

Sooner State Granger

Master Message—Billy Shufeldt OK State Grange President



Hello again, fellow Oklahoma Grangers and all our brother and sister Grangers across this great Country. I hope everyone has had a great summer and a great Labor Day Weekend Holiday.

Colorado State Grange hosted the Great Plains Regional Conference on June 20th - 22nd, 2025 in Canyon City, CO. We had 36 Oklahoma State Grangers attend the event. While we were there we participated in several fun workshops and went to see the Royale Gorge. We all had a great time while we were there and want to thank the Colorado State Grange for having us.

The 110th Annual Oklahoma State Grange Session will be held on October 17th, 18th & 19th, 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 205 S. W. Frank Phillips Ave. Bartlesville, OK 74003. Most of us will be arriving on the evening of October 16th at the hotel 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 at 7:00 pm with the State Officers having drill practice afterwards. Registration forms need to be sent to me by September 15th, 2025. Registration Fees will be \$20 per Youth and Adults and \$10 per Juniors ages 5-13, 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, so be thinking about who you want to be your State Officers. Also everyone needs to check out the Lecturer's and Community Director's articles for all of the contest details.

All 2025/2026 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. 17th, 2025, to accept and give your Scholarship acceptance speech. If for whatever reason you cannot attend on Friday, you can come on Saturday to give your acceptance speech.

If anyone needs any help from Oklahoma State Grange Secretary Jeannie Harrington, you can reach her at email: jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com or mail to 4253 NS 406 Rd. Wann, OK 74083 or phone number main 918-559-9507.

If anyone would like to post anything on our state website, please feel free to contact Yvonne Meritt at 405-262-3354 or email her at soonerstategranger@gmail.com.

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

Fraternally Submitted,

Master Billy D. Shufeldt

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Hello youth and young adults!

I hope everyone is doing great and enjoying the new school year!

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I know my presence at session has been lacking, but I will be there for state session this year. I can't wait to see everyone there.

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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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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Sheila Conrady, State Chaplain

Humility and Hospitality from the Table of Grace
The following is based on Luke 14, 7-14 and was part of a devotion my pastor sent for our congregation to reflect on together as she recovered from a broken ankle and had to accept a lot of help, she wasn't used to. In this parable Jesus watches wedding quest scramble for the best seats or places of honor at a feast or banquet then tells them to instead choose the lowest place instead of seeking honor. It goes on to say we don't need to invite the rich or important people over for dinner those that can repay the favor instead of inviting the poor crippled and perhaps not so well thought of. MEANING in God's economy grace is not earned it is given. The Table of God is not reserved for the powerful but open to the broken. APPLICATION: you don't have to fight for a place at the table, and our ministry should be grace for those who cannot repay. In rural communities like many of us, we live gathering around the table at potlucks, funeral din-

ners, home visits or communion still has meaning for most of us. Jesus challenges us to ask today who is missing from the table? Are we only inviting those that look, act, or think like us? The Kingdom of God calls us to extend grace and widen the circle. So, choose the lowest seat and say "I'm here to serve" not "I'm here to be seen". Trust that God sees you when the world doesn't let go of status and embrace surrender. The lowest seat is not punishment; it is a place of grace.

Ask yourself these questions

Where do I seek recognition in my life? How would my life look different if I choose "the lowest seat" not out of shame but out of trust in God's timing.

Who do I naturally invite into my life? Are there people I avoid because they are different or difficult if I saw them as an honored guest? Is my table open not just physically but emotionally or spiritually? How can my church or my Grange practice radical Hospitality? A lot to think about happy fall see you at state session.

Fraternally Submitted,
Sheila Shafer Conrady

GRANGE ACTIVITIES

The Oklahoma State Session is just around the corner, and I'm excited to see everyone's creativity on display! Below are the details for this year's **Grange Activities and Contests**, as well as important information about **Community Books**.

Grange Activities

We have a variety of fun and creative contests this year. All are encouraged to participate!

Youth Activities

- Make an art project with yarn
- Make a Christmas ornament (any material)
- Make a fall decoration (any material)

Junior Activities

- Make a Christmas ornament
- Make a fall decoration (any material)
- Make something out of an egg carton

Women's Activities

- Make a Christmas ornament
- Make a fall wreath (any material)
- Make a snowman (any material)

Men's Activities

- Make a fall sign (any material)
- Make something out of a Mason jar

Create a banner or decoration showcasing your favorite sports team (high school, college, or professional)

Community Books

I encourage everyone to highlight your Grange's accomplishments by completing a **Community Book**. Forms are available on [Oklahoma State Grange](#)



Please mail your completed books

to:

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



Deadline: September 21st

I look forward to seeing all the fantastic entries and the wonderful work you've done in your communities!

