

# Sooner State Granger



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

Oklahoma Grangers and all Grangers across our great Nation. I hope everyone has a pleasant and productive year. As always for this time of the rain started and does not seem to have an end in sight. But when it stops, we will be wanting

to start again.

The Oklahoma State Grange Degree Day held on March 26<sup>th</sup> in South Coffeyville OK. was a great success with 60 Grangers from Oklahoma and Kansas attending. The National Grange High Priest of Demeter Roger Bostwick and his wife Grange Foundation Board member Melanie Bostwick and National Grange Youth Director Mandy Bostwick was in attendance. We had a total of twelve candidates take the first four degrees. They were Brett Babb and Hayden Babb of Bluejacket # 353, Charli Moore and Travis Knight of South Coffeyville # 351, Katelyn Thomsen, Haile Thomsen, Christopher Thomsen and Cody Allen, of Thompson # 352, Tucker Shufeldt and Emily Shufeldt of OU # 355, Carlie Conrady and Colton Conrady of Cherryvale # 221. Roger Bostwick served as Master during the Fourth degree. We all had a great day and had a great lunch.

I want to say congratulations to all our Oklahoma State Grange Scholarship 2022/2023 recipients. This year we had seven outstanding young adults apply and receive the Scholarship, they are: Lauren Foley, Jason Foley and Hayden Babb of Bluejacket # 353, Christopher Thomsen of Thompson # 352, Charli Moore of South Coffeyville # 351,

Colten Conrady of Cherryvale # 221 and Tate Ward of Prairie # 334.

Please let all of them know how proud of them that we all are and wish them all the best in their ventures.

The Oklahoma State Grange gathering held on May 14, 2022 at the Tulsa Zoo was a tremendous success. We had 50 Grangers show for the day and everyone had a great time. The catered food that the Zoo provided for lunch and snacks was very delicious. Everyone enjoyed all the animals and train ride and the new dinosaur exhibit that had just began that week. I hope everyone that was in attendance remembered to take lots of photos for the Lecture's contests for State Session. I hope we can have another gathering in the future. I want to thank everyone that came and making it a fun time.

The Great Plains Regional Conference hosted by the Kansas State Grange is coming up next week. We have eighteen Oklahoma Grangers going and I know we will all have a good time. The Kansas State Grange has many workshops and events scheduled for us for the weekend.

The Oklahoma State Grange Convention will be held back in Claremore OK at the Claremore Conference Center / Holiday Inn Express located at 1400 Country Club Road, Claremore OK 74017 on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, with most of us coming in on the evening of October 13, 2022. The registration form is in this paper. If anyone would want me to mail or email a copy to you, please contact me. (continued at the top of next page)



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(Continued from Master's Message) If anyone needs any help from Oklahoma State Grange Secretary Jeannie Harrington, you can reach her at email: [jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com](mailto:jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com) or mail to 4253 NS 406 RD, Wann, OK 74083 or phone number 918-559-9507.

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).

If anyone needs anything from me, please fill free to contact me anytime.

Fraternally Submitted

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## SECRETARIES TAKE NOTES

### Jeannie Harrington—State Secretary

I pray everyone is staying safe, healthy, and having a wonderful spring. It is great to see everything beginning to turn green and the flowers bloom.

By the time you read this newsletter Degree Day was well attended with twelve Candidates taking the degrees. The Grange Gathering at the Zoo in Tulsa, OK will also be passed so I hope everyone had a wonderful time. I understand there were upwards of 50 people in attendance. It is always a great time to get together with our Grange family.

The Great Plains Conference in Manhattan, KS will be June 10-12, 2022. Master Billy has chartered a bus for all who want to attend. The Oklahoma State Grange Convention will be October

14-16, 2022 in Claremore, OK at the Claremore Conference Center with the Holiday Inn Express next door. Plan to attend.

It will soon be time for the second quarter dues to be paid. The \$1.00 assessment fee for each member will also be due on this report.

I truly appreciate my fellow grange secretaries and how you take care of the dues in a timely manner. You are all great to work with. You make my job as State Secretary enjoyable and much simpler. If you need to reach me, my email is: [jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com](mailto:jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com). My phone number is 918-559-9507 and my new 911 address is: 4253 NS 406 Road, Wann, OK 74083. I still have my Post Office Box 716, South Coffeyville, OK 74072. You can send your reports to either of these addresses.

