

Sooner State Granger



Master Message—Billy Shufeldt OK State Grange President

I hope all Oklahoma Grangers and all other Grangers across the Country had a great Memorial Day Weekend Holiday just a few weeks past. I hope everyone has not been affected by all the bad weather we have had across the country this year. And

I would also like thank everyone for the kind words and cards we have received with the passing of Welina's mom, we both appreciate the Love and support sent to us from across the country.

Our annual Degree Day was held on April 6th, 2024, in South Coffeyville, OK hosted by the Thompson Grange, Pleasant View Grange, OU Grange and the South Coffeyville Grange. We had approximately 50 Grange attending along with High Priest of Demeter/Kansas State Master Roger Bostwick and wife Melanie Bostwick. There were six Grangers that took the first four Degrees, they were: Josiah Proctor - Big Cabin # 156, Landon Knight, Randalyn Crowe and Hayden Bailey - South Coffeyville # 351, Gage Taylor and Eli Wattenbarger - OU # 355. I would like to thank Roger Bostwick for his assistance taking over as Master for the 2nd and 4th Degrees. I would also like to thank all of the Host Granges and all of the Grangers that attended, the event was a great success.

I would like everyone to join me in congratulating our Oklahoma State Grange Scholarship recipients for the 2024/2025 school year. This year we

received applications from five outstanding young adults that will receive the scholarship, they are Bailey Miranda, Hayden Bailey and Charli Moore - South Coffeyville Grange # 351, Christopher Thomsen and Halie Thomsen - Thompson Grange # 352. I want to wish all of them the best in their studies and life.

I would like to congratulate Bailey Miranda of South Coffeyville Grange # 351 for being awarded the Brad Keeton Memorial Scholarship. Bailey is our Oklahoma State Grange Youth Director and lives in Pauls Valley, OK with her husband Will and son Leo and is expecting twins due in August. Bailey has been taking courses to advance her education to pursue other career opportunities. We wish her well in all her ventures.

Oklahoma State Grange is hosting the Great Plains Regional Conference on July 12th - 14th 2024 at the Holiday Inn Express and Convention Center in Claremore OK. The registration fee for all Oklahoma State Grangers will be \$ 10.00 ea. with 5-year-olds and younger are free. All registration forms and fees need to be turned into me by June 21st, 2024. I will make your hotel reservations. You can contact me to get a registration form.

The 109th Annual Oklahoma State Grange Session will be held on October 11th, 12th & 13th, 2024 at the Claremore Conference Center / Holiday Inn Express located at 1400 Country Club Road, Claremore OK. 74017. Most of us will be arriving on the evening of October 10th at the ho-



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tel and the Oklahoma State Grange Executive Board will have a board meeting at 6:00 pm and the Grange Mutual Insurance Board will have their meeting a 7:00 pm with the State Officers having drill practice afterwards. Registration forms need to be sent to me by September 15th, 2024. Registration Fees will be \$20 per Youth and Adults and \$10 per Juniors ages 5-14, please fill out one registration form per hotel room so we can get a good count on everybody. I will make all the hotel reservations so make sure you indicate what type of room you prefer, Also, all Juniors will stay in their parents' room unless pre-arranged, so if you need an extra room for your children, please let me know.

This is an election year again for only one Executive Board meeting.

The Theme for the celebration Banquet on Friday night Oct. 11th, 2024, will be Mardi Gras, we would love to see everyone dressed up.

All 2024/2025 Scholarship recipients, if you cannot attend the whole State Session, you will at least need to be at the Celebration Banquet on Friday night Oct. 11th, 2024, to accept and give your Scholarship acceptance speech.

If anyone needs any help from Oklahoma State Grange Secretary Jeannie Harrington, you can reach her at email: jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com

ton@rocketmail.com or mail to Rt. 1 Box 250 Wann, OK 74083 or phone number main 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.

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

Fraternally Submitted

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SECRETRIES TAKE NOTES

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. The rain has also been a welcome sight although we could have done without the tornados.

