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NATIONAL CONVENTION 2021 Wichita, KS • November 9-13, 2021

Plans for the 2021 National Grange convention are being made, as well as progressing.

Any Colorado Grangers attending the convention and assisting with the many duties will be eligible for some financial assistance from the State Grange.

There are only five states hosting this convention: Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado, and Texas.

Colorado is in charge of the Hospitality Room on Wednesday, November 10. If you would be willing to spend a some time helping out in the Hospitality Room you can sign up at the following address. If you're not able to sign up online and want to

help either contact Cindy Greer, State Master, or Elizabeth Hiner our convention coordinator. Here is the address to sign up online at: <https://forms.gle/QC1SCu5wBhraDMn26>.

Since there are only five states hosting help is also needed on Saturday, November 13.

To sign up for Saturday: <https://forms.gle/4HSPQBa2ipAdL83K7>.

Other opportunities will also be available at a later time.

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Peterson Brothers:

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6th Degree: Karen Overstreet (TX)

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Tech/Communications:

Elizabeth Hiner (CO)

Flowers: Rande Farmer (KS)

(real/centerpieces)

Flowers: Irene Nieto (TX)

(corsages/boutonnieres)

Quilting Corner:

Vonnie Merrit (OK)

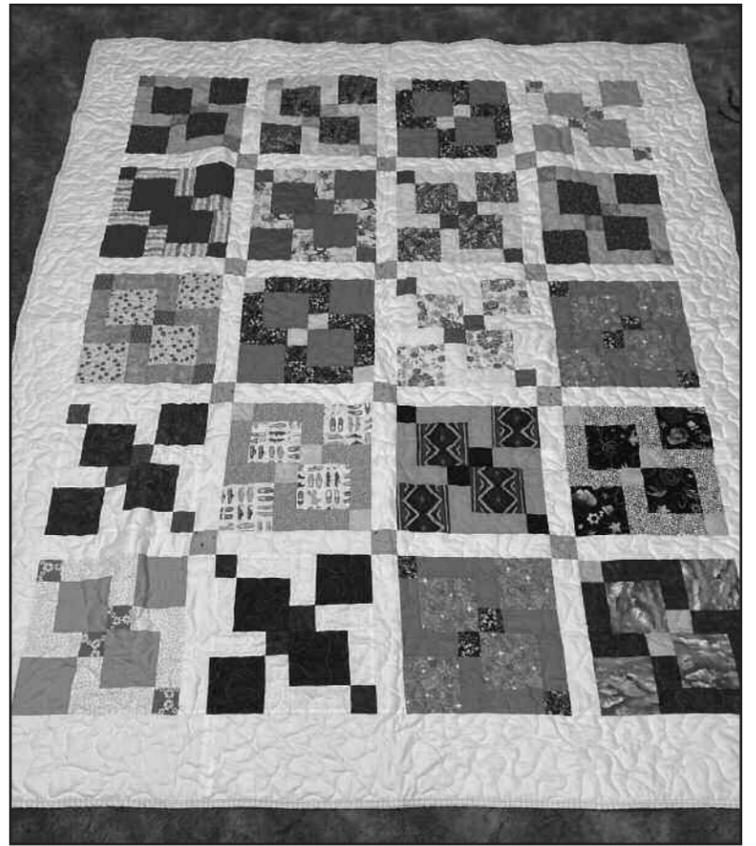
Juniors: Samantha Wilkins (Natl),

Jamie Funk (KS)

Youth: Mandy Bostwick (KS),

LeeAnn Bailey (OK)

2021 Raffle



Coming very soon your Grange secretary will be receiving raffle tickets from the Colorado State Grange. This Raffle will help Colorado Grange members who want to help out at the 2021 National Grange convention in Wichita, Kansas, in November.

We're raffling a quilt and a smart watch. The tickets will be \$2 each or 6 for \$10. The drawing will be held at the State Convention in Durango, on September 25 at the final banquet.

If you need additional tickets please contact Cindy Greer.

THE FACTS: Defeating Initiative 16 Laws Concerning Cruelty To Animals

What is Initiative 16?

- Initiative 16 is a ballot initiative that:
- Criminalizes farmers, ranchers and veterinarians who use accepted animal husbandry practices to care for animals.
- Changes state statutory language to define common animal care practices as "cruelty to animals."
- Bans slaughter for animals that have lived less than 25 percent of their "natural" lifespan.
- Criminalizes the following veterinary and animal husbandry practices: spaying and neutering, birthing assistance, reproductive practices (artificial insemination, pregnancy diagnosis, fertility testing), etc.
- Eliminates accepted animal husbandry practices, opening the door to animal cruelty prosecution for common and basic practices such as feeding, sheltering and transportation.

What will Initiative 16 do?

- Destroy Colorado's \$5 billion livestock industry.
- Crush Colorado's \$1 billion beef export market.
- Kill jobs by shutting down most, if not all, Colorado beef and lamb processing.

- Significantly increase consumer costs for meat.
- Result in practices that are bad for the animals and the environment by requiring detrimental production practices.
- Erase agriculture's heritage in Colorado by effectively banning rodeos, county fairs and horse shows.

What are the next steps?

- Coloradans for Animal Care will legally challenge the single subject and title utilizing professional counsel specializing in the ballot process. Unfortunately, there is no way to challenge the merits or constitutionality of a citizen-led ballot initiative during the title process.
- To be placed on the 2022 ballot, an initiative must pass title board requirements, meet required deadlines and garner 124,632 valid signatures.

What can you do about it?

- Join one or more of the many agriculture organizations funding this initiative fight. (*Colorado Farm Bureau, Colorado Cattlemen's Association, Colorado Wool Growers Association, Colorado Livestock Association, Colorado Pork Producers Association, Colorado Dairy Farmers.*)
- Support the legal action taken by contributing to Coloradans for Animal Care or any of the producer associations funding the effort. Be cautious — this initiative has received A LOT of attention and groups are attempting to prey on concerned animal owners. ONLY donate to the organizations funding the fight to OPPOSE Initiative 16 or the Coloradans for Animal Care campaign itself.
- **Who is backing this Initiative 16?**

- Animal rights extremists who want to destroy livestock production and agriculture in Colorado.

How can I fight Initiative 16?

- *Join and contribute to the issues committee or any of these organizations:*

ISSUES COMMITTEE:

Coloradans for Animal Care

9177 East Mineral Circle

Centennial, CO 80112

Muriel Frink Of Enterprise Grange Turns 100

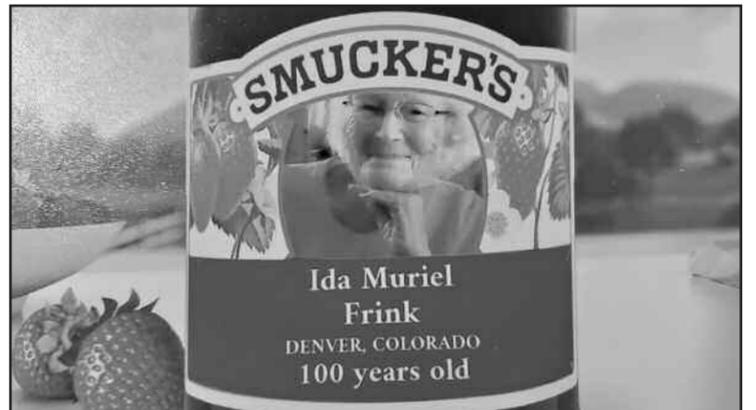
Muriel Frink was 100-years-old (young) on April 6, 2021. She was born in Lodgepole, Nebraska, just off the Lincoln Highway, 19 miles east of Sidney.

At 11, when her dad died, they moved to Casper, Wyoming. It was during the depression and there was some of her mother's family living in Casper who could help her mother with her three children.

Muriel ended up graduating at Natrona County High School in Casper. She then decided to move to Denver to go to college. There she met her husband and she was soon married to Bob Frink in 1940.

After they were married, Bob entered the war effort by joining the Navy. After the war, Bob worked at Gates. Muriel worked as a manager for three different motels that were owned by her brother-in-law.

They lived in one of Bob's family



homes on and off until they purchased their home in Wheat Ridge in 1946 where she has remained since. They ended up having a daughter, Catherine, who currently lives in the Black Forest in Colorado Springs.

Muriel now has three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Bob died at the young age of 72. Muriel still lives alone in her home, drives, attends church, helps others in need and attends the Enterprise Grange meetings.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MURIEL!

One of the rare, beautiful souls we have the pleasure of calling our friend.

Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference

June 11-13, 2021

Claremore Conference Center and Holiday Inn Express

Located at: 1400 Country Club Road, Claremore OK 74017

918-283-4877 Rooms are \$79.00 plus tax per night

Registration fees are being waived.

Please Complete registration and submit by May 10th, mail to:

Billy Shufeldt, Oklahoma State Master, R.R. 1 Box 342-14 South Coffeyville OK 74072

One registration form per person.

Community Service project at the conference will be to prepare care packages for the local V.A. and Women's shelter with personal products such as bath soap, shampoo, deodorants, combs, brushes, playing cards, word find books, etc.

Saturday afternoon there may be a corn hole tournament and other games.

Youth and Junior Public speaking and sign a song contests will be held

Additional workshops will also be planned.

2021
GREAT PLAINS
REGIONAL
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE

Registration Form
On Back Page —
Submit By May 10.

Master's Message

Cindy Greer, State Master

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Ballot Initiative #16 is currently seeking support in order to get on the 2022 Ballot. This initiative is also referred to as the PAUSE Act. This act effects livestock owners as well as pet owners. It will also affect the 4-H Program and FFA Program as far as Livestock projects. I feel it's written by individual who don't understand the livestock industry and what meat consumers want in a product. It's focus is on Protecting Animals from Unnecessary Suffering and Exploitation, but it goes too far. Cruelty to animals is already illegal, CRS 18-9-202 is the Colorado Statute that makes it a crime to abuse, neglect or abandon an animal for which the person has responsibility. *The poster that is floating around on Facebook and other venues has the incorrect CRS number.* There are about 5 pages of regulations covering Animal welfare.

I encourage you to educate yourself on the Initiative before considering whether to sign or not sign. You can learn more information in the Facebook group: "Fighting the PAUSE Act - Initiative 16" or MeatFreeDomusa.com or TheFencePost.com. The Executive Committee voted to go on record as the Colorado State Grange opposing the Initiative.

The Grange is a FAMILY organization. Fraternal yet family. As you can see below Family has many definitions and variations. We all have many different families: Our Grange family, our church family, our biological family..... Very seldom do we agree with all of our family members all of the time. Fortunately the Grange family is designed to be able to *agree to disagree* and still be family. I hope that this is true in your local Grange family. Being a part of a family takes effort. Sometimes we have to be tolerant, sometimes we have to be loving, sometimes we have to be strong, sometimes we have to be patient, sometimes it's stressful and sometimes is easy, and the list can go on and on. We have to work together so that we are not a dysfunctional family and we are all dysfunctional sometimes. As we begin to start re-opening our buildings and our activities, I encourage you to keep these things in mind and work together for the good of the Grange and your community.

Merriam-Webster defined family as:

- 1: the basic unit in society traditionally consisting of two parents rearing their children, *also*
 - a: any of various social units differing from but regarded as equivalent to the traditional family, a single-parent *family*
 - b: spouse and children (*biological, adopted, fostered*)
- 2: a group of individuals living under one roof and usually under one head: HOUSEHOLD
- 3 a: a group of persons of common ancestry : CLAN
 - b: a people or group of peoples regarded as deriving from a common stock
- 4 a: a group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation: FELLOWSHIP
 - b: the staff of a high official (such as the President)
- 5: a group of things related by common characteristics: such as
 - a: a closely related series of elements or chemical compounds
 - b: a group of soils with similar chemical and physical properties (such as texture, pH, and mineral content) that comprise a category ranking above the series and below the subgroup in soil classification
 - c: a group of related languages descended from a single ancestral language
- 6 a: a group of related plants or animals forming a category ranking above a genus and below an order and usually comprising several to many genera
 - b: *in livestock breeding*
 - (1): the descendants or line of a particular individual especially of some outstanding female
 - (2): an identifiable strain within a breed
- 7: a set of curves or surfaces whose equations differ only in parameters
- 8: a unit of a crime syndicate (such as the Mafia) operating within a geographical area

The Colorado Granger Guidelines

June 15, 2021, is the deadline for articles for the July-August 2021 edition of *The Colorado Granger*. You can send them to the State Grange Office, 2009 CR 31, Florissant, CO 80816 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)

Please notify the State Grange Office of any address change.

Because it is 2nd class mail, the Grange is charged 59¢ per address change the post office sends from the *Granger* mailings.

Email: costategrange@gmail.com

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

FOR THE COLORADO GRANGER MAILING LIST ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

NAME _____ GRANGE # _____
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 _____ ZIP CODE _____
 PRESENT ADDRESS _____

 _____ ZIP CODE _____
 (GIVE ROUTE AND BOX NUMBER)

Send to: Colorado State Grange
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Notes From The Secretary

Renee Caldwell, State Secretary

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A Positive Point Of View

Spring in the Mountains is either beautiful and no moisture... or snow, snow, snow... This year it is lots of snow. For us that is good, we need the moisture so the fire season isn't a bad one... but I sure would like to have some warmer weather and less mud. But the geese are back and the ducks have shown up, the foxes are followed

by kits, robins are everywhere and the bears are out and about. It is hard to tell, but it is Spring.

Thank you all for your speedy return of the Property Exempt Tax forms. It is so important to get those back to me, or if you had a fee to pay, it was due on April 16, and needed to be paid directly to the State of Colorado so that you do not lose your Ex-

Mandy Project

Cindy Greer, Coordinator

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Twenty years ago or so Sally Williams and Siegfried Peter Duray-Bito reached out to the Mandy project because both their kids have hearing losses. She recently sent a note thanking us again for the support. I asked how the kids were doing now and below is what she shared with me, I thought everyone would be interested.

"Cassie Duray-Bito will be taking her husband's name when she marries this summer. My son, Jacob Thorne has already changed his name. You would find him under the name Alana Duray-Bito. He is transgendered. He was always a boy though. When he was two we were at the grocery store, he was sitting in the cart and this woman walked up to him and said "what a darling little girl!" and he said, "I'm not a girl I'm a Rascal." So it would seem he always knew he wasn't a girl.

Cassie is doing really well and has discovered a new hearing aid which has made a huge difference in her life. I can ask her what they are if you'd like to know. She used to tell me how difficult it was to wear them all day in an office. How there were times she would have to take them out and escape from the office sometimes. These new aids have been a great improvement. She is very successful in her home life and her work.

Jake struggles more with both. He is a great guy with a wonderful wit and a lot of empathy. He never liked his aids and was always taking them out, etc. He has never wanted to get new ones. He lives at home and has just gotten his degree in History. I need to mention the possibility of new, improved hearing aids as he starts going out into the working world. Cassie has been talking them up to him ever since she got hers so maybe he'll listen at some point (no pun intended). I will say that he struggled with school in person, but his college work has all been online (C.U.

And Metropolitan State College) and he's done really well. I do worry how he will find his way post-graduation but I have a lot of confidence in him.

I will always remember the Colorado Grange and the Mandy Project with gratitude. When we realized we had to buy hearing aids for both children we were overwhelmed by the cost. We honestly didn't know how we could afford them. Particularly since insurance wouldn't cover them. Our audiologist at the time told me about the Mandy Project and it was such a Godsend. I've talked it up ever since. It's humbling to think of the hard-working farmers of Colorado coming together to make sure my children can have hearing aids. They have been true blessings in my family's life.

Thank you and all of the people who made the Mandy Project possible."

It's been quite some time since we have had the opportunity to award Mandy project funds! We have received an application and the committee and PICK have decided to award the Hahn family \$1,500 toward their 17-year-old daughter's hearing aid.



Sydney Hahn

At age 2, Sydney had an ear infection every month. After a year of dealing with the ear infections it was recommended, she get tubes in her ears. At age 3 she had surgery to put tubes in both ears. At age 6 the tubes had not fallen out on their own, so it was recommended that they be surgically removed. The right ear hole did not want to close/heal on its own. Her next surgery was to take some tissue from behind her ear and try and close the hole. That was not successful. Then a tympanoplasty (*a surgical technique*

to repair a defect in the tympanic membrane with the placement of a graft, either medial or lateral to the tympanic membrane annulus) was recommended to try and fill the hole as well as remove a cholesteatoma (*an abnormal, noncancerous skin growth that can develop in the middle section of your ear, behind the eardrum. It may be a birth defect, but it's most commonly caused by repeated middle ear infections. A cholesteatoma often develops as a cyst, or sac, that sheds layers of old skin*) that had developed as well as try and repair the hole. Unfortunately, that did not work, and she continued to have the hole and the cholesteatoma came back. She had a total of three tympanoplasty surgeries before the surgery was finally successful. Due to the surgeries and caring she has experienced hearing loss in her right ear. It was determined that she might benefit from a hearing aid. She was fitted for a hearing aid through Children's Hospital and was given a loaner to try out. She was amazed at what she had been missing in conversations and the little noises in everyday life.

empty Status. Please make a copy and get that to me right away. If you did not have a fee, just return your signed form to me right away so I can get them sent in.

