

# Sooner State Granger



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

Hello again Oklahoma theme was "Mardi Gras", it was a great Grangers and all Grangers success, with everyone dressed very nicely across our great country. I and wearing their best Mardi Gras outfits. I hope everyone is doing fine After dinner was over, Dee Proctor began and is having a great Holiday Season. I think we have by announcing the 2024/2025 scholarship recipients, they were: Hayden Bailey - South Coffeyville # 351, Christopher Thomsen & Halie Thomsen both of Thompson # 352 and Bailey Miranda - South Coffeyville # 351.

across the State of Oklahoma to be able to say the drought is over "for now".

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We had approximately 85 + Oklahoma Grange members attend the convention along with our National Grange representatives National High Priest of Demeter Roger Bostwick and wife Melanie Bostwick in attendance. Roger Bostwick served as Sixth Degree Master in the Degree work and helped the Youth with the Fifth-Degree work.

The Friday night Celebration Banquet

Bailey Miranda - South Coffeyville # 351 was the Brad Keeton Memorial Scholarship recipient for 2024 and Bailey Miranda - South Coffeyville # 351 was the Marvin Purdy Memorial Scholarship recipient for 2024.

Grange Activities Director Lisa Evans gave out the Grange Activities awards for the various photo and crafts contests.

Lecturer Donna Keeton gave out the Lecturer contest awards for various photo and short story categories.

Overseer/V.P. Dee Proctor announced this year's Ganger of the Award winner, it went to Lisa Evans - Ketchum # 357. Lisa Evans is a very hard-working dedicated member, and we are very proud to have her as our State Activities Director. (cont. on page 2)



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On Saturday, Oct 12th, 2024, we only had one Executive Board member to vote on, Kay Meritt was Re-elect to the position. On Saturday evening the Youth put on the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree, and the State Officers led by Roger Bostwick did the 6<sup>th</sup> Degrees conferral. Overall, I think everyone had a good Convention with great food and comradery, and everyone had a great time.

The 158<sup>th</sup> National Grange Convention was held in Bettendorf, IA on November 11 - 15, 2024. Welina and I were looking forward to being at the Convention together but due to the family emergence Lena thought it would be best if she stayed here in Oklahoma to help take care of our Grand-Children. Past Oklahoma State Grange Master/President Donna attended the Convention with me and since she was a past National Flora, she was able to step in for Lena and take over her duties as National Flora. Donna and I attended several committee meetings while we were there and were part of the main Convention from Tuesday to Friday. There were over 180 Resolutions discussed and voted on during the convention, all the Delegates worked very hard and tried to make the best decisions they could.

On Friday, Donna Keeton hosted the Past Delegates luncheon, she did an excellent job. Donna also served as National Flora during the 7<sup>th</sup> Degree. We had a great time but were glad to come home.

Our annual Degree Day will be held on April 5th, 2025, beginning at 10:00 am at the Claremore Convention Center, located at 1400 Country Club Road, Claremore OK. 74017 hosted by Big Cabin # 156, Cabin Creek # 359 and Bluejacket # 353. To all our Subordinate Granges, please bring your members that want to take the first four Degrees. The top three Granges that bring the most Degree Candidates will receive a monetary reward. I would like to ask that all State Officers and Directors do their best to be there. I look forward to

seeing everyone there.

To all the 2024 - 2025 Scholarship recipients, an Official transcript of the students grades for the 2024 fall semester is required. It must come from the College Registrar's office or Trade School office via email or USPS and must be sent directly from them to the State Master by February 1<sup>st</sup>, to get the 2025 spring portion of your scholarship.

To all the Oklahoma State Grange **2025 - 2026 scholarship applicants**, your application will be due by **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**. Please see Application, Rules, and Responsibilities for instructions. You can get the Application out of this paper or contact me, and I will email you a copy or look on our website. Your application needs to be filled out, including your **Subordinate Grange Master's signature**. You will need to send your **completed hard copy** applications and essays directly to me.

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 Road, Wann, OK 74083 or phone number main 918-559-9507.

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

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

I would like to thank everyone for their help and prayers given to my family in our time of need, it is times like these when you find out how much you are truly loved.

