

# Sooner State Granger



## *Master Message—Billy Shufeldt OK State Grange President*

Greeting fellow Grangers near and far. We all have been in the same boat the last few months and that is without even talking about the rain. I hope everyone has been staying well and healthy through this pandemic that spread across the world and our own country in such a short time frame.

As you all know our annual Degree Day had to be cancelled due to the Corona Virus and now the Great Plains that was supposed to be in the middle of June in Denver Co. has also been cancelled. Due to all of the cancellations that everyone has had to make, I know it has been hard to have any meeting or do any community service work.

Lena and I have been personally involved in several food distributions for the Veterans, elderly and those in need. Each one of these have been sponsored by the Cherokee Nation and several Subordinate Granges in our area.

I am happy to tell you that we do have five Oklahoma State Grange Scholarship recipients for the upcoming 2020/2021 school year.

They are:

Jace M. Couch, Cabin Creek Grange # 359

Avery B. Couch, Cabin Creek Grange # 359

Olivia N. Shufeldt, OU Grange # 355

Katelyn L. Bailey, South Coffeyville Grange # 351

Jason T. Foley, Bluejacket # 353

I would like to congratulate each of these fine young men and women and I hope each of them is able to accomplish their goals.

As of now we still plan on holding our 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Oklahoma State Grange convention on October, 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 2020. There is a registration form for the Convention that will be held again in Claremore OK at the Holiday Inn Express and Claremore Convention Center in this issue of the Oklahoma State Granger.

Please have your registration forms to me by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please note who your youth would like to room with and as always, **the Juniors room with their parents**. If there are any changes concerning our State Convention, we will get the word out ASAP.

If anyone would like to post anything on our State website please fill free to contact Yvonne Meritt at 405-262-3354 or email her at [soonerstate-granger@gmail.com](mailto:soonerstate-granger@gmail.com)

My family and I have a big announcement, we found out over Mother's Day weekend that Bailey and her husband Will are expecting their first child.

I look forward to seeing everyone at all of the upcoming events and I want everyone to know you can contact me anytime. Have a wonderful year.

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email: [bshufeldt.okgrange@gmail.com](mailto:bshufeldt.okgrange@gmail.com)



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**Scheneista Procter**

**State Junior Director**

Hello Junior Grangers,

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. We can't believe the school year had to end so early, but hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. We were sad that we didn't get to see you at Degree day this year, but glad that

everyone was staying safe during this epidemic. We are starting to make some plans for state session and hopefully we will all get to see each other at state session. We will let you know what we have planned for state session as soon as we can. Have a great relaxed summer and hope to see you state session.

Fraternally submitted,

Scheneista Procter  
State Junior Director  
Audrey Bowers  
Debbie Borgstrom  
Kim Knight  
Committee members

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**Membership Directors**

**Carl Shufeldt**

**Jerry Taylor**

Dear Fellow Grangers

Hope this writing finds everyone well. We hope everyone is staying safe during this unusual time.

Don't forget to add the one dollar assessment fee for National Grange on your next report. As far as membership numbers go, we had our second quarter in a row with a loss. We had three subordinate granges that reported gains. In all we had a net loss of 95 members. With warmer weather and people being able to get out more maybe we can bring these number up before long.

## SECRETARIES TAKE NOTES

**Jeannie Harrington**

**State Secretary**

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during this Corona Virus outbreak. It has been a "different" spring with all the social distancing. It was a sad time to have to cancel Degree Day and the Grange Gathering and not get to see our grange family and catch up on the latest news.

It will soon be time for the second quarter dues to be paid. The Grange Assessments are due this quarter also. The assessment is \$1.00 per member and this includes Golden Sheaf members.

I truly appreciate my fellow grange secretaries and how you take care of the dues in a timely manner. You all are great to work with. You make my job as State Secretary enjoyable and much simpler.

Continue to stay safe until we meet again!."

## Congratulations

Brad and Donna Keeton will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary

June 14th. Please send cards of celebration for this occasion to :

Brad & Donna Keeton

Rt. 1 Box 106

South Coffeyville, OK 74072



**Chaplain Corner, Yvonne Meritt**

**Matthew 7:12** In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

**Romans 13:9 ...."Love your neighbor as yourself" 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor: therefore , Love is the fulfilling of the law.**



Hello Youth and Young Adults,

I want to give a huge shout out to our graduates, Ashley Harvick, Kennedy Webb, Stephanie Nutter, Avery Couch, Jace Couch, Ryan Meritt, Tate Ward, Sarah Ward and Lillian Brickey. I am so proud of each one of you. Some have graduated from college, some from high school, and some from Eighth Grade. Each one of these is an important milestone and this spring's graduations have been very different than we have ever seen in our lifetime. I, along with all our Grange Members, want you to know how important you all are and we will continue to support you in your life's journey.