Thanks to all the Granges for doing such a good job getting their quarterly reports filed and dues sent in. You all make this job very enjoyable. If you have not sent in your first quarter reports and dues, please get that done right away.

April was Grange Month; did your Grange do anything to celebrate? It has been hard to be active with the COVID business going on, but I hope you were able to celebrate somehow.

Let's end on a positive thought:

A Kind Word is like a Spring Day. Always be kind.

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The family's goals are for Sydney to feel normal and accepted by her peers. They want her to have all the tools necessary to thrive and grow in this world. She is a high achiever and seemed exhausted at the end of the day and they wondered if it was due to her struggling to hear everything in school, work, etc. In Junior High they noticed that she was struggling socially and now wonder if it was partly due to her hearing loss. As she starts to get ready for college, they want to set her up for success and don't want anything to hold her back from realizing her potential and accomplishing her dreams.

Sydney, her sister, and parents live in Littleton, Colo.

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Quilting has been an important part of the life of America. Quilts have been made for a particular purpose or reason. They have been made for practical reasons from pieces from the scrap boxes. Many have been made from new materials and made only for the beauty and challenge.

There is no end of designs and patterns. It is only after hours of work that pieces become a treasure.

We are a piece of God's patchwork quilt. Each individual has different talents, beliefs, interests and desires. Together we make God's patchwork quilt of the world. He is the designer, the creator and weaver. Together we are created to be a piece of the quilt.

A quilt has four basic parts. The backing provides the foundation and support. In our family of God, the foundation is Jesus Christ who provides that base. The padding, the sec-

ond layer, provides warmth during the cold times. God's word gives us warmth, encouragement and strength during those difficult days. The creative top is the beauty and where we see enjoyment. God also gives us joy in life. A quilt is made of many pieces and all are sewed together to serve a purpose. In I Corinthians 12:12 we read "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. We were all baptized by one spirit into one body."

All layers are held together by a special stitch. These stitches provide the finished beauty. They are small, but so important. They are many, but every one important. Each one of us is like a stitch in the world where we live. Our quilt is held together by our love and bound by that love in friendship and communion with one another.

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Lecturer's Creative And Performing Arts

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Hello fellow Grangers.

April was Grange Month with Cultivating Connections as the theme. With the COVID-19 pandemic warring with the vaccines which are available to more of the population we are seeing a fluctuation in the restrictions for gatherings, wearing masks and whatever else. It looks like we will still have a restrictive year, but we are hoping for an in-person convention here in Durango, at the end of September. We have been seeing an uptick in Grange activities in some Granges, while others are not yet conducting meetings. I hope you are all doing something to keep your Grange viable whether it is having meetings and events in person or having virtual meeting and events. A good example is Animas Valley Grange #194 and their monthly speaker series held once a month via zoom.

If we do have an in-person Convention this year the theme for the Gala will be a Mardi Gras, so bring your best beads and feathers. We will be having a craft project to make masks, (materials will be provided) and if allowed we will be having a light dinner before the awards presentation.

Please be sure to submit your forms to Lisa or me by the first of September. We are looking forward to seeing how creative you have all been with community service and your lecturer programs. Good luck to each and every one of you.

As published in the last *Granger*, if you are looking for ideas, I have a couple. One is having a Christmas card signing party. See the article in the last *Granger* I have inserted the details again at the end of this article. This project has gained traction in Granges across the nation. Second, as spring is upon us, so is putting in a community garden if you have the space and the water. If not teach/host a class on container gardening. This is a good way to provide fresh produce for your members and the community members who might not get fresh food otherwise. Third, is doing

fun classes such as making jelly, how to can, or any of the back to basics as we learn to be more self-sufficient with the state of the pandemic.

But as I am also running out of ideas, I would like to see your ideas and/or the fruits of your labors. My suggestion is that someone from your Grange post what you are doing and any suggestions on the Colorado State Grange Facebook Page. I would like to see us all work together sharing ideas and programs for the future.

On another note, I will be resigning in September as your Lecturer and Publicity Director and Dean will also be resigning as Assistant Steward as we will be moving to Hawaii. We are moving due to my health and doctor's orders to get to a lower altitude. Dean will leave after the State Convention and I am leaving after the National Convention in November; in the meantime I will be in Denver with my kids there. We will have to start a Grange in Hawaii, but will remain members of the Florida Grange albeit long distance and will miss you all in the years to come. I will still be active with the National Grange, the Fellows Program and with freelance writing for the *Good Day Magazine*.

Lecturer Program For 2021:

Christmas Card Signing

Sign your cards with your first name using the following phrases:

- God Bless You
- God Bless you my friend.
- Thank you for your service.
- Thank you for our freedom.

Please DO NOT use cards with glitter or upraised attachments.

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, 2021.

Please send me a total of the cards you have sent as there are prizes for the most cards sent by any Grange.

Publicity Contest: Remember to work on your brochure for the state contest. The sky is the limit.

Real Estate Management

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Providing basic security is one of the legal responsibilities of a property owner. Landlords can actually be held liable for property loss and medical bills, as well as pain, suffering and/or mental anguish resulting from improperly secured keys. Therefore, one of the most important security measures you can take for your Grange Hall is to ensure all extra keys are kept in a secured area to which access is very limited.

Similarly, changing the locks between tenants is equally important. Prior tenants may have held on to copies of the keys just so they can visit subsequent tenants. As part of every post move-out procedure, exterior locks should be rekeyed, or replaced altogether.

To make sure you're covered, as part of your lease agreement move-in checklist, have new tenants sign a document indicating they are aware the locks have been changed or rekeyed.

While you're checking over the unit after a move-out, make sure all window locks are in place and functioning.

While this may sound counter-intuitive from a security perspective, in this case you're trying to keep people in — rather than out. Easily opened upper-level windows constitute a safety hazard for small children.

Sliding doors should also be equipped with either security bars or secondary locking devices. Also, make sure

they're mounted correctly. Improperly mounted sliding doors can be lifted out of their tracks quite easily.

All exterior doors should be solid core and secured with at least a one-inch throw (or better) deadbolt.

These doors should also have peepholes and a secondary lock. Lobby and/or building access doors should also have locks and be equipped with either a buzzer entry or a video system.

Beyond these basic measures, security cameras, fences and gating also provide added security for your tenants. Adequate lighting should always be maintained in walkways, garages, basements, laundry rooms and other potentially secluded areas so tenants can see into them before entering.

Keeping tenants informed about the importance of security and doing everything you can to ensure they do nothing to defeat the building's security features is another key safety measure. It's important to make sure tenants understand how safety systems work and make sure they function properly.

You can install a state of the art security system, but if a tenant blocks a door open with a trash can while they run to the store, or permits a stranger entry, it's useless. Yes, providing security measures is a key responsibility of the property owner, but the responsibility for using them properly falls to the tenants.



Family Activities

Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter, State Activities Co-Directors

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In these times when families and people are close together at home and in the workplace, we all need to practice "The Pause."

THE PAUSE

Pause before judging

Pause before assuming

Pause before accusing

Pause whenever you're about to react harshly and you'll avoid doing and saying things you will later regret.

— by Lori Deschene

If everyone would follow "The Pause" it would result in more happiness for everyone! Try to remember The Pause when dealing with others in your life!



2021 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

RULES

A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.

B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by **October 31, 2021**. Send entries to:

Christine Hamp, National Lecturer
16418 N. Birdie Road
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026

C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 155th National Grange convention in Wichita, Kansas.

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

E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.

F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date.

G. A 2021 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

GROUPS

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

PRIZES

- Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.



2021 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

PINWHEEL

Fabric: All fabric used should be cotton.

Constructing the Quilt Block:

Fabric A: Cut one (1) 8" square and four (4) 2½" x 8" rectangles. All plain white (not white-ish). (The plain white is what will tie the blocks together into beautiful finished quilts.)

Fabric B: Cut one (1) 8" square of any color of your choice.

Fabric C: Cut four (4) 6" x 8" rectangles of the same fabric, any color or pattern of your choice.

All seams are ¼".

Step 1: Cut the Fabric A 8" square in half diagonally, each direction, creating four (4) triangles.



Step 2: Cut the Fabric B 8" square in half diagonally, each direction, creating four (4) triangles.