## CHAPLAIN CORNER

### Sheila Shafer-Conrady —State Chaplain

Praise God we survived the long winter and busy spring! Here we are at the start of a summer I'm sure will fly by. At the Conrady house we are getting the combines out for harvest and weeks behind moving cattle to summer pasture. We have gone from the busy rush of living through my son Colton's high school graduation into the busy rush of the farm in high gear for summer without taking a breath or rest it would seem.

All this busy rushing makes me think of Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 *For everything there is a season, A time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. A time to kill and a time to heal, a time to break down and a time to build up, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to cast away stones and a*

*time to gather them. A time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to seek and a time to lose. A time to keep silent and a time to speak, A time to love and a time for hate, A time for war and a time for peace.*

All of this hits home for me. I lost my mother last September and my last living grandparent in January and this month alone I have attended the funeral of my favorite teacher, a close friend's father who was an extra dad to me, and the child of a co-worker. Add to that the mass shooting at a Buffalo NY grocery store, a horrific school shooting in Uvalde Tx and grief has covered up a little more of my time than I would like. So where is the wisdom in this grief? All I can say is grieve if you need to, cry remember and pray let God into your grief. In the midst of this live don't forget the good times, the good people and thank God for the time you shared and don't despair there is also a time to heal.

**OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE  
CONVENTION  
107h ANNUAL SESSION  
OCTOBER 14-16, 2022**

Registration Form (Per Room)

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

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

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

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

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Rooms-** (This is a non-smoking hotel)  
Please  type of room needed.

Cost of rooms are \$79.00 per night not including tax.  
Please  each day room is needed.

Double  King  Handicap

Thursday  Friday  Saturday

**Meals:** Continental Breakfast is included with stay.  
*Friday lunch is on your own.*

Friday Evening Banquet: (Coat & Tie event)  
Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ Children # \_\_\_\_\_

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

6399 NS 413 RD

South Coffeyville, Ok 74072

State Master will make all room reservations. \_\_\_\_\_ (No later than September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

**Oklahoma State Grange takes care of only one room per Subordinate Grange.**

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



## Scheneista Procter –State Junior Director

Hello Junior Grangers,  
We hope everyone is enjoying their summer break! It's hard to believe that the school year is already finished and now summer has officially begun. I was unable to attend Degree Day this year, but I heard there was a lot of fun that took place. I want to say thank you to all that came and to my helpers that made it possible for the Juniors to have fun.

We are making lots of plans to make it another fun state session. It will be here before we know it. We will have some crafts, games, and will be doing some competitions again this year. We hope to see us grow some more, so invite your friends to come and have fun with us. We will have more details in the upcoming newspaper about what we will be doing at the state session. We hope that everyone will be able to attend and everyone stays safe and healthy this summer!

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

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### Membership Directors

Carl Shufeldt and Jerry Taylor

Hello Fellow Grangers

We hope you're doing well this spring. We have been blessed with rain so maybe your gardens

are doing well. This last quarter has not fared as well as normal for membership. We had 5487 members at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter but at the end of this 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022 we have 5448 members for a loss of 39 members. We had three Granges that had increases. The rest had losses or were the same. Hopefully we will be able to get some back this next quarter.



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**HAYDEN BAILEY**

## **SOUTH COFFEVILLE GRANGE**

At the Northeast District 4-H Contest Days Hayden Bailey placed 1st in Tractor Driving and 1st place in the ATV Rider and Safety Contest, both in the Senior Division

## **Note of Thanks**



Thank you, Oklahoma State Grange for donating towards my mission trip! I will be heading to Guatemala, South Africa, Thailand, and Cambodia in August and will be gone for 9 months. The non-profit organization that I am going with is "Adventures in Missions" based out of Georgia. I have about 40 teammates all my age(18-20). We will be sharing the gospel, ministering to people, helping build churches, teaching English and building relationships with locals. I am so excited to see what God has in store for this trip, and so appreciate the Grange for helping make it possible.

Thank you, Lexie Jones

## **GRANGE ACTIVITIES**

### **Lisa Evans – Activities Director**

I hope everyone is having a great summer. The State Session will be here before we know it. I have included the contest so there will be plenty of time to create your entries. The community books will be due September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022. The forms can be found on the Oklahoma State Grange Website Please mail the books to Lisa Evans PO Box 504 Ketchum, Oklahoma 74349.

