toward Fort Morgan
- Keep right to Merge onto I-76
- 7.0 miles keep right on I-76
- 8.1 miles take exit 21 onto Eagle Blvd.
- 0.3 miles turn left onto E. 144th Ave.
- .02 miles turn right
- 700 feet turn right onto S. Medical Center Dr.
- .02 miles destination is on your right.

From I-70 West

- Take exit 269B on the left to Merge onto I-76 E toward Fort Morgan
- 13 miles, Keep Right on I-76
- 8.1 miles take Exit 21 onto Eagle Blvd.
- 0.3 miles turn left onto E. 144th Ave.
- .02 miles turn right
- 700 feet turn right onto S. Medical Center Dr.
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FROM HOTEL:

Directions to Brighton Recreation Center (4.7 miles)

- Head NW toward 1800 S
- Turn left toward 1800 S

- Turn right onto 1800 S
- Turn left onto Medical Center Dr.
- Turn left onto E. 152nd Ave./E. Bromley Lane
- Turn right onto S 27th Ave.
- Turn Left onto E. 160th Ave./E. Bridge St
- Turn Right onto N. 11th Avenue

Armory Performing Arts Center (4.6 miles)

- Head Northwest toward 1800 S
- Turn left toward 1800 S
- Turn right onto 1800 S
- Turn left onto Medical Center Dr.
- Turn right onto Prairie Center Pkwy.
- Turn left on to E. 152nd Ave./E. Bromley Lane
- Turn right onto S. 4th Ave.
- Turn left onto Strong St.

Main Street Café, 161 N. Main St., Brighton (4.8 miles)

- Head Northwest toward 1800 S
- Turn left toward 1800 S
- Turn right onto 1800 S
- Turn left onto Medical Center Dr.
- Turn right onto Prairie Center Pkwy.
- Turn left on to E. 152nd Ave./E. Bromley Lane
- Turn Right onto S. 4th Ave.
- Turn left onto E. 160th Ave./E. Bridge St.
- Turn right onto N. Main Street



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\$25,000	\$75

For the higher limits below, a simple questionnaire is required to be completed.

\$50,000	\$100
\$100,000	\$120

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\$250,000	\$145
\$500,000	\$185

These are the only coverages available—choose from these set amounts.

**As a reminder, we will continue to require the Granges that opt in for coverage to be listed. We will compare the current list to the next term renewal list. If any Granges that have opted in for coverage in 2023 and they opt out of coverage in 2024 we cannot include them in the policy for three policy terms.

Raffle 2023 — Six Drawings

Raffle tickets have been sent out to most Granges and State officers or directors. This year we have six (6) items on the raffle. The tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20. Proceeds of the raffle will help Grangers attend conferences/workshops/classes, or support community service projects.

The first drawing will be for a quilt made and donated by Karen Baxter.

The second drawing will be for a handmade wood clock made by Roger Ayers.

The third drawing will be for a Camden Bag made by Cindy Greer

The fourth drawing will be for a small quilt made from blocks donated by various Grangers and put together by Karen Baxter.

The fifth drawing will be for a table topper made from blocks donated by various Grangers and put together by Karen Baxter.

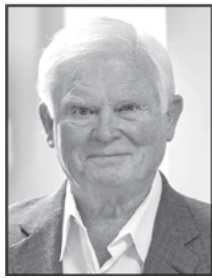
The sixth drawing will be for a photo of the Lake Tahoe area, donated by Gary Wardle.

Raffle tickets will be on sale until the drawing October 7 at the final banquet at state session. The drawing will be at 7:15 p.m. Check with your Grange secretary or a state officer or director if you would like to purchase tickets. You can also request tickets to sell by contacting Cindy at the State Grange office.

**150th State Session
Tentative Agenda
And
Meal Function
Registration Form
On The Back Page
Of This Issue**

Master's Message

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As you begin the new Grange year, I hope all Granges will have a planning meeting to plan for the new year. Look for opportunities to partner with other organizations to provide community service to your community. These partnerships can help find new members. As you plan remember this is the 150th year for the Colorado State Grange. Look for ways to publicize and celebrate this accomplishment throughout the year. The Colorado State Grange is the oldest service organization in the state.

The National Grange has received a grant to fund a program, "Reaching Rural Surgical Seniors Project". The program will provide information for older adult to be educated on ways to be prepared in case they need to be hospitalized. The grant will provide brochures and other information to share at events to help educate people. We will make available the information when it is published.

At last year's National Grange convention, the delegates passed a resolution to investigate how the National Grange should support the growing of Hemp/Cannabis. We will be looking at resolutions this year on the topic. If you have any comments on how the National Grange should proceed, please send me an email or we can talk at the state convention.

There is information in the paper on how persons can apply for grants to help pay for internet service and to purchase a computer. Please look at this opportunity. It may be of benefit to you or others in your Grange. This is funding to help get broadband service to rural areas of the State.

I hope to see all at this year's State convention.

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

Chaplain's Corner

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In Ecclesiastes reading, we consider the thoughts of "the Philosopher" as he writes about human life and the mixed life, yet common life we share in our limited days. This philosopher could not understand the mysterious injustices and events of our life. He even writes about a useless life. Yet he advises us to work hard and enjoy our days as much as we can for as long as we can.

As I prepare for the Memorial service this year, I think of all of those in our fraternal circle who have gone before us. I remember the dedicated leaders of our local Grange when I was a child and during my 70 years of membership. Each year our fraternal circle is broken and we remember the leadership and dedication of many members. Every year we honor those special people. And this year it is no different.

Outstanding members have joined the "great Grange beyond" as our ritual reads.

If you have lost someone who has

served on the State level as delegates or officers, please send information to me about their service so that we may honor them at the 150th State Session. Please send your donations to the State office in honor of all members who have passed away this year so their names will be read at the service. We are reminded "for such a time as this."

COLORADO STATE GRANGE MEMORIALS

Donations should be made payable to CSG Leadership/Scholarship and mailed to the State Grange office.

Since the last Grange paper contributions have been made to the Memorial Fund of the Leadership/Scholarship Fund in memory of the Grange members or friends listed below:

- Christie Chiton**
Animas Valley Grange
- Christopher Cleary**
Crescent Grange
- Betsy Harrison**
Mount Lookout Grange

Notes From The Secretary

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September 30 — End of third quarter.

September 30 — Reports of election of officers due for Colorado Roster.

October 4-7 — 150th Annual Convention of the Colorado State Grange.

October 31 — Quarterly reports and payment due to State office.

December 31 — End of fourth quarter.

State Session will be happening very soon. We are looking forward to seeing the delegates and members from your Grange. State Session is always a time of renewal — we renew friendships, make new friends,

renew ideas, and get new ideas for projects and programs. It's a special time that we look forward to every year.

This year we get to renew our friendship with Roger and Melanie Bostwick from Kansas. Roger is the High Priest of Demeter for the National Grange. His title means that he oversees all the ritual of the Grange and if a question arises about it he is the one who makes decisions by investigating the past records to retain its accuracy. Anyway that's my interpretation of his job. We hope you will come and meet them.

Membership recognition is one aspect of the secretary's job that



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Due to the Convention coming up October 4-7, I have nothing to report at this time. Please stay tuned to the next issue for all the post-convention news. Contest entries will be accepted October 5 beginning at 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Photo, Art, Crafts,

and writing entries will be accepted. Be sure to have your items labeled with Name, Address, Grange and Class — Rules can be found in the *Handbook* that was sent out in January and is currently on the State Grange web site.

— In Memoriam —

Betsy Harrison

A beloved mother, friend, mentor, and community activist, Betsy Harrison passed away on April 9, 2023, in her home in Mancos, surrounded by family and close friends. An activist from a young age, Betsy was involved in vigils at San Quentin penitentiary opposing the death penalty, was an anti-war protester, and trained to be a conscientious objector. She graduated from law school in her 40s.