Step 3: Place a Fabric A triangle and a Fabric B triangle right sides together and sew together to form one large triangle. **Keep the white on the left.** Repeat to form all four (4) triangles.



Step 4: Place a Fabric A rectangle and a Fabric C rectangle right sides together and sew together to form one large square. **Keep the white on the top.** Repeat to form all four (4) squares.



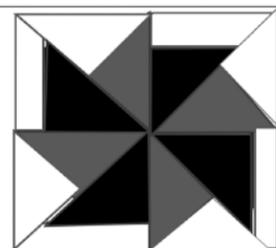
Step 5: Lay a ruler across the square from **bottom left to top right** and cut into two (2) triangles. Set aside the bottom right triangle (not used in this block).



Step 6: Sew a Step 3 triangle unit and a Step 5 triangle unit together to make a 7¼" square. Make sure the white rectangle and the white triangle are in contact on the right.



Step 7: Lay out the four (4) squares to make the pinwheel. Sew together the top row, then the bottom row. Press the center seam for each row toward Fabric B. When you flip the second row upside down the seams will nest together for better accuracy in seam matching. Pin well. Press all seams. Clip and remove all threads.



Each finished quilt block should measure 14" x 14".



Agriculture Report

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ALERT ON INITIATIVE 16: Protect Animals From Unnecessary Suffering And Exploitation (PAUSE Act)

A sub-group of Front Range animal activists will seek signatures to place on our Fall 2022 election ballot Initiative 16 that would effectively destroy Colorado's \$5 billion livestock production and agriculture industry.

PAUSE defines natural lifespans: cow 20 years, chicken 8 years, turkey 10 years, duck 10 years, pig 15 years, rabbit 6 years. Said animals could not be slaughtered until they had lived 1/4th of that natural lifespan. For beef that is about two years to slaughter — PAUSE would add three years to harvest and meat quality and value would be poor at that age. Similarly, chickens are slaughtered at 7-10 weeks, turkeys at 5-6 months, pigs at 5-6 months, far less time than the act would require.

Existing Statutory language: "Sexual act with an animal" means an act between a person and an animal involving either direct physical contact between the genitals of one and the mouth, anus, or genitals of the other. Initiative 16 would add: *SEXUAL ACT WITH AN ANIMAL ALSO INCLUDES ANY INTRUSION OR PENETRATION, HOWEVER SLIGHT, WITH AN OBJECT OR PART OF A PERSON'S BODY INTO AN ANIMAL'S ANUS OR GENITALS.*

What this would do:

- Criminalizes farmers, ranchers and veterinarians who use accepted animal husbandry practices to care for animals.
- Changes statutory language to define common animal care practices as "cruelty to animals."
- Bans slaughter for animals that

have lived less than 25 percent of their "natural" lifespan.

- Criminalizes veterinary and animal husbandry practices: spaying and neutering, birthing assist, reproductive practices (artificial insemination, pregnancy diagnosis, fertility testing), etc.
- Eliminates accepted animal husbandry practices, opening the door to animal cruelty prosecution for common and basic practices such as feeding, sheltering and transportation.

To see the coalition of ag interests opposing Initiative 16, find "Coloradans for Animal Care" website: coloradansforanimalcare.com.

More On Water

While the recent precipitation slightly improved our water supply conditions, over 90% of the state remains in drought. To early April the snow pack is below average, especially for western Colorado. Statewide the supply is 84% of normal, the South Platte 94%, Upper Rio Grande and Arkansas are both 100%, but the west basins are short: North Platte 87%, Yampa and White 81%, Colorado 82%, Gunnison 79%, and San Miguel, Dolores, Animas, San Juan 77%.

There are many state, local, and federal agencies tasked with water management. Below are major state agencies responsible for Colorado's water. Future reports will cover federal and local water agencies.

Colorado Attorney General's Office: The legal authority regarding matters of law, including whether or not a particular project or agreement is legal under Colorado law.

Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR): The DNR is responsible for the management of the

water, land, wildlife, minerals/energy/geology and outdoor recreation resources of the State.

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE): The CDPHE's environmental responsibilities include water quality protection and improvement. Divisions within the CDPHE are Water Quality Control that administers federal and state clean water acts, and implements and enforces regulations. The Water Quality Control Commission's water quality policies implement the policies set forth by the Legislature.

Colorado Water Courts: This covers the seven water divisions based upon the drainage patterns of rivers in Colorado and presides over water right decree applications, conditional water rights, changes of water rights, exchanges, augmentation plans and appeals.

Colorado Water Plan: The plan sets forth strategies to meet our future

needs through balanced policies and actions that all Coloradans and their elected officials can support. The plan attests to our citizens' ability to organize around shared goals to preserve our water values of a productive economy, vibrant and sustainable cities, productive agriculture, a strong environment, and a robust recreation industry.

The **Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB)** represents each major water basin and with other state agencies provides a joint effort to use water wisely and protect water for future generations. The agency works on a broad range of programs and provides technical and financial assistance to support the Colorado Water Plan. Other responsibilities include protecting Colorado's streams and lakes, flood mitigation, watershed protection, stream restoration, drought planning, water supply planning, and water project financing. The CWCB also works to protect the state's water

apportionments in collaboration with other western states and federal agencies.

Ag Water Alliance (CAWA): The Colorado Ag Council created CAWA to address water issues for agricultural interests. Both are ad hoc organizations and Colorado State Grange is a member of the Ag Council and CAWA. CAWA will host a Water Summit in December. Topics:

- Water storage: How can the agricultural community be more involved in rehab and construction of new storage.
- Funding: How is the state going to find alternative funding in the future for water projects?
- John Stulp and Darrell Hanavan, white paper "Call to Action: Colorado Farmers and Ranchers are Committed to a Sustainable Future."
- Climate Change Mitigation Solutions.

Junior Grange And Youth

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Hello everyone!

Great Plains Leadership Conference is just around the corners and this year it will be held from June 11-13 in Claremore, Oklahoma! The registration fee is being waived but it must be submitted by May 10! This year is going to be an awesome year to attend the conference and get to see all of our extended family in person! Here is the link to the registration form, <https://nationalgrangeyouth.org/regional-conferences/great-plains-regional-conference/>.

On another note, we are looking for one youth member who would like to attend the National Grange session this November who would like to represent Colorado as our ambassador.

Have you ever dreamed of being part of the team that opens the National Grange session? If so then you should consider representing Colora-

do as a youth officer this year. Still not your "cup of tea" then maybe you should consider trying out for the John Tremble Legislative Experience, where one lucky youth will be given the opportunity to be a full delegate at the national level for the whole convention.

If any of their awesome opportunities sound great for you or your youth, please don't hesitate to reach out to us so we can start getting everything ready for you!

Let's shift the conversation back to Colorado and what we have got going on now.

Over the past few months, Jenna and I have been racking our heads trying to come up with some AWESOME opportunities for the kids and youth of our state. We came up with some pretty great ideas, the issue now is that we need your help. Over the past few years, we have had some pretty wild adventures. Like staying the night at the zoo, a camping trip, and, of course, who could forget laser tag! Next year we want to give the Juniors and Youth an opportunity to check out some major sports action. We were thinking how awesome



would it be to be able to take our group to a Colorado Rockies game.

We are checking their schedule as we speak and are looking for a great home game to attend. Let me tell you there are some pretty awesome home games coming up this year. Before we make the decision of which one to attend we need to see who all is interested. So here is what YOU need to do. If you are interested in going to the ballpark, send us an email at djbn greer@live.com letting us know how many in your Grange would like to go.

Of course, we will be trying our best to make it as affordable as possible for the Youth and Juniors! Don't forget our southern Colorado Camping experience is going to be held at Navajo Lake this year! We are looking at a late August camping trip, so stay tuned to our article to learn more. Until next time, stay safe!

Drug Deactivation: A Solution to an Epidemic



The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) now recognizes in-home drug deactivation systems as a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals.



480 million pain-related prescriptions were written in 2014



70% of prescriptions remain unused and available for abuse

Every day, **2,500 American** kids abuse a prescription drug for the first time



3 of 4 people reported that their first opioid was a prescription drug

46 people each day die from an overdose of prescription painkillers in the U.S.