Due to COVID-19 we have had to cancel many things. The OK State Grange Executive Committee felt it best to cancel Degree Day to keep everyone safe. They also decided it best to cancel

our planned trip to Colorado for the Great Plains Regional Conference for the same reason. COVID-19 has caused a lot of disruption in our lives, but keeping everyone safe was more important than anything.

As of right now, the OK State Grange Annual Session is still being planned and I hope that you all mark your calendars to attend. I just saw on the National Grange's Facebook Page that changes have been announced regarding the 154th Annual National Grange Convention due to the COVID crisis. It stated that the plan is to limit attendance to Delegates and National Officer's only. I can honestly say I am sad to see this. I was looking forward to going, but understand the importance of this change.

I hope this finds you all doing well and I look forward to when we see each other again.

LeeAnn Bailey Youth and Young Adults Director

918-331-5416 [lbailey5416@gmail.com](mailto:lbailey5416@gmail.com)

### Graduates 2020



**Ashley Harvick**

Rogers State  
Bachelor of Science  
Business Administration and Human Resources



**Avery Couch**

Adair High School



**Kennedy Webb**

Okla State University  
Bachelor of Science  
Agricultural Communications



**Stephanie Nutter**

University of Central Oklahoma  
Master of Science  
Speech Language Pathology



**Ryan Meritt**

White Rock School  
8th Grade

Not pictured: **Jace Couch** Rogers State Associated Degree in Liberal Arts English

**OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE  
CONVENTION  
105th ANNUAL SESSION  
OCTOBER 16-18, 2020  
Registration Form (Per Room)**

**Holiday Inn Express  
1400 Country Club Rd  
Claremore, OK 74017  
(918)283-4877**

Grange Name and # \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ State Officer  Youth  Junior  Delegate  Director  Member  Guest

Name \_\_\_\_\_ State Officer  Youth  Junior  Delegate  Director  Member  Guest

Name \_\_\_\_\_ State Officer  Youth  Junior  Delegate  Director  Member  Guest

Name \_\_\_\_\_ State Officer  Youth  Junior  Delegate  Director  Member  Guest

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Rooms-** (This is a non-smoking hotel)

Cost of rooms are \$79.00 per night not including tax.

Please  type of room needed.

Please  each day room is needed.

Double \_\_\_ or King \_\_\_ or Handicap \_\_\_

Thursday \_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_

**Meals:** Continental Breakfast is included with stay.

*Friday lunch is on your own.*

Friday Evening Banquet: (THEME: to be announce in September)

Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ Children # \_\_\_\_\_ OR Child's plate of Chicken Tenders & Tater Tots available # \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Luncheon: Complements of Grange Mutual Insurance.

Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ Children # \_\_\_\_\_

*Saturday Dinner is on your own.*

Please list food allergies \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE:**

\$20.00 ADULT \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ (ages 5-13; Juniors room with Parents)

Total included with form: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send money and registration form to:**

Billy Shufeldt

RT. 1 Box 342-14

South Coffeyville, Ok 74072

**State Master will make all room reservations. \_\_\_\_\_ (No later than September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020)**

**Oklahoma State Grange will only pay for one room per Subordinate Grange.**

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Terry Stoelzing, Legislative Director

## Oklahoma Legislation

June 30, 2020: Primary

August 25, 2020: Primary runoff

November 3, 2020: General election

**COVID-19 and the 2020 Elections--***Even as the State of Oklahoma continues its phased reopening, the health and safety of election workers and voters remains foremost on the minds of state and county election officials. This will be a challenging election cycle for election administrators, but Oklahomans can know that state and county election officials are working very hard to make sure it is conducted as safely and securely as possible.*

## SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON VOTING

State election officials worked with health professionals at the OU Health Sciences Center to develop protocols for social distancing and disinfection at in-person voting sites. This will help protect poll workers and voters alike. Additionally, state election officials and our partners at OU Health Sciences Center strongly recommend that election workers and voters wear masks or cloth face coverings at in-person voting sites.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, DISINFECTION AT IN-PERSON VOTING SITES

The State Election Board has secured personal protective equipment (including masks, gloves, and eye protection) and disinfection supplies for use by poll workers at in-person polling places. There are sufficient supplies on hand for every poll worker at the upcoming election.

## NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING

Oklahoma voters do not need an excuse to vote by mail absentee ballot. It is an easy and convenient way to vote. Apply online, print an application. The deadline to request a mail absentee ballot is the Tuesday one week prior to the date of an election, but voters are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

## NEW ALTERNATIVES FOR ABSENTEE VOTER VERIFICATION

Senate Bill 210 created new alternatives for absentee voters to verify their identity during the COVID-19 state of emergency. Instead of having your signature notarized (if your Affidavit envelope has a yellow stripe) or witnessed by two people (if your Affidavit envelope has a pink stripe), you now have the option of attaching a copy of an identification document to your affidavit envelope instead. (SB 210 became effective May 7, 2020.)