She moved to Mancos in her 60s with the intent to retire and pursue her passions for art and photography, but retirement was not for her. Over the next 20 years, Betsy became involved in her community. She was a Mancos Town Trustee and left an indelible mark on numerous non-profit organizations in leadership board position, including Mancos Common Press, Mancos Creative District, Mancos Valley Resources, Mancos Chamber of Commerce, Mancos Food Share, Mt. Lookout Grange, and Mancos School of the West. Betsy traveled to Washington DC in 2020 to advocate for Rosa Sabido, who lived in sanctuary in Mancos for several years, while holding out hope for a private bill granting her residency in the U.S.

Betsy was a founding member in the re-organization of Mt. Lookout Grange in 2013 and continuously served an active role in the organization. The Grange was just one of many volunteer roles that she contributed to in the community. She was a dynamic leader, "devil's advocate," and her absence is already felt in the community.

She had an insatiable intellectual



Betsy Harrison

curiosity leading to a host of wild adventures which included travel, sailing, vintage car restoration, co-ownership of the Columbine Bar, and the raising native Churro sheep for which she became award-winning. Her community of friends were diverse in age & background with the commonality of shared passions and a get-it-done attitude.

Betsy never met a dog she didn't like and frequently could be seen with pets-in-tow.

She was preceded in death by Bob Goldfeder, husband and Virginia Hess, mother, who both enjoyed the hospitality of the Mancos community.

She is survived by six children and four grandchildren and countless beloved friends.

At her death, she was working with the Mancos Common Press and the board to raise funds for much needed workforce housing in downtown Mancos, as well as expanded workshop space for the Press.

Granger Deadline And Guidelines

October 15, 2023, is the deadline for articles for the November-December 2023 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326 or email costatgrange@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)

often gets neglected. I am certain that many of our members who have achieved 50 years of continuous membership have not yet been recognized. Whether your Grange decides to order the Golden Sheaf certificates and/or pins is up to you. The least you can do is give those members the exempt status on their dues. Those who have achieved 50 years of continuous membership after 2000 do not have to pay State dues, they do have to pay National dues, and your Grange may require that they pay Subordinate dues. Your Grange should be giving them this small break. The Golden Sheaf certificates from National Grange cost \$12 each plus postage. You will need the person's name, address, Grange, month, and year joined.

We will have a secretary's meeting at the State Convention. I hope to see many of you there.

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From the *Patron's Chain*, the National Grange is asking Granges to participate in their community service project. See details following:

For 20 years, the Grange has been the leading voice advocating for the expansion of broadband into rural communities. Most frequently, we focus on the infrastructure of build-out, which is still a major factor keeping millions of Americans from high-speed, reliable internet to their homes. However, for others, broadband is available but unaffordable.

For this reason, the National Grange is actively working to promote the **FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program**, which provides a discount benefit for broadband to low-income and other eligible individuals. After receiving a grant to assist with the program's promotion, we have begun registering Granges to take part in the work to inform people in the communities in which Granges are located, and beyond, about ACP.

Please remember that taking part in this outreach program is **community service**.

Certainly, we want all Grange members to know about the benefit and sign up if they are eligible, but this cannot stop within our doors. Just like giving nonperishable items to the food bank is important, so is taking the information about ACP to the director of the food bank and asking for it to be placed in the boxes and bags of recipients.

Please take the time to register your Grange to take part in this outreach service, which will allow you to receive free materials to give to your local food bank, to senior centers, to veterans' organizations in

your hometown, to place on bulletin boards in your halls, and in other community spaces, to put on tables at events your Grange takes part in and more. From placemats that can be used at your community breakfasts and dinners, to yard signs that can be placed on the lawns of members whose properties are on well-traveled roadways, there are many ways your Grange can increase awareness about the ACP program.

When you register through grange.biz/signupgrange or by texting or calling National Grange Membership and Leadership Development Director Amanda Brozana-Rios at 301-943-1090 and leaving a message, you will be assigned a Community Navigator — an individual that works with our partner, Oregon Institute for a Better Way, to help Granges plan for the outreach, order, and packaging the materials, perform data collection, and more.

Navigators — all of whom are also Grange members — will also work to collect more information about your Grange, its outreach, goals, and needs. This data will help us create future grant proposals and allow us to search for grants and other funds that may directly benefit individual Granges.

Granges that take part in this program may even be eligible for a small financial incentive, but it all starts with the first step of registering your Grange to become an outreach partner.

Registering through the link above does not commit your Grange, but will instead allow you to receive further information and connect with a navigator to brainstorm and talk about your Grange.



Family Activities

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We are looking forward to seeing all of the entries in the Family Activities Department at the State Session in Brighton, in October.

Last year there were 80 entries in both the needlework and baking events. This was an increase from

the previous year. Even though your entry may not place, you are still a winner for completing a project and entering it! It makes an interesting display to see all of the entries at the annual State Session.

The National quilt block contest

this year was a pattern called nine-patch with a half square corner.

Entries were due to the National Grange Lecturer Sept. 1., and will be on display at the 2023 National Grange Session in Niagara Falls, New York.

produce you've canned or frozen. My neighbors are more than happy to give my jars back to me when they're finished!

And for my regular reminder about sharing your bounty with others, please remember The Colorado Pet Pantry too. Here in the Denver metro area, there are several pet supply stores that also serve as donation centers. If you have sadly lost a furry member of your family and you have unopened food — including any specialty or prescription food — the Colorado Pet Pantry will be very grateful for it.

Check with your local shelter if you have food that has been opened and you won't be able to use it. Some of them will be glad to have it — particularly if it is a prescription food for a special medical need. Let's prevent people from surrendering their family pets to shelters because they don't have the funds to buy food for them, and help out the shelters too as they are all highly dependent on donations from the community.

As you read this, Halloween will be here before you know it — so the whole holiday season is right around the corner! Start now, with preparations for whatever you and your Grange want to do for those in your community who can have a happier Thanksgiving, as well as Christmas or Hannukah — or just an easier time with a cold winter. Start now. If you can prepare gifts, food boxes, or whatever you do BEFORE you and your family get swamped with all of the OTHER things you do for the holidays, the whole season can be a lot less stressful and a lot more enjoyable for you. Happy Autumn!



Community Service

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Hello Grangers! I can't believe we're nearly at the end of this Grange year! I hope to see several of you at the state session in Brighton, in October. As of this writing, I'm looking forward to reading your annual reports to see all the exciting and creative things you all have done over the past year!

Please remember that even if you haven't submitted an annual report, we all love to see your one books/scrap books for the past year. There's a lot more opportunity to share your pictures of your events with us, and if you have flyers or other things you used to promote these events, we love to see those too. We all get ideas from each other about new things we might like to try in our own communities.

There's a special contest for your books too — outside if the opportunity to possibly have your annual report be sent to the National Grange convention to represent Colorado Grangers. For these books, most people send them with their Grange's delegates to the Colorado Grange annual convention. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you may have. You can email me at mittan42@msn.com or call me at 720-413-4106. Be sure to leave a message if I don't answer the phone. I will call you back and help you.

I'm sure your vegetable gardens have been growing and hopefully you've had some fruit on your trees this year. Some parts of the state did have some unusually low temperatures for our last frost in the spring. If your trees escaped that, most of the state got plenty of rain this past spring and early summer, so hopefully that's been helpful as well.

There's an old joke about growing pumpkin seeds, flax oil, and ground flax seeds. If you eat fish, check the Monterey Bay Seafood Watch card to ensure you're eating varieties that are sustainable and not high in toxins. Taking an omega-3 supplement, whether plant- or fish-derived, is another good way to ensure proper levels. Look for those that contain EPA and DHA if you go this route.