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Health Awareness

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Healthy Ways To Strengthen Your Immune System

Your first line of defense is to choose a healthy lifestyle. Most of us know what we should do but simply fail to make it a priority. Following general good-health guidelines is the single best step you can take toward naturally keeping your immune system working properly. Every part of your body, including your immune system, functions better by healthy-living strategies such as these:

- Don't smoke.
- Eat a diet high in fresh fruits and vegetables. (Be sure you include every color, 1/2 your plate at every meal.)
- Exercise regularly.
- Drink plenty of water (half your body weight in ounces).
- Practice deep breathing (only 5 minutes a day can make a big dif-

- ference).
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- If you drink alcohol, drink only in moderation.
- Get adequate sleep. (at least 7-8 hours every night).
- Get plenty of sunshine (don't forget the sunscreen).
- Take steps to avoid infection, such as washing your hands frequently and cooking meats thoroughly.
- Minimize stress.

Besides fresh fruits and vegetables there are other superfoods that can help boost the immune system such as Olive Oil, Garlic and Apple Cider Vinegar to name a few. If you have trouble getting a variety of fruits and vegetables, research Juice Plus which is dehydrated fruits and vegetables in a capsule or soft chewable. Cheers to a healthy summer!

JOIN US

AND LEARN HOW TO HELP OTHERS DO THE SAME

EVERY THIRD TUESDAY AT 8:30 EASTERN ON THE GRANGE MEMBERSHIP TELECONFERENCES

Go to tiny.cc/1867zoom or call 669-900-6833. Use meeting ID 525-965-930 to log in.

Claudia's Corner



Writing Resolutions

With the State Grange convention coming up in September, we'd like to remind everyone to get your resolutions written and adopted by your local Grange. Many states don't allow committees at their conventions to write resolutions. Below is information garnered from the National Grange Website.

First, it is important to know the anatomy of a resolution. There are three main parts: the **Title**, the **Body** (or **Whereas** section), and the **Conclusion** (or **Resolved** section).

The Title: The title should clearly state the issue to be addressed. Be clear about the topic, the more specific you are the easier it is to differentiate between resolutions on similar topics.

The Body: The body of the resolution is where you get to make your argument for why this resolution is necessary. This section does not become policy but explains to other Grangers why the issue is important and provides details, data, and other reference material so they can be better educated on voting for the issue. It is important to note that these should

be rooted in facts and not based on the opinions of the writer.

The Conclusion: The conclusion must be a complete sentence which sums up what your resolution is trying to achieve and can stand alone without any of the supporting information.

Once the resolution is written, it must be approved by a Subordinate or Pomona Grange before it moves on to State or National Session. It is helpful for the writer of the resolution to keep track of all the resources used to assemble the resolution. Then when the resolution is being debated, members can be referred to these resources for more information before making an informed decision. It is important to present both sides of the argument. Though you may not agree with the opposing viewpoint, it is still valid and needs to be part of your information.

Make sure your resolution can stand the test of time. A good deal of Grange policy dates back 75 years or more and continues to be relevant because the ideals and concepts hold true today. However, we also have policy that is out-of-date and relates to issues that have been dealt with on the local and congressional levels. If you have a resolution that deals with an issue that is connected to a current event or particular bill, your resolution may be included in the committee of jurisdiction's policy statement for that year, rather than passed as a resolution. Rest assured that this is still very important and is actually a better home for your resolution. Every resolution that is sent to National Grange is taken seriously by the committee that it was assigned to and is given consideration. For information about resolution writing contact your State Legislative Director or State Presidents.



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It's tax time, or it will be tax time for the Grange and non-profit organizations. PICK files a 990 yearly with the IRS. Granges are required to file 990N postcards. Some of the Granges have to file these cards by May 30, most others at the end of August. I still haven't figured out why some are on a different schedule, but they are. If you need assistance in filing these reports please feel free to reach

out to us.

PICK has the capability to partner with Subordinate Granges on specific projects, if you're considering applying for a Grant and need a 501c3 partner. When we partner the Grant has to be applied for by PICK. As a partner it must be clear that PICK is the controlling partner because PICK is the organization with the 501c3. Most Granges are now 501c5's.

Private events at the Grange include **Line Dancing Class on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m.** and an outdoor **Gardening Event** which will be held on **May 8**.

Don't forget to start fire mitigation on your property. The Grange will be the drop off site for slash chipping and removal thanks to the efforts of Jeffco, the Golden Gate Fire Protection District and the Golden Gate Auxiliary. The Slash Event will take place on July 31 and August 1.

The Golden Gate Fire Protection District Firefighters are once again holding their business meetings and training sessions at the Grange Hall. We are proud to support our GGFPD volunteers.

We are all anxious to be able to gather as a community and will monitor the health conditions in the county when deciding on how to accomplish that end.

Welcome to our new members: Keith Vincent, Christi, Ryan and Tyler Fortune, Deborah Curlee, Grant J. Ruesch, Mireya, Emanuel, Samantha and Alessia Hernandez.

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

Jayne Ruesch

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La Plata

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

Animas Valley

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The Animas Valley Grange has had three presentations so far this year. A talk on the geology of a local mountain (who knew that Hermosa was beachfront property 300 million years ago?), another talk on creating gardens resilient to a changing climate, and one by a local chef on Himalayan spices for taste and health. These talks presented on zoom have been well attended, most with over 80 people tuning in. Our last zoom talk will be in April, with a cooking demonstration on using these Himalayan spices. Starting in May we will have monthly in-person field trips and outings, starting with a tour of a solar greenhouse installation. Our first in-person event since last spring was a seed exchange at our Grange organized by two of our newest members. We found that many older gardeners donated seeds, while many young and beginning gardeners came to stock up on seeds. We may make this event a spring tradition.

Deborah Paulson

Florida

Contact **Elizabeth Hiner, 970-403-4592, floridagrang306@yahoo.com, for more information.**

We have been remarkably busy for Grange Month. We are back to renting out our hall on a regular basis. We still have Zumba 3 mornings a week and Yoga is returning for the summer. Our Square-Dancing Group has returned on a limited schedule and we are now have an interpretive dance group once a month. The Cub Scouts are returning slowly as is one of our 4-H groups. The other 4H will return when size of group restrictions are lifted.

We also started a Junior Grange; it is our first in about 30 years. At our first meeting we planted seeds, some went home with the kids and others will be used at a plant sale on May 29, along with our first of monthly garage sales which will be held throughout the summer. We will be renting spaces for the garage sales starting in June thru September. Wish us luck.

On April 10, we hosted a program on **NO Texting and Driving** from AT&T. This program will be followed by a sloppy joe dinner. We had a technical glitch and will do the program

Ute Mountain

Dolores and Montezuma Counties

Mount Lookout

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

Every Monday Mancos Food-share commodities, pantry, and pet food distribution.

Fourth Wednesday Board meeting via Zoom.

Due to the Coronavirus, Mt. Lookout Grange continues to be closed to group events. The CDC is still recommending social distancing and masking until more people are fully vaccinated, and the variants become less of a concern. That said, we are hopeful that we can host an outdoor Fall event, our annual Pig Roast. The board has set September 18 as the date. We are lining up live music, local beverages, and of course a pig to roast, along with all the trimmings. Our community has greatly missed connecting in a festive way with each other, and we think this will be a wonderful way to start to get "normalized". Let's all encourage our loved ones to get the vaccine, so that the virus will discontinue transmission, and our society can once again keep the wheels of commerce turning.

We hope you all are staying healthy.

Katheryn Fulton

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later in the year. The sloppy joes were good, but the camaraderie was better. April 17, held memorial brunch for Aleta Klahre, a long-term member, who passed away March 29. April 18, we held our first of many Christmas Card signings for the Christmas Card Project.

Our first Free Breakfast was April 22, and the breakfasts will run through September. They will be on the fourth Saturday of each month if you happen to be in the area. Stop by and see us if you are in the area.

Elizabeth Hiner

Marvel

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May 21 — Documentary video. 7:30 p.m.

May 29 — Community Breakfast — Marvel 8-10 a.m.

June 4 — Marvel Grange Business meeting 7:30 p.m. — Program: June Spriggs

In March we held a Luau takeout dinner fundraiser which turned out very successful. We served 94 dinners of Pulled Pork, Rice, tropical fruit, oriental coleslaw and Pineapple upside down cake. We received many donations and compliments. We gained one associate member as a result of the dinner and provided Grange information to non-members. Welcome to Marvel Grange Sue Clauson.

On March 12 we sponsored a Honey Bee program which Frances Hor-

vath from Horvath Honey prepared and presented. We had 16 in attendance at the program, which was also live streamed on Facebook. We had 69 views on Facebook for the program. Prior to the program we had Irish Stew and Soda Bread for those who wanted to participate.

The Charter was draped at our April meeting in honor of Elmer Langford and we sent a donation to the Leadership Scholarship Foundation in his memory.