## NEW COVID-19 CRITERIA QUALIFY FOR "PHYSICALLY INCAPACITATED" ABSENTEE BALLOT

Senate Bill 210 allows registered voters who meet new COVID-19 criteria to claim "physically incapacitated" status for absentee voting at elections held during calendar year 2020. (SB 210 became effective May 7, 2020.)

## ENSURING ABSENTEE BALLOTS GET TO NURSING HOME VOTERS

Senate Bill 210 includes a provision to help ensure voters in nursing facilities (nursing homes) and veterans centers are able to vote during the COVID-19 pandemic. (SB 210 became effective May 7, 2020)

## COVID-19 PROVISIONS IN SENATE BILL 1779

Senate Bill 1779 included several provisions requested by state election officials to improve the administration of elections during the COVID-19 pandemic. (SB 1779 became effective May 21, 2020.)

## 2020 State Question--State Question 802

**Date of Election: June 30, 2020**

Medicaid is a government-sponsored health insurance program for qualifying low-income persons. This measure would add a provision to the Oklahoma Constitution requiring the State to expand Medicaid coverage.

The Medicaid program is funded jointly by the federal government and the State. If the measure is approved, OHCA has 90 days to submit all documents necessary to obtain federal approval for implementing Medicaid expansion by July 1, 2021.

For more information about State Question 802, visit the Oklahoma Secretary of State website: <https://www.sos.ok.gov/documents/questions/802.pdf>

## LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

Terry Stoelzing, State Lecturer

Two months ago, no one knew what "social distancing" was. I do not think it was even a thing at all. Now it is a part of our lexicon...and beyond that, it is become our actual way of life. While the federal government and individual states look to start re-opening the economy soon, there will most certainly be guidelines in place to prevent another outbreak of COVID-19. And social distancing will be at the very top of that list for the foreseeable future.

So, with the weather warming up and summer not too far away, what can we do to pass the time? While it is impossible to predict when certain places will reopen, it's probably safe to say that businesses or attractions that rely on mass gatherings as their primary revenue stream will remain closed throughout the coming months.

That includes theme parks (from local to Walt Disney World), sporting events (look forward to games in empty stadiums and arenas), movie theaters (possibly with limited audiences?), miniature golf, and on and on. Picture any place where you'd be within close range of many strangers, and there's a good chance that it will remain closed or re-open with very strict distancing guidelines.

We have gotten surprisingly good recently at figuring out ways to entertain ourselves while confined to our homes. But now that the weather is getting nicer, it opens the door to more possibilities. So, while we might not be able to take a typical "summer vacation" this year, here are some staycation ideas to try this summer.

**Ride bikes**--Go for a fun bike ride with the family this summer. Take advantage of the nice weather and explore your neighborhood or a bike trail. This is a great way to have fun while social distancing with the family. Do not forget to bring water and wear your helmet!

**Make Ice Cream**--My family LOVES ice cream! We had our freezer stocked with different flavors during the quarantine. Nothing screams summer like ice cream on a hot day, especially in Oklahoma. Making your own frozen treat is a fun activity for everyone.

**Backyard Camping**--Set up a tent in the backyard and spend the night sharing scary stories or singing silly songs. Summer is the best time to enjoy the outdoors at night. Camping out in the backyard is the perfect way to enjoy social distancing while having fun.

**Science Experiments**--Kids can continue learning throughout the summer by having fun with these awesome

**Visit the Lake**--Pack a lunch and take the family on a nice day trip. Make sure to follow all the new guidelines while you are at the lake.

**Blow Bubbles**--Who does not love bubbles?! This is a great summer activity. You can order a bubble machine or get bottles of bubbles. Our babies love running through bubbles or trying to catch them. You can also purchase a fly swatter to make different size bubbles for the kids. Just pour a large bottle of bubbles in a shallow dish then use the fly swatter as a wand.

**Fly a Kite**--Find a nice empty field or use your backyard to run and fly a kite. You can purchase a cheap one from the store or make one with the kids for this fun summer activity.

**Build a Backyard Obstacle Course**--Use cones, hula hoops, pool noodles, jump ropes, wood, and other materials from around the house to set up an obstacle course in your backyard. You can host a competition with fun prizes for the winners. Check out videos on Youtube for inspiration.