• **Water:** That's right, water is helpful for flushing out toxins and irritants that cause inflammation. Aim to drink half your body weight in ounces a day. So, if you weigh 160 pounds, you should drink 80 ounces, which is 10 cups (not 8!) or nearly two and a half liters. The more we understand our bodies, the more we understand how essential water is not only to life but also to ensuring optimal function. In fact, go grab a glass of water right now and begin reducing inflammation in the body right now.

though as members of the nightshade family they can act as triggers for some people, explains Health.

• **Add some spice:** Some of your favorite spices reduce inflammation. Add some turmeric, cayenne pepper, thyme, rosemary, and chili powder. Onions and garlic, too, can dial down inflammation in the body. Ginger, cinnamon, and cloves are also anti-inflammatory powerhouses.

• **Omega-3s:** These fatty acids help reduce inflammation. You'll find omega-3 fatty acids in fatty fish like salmon and sardines as well as leafy green vegetables, walnuts,

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Decrease Inflammation And Feel Better EAT RIGHT

Turns out there's some truth to the idea "you are what you eat." The foods below can not only help you with reducing inflammation in the body, but they will boost your overall health.

• **High-fiber foods:** More fiber in your diet is likely to decrease inflammation, says the Arthritis Foundation. Whole grains can give you a boost of fiber as well. But don't discount sources like celery and bananas as well.

• **Go fresh:** Blueberries are at the top of the list. Eat lots of blueberries. Reach for more fruits and vegetables; the more colorful the better. Berries are packed with antioxidants, as are dark leafy greens. Peppers and tomatoes have also been shown to reduce inflammation,

the session went on, however, it became increasingly clear that the weight of that responsibility had caused intraparty fault lines to form. The earliest indication of that friction was the defeat of **House Bill 1118 (Fair Workweek Employment Standards)**, an unusually aggressive labor measure that would have (among other provisions) required employers across a vast array of industries to guarantee employees certain shifts weeks in advance and, correspondingly, compensate those workers for deviations from that scheduling. That proposal ultimately failed on an 8-2 vote in its first committee of reference near the session's midpoint but, in many ways, set the tone for many intra-caucus fights to follow.

For example, **House Bill 1249 (Reduce Justice-involvement For Young Children)**, a proposal to remove all prosecutorial jurisdiction from children ages 10 to 12 for any crime short of homicide, passed the House but then languished in the Senate as more and more lawmakers raised vocal and public objections. Resultantly, the bill was largely gutted and converted into a mechanism for data collection and grant distribution on the second-to-last day of the session.

In an even more high-profile dispute (and a very public defeat for Democratic Gov. Jared Polis),

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Legislative Activity

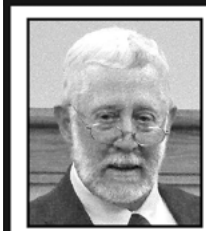
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Hurried. Chaotic. Contentious.

Any or all of these terms could be used to describe the first regular session of Colorado's 74th General Assembly, particularly as it neared its constitutionally mandated end this past Monday at midnight. While the 120-day lawmaking period began back in January with a familiar cadence, with both newly elected and returning legislators easing into the work and proceedings focusing more on ceremony than actual policymaking, by the session's halfway point decorum had largely turned to disarray and cordiality had given way to controversy.

Democrats entered into the session in an almost unprecedented position of power with a 46-19 supermajority in the House and a 23-12 near supermajority in the Senate. However, as more and more bills were introduced — a whopping 617 in total — it became clear that Democrats would not only need to navigate tense working relationships with their Republican colleagues but also within their own party in order to successfully pursue their policy priorities.

Following resounding wins this past November, Democrats bore the responsibility to deliver on both actual and perceived electoral mandates, ranging from solutions on affordable housing, criminal justice, gun violence, and environmental protection, among many others. As



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They're Back! The same kind of individuals, all animal extremists, that attempted to destroy Colorado's animal agriculture via the failed INITIATIVE 16 (PAUSE ACT) of two years ago are back. That one was proposed by two Denver-Boulder area individuals with links to known extremist groups PETA and a similar group Direct Action Everywhere. The measure failed to make it to the ballot due to faults in the title.

Now, a five-member group located in Denver that operate under a broad stroke statement: "We're building a political movement to end the farming of animals through grassroots campaigns to turn public support for animals into law," are proposing to ban slaughterhouses and the sale of fur products in Denver.

Bogus. Their justifications are lame claiming that removing livestock from the environment will prevent global warming and improve human lives. Titles of the two initiatives:

1. "Shall the voters of the City and County of Denver adopt an ordinance concerning a prohibition of fur products, and, in connection, beginning July 1, 2025, prohibiting the manufacture, distribution, display, sale, or trade of certain animal fur products in the City; and providing limited exceptions to the prohibition?"

"Fur means any animal skin or part thereof with hair, fleece, or fur fibers attached thereto, either in its raw or processed state; or such hair, fleece, or fur fibers detached from any animal skin and re-attached to another material." The two major fur sales I am aware of occur at the National Western event in January, and at the annual Sportsmen's show at the Convention Center, also in January. The ban would also apply to sportsmen's stores where fishing supplies, artificial flies, and fly tying materials made from animal fur are sold. I know of one individual that harvests tails off street-killed squirrels for use in making flies — which could become a crime. And, at extremes, Stetson hats, and other hat brands, could be prohibited as their materials include beaver fur. What next, wool shirts?

2. "Shall the voters of the City and County of Denver adopt an ordinance prohibiting slaughterhouses,

and in connection, beginning January 1, 2026, prohibiting the construction, maintenance, or use of slaughterhouses within the City, and requiring the City to prioritize residents whose employment is affected by the ordinance in workforce training or employment assistance programs."

This initiative would ban the construction, maintenance, or use of slaughterhouses within the city, and require the city to implement a worker assistance program to assist those who were employed by the facilities. If passed, the proposal would go into effect Jan. 1, 2026. The ban could extend to anyone who slaughters chickens or other livestock used for personal consumption.

Signature-gathering is the next step for the initiatives which is aimed at the April 2024 municipal election.

Superior Farms is the largest slaughterhouse, and possibly only one in Denver, a lamb processor, with an employment of 170 people located near the National Western grounds and the CSU Spur Campus. Their lamb products serve grocery stores and restaurants throughout Colorado and other states.

Both proposals are in the signature gathering phase to make it onto Denver's 2024 Spring ballot. They need to gather over 26,000 signatures by November 11. They use paid circulators.

Colorado's fur trade includes trapping and hide harvesting here in the State in a closely regulated environment overseen by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Furs and hides are also provided from sources outside our state. While trapping is a small industry, it is very important to those engaged in its pursuit.

My concern is that if these extremists gain more footing they will attempt further prohibitions including a ban on livestock harvesting and game hunting as they propose in Oregon, with an initiative effort there to make it illegal to kill animals of any kind. The extremists were successful in gaining approval of a fur sales ban in Boulder several years ago: "It shall be unlawful to manufacture, sell, display for sale, distribute, or trade for monetary or nonmonetary consideration any Fur or Fur Product in the City."

This must be stopped.

all of the aforementioned dynamics reached a boiling point. Both the House and Senate worked on a Sunday for the first time in 84 years. In addition to Senate Bill 213, four other bills died on the calendar. House Republicans walked out of the chamber Monday night before casting votes in protest of what they viewed as an unfair and rushed process on **Senate Bill 303 (Reduce Property Taxes And Voter-approved Revenue Change)**, another governor-led measure to address ballooning property tax assessments that also implicated taxpayer refunds under the state's Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR). And, shortly thereafter, House Democrats clashed in an informal caucus meeting where first-year House Speaker Julie McCluskie (D) was criticized for not more aggressively championing the legislative priorities of the progressive wing of her caucus and tolerating politically incorrect comments and stall tactics from Republicans.