We voted to sponsor a kindle fire tablet for the Fort Lewis Mesa Elementary school Geocaching fund raiser event. We decided to have another fundraiser on May 1, a Ground beef enchilada dinner, with pinto beans, rice and Tres leche cake.

April 16, we had a Spring Fling game night. April 12, we provided refreshments and some door prizes for the La Plata Pomona meeting. Roger Ayers volunteered to provide the program for the May meeting.

Cindy Greer

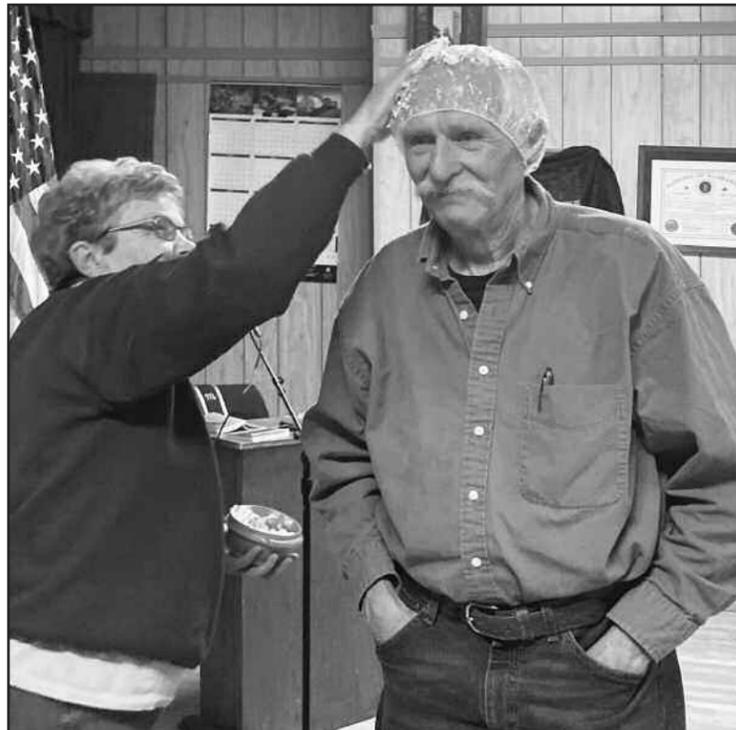
Marvel JG

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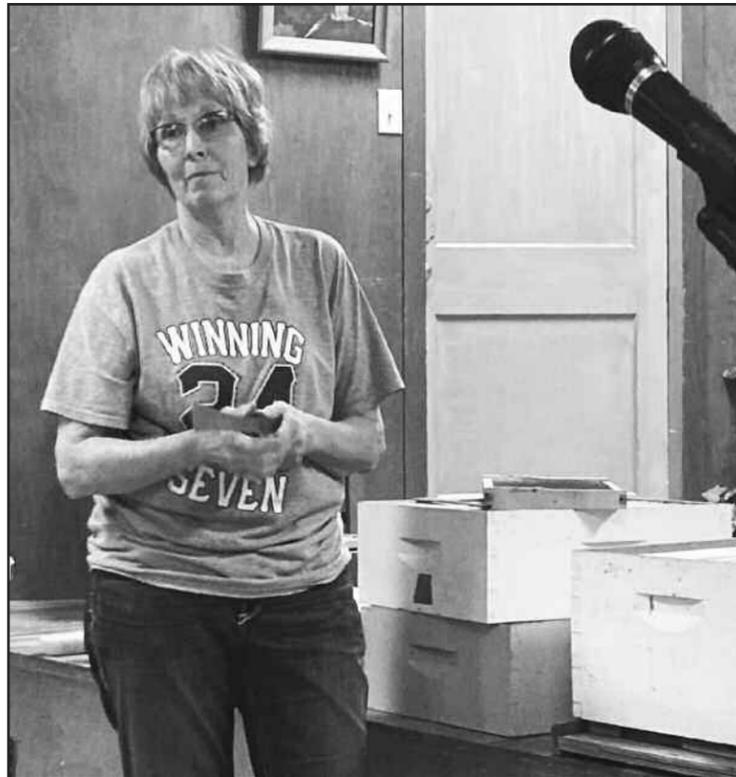
We meet on the Third Mondays at 3 p.m. at the Marvel Grange Hall.

We met in March and painted plant containers for the Grow project. We also learned about Kansas and played some games. We plan to do water colors at our next meeting.

Cindy Greer



June Spriggs is smearing whipped cream on Roger Ayers head as part of an April Showers game played at our meeting in April. Thanks to Sheryl Ayers for providing the program on Easter and April Showers.



Frances Horvath sharing information about Honey Bees at Marvel Grange in March.

Visit the Colorado State Grange website www.coloradograng.org

Darden

Jefferson County

Golden Gate

Contact **Terri Costeldia, President, 303-277-0351, terricosteldi@hotmail.com, for further information.**

We are planning to hold our next **Grange Meeting in person on Thursday, May 6 at 3:30 p.m. at the Grange.** If we have to go back to a virtual meeting, we will send an email to all Grange members with details on how to connect online.

Rich Phillips, Dee Dee Ramstetter and Teri Costeldia have been continuing their efforts to make improvements to the Grange building and property. Updating, repairing and painting projects on the front hallway, restrooms and kitchen are underway. Thanks to Dave Primmer for the repair of our fence which was damaged by a car accident (again!) this winter.

Yoga classes, led by Judy Madison, continue to be held on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. through ZOOM. Hopefully, we will be able to hold classes in person starting in June. An email will be sent out when classes have resumed at the Grange. We are lucky to have our second yoga teacher, Susan Vincent, who conducts the class when Judy is unavailable. Thanks, Judy and Susan!

Progressive
Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas & Elbert Counties

Contact Judy Harrison, gsjjharison@comcast.net, for further information.

Progressive Pomona Grange will resume their quarterly meetings starting with **June 5, 2021**. We will be meeting at **Castlewood Grange Hall, June 5 at 12 p.m.** The meeting will follow a light potluck lunch of sandwiches, salads and dessert. Please bring your many resolutions to this meeting.

Judy Harrison

Sunflower Grange

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

There were no bagpipes on Manhattan Street or diners at O'Brien's Café for traditional corned beef and cabbage. No one got to wear the sashes and tiaras Margaret Ellis, our Publicity chair, had made for the occasion. No floats. St. Patrick's Parade 2021 was snowed out. Margaret's magnetic signs on the big gray pick-up had no audience, but, the signs are now an everyday advertisement for Sunflower as Margaret drives around Parker and Sedalia.

April and May are Awards months. Mike Hulley, a volunteer with West Douglas County Fire Protection District, nominated April Gallagher for the National Grange Firefighter/EMS Award. Mike wrote: "April Gallagher has been a Firefighter for the WSCFPD for 6 years, and an EMT for 5 of those. 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 — Sedalia. It is my honor to recommend her for this award." Kevin Telfer, WDCFPD Firefighter Officer of the Year, presented April with a certificate, letter and a check from Sunflower Grange at our last meeting on April 10, and announced that April had also been chosen Firefighter of the Year by her fellow firefighters.

Sedalia has always valued its fire fighters and fire department. Harriett Davis (1885-1983) grew up working hard on a homestead near Sedalia. She married Louis Beeman in 1905. At age 39 "with seven children and a bedridden mother-in-law to care for," Harriett was widowed. For income, she rented a room in her house, and on March 17, 1935, a fire started in that room caused by a kerosene can left too close to a stove; the house burned down. Her daughter Louise wrote: "Mother declared that day no one would have to go through what she just had. She declared everyone 17 years or older was on the Fire De-



Margaret Ellis advertises Sunflower Grange as she drives around town with her magnetic sign displayed on her truck.



St. Patrick's Day regalia will have to wait for another year as this year's parade was snowed out.

partment." Harriet (aka Grandma Beeman) raised funds for the first fire truck and station with needlework, community suppers, and quilt raffles. Sedalia's Museum has "Grandma Beeman's Quilt" from that community raffle. (*Remarkable Ladies of Sedalia*, Volume 4, page 8)

At our May meeting, Meghan Watts will nominate Marlene Hay as Teacher of the Year for 2021. Marlene is a first-grade teacher at Sedalia Elementary. Mrs. Hay has been a teacher with the Douglas County School District for 32 years, and at Sedalia for 22 years. She is a dedicated professional who completed several District



April Gallagher has also been chosen Firefighter of the Year by her fellow firefighters



WDCFPD Firefighter Officer of the Year Kevin Telfer presented April Gallagher with a certificate, letter and a check from Sunflower Grange.