**Learn how to Cook**--Spend this summer teaching your kids how to cook. Choose their favorite meal and make it at home.

**Have a Scavenger Hunt**--You can set up a scavenger hunt for the kids indoors or outdoors. Make it adventurous by going to the park or the lake.

**Water Balloon Fight**--One of the best ways to cool down during the summer is to have a water balloon fight. Fill some buckets with water balloons and have fun.

**Host a Fashion Show**--Grab some clothes out of the closet and have fun! Play some music as you walk down the runway. You can set up chairs with stuffed animals for the audience.

**Backyard Beach Party**--Not ready to visit the lake or beach? No problem! Create one in your backyard. Get two inflatable swimming pools from the store and fill one with sand and other with water. Have a small cooler with drinks and snacks nearby. You can also have beach balls, frisbee or other items you normally carry to the lake. Set up a few lawn chairs and relax while the kids splash around.

**Create Crafts**--We are making fun crafts this summer. It does not have to be structured. Set up a crafting station and let your kids use their imagination to create cool things. Many stores are offering curbside pickup if you want to avoid going inside. (continued on next page)

**Have Food Challenges**--You can either have a food eating contest or have a blind taste test challenge. Have fun and get creative.

Here are following contest are for this year's state session. The age groups will be 0-13, 14-18, and 19 and older. The Best of Show adult division will be sent to nationals. To be judged there.

Photography

staycation pics

protective mask

hand drawn or painted

Journalism - must be submitted with a 100

-word max description.

Short Story

The short story must be 1500 words long.

May be handwritten or typed. The subject matter needs to be Grange related.

Talent Show

Hope we will be having our annual talent show at State session. The winner will receive \$100. National Convention will be having the evening of excellence virtually. All participants must send me the following information by October 1. Name, Grange name, what type of talent you will be performing, title of performance, and you are able to attend National Grange Session. My email is [terrys@jmfarms.com](mailto:terrys@jmfarms.com).

### PRIZES

Staycation, Protective mask, Hand drawn or painted, Journalism (0-13) 1<sup>st</sup> \$20; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10 (14-18) 1<sup>st</sup> \$20; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10 (19 and older) 1<sup>st</sup> \$20; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10

Short Story 1<sup>st</sup> \$20; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10  
Talent \$100



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# GRANGE

## MUTUAL INSURANCE

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We would like to celebrate the lives of Martha Shufeldt and Maria Volz. They turned 80 years young on May 13th. These special ladies have been long time Grange members and have helped in so many ways.. Let's show them how much we care about them by sending them each a belated birthday card letting them know you care.

Martha Shufeldt  
Rt 1 Box 343  
South Coffeyville, OK 74072

Maria Volz  
Rt 1 Box 342-18  
South Coffeyville, OK 74072

### Dates to Remember

Sept 1 Newsletter articles due  
Sept 1 Community Service Projects Due  
Sept. 15 State Grange Registrations Due  
Oct. 16-18 State Grange Session  
    Holiday Inn Express  
    Claremore, OK  
Dec. 1 Newsletter articles due

### Grange Activites

#### Lisa Evans, Director

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. The State Grange session will be here before we know it. I have included the contest for each category for the session. They are as follows:

**Men:** Make a sign out of any material, Make a shelf out of any material, make something out of PVC pipe.

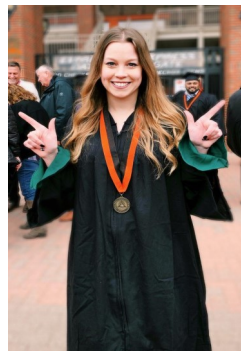
**Women:** Make a fall centerpiece, make something with burlap on it, make a Christmas decoration for inside or out can be made from any material.

**Juniors:** Decorate a pumpkin, make a Christmas ornament, make a cross out of any material.

**Youth:** Make a cross out of any material, make something with a mason jar, make something out of duct tape.

The forms for the community books are on the Grange website. I encourage all to enter a community book to show all of the great work the Grange members are doing. Please send the community books to the following address by September 11th.

Lisa Evans  
P.O. Box 504  
Ketchum, Oklahoma 74349



**Sarah Ward**

Okla State University  
BS in Human Development and Family Life  
Sciences

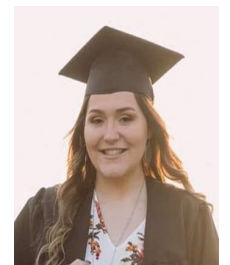
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**Tate Ward**  
Davis High School



*More*

*Graduates  
2020*



**Lillian Brickey**

Calumet High  
School

We wish to extend congratulations to all graduates this year. We apologize in advance if we missed including their picture in this edition. If you would like their picture included in the next edition. Please email [Soonerstategranger@gmail.com](mailto:Soonerstategranger@gmail.com) with picture and information.