Fraternally,
Lisa Evans

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Fellow Grangers

We hope everyone is doing well as we enter the fall season. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the state session coming soon. The second quarter saw a small gain in membership. We had 5 subordinate Granges with gains but only a net gain of 4 members. We now have

5319 members. Thanks to everyone in their work to keep the Oklahoma State Grange thriving.

Membership Directors

Carl Shufeldt

Jerry Taylor



Melody Finn, State Junior Director

Hello Juniors,

Its hard to believe school has already started

once again, I hope everyone is enjoying their school year so far! We will be having State session in Bartlesville Ok on October 17-19th. Be sure to check out our Grange newspaper to look into all the contests the lecturer and community activities directors have for you all to participate in. I'm excited to see you all there!

SECRETRIES TAKE NOTES

This year has gone by fast and Oklahoma Grange State Session is just a little over a month away. It doesn't seem like it has been a year since we last met for State Session. I hope everyone is in good health and will be able to attend.

This year the 110th Oklahoma State Session will be at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bartlesville, OK, October 17-19, 2025. With that in mind, I am needing each Subordinate Grange to send in your RESOLUTIONS and GRANGE OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS by OCTOBER 1st. I also need each Grange to send a list of your OFFICERS.

If you have had any deaths of Grange members I would like for you to send me

those names to be read and honored during the Memorial Service at State Session. Also, I will be needing the names of the DELEGATES from each Grange.

And don't forget the third quarter dues will need to be paid BEFORE State Session. Thank you for sending your reports in on time. I appreciate the work you do!

If you would like to send your reports by email please send them to: jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com. My address to mail reports is 4253 NS 406 Road, Wann OK 74083 or you may use my Post Office address which is PO Box 716, South Coffeyville, OK 74072.

Fraternally,

Jeannie Harrington

State Secretary

Grange Mutual Insurance Association of Oklahoma

In accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of the Association, you are hereby notified that the Regular Annual Meeting of the membership will be held at:

Hilton Garden Inn Bartlesville
205 SW Frank Phillips Blvd, Bartlesville, OK
Saturday, October 18, 2025, 12:00 Noon;
meal will be provided; **Please RSVP** (800-871-2479)

The following members have been nominated for 3 year term on the Board of Directors: Two will be selected.

2025 Annual Meeting Election

Robert Bailey

Kay Meritt

Justin Knight

Agenda:

12-1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Call to order

Declaration of quorum

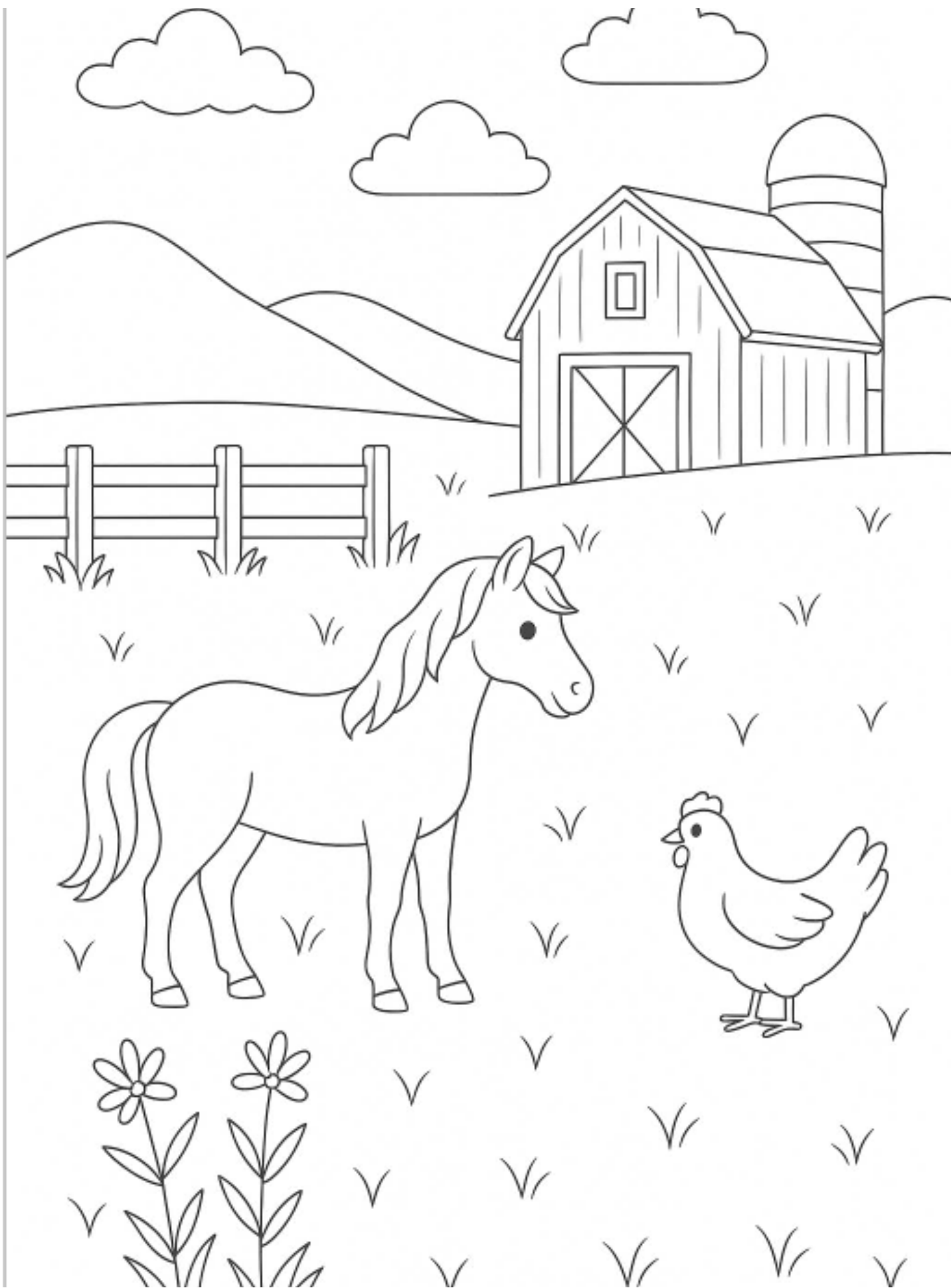
Welcome

Registration closes

Report of Secretary

Report of Treasurer

Adjournment



LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

I hope everyone had a great Labor Day and a safe one. I can't believe school has already started for the 2025-26 year. It has been a busy year, there were several of our members that went to the Great Plains Conference. It was a lot of fun.

Yvonne Meritt has finished the quilt that we will be raffling off. It is beautiful. Yvonne said there were enough blocks left over to make a second quilt to raffle off. Hopefully the new Lecturer will want to raffle off another quilt for a good cause. I hope everyone has sold their tickets. The tickets are \$5.00 for one or \$20.00 for 6. It is beautiful quilt.

There is a lot of time to take pictures for the Lectures contest, except for the winter scene.

Here is the photo contest again. The size of the pictures cannot be bigger than 4x5 you can have a frame around the picture or backing on the picture. Have your name, Grange, Category, and age 5-9, 10-13, 14-19, and Adult.

Photo contest:

1. Winter Scene
2. Picture of Clouds
3. Take a picture of an interesting person or persons

Essay:

Take a picture of an old or an Historic Building and write about the history of the building.

It can be an abandoned building, church, etc....

Drawings can be done by pencil or charcoal

Paintings can be done by watercolors or oils. The size of the pictures can be 8x10 inches for drawings and the paintings can be 8x10 inches or bigger.

Coloring Contest:

I will be sending a copy of the picture to your local Subordinate Masters to give out to their members, I hope there will be a coloring night so everyone can enter the coloring contest. I hope the pictures will be in the paper there will be two pictures. One picture is for 1 to 4 and the other picture is for 5 years old to adult. On the second picture you need to count the Grange Emblems that are in the picture. So I hope everyone gets busy with the Lecturer's contest

There will be a talent show on Friday evening at the banquet..

Donna Keeton, State Lecturer

Oklahoma State Grange

ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT - 2025

Worthy Master, friends so dear,
Officers, members gathered here,
It warms my heart, it stirs my pride,
To assist my steward on this ride.

In this great role, I've come to see
The Grange's strength in unity;
Through trials met and dreams we chase,
Our shared devotion lights this place.

The year behind has shown once more
The values we are working for.
As twenty-five draws to its end,
Our eyes on brighter days we bend.

Through every hand, through every heart,
We each must play a vital part;
For in our care, the seeds we sow
Will support the Grange for years to grow.

I thank you all for trust you've shown,
For walking with me as we go;
With hope and purpose clear in view,
The Grange's best is still to do.

Fraternally yours,
Ryan Foley - Assistant Steward



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Dates to Remember

Sept. 15th Registration forms for
State Session due.

Oct. 17-19, 2025 State Session. Hil-
ton Garden Inn, Bartlesville

Dec. 1, 2025 Articles due for the
newsletter.



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