Marlene Hay has been nominated as Teacher of the Year for 2021.

training programs in reading; she became a reading interventionist and member of the Literacy Committee at Sedalia, helping children learn to read. Sedalia Elementary parents nominated Mrs. Hay for Douglas County School's Apple Award for teaching excellence. A very caring, loving teacher, she works hard to make school a welcoming place. She is an important part of the Sedalia Elementary family who will be greatly missed when she retires from teaching at the end of this school year. Mrs. Hay is a deserving candidate for this award."

Cherie Stephens nominated Billy Moore to be Sedalia's Community Hero for 2021. Cherie writes: "Mr. William Moore—known by most people as Billy—has been a part of the Sedalia community since 1977, and we are lucky to have him. Billy has led an exciting life, including operating big-rigs on the construction of the Hoover Dam, operating the crane for the 1996 National Christmas tree-cutting in Utah, and transporting it to the Nation's Capital. He was involved in moving the buildings from the town of Climax to Leadville. Ask Billy anything about equipment repair from riding lawn mowers to tractors and he can give you an answer. Need a part for a tractor? If you can't find it, Billy can probably make it, install it and make sure it works."

Billy is always helping the residents of Sedalia. He has housed the homeless. On a spring field trip to Cathy and Carrie Dunn's home, he gave Sedalia Elementary kids a ride behind his tractor as they explored the life on a farm. He'll be in the 4th of July and St. Patrick's Day Parades



Billy Moore has been nominated to be Sedalia's Community Hero for 2021.



driving his John Deere tractor and throwing candy to the kids.

Billy has kept the tradition of Bud's Bar's Pumpkin Weigh-In going for many years. He takes the competition very seriously. His pumpkins have weighed from 109 lbs. in 2020, to a record-breaking 370 lbs. in 2018, that took special equipment to weigh! Billy's pumpkins have been taken to Sedalia Elementary so the students could decorate them, or to VFW for the Vets to enjoy. Billy may give pointers on how he grows pumpkins. Of course, if he gets that big grin on his face and those dimples pop out, he may be giving you only part of the story — he is a great story-teller.

Barbara Belfield Machann receives Sedalia's Historian Award for decades of historic preservation. In 1950, the Belfield family moved to a 120-acre ranch "7/10 of a mile west of Sedalia" and they were immersed in local history. Barbara and her sister Pam attended high school in Castle Rock, but Pam attended Sedalia's old stone two-room school and graduated from 8th grade with seven classmates. Sedalia's phones had hand cranks and 8-party lines—perfect for getting to know the neighbors! Their (early 1900s Nels Anderson) home had a carriage house, barn with a forge, and 2-1/2 hole out-house. Edwin Belfield was on the schoolboard, and Dorothy was in Eastern Star and Ladies Aid.

When Barbara married John Machann, the couple built a house near her parents and raised their son John. As firefighter and then dispatcher for the volunteer fire department in the 1980's, Barbara got to know a wide range of Sedalia folks, including descendants of original homesteaders. She worried the old timers' stories would be lost if they weren't recorded, so she began filling a cardboard box with information. For the town's centennial, Barbara compiled a small Blue Book titled *Sedalia 1882-1992* with photos of early homes and businesses.

In February 2000, Barbara and six others started a local history group "To Protect and Preserve the Local History," shared oral histories and photos with Douglas County's Library, and become a nonprofit organization. When a new firehouse was built, Barbara requested space in the landmarked 1933 firehouse for a museum — the Sedalia Historic Fire House Museum. Then in 2005, the museum board bought a dilapidated Victorian Queen Anne house from Barbara's neighbor for \$1, and — after a great deal of legal wrangling — had it moved next to the fire house for the Museum's collection.

Barbara and the historic group continued to collect and publish histories. The 1982 Blue Book was followed by *Sedalia People, Places and Memories* (2003), *Historic Barns and Homestead Buildings of Sedalia* (2008), text and photos by Barbara, preserves the many wonderful buildings in the area. *Remarkable Ladies of Sedalia* (2012) and *Men of Sedalia* (2017) compiled histories written by the women and men themselves or their relatives.

Thanks to Barbara Machann, Sedalia's interesting history is available today. Marianne Edward, Lea Marshall and Cherry Ellis nominated Barbara.

Congratulations to Margaret Hughes Ellis (aka "The Energizer Bunny") who is featured in *History of the Colorado State Society National Society Daughters of the American*



Margaret Hughes Ellis wearing her Daughters of the American Revolution hat.

Revolution 1895-2020, 125th Anniversary Edition. During her time as regent for the Smoky Hill Chapter 2013-2015, the group adopted flower beds in Tallman Gulch Park and Twenty Mile House; handed out 2,000 flags Parker Days Parade; sponsored an NSDAR grant to Parker Area Historical society; participated in Veterans Day Programs; attended Naturalization Programs; gave talks on American history at Cherry Valley and Sedalia Elementary Schools. Before 2013, Margaret started the Adopt-a-Soldier program for family members serving overseas; the chapter donated building materials and pledged to clean up the cemetery behind Indian Park Schoolhouse in Jarre Canyons. The chapter honored Dr. Minnie C. T. Love, a founder of Children's Hospital and of Colorado's DAR, and Minnie's granddaughter, Sedalia artist Mary Cornish.

Now back to the present... Save the date! **Sedalia's 9th Annual Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale will be held Saturday, May 29, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** outside at BMan's BBQ, 5500 N. Plum Ave. For the sale, Sunflower Grange provided saved seeds, soil and containers; 16 volunteers are growing heirloom tomatoes, peppers, squash, other vegetables, herbs and flowers, all chosen for success in our area. Plants are affordably priced to encourage more community gardening — \$3 for cups, \$5 for gallon size. At the sale you'll have your own personal shopper — an experienced grower — to help you choose the right varieties for you. Funds raised at the sale will be used for Grange projects in the community and funding for next year's plant sale. The 4-H and students from Sedalia Elementary will sell plants they've grown and raise some funds for their projects. In past years, any plants remaining after the sale were donated to the Senior Center, Task Force, Well Spring, or Adventist community gardens; this year, Sedalia Elementary will receive extra plants for their garden beds.

You will shop outdoors at BMan's with space to spread out. Masks will be worn while shopping for the comfort of all customers. By May 15, we'll have a list of most of the plants that will be at the sale so you can plan your purchases; just email me at sunflowergrange162@yahoo for a list. If you are unable to shop in person, place an order before the 29th and we will have the plants for you at 2 p.m. the day of the sale.

Come May 29th to buy your pampered local plants!

Cherry Ellis

Darden
Jefferson County

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

Darden Pomona Grange met in May at Enterprise Grange for a potluck dinner and awarding an outstanding member of the community. This honor was given to Betty Jo Page. (More next time.)

We celebrated the evening by watching The Kentucky Derby and playing a game. Everyone came dressed in their finest Kentucky Derby outfits complete with fancy hats. A fun time was had by all!

We celebrated Muriel Frink's 100th birthday with a drive by her house. Four firetrucks as well as the Mayor Bud Starker of Wheat Ridge and 25 cars were in the procession. Congratulations, Muriel!

Idella Lewis

Enterprise

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

May 1, Saturday — 4 to 6:30 p.m., DARDEN POMONA meeting at Enterprise Grange. Potluck at 4 p.m.

We will be having a Kentucky Derby watch party. Wear your Derby Hats, bring southern inspired potluck to share and be prepared to pick the winner!

May 5, Wednesday — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Enterprise meeting Cinco de Mayo themed Potluck.

Bring a Mexican dish to share. During the meeting, elections for Enterprise officers will be held.

June — No meeting.

July 10 — Darden Pomona Picnic.

Discussions will be held at the May Pomona meeting. Time and location will follow.

August 11, Wednesday — 6:30



In celebration of Muriel Frink's 100th birthday, Enterprise Grange held a Birthday Bash during the April potluck, complete with candles and cake.

to 8:30 p.m., Enterprise meeting. Planning session for 2021/2022 and we will be choosing delegates for State Convention.

In February we had a potluck and exchanged Valentines. A meeting followed. We decided to go forward with Common Earth Community Garden for this year. Ashley Lackey will spearhead the garden committee.

We had a Saint Patrick's Day Cel-

ebration for our March meeting. The Enterprise will be affected by the widening of the 72nd Avenue and Simms Street intersection. Mike and Carol Lackey have been working with the city over the past nine months on ideas that will allow us to continue doing our community service and building rentals. We have finally come up with a compromise that will be suitable for us. Mike explained what the effects will be during our meeting. We really think we got a positive outcome. The city was receptive to our needs and changed plans numerous times to help keep Enterprise viable.

