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A small education grant will be used initially for the first phase of the garden. Classes will eventually be offered in gardening techniques, canning, outdoor cooking, storage methods, and other fun and interesting subjects. Types of gardening will include pioneer, organic, square-foot, Mittleider, and Biodynamic methods.

Space will also be provided for people who do not have yards, and anyone who is interested, to grow their own food. A portion of the garden’s harvests will be donated to the food bank for families and individuals in need.

In the future, the community garden will help to support a farmer's market, where fresh foods and locally made goods can be bought and traded.

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Ephraim City’s newest business complex, Willow Creek Plaza, located near Kent’s Market at 489-501 South Main, currently houses several businesses that are not necessarily new to Ephraim, but provide an array of services for Sanpete residents:

1 Law; Doug Neeley, Attorney at Law, can meet all your legal needs. Associate, Dave Bridges speaks fluent Spanish to accommodate the Spanish speaking community. Call 283-5055 for information.

American Family Insurance provides a range of insurance services: auto, home, life, health, and commercial coverage. Call Carol, Ruth, or Monica at 283-3171.

Coldwell Banker Best Choice Realty deals in residential, land, farms, and commercial real estate sales and service. Contact Rebecca Walk at 283-2035.

Fabric Shack can meet all your quilting needs, offering a variety of fabrics, sewing notions, and quilting classes. Call 283-3232.

Morris Casperson, CPA, specializes in tax services for all clientele. You can contact Morris Casperson at 283-2006.

Security National Mortgage Company deals in mortgage origination. For more information contact Branch Manager Kris Jorgensen at 283-3271.

The Ephraim Co-op has agreed to partner with the community garden and the farmer’s market to sell local produce and products, so come on over to the Co-op to see what is for sale, and to visit the community garden.

We are focusing on using natural, organic, and sustainable methods and materials in order to keep our food clean, safe, and nutritious.

If you would like to help out, here is a list of some things we can use:

* Seed (preferably for our climate; and heirloom - for replanting)
* Soil, (organic if possible)
* Fertilizer, such as compost, manure, yard scraps, leaves, etc.

*Billy Pots / Jiffy Tablets
* Gardening tools (rakes, shovels, hoes, trowels, buckets, and wheelbarrows)

* Basic hand tools (pliers, hammers, scissors, hack saws, etc.)
* Wire, Wood nails & screws, Twine, Hoses, & Gardening gloves
* Rock and wood (from di-lapidated or abandoned sheds, buildings, or construction)
* Greenhouses/hoop-houses, or materials (such as metal pipe, rebar, clear plastic, or large clips)
* Volunteers, teachers, innovative ideas, know-how and advice.

Donations can be left at the Ephraim Co-op on Main Street, or you can call Pete at (801) 205-7578 for pickup. Money donations can be made at the Mountain America Credit Union in Ephraim under the Community Garden Account.

Please write to: ephraimcommunitygarden@gmail.com to be on the email list, or if you have questions, comments, or ideas.

Hablamos Español!