Because of the unpredictable (and sometimes outright ugly) political reality within the building, the state's employers and broader busi-

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Denver's tiny home community at 4001 Monroe St. is going from 24 to 44 homes, gaining a community center, and getting a number of site infrastructure improvements. City Council approved the \$500,000 contract with Colorado Village Collaborative on Monday.

Colorado Village Collaborative also reopened another one of its villages in May, specifically serving women, transgender, and non-binary people. Colorado Village Collaborative CEO Dede de Percin said the timing is key, given the **upcoming closure of the Rodeway Inn**, a temporary pandemic shelter for women, transgender, and non-binary people.

Once an experimental program, the expansion shows how temporary units like tiny homes and sanctioned camping sites for people experiencing homelessness have grown in

Denver in recent years. Denver opened its **first tiny home village in 2017**. But it met with community pushback when the time came to renew its lease at 38th Ave. and Blake St., resulting in a **move to Globeville**. Denver's first safe outdoor campsites, opened in 2020, also **faced pushback** from community groups.

But in the years since, as the housing crisis has persisted, approaches like tiny home villages have become more normalized as a way to serve people experiencing homelessness. The sites seek to provide low-barrier, temporary housing options for people who often cannot access other shelters or just need time to get back on their feet.

"We're settling in as a track record of being responsible community members, we work with community agreements, we meet with the

RNO's [Registered Neighborhood Organizations], and really just do everything we can to try to allay people's concerns and sort of prove ourselves as a good neighbor," de Percin said. "I don't think it hurts that the mayor-elect has been out there talking about this pretty relentlessly."

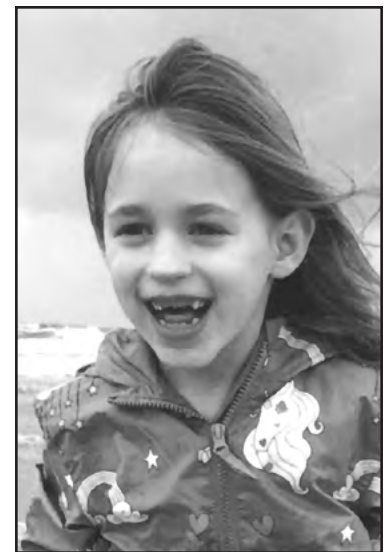
In June, City Council voted to make safe campsites and safe parking sites a **permanent part of Denver's zoning code**, using the standards for tiny home villages as a guide. And during the spring mayoral election, mayor-elect Mike Johnston made tiny home villages a **key part of his plan** to address homelessness.

De Percin emphasized that while adding homes is important, a lot more work must be done to address homelessness.

"A lot of our time and effort goes into helping people along their journey to stable housing, however long that takes, and so it's not just the housing piece, it's the whole programmatic and services and support that go along with that," she said. "Just putting up housing is not going to, really, I feel like, solve some of the longer-term problems."

Dear Ms. Greer,

I'm writing to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and your organization for your generous contribution of funds for Eliza's hearing aids. It is such a relief to know that we can give Eliza the hearing support she needs without the stress of the financial impact. Thank you for all that you do to support Colorado children and their families!



Eliza McCullar

Thank you note from the McCullar family.

Mandy Project

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Eliza McCullar

Earlier this year, Eliza McCullar, age seven of Longmont, was diagnosed with mild sensorineural hearing loss in both ears after failing a school hearing screening. The cause of hearing loss is unknown but is most likely genetic. Eliza's audiologist recommended that she wear hearing aids in both ears.

The family's goals are to provide

ness community were faced with as challenging a policymaking process as any in recent memory. While Colorado's business community has been forced into a more defensive posture in the last four years since Democrats won a trifecta in the governor's office, House and Senate in 2018, the 2023 session's divisiveness caused otherwise entrenched stakeholdering and negotiating standards to oftentimes break down, leaving employers and business entities too often scrambling to ameliorate harmful legislation or otherwise protect their interests.



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Annual Meeting and election of officers — October 6 after Gala — location to be determined.

PICK has partnered with Shanda Price, a member of Mt Allison Grange, who needed assistance obtaining funding for middle school cheerleaders. PICK provided her with our EIN number so that donations could be tax deductible. As of August 15, we have not received any funding.

PICK was granted \$1,500 from La Plata Electric roundup foundation for his Raptor rehabilitation/education project. We have also received a donation from the Go Fund Me page that was established for the project. Those who live in the La Plata Electric area should be signed up for the roundup program as that is how they get their funds for projects.

Eliza with hearing aids so that she can continue to succeed at school and in her daily life.

Eliza is currently receiving audiology services at Children's Hospital Colorado, which does not accept Cigna Connect insurance, and they have not been able to find another provider in their area who accepts their insurance and pediatric patients. Her father has been unemployed since November 2022. Her mom works as a part-time kindergarten paraprofessional during the school year. The Colorado State Grange awarded this family \$1,000 and PICK awarded them \$500 toward the expenses for the hearing aids needed.

Emilee Awe

Emilee Awe of Denver is 10 years old and attends Bradley International School. She suffers from a unilateral hearing loss (moderate) due to a bone that did not develop correctly in utero, which was not discovered until she was tested in school. Emilee's hearing loss has resulted in a slight speech delay that

has improved with school-based speech language therapy sessions. She will require surgery to repair it which comes with major risks of complications and or complete hearing loss. She has decided she wants to continue with a hearing aid.

The family's goals are that she continues to nurture confidence with education and support of school and family.

A few months after discovering she was hard of hearing, Emilee was admitted into Colorado Children's hospital ICU with a life-threatening case of DKA (Diabetic Keto Acidosis). As Type 1 juvenile diabetes did not present itself in an obvious manner, her family was unaware until it was a very serious situation. Her mom has multiple sclerosis with bi-annual treatments in excess of \$110,000 each. Emilee is also receiving treatment at Children's Hospital Colorado.

Emilee handles both hearing loss and diabetes with confidence and stride. She is considered academically gifted and talented, has been the Optimist Club's Citizen of the month and is thought of as a classroom role model.

The Mandy project committee has awarded this family a total of \$1,500 toward their expenses.



Emilee Awe

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Senate Bill 213 (Land Use) — an affordable housing initiative that would have upended decades of local governments' land use authority in favor of state-mandated upzoning and density requirements — died on the calendar after Democrats in both chambers could not agree on certain key provisions.

Meanwhile, by virtue of the margins in each chamber, Republicans were forced into an almost exclusively reactive position for much of the session, raising objections to Democrats' priority bills at every available juncture but rarely able to effect policy changes on their own. However, as the lawmaking clock continued to tick, Republicans became increasingly opportunistic, using informal filibusters and having bills read at length to wear down their Democratic colleagues. In response, Democrats regularly scheduled weekend work periods and, in a stunning move, repeatedly invoked a rarely used rule to limit the time of debate on certain bills, much to the chagrin of House Republicans in particular.

In the session's last three days,

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Sunflower

Contact Cherry Ellis, 303-688-1997, cherryellis5@yahoo.com, sunflowergrange.org, P.O. Box 221, Sedalia CO 80135, for further information.

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 9 — Tomato-Tasting/Garden-to-Table Potluck at 4 p.m. and Vintage People Band at 6 p.m. at BMan's BBQ.

Oct. 14 — Monster of Plum Creek/Big Foot Night.

October — "first Friday after the first frost" Bud's Pumpkin Weigh-in.

Third Thursdays Local History Book Club, reading *Men of Sedalia*.

2023 has been a great summer for Sunflower and Sedalia.