**Junior:** Decorate a pumpkin, make a Christmas decoration, paper towel craft.

**Youth:** Decorate a Pumpkin, Create jewelry out of any material, Create a Christmas ornament.

**Women:** Make a Christmas ornament, create a Christmas centerpiece out of any material, and create something out of a recycled item.

**Men:** Create a sign for the home out any material, make an outdoor Christmas decoration, make a picture frame out any material.

Have a safe and fun summer,



### **LeeAnn Bailey –Youth and Young Couple Director**

Greetings Youth and Young Adults,

I hope this finds each of you doing well. By the time you read this the Great Plains Regional Conference will be over. I was unable to go this year due to scheduling conflicts, so I hope that all who went had a great time. Thank you to Kansas for hosting this year and know that I missed being there a lot!!

The next major event is Oklahoma's Annual State Grange Session which is scheduled for October in Claremore again at the same place it has been the past years. Upcoming events and dates are in this quarterly newsletter.

For our Graduates this year, I want to congratulate each and every one of you on your accomplishments. Keep persevering and pursuing your dreams. Also know we are there for you to help you in any way possible.

I hope you all have a fun and safe summer and I look forward to when we meet next.

Fraternally yours,  
LeeAnn Bailey  
lbailey5416@gmail.com

## LECTURERS DEPARTMENT

### Donna Keeton—State Lecturer

The Oklahoma State Grange Gathering at the Tulsa Zoo was a huge success. There were over 50 Grangers and guests. Everyone had a lot of fun. We were able to ride the train around the zoo and go to the Dinosaur Exhibit. There were snacks at 10:00 a.m. and lunch at noon. Thanks to the Oklahoma State Grange and especially to Master Billy Shufeldt. He did a great job planning the Oklahoma State Grange Gathering at the Tulsa Zoo. I hope everyone has taken a lot of pictures while at the zoo.

The State contests for the photo contest is:

Degree Day

The Tulsa Zoo (Oklahoma State Grange Gathering)

Summer Fun

Then tell a story about what you enjoyed at the Oklahoma State Grange Session, you can have a picture with your story.

Painting or drawing a picture there will be two categories, watercolors, or pencil drawings.

The last contest will be to read a book and write about the book. Tell us if you like the book and what it was about.

The age categories are 0-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19, Adults

June is the deadline for the National Grange Photo Contest. You will need to email the picture to the National Lecturer. The categories are Skies, a photo of a truck, if you get on the website of the National Grange you will get all the information you need.

I can't wait to see you in October at the State Session.

## CHERRYVALE GRANGE #221

### CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

Cherryvale Grange enjoyed a meal, meeting and refreshments of cake at their Celebration held at the Land Run Historical Center on April 9. Communities in Grant County, OK were invited. Door prizes were awarded.

A special thanks goes to LaTasha from the museum who helped with set up, clean up, and answering all our questions and the board for the use of the facility.

If you haven't been in the museum lately you should go in to see the new exhibits which are beautifully displayed. Even the restrooms have displays in them. It was a real treat to use this facility.

Cherryvale Grange celebrated their 100 years of continuous activity as a community service organization during National Grange Month which is April. They obtained their original Charter on December 14, 1921 and are still active in Local, State and National projects.

Members reported on attending Degree Day in So. Coffeyville and ongoing service projects, upcoming State activities, National Photography Contests and their RADA fund raiser.

A donation of the Washington Grange #299

Record book was brought to the Museum by Doris Kent's daughter to be given to Cherryvale for safekeeping. This record book was from the 1970's to 2012 when they closed after celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The late Doris Kent was their longtime Secretary/treasurer for 33 years. They were organized Feb. 23, 1932 and closed June 4, 2012.

Mary Krehbiel, President





**CANDIDATE ON DEGREE DAY HELD AT SOUTH COFFEYVILLE ON MARCH 26.**

**PRESIDENT MARY KREHBEIL AND PAST STATE PRESIDENT LARRY SHAFER AT THE CHERRYVALE GRANGE 100 YEARS OF SERVICE CELEBRATION.**



**GRANGE DAY AT THE TULSA ZOO  
MAY 14, 2022**



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### Dates to Remember

- June 30 National Grange Virtual Photo Contest Entries due
- June 30 Second Quarter dues are due
- Sept 1 Newsletter articles due
- Sept 15 Registrations are due for State Grange Attendees
- Sept 23 Community Service Projects Due
- Oct. 14-16 Oklahoma State Grange State Session  
Holiday Inn Express Claremore, OK
- Nov. 15-19 National Grange Convention  
Sparks Nevada