By the time you read this newsletter Degree Day was well attended with six Candidates taking the degrees. Thank you to South Coffeyville, Thompson, Pleasant View and OU Granges for hosting the event.

The Great Plains Conference in Claremore, OK will be July 12-14, 2024. Master Billy has some fun and informative activities planned for the weekend.

The Oklahoma State Grange Convention will be October 11-13, 2024 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. My phone number is 918-559-9507 and my 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.

Fraternally,
Jeannie Harrington
State Secretary





Hello youth and young adults,

I hope the start to everyone's summers has been great! I know there has been a lot of crazy weather lately and hope everyone is doing okay.

Our annual Degree Day was held on April 6th, 2024, in South Coffeyville, OK hosted by the Thompson Grange, Pleasant View Grange, OU Grange and the South Coffeyville Grange. There were six Grangers that took the first four Degrees, and they will all be joining our youth program this year, they were: Josiah Proctor - Big Cabin # 156, Landon Knight, Randalyn Crowe and Hayden Bailey - South Coffeyville # 351, Gage Taylor and Eli Wattenbarger - OU # 355.

Our junior director and I also put on an easter egg hunt for our amazing juniors. They all had so much fun and one of your juniors got a special surprise in one of her eggs and ended up winning a Visa card worth \$20.

I would like everyone to join me in congratulating our Oklahoma State Grange Scholarship recipients for the 2024/2025 school year. This year there were five outstanding young adults that will receive the scholarship, they are Bailey Miranda, Hayden Bailey and Charli Moore - South Coffeyville Grange # 351, Christopher Thomsen and Hailley Thomsen - Thompson Grange # 352. I want to wish all of them the best in their studies and life.

Now on to our upcoming events to put in your calendars, The Great Plains Regional Conference is scheduled for July 12th-14th, 2024 in Claremore, Oklahoma at the Holiday Inn Express. Sadly, I won't be able to make it to Regional Conference since I will be 8 months pregnant and won't be able to be that far from my doctors by that time my brother Justin Knight will be helping take care of you all so if you need anything he will be there for you while I am out.

Oklahoma State Grange Session will be held also in Claremore, Oklahoma at the Holiday Inn Express October 11th-13th. If you are receiving the Oklahoma State Grange Scholarship you are required to be at state session Friday, please do not forget. We will be serving dinner at the banquet Friday night and lunch on Saturday, and we will also be presenting the 5th Degree on Saturday so I would appreciate it if no one left after serving lunch, and I have already scheduled a super fun activity for all the youth for Saturday night, so I hope to see everyone there!

Please join our Facebook page: Oklahoma State Grange Youth

If you have any questions, please feel free to get ahold of me.

Bailey Miranda

Oklahoma State Youth Director

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Pauls Valley, OK 73075

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Fellow Grangers,

Hope everyone is doing well as we head into the warmer seasons. Everyone please stay safe out there. During the first quarter of the year we had 10 of our 19 subordinate Granges gain membership but the Granges who lost membership overtook the gains. We actually had a net loss of 22

members for the state. We went from 5301 members to 5279 members. We are hoping we can regain those members and then some during the next quarter. Thanks for all the work everyone puts in to it.

Sincerely,

Carl Shufeldt

Jerry Taylor

LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

I can't believe Memorial weekend is over, I hope everyone had a safe holiday. Now is the time to start working on the contests.

July 12 -14 is the Great Plains Regional meeting in Claremore, OK. Mark it on your calendar, our Master Billy Shufeldt has been working hard to make it a great session.

I will print the contest in this article too so everyone will have fresh ideas on what to do.

LECTURER'S CONTEST

Photo Contest

Age Groups 5-9, 10-14, 15-Adult

Tell A Story (Just using Pictures) 3 pictures

A beginning, A middle, A Ending of Story

Summer Fun

Animal

Drawing Contest

Same age groups

May use Pencil or Charcoal for drawings

May be a 5x7, 8x10

Painting Contest

Same age groups

Acrylic paint or watercolors

will be on the Oklahoma State Grange web page

Coloring page

All ages

You can use crayons, colored pencils, or markers for the picture.