Huge crowds celebrated Bud's Bar's 75th anniversary in July. The Vintage People and other local musicians played in the alley next door (during COVID known as "Billy's Deere Garden"). Chet Hier's book on Bud's, *I Shouldn't Say This*, records "Memories, stories, and laughter from 75 years of gatherings inside Bud's Bar, a notorious watering hole and hangout for ranchers, cowboys, friends, and the curious..." Owner Garo Chalian is trying to keep Bud's unchanged, with great hamburgers and cheeseburgers (no fries), mounted trophy trout, cowboy pictures, local murals, and the "Board" of Billy Moore, Chet Hier, and Guy Elder who hold office hours there daily at 11 and 3. We look forward to October's pumpkin weigh-in, another Billy and Bud's tradition.

We enjoyed another night of music at BMan's with the Vintage People July 29. The line dancers were in excellent form. Sandi arranged for Marla Gifford of Louviers to teach some dance classes. Since then, we've discovered Marla danced at her Kansas Grange as a child, she is a third-generation dance teacher, she has a dance group that entertains for conferences and other gatherings, and she can coordinate the most uncoordinated of us! The best news is that Marla joined our Grange. Welcome, Marla! Music and dance are the best therapy for any community. It's impossible to be grumpy when dancing.

BMan's crew actually got to take a break and enjoy the music with the rest of us. They received several rounds of applause for making band nights possible and for being such good hosts. Terry Schreiner and McKenna Coe sang two duets, and he reminded everyone that five generations of the band members' families have now performed in Sedalia — McKenna is that 5th generation. Four generations of Hiers attended that night, including Bruce's parents. Music is important to our town. Nothing else brings everyone together in such a wonderful way. (https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/how_music_bonds_us_together)

Thanks to Jim Weglarz and Mary O'Pry of Historic Douglas County for letting us share their booth at the Douglas County Fair. Their new book *Douglas County Colorado: Prehistory to 2020* is well-researched, well-written, and filled with photos. Anyone interested in Colorado history will want a copy, especially those living in Douglas County because local history connects us to the place we live. Margaret Ellis and Cherry have a Constitution Project this year spurred in part by reading the Constitution in Great Books. Margaret is a DAR member and was able to purchase pocket Constitutions; several books have been distributed to book club members, new Grangers, and some Fair-goers. At DC Fair, both political parties were also distributing Constitutions, so Douglas County residents should all be civically well-educated!

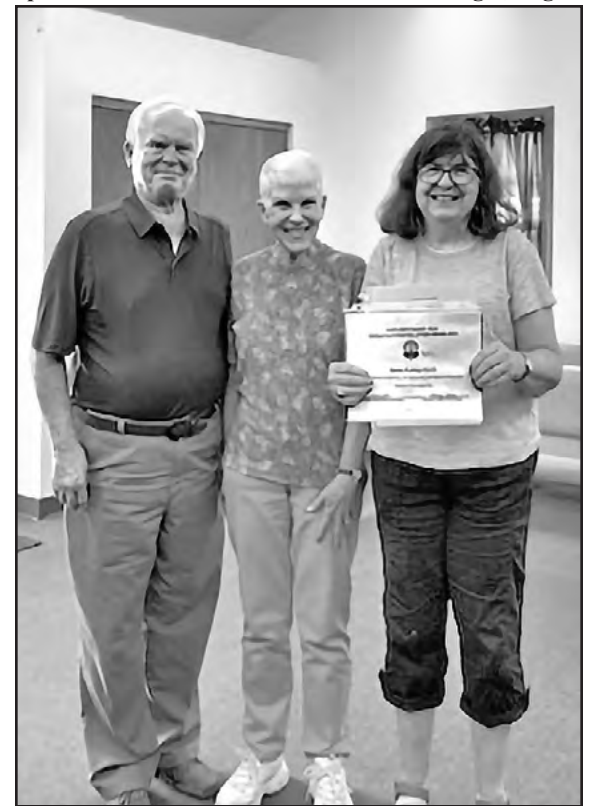
BJ Bushman, another new Grange member this summer, was at the Farm Bureau's booth with information on seeds, beef, legislation, Future Farmers of America, and more pertaining to agricultural producers. The Grange and Farm Bureau have many common interests, so we hope to partner especially on agricultural activities. Welcome, BJ. It's so good to have you in our Grange!

Though our Grange had no entries in the DC Fair, the local Canyon Quilters (Sedalia, Louviers, and Deckers) entered a Grandmother's Flower Garden of hexagon flowers in the "Large Quilt" category. The 56 "flowers" were hand-sewn by a woman who passed away before completing the quilt, so the Quilters finished the project and won the blue ribbon and "Best in Show" for its category. Congratulations!

Colorado State Grange President Gary Wardle and Kathy Wardle (artist) attended our August 12 Grange meeting. They started the day very early flipping pancakes with the 4-H youth at Wheat Ridge's 54th Annual Carnation Festival. At our meeting, Gary welcomed the new members



Celebrating Bud's Bar's 75th anniversary in July, Billy Moore and Chet Hier.



State Grange President Gary Wardle welcoming new members to Sunflower Grange.



Dance teacher and new Sunflower Grange Member Marla Gifford coordinating line dancing at BMan's featuring music by the Vintage People.

in attendance, Jami Lopeman, Marla Gifford, and SuJeanne Foster, and he presented the Sedalia Citizen award to Betty Purkey-Huck for her community leadership. We postponed elections until new members could get acquainted with the organization, and we discussed the State Session in Brighton in October. I wish we could have Gary and Kathy at every meeting. We were grateful

for their attendance especially after such a busy morning.

Sedalia Artists Community is hosting a Power of Community meeting August 21, 4-6pm at the Firehouse. Local businesses and groups are invited to join in planning of community events and supporting one another. Local artist, SuJeanne Foster, has embroidered customized key rings for several local business-



New Sunflower Grange member BJ Bushman, third from left, was at the Farm Bureau's booth at the Douglas County Fair.

es and organizations as a thank you for being part of our community. SuJeanne just joined the Grange at our last meeting, so is our newest member. Welcome, SuJeanne!

Granger Wayne Eads, one of Greeley Stampede's organizers, is a dedicated gardener who shares his ideas in emails.

Wayne and other gardeners will come to this year's Tomato Tasting/

Garden-to-Table Potluck on September 9 at 4 p.m. at BMan's bringing dishes created from their gardens. They'll read original vegetable poetry aloud. A few years ago, Wayne accompanied his poem with guitar; we always hope he'll repeat the performance! Then at 6 p.m., we'll all enjoy The Vintage People and dancing! You're all invited!

Cherry Ellis

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

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

For those in southwest Colorado, you are welcomed to enter exhibits at the La Plata Pomona Exhibit Day.

It will be held on Saturday, September 9 at the Florida Grange Hall. Entries will be accepted from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. A planning meeting for all La Plata subordinate Granges will also be held at 5 p.m. with a potluck at approximately 6 p.m.

As a reminder, entries are accepted for the following departments:

- Family Activities
- Lecturer
- Junior Grange

Guidelines and categories for each department can be found in the 2022-23 *Handbook*. This was sent earlier this year and can also be found online at: <http://coloradogranger.org/handbook/2023/2023-Handbook.pdf>.

Be sure to label each of your entries as follows:

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Baking: Recipe printed on recipe card, Contestant's Name, Address, Grange, and Class.

Food Preservation: Name of item and Class, Method of processing, Month and year processed, Contestant's name, Address, and Grange.

Needlework, Quilting, And Sewing: Class, Name, Address, and Grange.

LECTURER

Name, Address, Grange or sponsoring Grange, Class, Member or Non-member, and Value.

JUNIOR GRANGE

Name, Age, Sponsoring Grange or Junior Grange, Member or Non-member, and Class.

We hope to see you at Exhibit Day.

Larry Corman

Marvel

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

October 6 — Meeting cancelled due to State Session.

October — Luau — Date to be determined.