Muriel Frink's 100th Birthday was April 6, so we decided to hold a Birthday Bash during our potluck in April. We ended the potluck with candles on a delicious birthday cake. She was thrilled! And so were we! Our potluck consisted of normal Easter fare because we also decided to have an Easter Egg hunt. Ham and scalloped potatoes with lots of salads and sides were served. The Easter Bunny hid eggs filled with candy and special surprise cards that gave the "winner" a special area of gifts to choose from. Small Easter baskets were provided to everyone. The hunt was on. The children, of course, found the most but all the Grangers got into the frenzy too. I have a feeling that we may find eggs here and there for awhile.

That Easter Bunny was good at her job!

Carol Lackey



Some of the special gifts "winners" could choose from at Easter.

Sunflower Grange #162

9th Annual Heirloom Tomato and Plant Sale

Saturday, May 29, 2021

9 am to 2 pm at BMan's BBQ, 5500 N. Plum Ave.

5560 N. Plum Street, Sedalia, MO

Includes and much, priced as usual. \$1M in 2021 Menu: Spinach, grapes, white veggie, herbs and flowers. Organically grown by gardeners in our community. \$3 for 4" and \$5 for 6" garden containers. Please wear masks and socially distance. Hand sanitizer and masks are available.

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Egg hunters of all ages joined in the fun at Enterprise Grange, from left: Jeremiah and Sophia; and Debbie Kuntz.



Bicyclists at Pleasant Park rest stop.

Maple Grove

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

Maple Grove Grange met in May for the first time since a year ago in March. It is good to be able to meet again! Our renters are beginning to meet also.

Please keep LaVerne Jessop in your prayers as she is now in hospice care.

Dennis and Peggy Plum have been cleaning the inside of the Grange hall. Idella Lewis cleaned up on the outside of the hall by trimming bushes and attacking the weeds. The grape hyacinths are now visible and basket of gold flowers are in full bloom. Daffodils will follow.

Marlys Halbeisen was on a ZOOM call from the National Grange and provided them with information about the Christmas card project for those serving in the military overseas.

Wishing everyone a happy summer! Idella Lewis

Wheat Ridge

Contact Vivian Vos, vlvos@yahoo.com, 720-217-1340, for further information.

May 8, Saturday will have two events happening at the Wheat Ridge Grange: **Second Saturday Sale** at the Grange 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. vendor event and **Junior Grange** activity at 9 a.m.

May 27, Thursday will be the **WR Grange Community Night** with community award for 2020 and 2021 with community leaders yet to be determined.

July 10, Saturday will be the **WR Garden Tour**. WR Grange is hosting this event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. More information to follow as the day's activities are planned. Want to be a volunteer or if you need to contact with questions, please call Vivian 720-217-1340 Wheat Ridge Garden Tour — Wheat Ridge Foundation.

July 22, Thursday will be a **Cornhole Tournament and BBQ** benefiting the local 4H.

August 14, Saturday will be the annual **Pancake Breakfast** at 7 a.m. which precedes the parade 9 a.m. for the annual **Carnation Festival**. Aug 11-13 <https://thecarnationfestival.com/> FREE to all.

September 11, Saturday Second Saturday Sale at the Grange 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sept 23, Thursday will be the **Grange Chili Cookoff** to benefit Feed the Future.

In addition to our monthly/weekly events the ladies will be putting together bags of goodies for Mother's Day to hand out to 32 ladies at a local nursing home.

Weekly hula classes are taught at the Grange. Contact ntyosh@gmail.com.

Weekly ukulele classes are taught at the Grange. Contact pkawika56@yahoo.com.

We have a member who recently joined our Grange with her husband. March 26, 2021; Kirk passed away. One of our newer Grangers will be busy for a while as he takes care of his elderly mother.

All activities are open to the public. Have a wonderful spring and summer. Vivian Vos

Pleasant Park

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

May 8 — Regular Meeting 10 a.m.
June 12 — Regular Meeting 10 a.m.

Practicing COVID rules for safety, we decided to have a face-to-face meeting in April. Most of our members have received their vaccinations. It was wonderful to see everyone again. We were able to catch up on all regular business issues and make plans for the coming year.

So far there are no scheduled events but we hope to have an ice cream social in the summer and the annual Thanksgiving dinner in November.

The nice weather has the bicyclists out in droves. We don't officially open until the end of April or when the snow stops and weather permits. The new water station should be up and running in about a month. It will eliminate hundreds of plastic water bottles going to recycle. The porta potty is still available as a community service project.

Springtime in the Rockies left a lot of snow around the Grange Hall. A huge icicle covered the rear of the building. It was a sight to see.

Members continually work on the Christmas Cards for Soldiers project. Several hundred cards are ready to go.

We look forward to when we can get back to the new normal and pray that all Grange members stay well. Yvonne Ludwig



Icicle at Pleasant Park Grange Hall.



On April 3, 73 kiddos came for the Easter Egg Hunt at Florissant Grange.

Pikes Peak
El Paso and Teller Counties

Florissant

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

Be Sure To Join Us For These Upcoming Events:

May 15 — 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Flea Market/Craft Show and Grand Opening of the Florissant Grange Gift Shop.

May 8 — 9 a.m.-Noon: Pine Needle Basket/Craft class.

June 12 — 9 a.m.-Noon: Pine Needle Basket/Craft class.

June 19 — 6 p.m.: Dinner Concert (if restrictions have been lifted and we are opened up).

The Pine needle basket classes are still going strong at the Florissant Grange. Reservations are required so that we can stay within the COVID limitations.

On April 3, we had an outdoor Easter Egg Hunt and 73 kiddos showed up to find Easter Eggs and receive an Easter bag of goodies from the Easter Bunny, who visited us that day, thanks to Granger Harlee Miller.

Since joining Harvest Host as a Host for membership only RVers, we have hosted five campers and have reservations for four more in the coming months. Even though we have not officially opened the Florissant Grange Gift shop (Grand opening is May 15) our campers have enjoyed touring the Old School House (our Grange Hall), and shopping in our Gift Shop. This has been a very successful venture for our Grange so far



A stop by to see the Easter Bunny during the Easter Egg Hunt ended with a goodie bag for the kiddos.

and we are excited to have visitors.

Since Teller County is open to 50 percent capacity, we have resumed our Thursday evening Potluck and Music. It is good to be back to enjoying our community again. During the summer months if things don't open to full capacity, we will have to remain open on a reservation only basis in order to keep within the COVID limitations.

Our 4-H groups have resumed meetings at our Grange Hall and it is good to have them back.

AA and Alanon have also resumed meetings and it is good to have them back.

We have a yoga instructor who will begin outdoor yoga in June. We are looking forward to that as well.

The snow has all melted up here, but that doesn't mean it won't snow again all the way up to June 1.... We are hoping that does not happen. Have a beautiful Spring.

As always you're cordially invited to attend our Pot Luck / Jam Session every Thursday evening starting at 6 p.m. Music starts around 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish, a musical instrument or both! Or just stop in and enjoy the evening. Everyone's welcome. Y'all come by now!

Renee Caldwell

The Easter Bunny visited Florissant Grange during the Easter Egg Hunt and handed out bags of Easter goodies. Thanks to Granger Harlee Miller!



2021 Great Plains Grange Conference Registration Form

Claremore Conference Center and Holiday Inn Express
Located at: 1400 Country Club Road, Claremore OK 74017
918-283-4877 Rooms are \$79.00 plus tax per night

Registration fees are being waived.

June 11-13, 2021, Please Complete registration and submit by May 10th, mail to:
Billy Shufeldt, Oklahoma State Master, R.R. 1 Box 342-14 South Coffeyville OK 74072
One registration form per person.

Name _____

Subordinate Member _____ Junior Member: _____ Non-member: _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email address _____

Are there any health conditions/dietary restrictions we should be aware of? _____

Check the contests/events you plan to participate in.

_____ Sign-A-Song _____ Individual (indicate level) _____ Group (All levels)

[Level: _____ (Junior OR novice; hobbyist; expert)

Speech (you may compete in more than one category)

Prepared _____ Impromptu Speech _____ Radio Spot

Grange Baseball _____ (Youth) _____ (Junior)

If you are under 18, please have your parent/guardian complete the following:

I authorize _____ to participate in all activities. I DO / DO NOT (circle one) them to be photographed or recorded. Photos and recordings may be used on Grange social media.

Emergency Contact name _____

Relationship _____ Phone (____) _____

Will you be staying at the conference hotel? YES NO

A reservation link to the Hotel and Event Schedule will be sent at a later date.

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.

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