Essay Contest

Your Favorite Experience at State Grange.

5-9- ages -25 words

10-14 ages 200 words

15 years to Adult - 500 Minimum to 1000 Maximum

Fraternally yours,

Donna Keeton

State Lecturer



Hello Junior Grangers,

I hope everyone is having a great summer break, I know these storms have been crazy I hope everyone has been staying safe! We had degree day in April and had fun with the few that got to make it! We got to make some crafts and have a fun little Easter egg hunt. Great Plains Regional Conference is coming up soon in July and being held in Claremore, I hope to see you there! State session is right around the corner. I will have some sort of crafts/ activities for us to do. I hope to see you all there! For now enjoy your summer break and I'll be seeing you soon!

Fraternally submitted,
Melody Finn



NATIONAL GRANGE
OF THE ORDER OF PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 12th - 14th 2024 Great Plains Regional Conference, Holiday Inn Express and Convention Center, Claremore OK.

Sept. 1 Community Service Projects due

Sept. 15th Registration Forms due

October 11th, 12th & 13th, 2024, Oklahoma State Grange, Claremore Conference Center / Holiday Inn Express located at 1400 Country Club Road, Claremore OK. 74017

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello Grangers!

I Hope you all are enjoying the rain! The grass is green and growing like a bad weed! I hope everyone planted your gardens early so you are blessed with a bountiful harvest.

As I was thinking about all this rain we had lately, I thought about what God wants us to know about reaping what we sow. Starting with Paul the Apostle who wrote, "Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap what you sow (Gal 6:7). He continues to instruct the Galatians to "sow to please the spirit" rather than the flesh. Thus, pointing to a spiritual life that will result in recompense.

So, what does this mean? It's often interpreted to mean that we will be held accountable for our actions in our final judgment; and that our way of life will see natural consequences if we "sow to the flesh," by self-seeking desires, we will reap corruption that only the flesh produces. If we "sow to the spirit" and are guided by the spirit to redeem what is eternal, we will reap eternal life from the Spirit (Gal 6:8).

I hope I planted a seed for thought, and that all of us will reap the greatest reward of eternal life.

Have a wonderful summer and God bless you all,
Oklahoma State Grange Chaplain Kim Duvall

GRANGE ACTIVITIES

PENDING

Fraternally submitted,

Lisa Evans, State Grange Activities



National Grange Officers and Delegates will be completing the work of the National Grange on the at-sea days, everyone will have the opportunity for fellowship and building fraternal bonds, and the Eastern Host Region will be planning special events onboard, too. We encourage everyone to begin booking your staterooms now. Follow these simple instructions document or on the National Grange website. <https://www.nationalgrange.org/159ngconvention/> If we book all of the rooms currently held in our group block the National Grange will make up more than 25% of everyone on board - what a great way to show how impactful and united our Order. Have your \$250 deposit *per person* ready. Roommates can book and pay separately for the same cabin. No additional payments are required until August 10, 2025. Carnival Group Department at 866-721-3225 Group Booking Number: D7TC22

DEGREE DAY FUN



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**OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE
CONVENTION
109th ANNUAL SESSION
OCTOBER 11, 12 & 13, 2024**

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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Address _____

Rooms- (This is a non-smoking hotel)

Cost of rooms are \$92.00 per night not including tax.

Please ✓ type of room needed.

Please ✓ each day room is needed.

Double ☐ ☐ or King ☐ ☐ or Handicap ☐ ☐

Thursday ☐ ☐ Friday ☐ ☐ Satur-

day ☐ ☐

Meals: Continental Breakfast is included with stay.

Friday Lunch

Adults # _____ Children # _____

Friday Evening Banquet: (THEME: "Mardi Gras")

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 15th, 2024) _____

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

Comments: _____

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