November 3 — Business Meeting.

July 9 we held our annual Ice Cream Social where approximately 95 people enjoyed 12 different flavors of ice cream today as we honored veterans. There were 15 or 16 veterans in attendance. Larry Cordell and Ray Miller were presented quilts of Valor. Larry served in the Army 1971-1973. Ray Served in the Air Force 1969-1973. We thank all our Veterans for their service for we all know that Freedom really isn't free.

July 29 we had a community breakfast with around 100 in attendance. We shared ACP (Affordable Connectivity Program) material with all in attendance and had raffle tickets available for the state Grange raffle.

August 4-14 several Marvel Grangers worked at the county fair and



Marvel's annual Ice Cream Social was well attended.

participated in activities. Thank you to Sheryl Ayers, Sandy Valencia, Diane Delaney, and Harry Greer for volunteering to work for Marvel at the Pomona food concession.

Thanks to Roger and Sheryl Ayers, Sandy Valencia, Billy Greer, Tom Campion, and Cindy Greer for helping to clean the kitchen.

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The annual Darden Pomona picnic was hosted by Pleasant Park Grange in Conifer in July. It was a perfect summer day for a picnic and everyone enjoyed good food and good fellowship.

We had a celebration for Bob Kuehster's birthday with cake and ice cream. He went to school in the building which was converted to the Grange Hall and he is a very long-time member of Pleasant Park Grange. Happy Birthday, Bob!

Door prizes were given out and many went home with a new gift.

The September meeting was held at Maple Grove Grange.

Idella Lewis

Enterprise

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

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 — 6:30 pm Potluck with Meeting to follow. Potluck will be a regular potluck. We will discuss preparations for the State Grange convention and plan our 2022-2023 Grange year. We will decide on any future outings that may interest the group. Come with your ideas.

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 — 6:30 p.m. Potluck with Meeting to follow. We will discuss plans for the upcoming chili dinner, our winter community service projects, the Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners. The delegates to the State Grange Convention will update the members on the outcomes of the convention.

Sunday, October 15, 2023 — from 5 to 6:30 p.m. — Annual Chili Dinner. ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Location: Enterprise Grange Building, 7203 Simms Street, NW Corner of 72nd Avenue and Simms Street in Arvada.

Serving: Chili (Meat and bean, Green and Red, in all temperatures from mild to HOT.

Also available: Hot Dogs, Chili Cheese Dogs, Chips, Dessert, soft drinks and coffee with each meal.

Cost: Adults — \$10; Children — 5 to 12 — \$5; Children Under 5, eat free.

Tickets can be obtained from any member of the Enterprise Grange or by calling Dorothy Dannels at 303-425-0111 or Carol Lackey at 303-521-4477. All proceeds benefit our Holiday Senior Stocking Projects. Pre-purchased tickets are not necessary, just easier for planning purposes. Join us if you can! There's always plenty for everyone.

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 — Thanksgiving potluck at 6:30 p.m. Carin' Clinic and Shannon's Hope clients (if available) will join us along with any Granger, friends, and family who wish to attend. Our Thanksgiving feast is a traditional potluck with turkey and all the trimmings. Turkey, potatoes and gravy, beverages, and desserts are provided by the Grange. Attendees bring a small dish to share.

We do not have meetings in June and July.

Our Community Service Night was held in August this year. We started with a potluck. Our honoree was Brendon Dougherty. Brendon has been with the fire department in Arvada for 26 years and is currently a company officer. His most important community service work is done with an organization called Reach Beyond. It is a sending organization headquartered in Colorado Springs. A sending organization wants to reach unreached people everywhere so they are able to hear about Jesus, see Him in action and learn how to follow Him. They define the unreached as people, cultures, and locations where Jesus Christ is largely unknown, and the church is insufficient to make Him known in its broader population without outside help. Since 2018, he has worked with short-term and regional teams



Mike Lackey will Enterprise Grange Community Service Night honoree Brendon Dougherty.

in the area of risk assessment. Here he has the opportunity to engage his skills, resources, and prayers in reaching the unreached.

The other and very significant role he plays is in Athens, Greece. Reach Beyond has a strategic partner in an organization called One Heart. One Heart is an official Greek Non-profit that started in 2017, serving refugees primarily through medical care in their downtown Athens' clinic. Besides operating a medical clinic, One Heart provides care in physiotherapy, ophthalmology, and counseling. This has become his job focus with Reach Beyond where he currently schedules, coordinates, trains, and leads teams to work at One Heart. Along with this, he assists with administrative projects and helps manage the clinic while in Athens. He will be in Athens in October. He is also learning Farsi to better serve the refugees.

This year we are continuing our Stocking projects for Seniors and Disadvantage 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, etc.
- Toiletries, i.e. small packets of facial tissues, shaving cream, combs, nail polish, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion etc.
- 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.

We are looking forward to productive and successful year.

Carol Lackey

Maple Grove

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

Maple Grove Grangers met in July for the annual picnic followed by a short business meeting. The slate of officers will remain the same with Ed Allen taking on the office of Gatekeeper. Delegates to the State Grange Session will be J Kelly and John Cruz.

Several members attended the Darden Pomona picnic held at Pleasant Park Grange in Conifer in July and had an enjoyable time.

A cleanup day was held in July with many Grange members and renters of the Grange coming to help with many tasks. Now we feel like things are sparkling clean to start a new Grange year. Thank you to everyone who came to help!

The Words For Thirds Dictionary Project will be held at Peak Elementary in September.

The floor in the hall was refinished by Artistic Impressions. It looks beautiful and should last awhile.

Idella Lewis

Pleasant Park

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

Sept. 9 — Regular meeting 10



Pleasant Park Grange members celebrating Bob Kuehster's 97th birthday.

a.m. followed with potluck.

Oct. 14 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with potluck.

Nov. 11 — Regular meeting 10 a.m. followed with Thanksgiving Dinner.

Welcome to new members Suzanne Stevenson, Chuck and Joanne Newby, Jon and Mary Kullmann, and Jane and Brad Parker.

The Pomona Picnic was held on July 8 at noon. There was fun, food, fellowship! Thank you to the Grangers who came up from down the hill!

We also celebrated Bob Kuehster's 97th birthday that day.

The Bicycle Rest Stop is open. The rain has kept many riders away. It is the main fund raiser for this Grange and a large thank you to Sharon Bonomo and the large crew that keep it stocked and organized.

Al Leo and Jean Dent hosted a wildfire/defensive space informational meeting on June 10. They are working hard to keep our community safe.

Donna Beck led a cemetery tour of the Conifer Cemetery after the August meeting. All history buffs were invited to attend.

A special thank you to the cleanup crew as they continue to make our Grange Hall glisten and the yard work keeps many busy as many of the trees in the yard have to come down.

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

Yvonne Ludwig

Golden Gate

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Grange Meeting — Thursday, September 14 at 3:30 p.m.

Community Brunch/Awards Ceremony — Sunday, September 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Golden Gate Auxiliary Pig Roast — Saturday, September 23 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast — Sunday, October 9 from 8 to 10 a.m.

Grange Meeting — Thursday, October 12 at 3 p.m. — New Time for October.

Private Event Fall Harvest Dance — Saturday, October 14 at 7 p.m.

Holiday Craft Fair — Saturday, October 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Trunk or Treat — Saturday, October 28 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Grange Meeting — Thursday, November 2 at 3:30 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast — Sunday, November 12 from 8 to 10 a.m.

Wreath Making — Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Grange Meeting — Thursday, December 7 at 3:30 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast — Sunday, December 10 from 8 to 10 a.m.

Yoga — Wednesdays, from 3 to 4 p.m. (Live at the Grange)

Line Dancing Class — 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. (No class on 10/20)

AA — Every Tuesday from 7 p.m.