Fraternally Submitted

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**Bailey Miranda**  
**Youth and Young Couple Director**

Hello youth and young adults,

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

I would like to give a special thank you to my brother Justin Knight for taking my place as Youth Director while I was gone I don't know what I would have done without him and I would like to thank everyone for their help and prayers given to my family in our time of need they are greatly appreciated; it is times like these when you find out how much you are truly loved.

Please join our Facebook page: Oklahoma State Grange Youth

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

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Address: 1413 South East Ave

Pauls Valley, OK 73075

## SECRETARIES TAKE NOTES

**Jeannie Harrington**

### State Secretary

Thanksgiving is behind us, and I pray everyone was blessed with family, friends and food. Christmas and New Year will be here before we know it. This year has flown by again.

The 109th Oklahoma State Session went well, and it was great to see everyone again. We missed those who were not able to attend.

"Thank you" to all who have turned in your reports for the Proceedings Book. If you haven't, it is not too late. Please send it as soon as possible. We would like to

have a complete book for the record. Email to: [jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com](mailto:jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com).

My address is: 4253 NS 406 Road, Wann, OK 74083.

You can also still send mail to my Post Office Address. It is PO Box 716, South Coffeyville, OK 74072. My phone number is 918-559-9507. If I can help you or you have any questions, please call or email.

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 and I feel richly blessed. You make my job as State Secretary enjoyable and much simpler.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### Membership Directors

**Carl Shufeldt and Jerry Taylor**

Dear Fellow Grangers

We hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the holidays. Try to stay warm during the winter season. During the third quarter

of 2024 we came up with a gain in membership. We had 8 subordinate granges that had an increase and 3 that had a decrease, and 8 that had no change. Combine all categories and we had a net gain of 52 members. We started with 5397 members and ended with 5449 members. Thanks to all of you in making this 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter a success.

## GRANGE ACTIVITIES

**Lisa Evans, Grange Activities Director**

Look for Degree Day Contest in the next issue of the newsletter. Hope to see you at Degree Day.

## NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to express my thanks to the Oklahoma State Grange for the lovely blanket given to me at the State Session. It is special to know that those of us who are dealing with cancer are supported during this challenging time.

Mary Krehbiel, Cherryvale Grange #221



The Oklahoma State Grange gave blankets to Grange members who are currently fighting cancer or recently had cancer. It is a symbol of the support of the love we have for our Grange brothers and sisters as they go through these challenges.

## **LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT**

### **Donna Keeton, State Lecturer**

I hope everyone had a great Holidays. We missed Worthy Master Billy Shufeldt and First Lady Welina Shufeldt during our State Session. Our Overseer Dee Procter did a great job stepping in at the last minute and preceding over the meeting, and Scheneista Procter did a fantastic job doing the Overseer job. Thank you to my judges who judged the Lecturer's Contests Robbie Henry and Kimbly Knight. There were 94 entries altogether the following winners are:

#### **TELL-A-STORY**

5-9 years old

1st place: Malachi Nutter- Cherryvale #221

10-14 years old

1st place: Gabriel Nutter- Cherryvale #221

2nd place: Keykeigh Keeton- Thompson #352

3rd place: Elijah Nutter- Cherryvale #221

15-Adult

1st place: Yvonne Meritt -Prairie #334

2nd place: Kein Ryan- Cherryvale #221

3rd place: Lisa Ryan -Cherryvale #221

Summer Fun

5-9 years old

1st place: Malachi Nutter- Cherryvale #221

10-14 years old

1st place: Faith Ryan- Cherryvale #221

2nd place: Gabriel Nutter- Cherryvale #221

3rd place: Elijah Nutter Nutter- Cherryvale #221

15-Adult

1st place: Lindsay Krehbiel- Cherryvale #221

2nd place: Delbert Bowers- Vinita #360

3rd place: Mitchel Nutter- Cherryvale #221

#### **ANIMALS**

5-9 years old

1st place: Azariah Nutter- Cherryvale #221

2nd place: Elizabeth Walkup- Cherryvale #221

3rd place : David Walkup- Cherryvale #221

10-14 years old

1st place: Elijah Nutter- Cherryvale #221

2nd place: Keykeigh Keeton- Thompson #221

3rd place: Gabriel Nutter- Cherryvale #221

15-Adult

1st place: Leslie Nutter- Cherryvale- #221

2nd place: Keith Krehbiel- Cherryvale #221

3rd place: Delbert Bowers- Vinita #360

Essay Contest

5-9 years old

1st place: Malachi Nutter- Cherryvale #221

15- Adult

1st place: Leslie Nutter- Cherryvale #221

#### **PAINTING**

10-14 years old

1st place: Elijah Nutter- Cherryvale #221

2nd place: Faith Ryan - Cherryvale #221

15- Adult

1st place: Leslie Nutter- Cherryvale #221

2nd place: Sonya Tackkett- OU #355

#### **DRAWINGS**

5-9 years old

1st place: Malachi Nutter- Cherryvale #221

2nd place: Azariah Nutter- Cherryvale #221

10-14 years old

1st place: Elijah Nutter: Cherryvale #221

2nd place: Gabriel Nutter- Cherryval #221

3rd place: Faith Ryan- Cherryvale #221

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Lecturer Department continued.

## COLORING PAGE

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1st place: Paisyn Graf- South Coffeyville  
#351

2nd place: Coty Jean Allen- Thompson  
#352

3rd place: Knobi Allen- Thompson #352

5-9 years old

1st place: Malachi Nutter- Cherryvale  
#221

2nd place: Azariah Nutter- Cherryvale  
#221

3rd place: Braelyn Graf- South Coffeyville  
#351

10-14 years old

1st place: Kolton Graf- South Coffeyville  
#351

2nd place: Faith Ryan- Cherryvale #221

3rd place: Elijah Nutter- Cherryvale #221

15- Adult

1st place: Mitchell Nutter- Cherryvale  
#221

2nd place: Donna Keeton- Pleasant View  
#354

3rd place: James Procter- Big Cabin #156

There was only one talent contestant Friday Evening at the Banquet it was Avery Prock, she did a great job.

The next article I will have the new contests. See you in April at the Degree Day.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF STATE SESSION

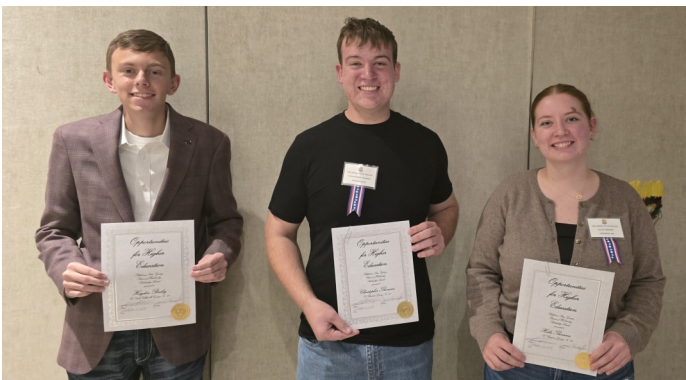


**GRANGER OF THE  
YEAR**

**Lisa Evans**



**SUBORDINATE GRANGES WITH INCREASES  
IN MEMBERSHIP WERE AWARDED  
CERTIFICATES**



**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

**PAST STATE  
PRESIDENT**

**DONNA KEETON  
CELEBRATED  
HER 60TH  
BIRTHDAY DURING THE SES-**



**YOUTH DOING THE DRILL  
MARCH FOR THE 5TH DEGREE**



**CANDIDATES WHO RECEIVED  
THE 5TH AND 6TH DEGREES**



**STATE OVERSEER  
DEE PROCTOR FILL-  
ING IN FOR THE  
STATE PRESIDENT**





Melody Finn

State Junior Director

Hello Junior Grangers,

I hope everyone enjoyed this years state session as much as I did. For my first state session as junior director I think it went pretty well. We had seven juniors with us this year and I'm very thankful to my grandmother Martha Shufeldt for helping me in the junior room. The juniors made masks, haunted houses, and pumpkin magnets. We played pin the nose on the pumpkin, duck duck goose and even got to head outside for a little pumpkin sack race.

We were invited by acting master Dee Proctor to come into the main meeting room and introduce my juniors and allow them to speak about what they liked best



over the weekend. I loved hearing what they had to say.

Thank you to Johnny Borgstrom with Cabin Creek Grange, LeeAnn Bailey with South Coffeyville Grange, and Ray Purdy with Bethel Grange for the donations, your generosity is always much appreciated!





## OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship Committee will award up to eight scholarships which may be used for educational expenses at an accredited post-secondary educational institute of the recipient's choice. Amount to be awarded is as follows:

Full time students (12 or more hours per semester) will be awarded a \$ 1300.00 scholarship. (\$650.00 per semester) Part-time students (minimum of 6 hours per semester) will be awarded a \$650.00 scholarship. (\$325.00 per semester) Non-traditional students (students returning to school after a period of at least 5 years out of school) taking less than six hours will be eligible for \$325.00. (\$162.50 per semester)

#### ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must be:

A citizen of the United State of America.

A high school graduate or senior at the time of the scholarship selection.

An active Fifth Degree member in good standing (current dues paid) of Oklahoma

Subordinate Grange for **one year** by the application deadline (March 31).

To be considered an Active Member, the Applicate must attend Degree Day or Great Plains Conference or a State Grange Gathering and the State Session before applying. Previous winners of the scholarships will continue to be eligible for future selection but must re-apply and will be judged on an equal basis with other applicants.

#### SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be evaluated and recipients will be selected by a scholarship committee consisting of the State Master and four members appointed by the Master. Any member of the selected committee, including the Master, with immediate family applying for the scholarship will be disqualified and a re-appointment made. All qualified applicants will be given equal consideration. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of Grange participation, demonstrated leadership, financial need, and potential to succeed. Applicants will submit an application and a 500-word essay to the State Master by March 31. A personal interview may be required for a final decision. Winners will be notified by May 1 and published in the Sooner State Granger.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

It shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant to provide the completed application and necessary information to the State Master by the stated deadlines. All recipients must enter school the fall term following selection. Payment of the first half of the scholarship will be contingent on proof of acceptance and enrollment of the student at an accredited school by official statement from the Registrar's office. Proof of enrollment must be received by the State Master via email or through the mail from the Registrar's Office by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Payment of the second half of the scholarship is contingent upon the recipient giving acceptance speech at the state banquet in October. At this time pictures will be taken of the recipients for publication in the Sooner State Granger. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the scholarship committee in the event of medical emergency or circumstances beyond the recipient's control. **The second half of the scholarship money will be transferred for the second term if a minimum 2.5 GPA has been achieved for the first semester. An official transcript of the student's grades from the Registrar's Office via email or mail must be sent to the State Master by February 15<sup>th</sup> or the scholarship will be forfeited.**

If for any reason the student cannot accept or becomes ineligible for this award, other applicants will be considered for the unused money.

**OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE**  
**OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Please print or type.

**Personal Information**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

First

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Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

Education completed to date.

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Please describe your educational and career goals.

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**Activities and Honors**

List Grange activities and honors

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List school activities and honors

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List Community involvement

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**Financial Information**

Number of dependents in family\_\_\_\_\_ Number of other family members currently attending post-secondary school\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your family’s financial situation and the need for additional assistance for your education.

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I would like to be considered for a Grange Educational Scholarship and certify that all information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____	_____
Date	Signature of Applicant
	_____
	Signature of parent or legal guardian
	(if applicant is under 18)

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a 4<sup>th</sup> degree member in good standing of \_\_\_\_\_ Grange No. \_\_\_\_\_ and deserving of consideration for a scholarship.

_____	_____
Date	Signature of Subordinate Master

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a 5<sup>th</sup> degree member in good standing of \_\_\_\_\_ Grange No. \_\_\_\_\_ and deserving of consideration for a Scholarship.

_____	_____
Date	Signature of State Secretary

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- This signed application must be accompanied by:
- 1. A certified copy of the applicant’s current transcript if you are already going to college.
  - 2. A 500-word essay about “The National Grange Building” or “An essay on one of the Seven Founding Fathers of the Grange” ( revised 11-25-2024 )

**This information must be received by the state Master by March 31, or it will not be considered.**

Mail completed application to:

Oklahoma State Grange, Master, Billy Shufeldt

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South Coffeyville, OK 74072



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### **Dates to Remember**

**Feb. 1** Scholarship recipients grades are due to be reported to State Master

**March 1** Newsletter articles due to Editor

**March 31** Scholarship applications due to State Master

**April 5th** Degree Day 10:00 a.m. Claremore Convention Center, Claremore, Oklah

**June 1** Newsletter articles due to Editor

Registration for Great Plains Conference TBD

Great Plains Conference TBD

**Sept 1** Newsletter articles due

**Sept 15th** Community Service Projects Due

Oct. State Grange Session TBD