Our Rummage Sale was a huge success with record setting sales. Thanks to the event organizer, DeeDee Ramstetter, and her many helpers who all contributed their time and energy to make this the best sale ever! A huge thanks to those who donated some remarkable items that surprised and delighted our shoppers.

Buffalo Bill Days Mutton Bust-in' was a blast again this year. The youngsters were organized and outfitted by Grange members Terri Costeldia, DeeDee Ramstetter, and Deb Curlee.

Our Grange Meetings for September and October will be moved to the second Thursday of the month. In October the meeting will start at 3 p.m.

On September 17 we will hold our Community Brunch and Awards Ceremony. This event is open to everyone in the community, Grange members, and the rest of the community. This is a good chance to bring a relative, friend, or neighbor to the Golden Gate Grange to see what we are all about! We will serve a sumptuous

brunch with pancakes, bagels, casseroles, yogurt, fruit, baked goods! If you would like to help setting up or by bringing a baked good or brunch casserole, call or email Terri Costeldia (contact info above). We will have a short ceremony to honor our Grangers of the year. These are people who have contributed in a significant way to the Grange and the greater community.

Pancake Breakfasts return in October on the second Sunday of the month from 8 to 10 a.m. Join us for eggs, pancakes, sausages, juice, and coffee. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 10.

The Golden Gate Auxiliary will hold their annual Pig Roast at the Golden Gate Grange on September 23. This fundraiser supports the GG-FPD Firefighters by providing funds for training, equipment, and other items which aid our wonderful volunteers in their service to the community. Besides great food, there will be both Paddle and Silent Auctions.

The Line Dance Group will hold a Harvest Dance on October 14. All are invited to attend. Details on exact time and cost will be sent to everyone on email.

Our Holiday Craft Fair has a new date — October 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will have a wide array of handcrafted items from arts and artisans in Golden Gate and the surrounding communities. Start your holiday shopping early! Lunch and baked goods will be available. Donations of baked goods are always appreciated. You can deliver them the morning of the Craft Fair. Thanks in advance for all those wonderful bakers that donate their delicious treats every year.

The popular Trunk 'n Treat Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. Our little ghosts and goblins, princesses and pirates are invited to show off their costumes while visiting the "Trunkers" for candy treats! If you would like to host a spot as a Trunker or would like to donate small wrapped candy for the event contact Terri Costeldia (contact info at left).

On December 2 we will have our Wreath Making Event. We will provide local greenery and other materials that will enable you to make your own beautiful wreath. You can

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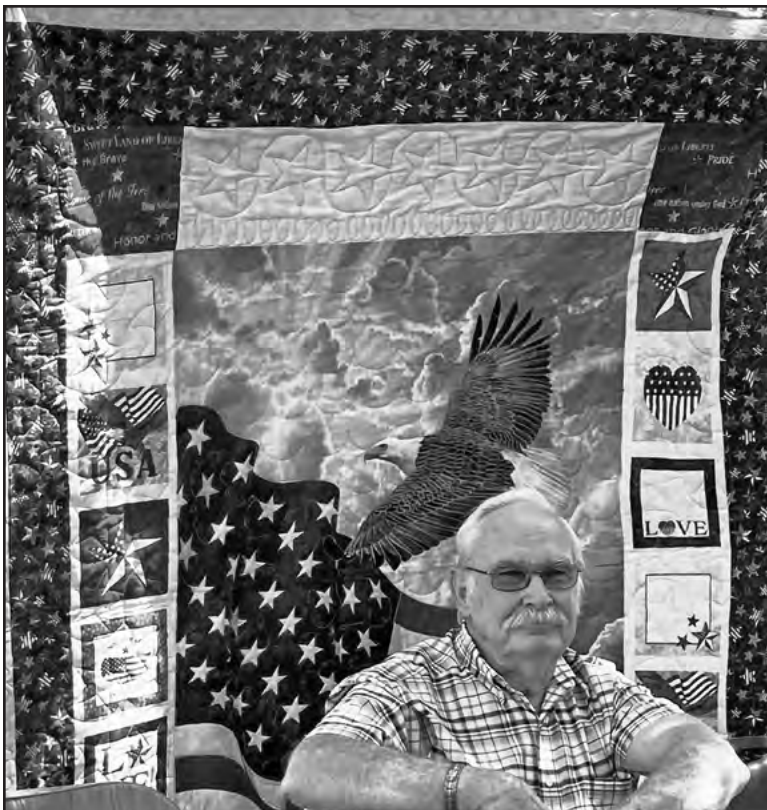


A big thank you to our Golden Gate Grange Cleanup volunteers.



Golden Gate visiting the Centennial House, left, and local historian Mary Ramstetter at dedication, right.

Florissant Grange Summer Events 2023



Marvel Grange Quilt of Valor recipient Larry Cordell.



Cindy Greer with Marvel Grange Quilt of Valor recipient Ray Miller.

■ **Marvel**

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August 19 several members participated in the La Plata Pomona Grange Picnic.

Marvel Grange send a letter to CDOT about the intersection of County Road 134 and State Hwy. 140 and the need for additional double yellow striping or a turn lane due to several accidents having occurred at that location.

We re-elected all of our current officers.

Several members will be participating in the Pomona Exhibit Day September 9.

We are grateful to a Marvel Grange neighbor, Poncho Dudley, who did a fantastic job of weedeating the vegetation around the Grange Hall.

Cindy Greer

Marvel JG

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

We met July 31 and worked on deaf awareness posters and wood

■ **Golden Gate**

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bring a wire base from home or purchase one from us for \$5.

Yoga is held on Wednesdays from 3 to 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.

Website: www.GoldenGateGrange.com/Facebook: Golden Gate Canyon Community Grange phone: 303-273-9516.

Jayne Ruesch

craft projects. Several Juniors were involved in 4-H and participated in the county Fair August 9-13. Several Juniors helped out in the Pomona food concession throughout the fair at various times. We met again on August 21 to work on more crafts before school began.

Cindy Greer

Mt. Allison

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

Sept. 9 — La Plata Pomona Exhibit Day at Florida Grange Hall. (See details under La Plata Pomona.)

Sept. 19 — Pine River Shares (PRS) Help needed starting at 8:30 a.m. — doors open to public between 11 a.m. and noon.

Oct. 16 — Mt. Allison Grange Business Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 17 — Pine River Shares (PRS) Help needed starting at 8:30 a.m. — doors open to public between 11 a.m. and noon.

October — Fall Dinner (TBD)

It's been a slow summer for Mt. Allison Grange although we have had two Field to Fork Dinners hosted by Pine River Shares. We're in ongoing discussions regarding how we can better partner with PRS to better serve our community in regards to food.

Don't forget about the Exhibit Day at the Florida Grange Hall on Sept 9. Refer to the handbook for the all of the categories for entries in Women's and Family Activities, Junior Grange, and the Lecturer's Program. It's always a good time and a chance to showcase your talents.

Larry Corman

Pikes Peak

El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

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

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 9 — Craft Classes: Pine Needle Baskets, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Needle Felting, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Paint With Me, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26 — Quilt of Valor meets. All are welcome.

Every Thursday is Community Potluck and Music.

Business meeting is the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

The 4-H Expo was held at the Grange on July 8. Those that attended were treated with not only livestock, but sewing, cake decorating, woodworking, small engine repair, and robotics projects by the 4-H'ers from Teller County.

The Woodland Park High School 50 Year Reunion was held at the Florissant Grange. There were about 36 members from the class of 1973 in attendance and they all had a great time. The Florissant Grange Gift Shop was open by request during the reunion.

Heritage Day, July 29, was the best Community Event in many years. The Fossil Beds National Monument was open for Free visitation, The Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum was open all day, the Florissant Cemetery was open with Historic maps to famous and important people of Florissant, and at the Florissant Grange, we had 14 Crafters and Vendors, Free Hotdogs and Hamburgers, and Ice Cream, and the Gift Shop was open. The Quilt of Valor ladies set up a table selling hand crafted items as a fund raiser for QOV and we presented two Quilts to a very prominent couple here in Teller County.

August 5, the Grange was open for a beautiful Wedding in our Hall. The couple and families and friends had a great time.

July was very busy for us with Harvest Host. We were filled with campers all month. Many of them attended our Thursday Potluck and Music. August has slowed down somewhat, but the end of August will pick up again over Labor Day Weekend.

The Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor group will be awarding three quilts on August 24 at our Potluck and Music to our Teller County Commissioner Dan Williams, his wife, and another young man.

We planned our Lawn Mowing races at our Hall, but our member Scott Sensabaugh and his son showed up early and finished the whole task including all the weed-eating. What a great couple of guys.

We gave a tour of the Grange Hall to a group of Home School Students in August. They were excited to hear all about how the old School was used and how school was operated back in the 1800s.

In September we have a group of people coming up from La Junta to learn to make Pine Needle Baskets and they will return in October to learn needle felting and glass painting.

October is for Halloween, of course. We will be doing some transformations of the Grange Hall for the kiddos. We are in the planning stages, but hope to have a haunted house inside and a scary outdoor path of ghouls to follow.

Renee Caldwell

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.



Florissant Grange Quilts of Valor presentations.

Tentative State Grange Convention Agenda

150th State Session of the COLORADO STATE GRANGE Program

All State Session Meetings and Exhibits will be held at the Holiday Inn Express

All meeting of the State Session of the Colorado State Grange will be held in the **Fourth Degree** and members of any Grange in any state may attend.

Delegates must present their credential cards if the Secretary of their Grange has not already mailed them to the Secretary of the Colorado State Grange prior to the opening of the State Session.

Pianist: Ruth Wilson Francisco
Photographer: Christopher Cleary



Wednesday, October 4, 2023

4:00 p.m. Set up for meeting

6:00 p.m. Officers and Directors Dinner

7:00 p.m. Sixth Degree Practice
State Officers

Practice for Memorial Service to follow

THURSDAY, October 5, 2023

9:30 a.m. Registration
Check-in time for Lecturer, Family Activities, & Junior Grange contest entries for judging.

9:45 – 10:00 a.m. State Session Committee Chairmen meet with the State Master.

10:00 a.m. New Delegates meet with State Master

10:30 a.m. All State Session Delegates work on Resolutions.

11:45 a.m. – recess for lunch
12:00 p.m. – Lunch
1:15 p.m. Opening of the Colorado State Grange
In full form in the Sixth Degree.
Lowering to the Fourth Degree.
Receiving Honored Guests
Roll Call of Officers/Directors
Communications address from National President

Adopting Convention Agenda
Partial report of Credentials Committee
Annual address by State Master, Gary Wardle
Report of Treasurer and Secretary
Report of Executive Committee chair
Preliminary Report of Good of the Order
Report of Leadership and Scholarship foundation
Committee Reports
Guest Speaker: National Representative – Roger Bostwick, High Priest of Demeter
Closing of the Grange

Family Activities Bake Sale
Conferences for sec, Family Activities and Masters 15 minutes after closing of the Grange.

6:30 p.m. 150th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration with Susie Knight at the Brighton Armory Performing Arts Center

FRIDAY, October 6, 2023

6:45 a.m. Colorado State Grange Alumni Breakfast – Presiding: Idella Lewis
Main Street Café, 161 N. Main Street, Brighton

8:45 a.m. Open the Grange in the Fourth Degree
Report of Credentials Committee
Elections of officers
Continuation of Committee Reports

10:00 a.m. – Recess for Lunch at Brighton Recreation Center.

12:00 p.m. Membership Lunch
Dominic Breton, Presiding

1:45 p.m. Reconvene Session

3:30 p.m. Memorial Service under the direction of Chaplain, Loeda Westphal

6:30 p.m. Gala – “Raised Right Here” at Brighton Recreation Center

8:30 p.m. or ASAP following Gala - Annual meeting of PICK – Everyone invited.

Saturday, October 7

6:45 a.m. Colorado State Grange Past Master’s Breakfast - Main Street Café, 161 N. Main Street, Brighton
Presiding: David McCord

8:45 a.m. Open the Grange
Continuation of Committee Reports

10:00 a.m. Installation of Officer – National Representatives

Spotlight on Grange – Crescent Grange

12:00 p.m. JG Lunch at Brighton Recreation Center.

1:45 p.m. Short Form 5th Degree

2:00 p.m. Sixth Degree conferred by State Grange Officers
Close the Grange in full form in the Fourth Degree

6:00 p.m. Annual Banquet of Colorado State Grange Brighton Recreation center
Executive Committee Chairman: Tom Campion, presiding
Presentation of Quilts of Valor
Talent Showcase

7:15 p.m. Raffle Drawing

RESERVATIONS FOR MEAL FUNCTIONS FOR STATE SESSION

Deadline For Ticket Orders: September 22, 2023

Fill in the number of tickets you are ordering. Include a check made out to: **Colorado State Grange**. Mail to: Colorado State Grange: 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Pre-paid tickets will be at the Registration Table.

Name: _____

No. of Tickets	Meal Function	Total
_____	Alumni Breakfast — October 6, 6:45 a.m. <i>Past State Officers and Directors & Spouses at Main Street Cafe</i>	<i>Dutch treat</i> _____
_____	Membership Lunch — Fri, Oct 6, 12:00 noon catered by Dickies BBQ. At Brighton Recreation Center Everyone invited , 13 and under	\$10.00 _____ @ \$5.00 _____
_____	Past Masters Breakfast — Sat., Oct 7, 6:45 a.m. <i>at Main Street Café For Past Masters & Spouses</i>	<i>Dutch treat</i> _____
_____	JG Lunch — Sat., Oct 7, Noon At Brighton Recreation Center Sandwiches, Chips, salads..... <i>Everyone invited</i>	@10.00 _____ 13 and under @ 5.00 _____
_____	Annual Banquet — Sat., Oct 7, 6 p.m. At Brighton Recreation Center Chicken and Beef with Salad, Vegetable and dessert.....	@\$20.00 _____ 13 and under @\$10.00 _____

_____ I Plan to take the 5th and 6th degree at State Session
5th degree \$1.00 each _____
6th Degree \$5.00 each _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL MEALS & Degrees INCLUDED \$ _____



Mount Lookout

Contact Carol van der Harten, 970-533-9955, 5hearts@q.com, for further information.

Community Supper — Sept. 9, 5:30 p.m.

Officers Meeting — Sept. 26, 5:30 p.m.

Annual Pig Roast — Sept. 30. Community Supper — Oct 8, 5:30 p.m.

Officers Meeting — Oct. 24.

Looking toward Fall brings us to preparations for our annual Pig Roast, the second of two major Fundraisers for the year. This event is held in our comfortable backyard space and will feature (as with past celebrations) locally sourced pig, vegetables beer, cider, wine, and live music. A historically fun social gathering, we look forward to a robust crowd.

Planning for this and other Grange related activities gives rise to the memory of our beloved Betsy Harrison who recently succumbed following a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. Betsy, along with Patricia Burk, have been instrumental in and the driving force for the re-invigoration of Mount Lookout Grange #339 in the Mancos Community. Along with the too numerous to name other community projects Betsy was engaged in, she faithfully executed the role of Grange treasurer for many years. Betsy and Patricia have truly been the glue that binds us as a successful entity. We all miss Betsy’s incredible “know how,” determination, kindness, and commitment. We plan to honor her memory with a memorial bench for all to enjoy, especially during our outdoor events.

Carol van der Harten