

Sooner State Granger



Master Message—Billy Shufeldt OK State Grange President

Hello again fellow Oklahoma Grangers and all Grangers across our great Nation. I hope everyone is enjoying this new year and is healthy and well. This year as most is flying by too quickly, it just seems like last week we were at the National Convention in Wichita KS. But instead, it is already time for spring break in our schools and winter being over. I hope everyone has a pleasant and productive year.

To all of the Oklahoma State Grange 2022 - 2023 scholarship applicants, your application will be due by March 31st, 2022. The Application, Rules and Responsibilities were in the December, 2021 paper. I will email you a copy if you contact me. **Your application needs to be completely filled out, including your Subordinate Grange Mater's signature.**

This year the Oklahoma State Grange with the help of the Grange Mutual Insurance of Oklahoma is proud to announce that we are offering a new education scholarship in honor of past Oklahoma State Master Brad Keeton. The Brad Keeton Memorial scholarship is open to any Forth Degree member who working to advance their education. The instructions, responsibilities and application are in this paper. If you contact me, I can email you a copy. Applications are due by May 1st.

Degree Day will be held on March 26th,

2022 at the NAFI Building located at 215 N. Oklahoma St. in South Coffeyville OK. 74072, beginning at 10:00 am that morning. South Coffeyville # 351, Thompson # 352, OU # 355 and Pleasant View # 354 Granges will be hoisting. I invite you all to come and enjoy the day with all of your Grange family and join in on the Degree work.

We are having a Oklahoma State Grange gathering this year, it will be on May 14, 2022 at the Tulsa Zoo located at 6421 East 36th Street North, Tulsa OK 74115-2102. The Zoo is open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, everyone's admission and lunch will be provided. We will be renting the Helmerich Discovery Center room from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm where we will have our lunch and be able to gather as a group and possibly get out of the weather if needed, lunch will be served at 12:00 pm. Everyone attending will be able to enter the zoo at 9:00 am or whenever you get there and stay till close, when entering you will let the ticket booth know you are part of the Oklahoma State Grange. The State Lecturer will be having a photo scavenger hunt while we are there. I ask that everyone planning on attending to RSVP me as soon as possible but no later than May 1st, 2022, I need to know how many people are coming so I can order the food. If anyone has any question, fill free to contact me.

This years Great Plains Regional Conference is June 10-12 and is hosted by the Kansas State Grange this year. The Conference will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, located at 530 Richards Dr, Manhattan, KS 66502. To keep



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up with any updates concerning the Conference events go on the Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/greatplainsregional

The Oklahoma State Grange will be paying for all of the Oklahoma Granger's registration fees, hotel rooms and meals, all you need to do is fill out the registration form that is in the paper and get it back to me as soon as you can. I will make all of the hotel reservations for the Oklahoma Grangers. We plan on chartering a bus if enough Oklahoma people register to attend, so please do not delay in sending me your registration. The deadline is April 25, 2022 because the host State wants all registration forms by May 1, 2022. I can email you the registration form if you contact me. 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 14th, 15th & 16th, 2022, with most of us coming in on the evening of October

13, 2022. The registration form will be in the June paper.

If anyone needs any help from Oklahoma State Grange Secretary Jeannie Harrington, you can reach her at email: jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com or mail to Rt. 1 Box 250 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 soonerstategranger@gmail.com.

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

_Fraternally Submitted

Master Billy D. Shufeldt

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GRANGE ACTIVITIES

Lisa Evans

Grange Activities Director



Contest for Degree Day March 26th 2022 at South Coffeyville

I hope everyone is doing well. Degree day is quickly approaching and will be held March

26th 2022 at the NAFI building in South Coffeyville at 10:00 a.m.

We will be having a yummy dessert contest for adults on degree day. It can be any dessert that you want to have bragging rights to. This will be a great way to showcase your favorite dessert and provide sweets for lunch. We hope everyone will participate in the fun!

See you degree day,

Lisa Evans

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Greetings Fellow Grangers

We hope everyone is doing well. We are more than ready for spring and getting gardens planted. During the winter months we have maintained membership. During the fourth quarter we had 5 Granges that gained membership and 4 that have lost. 9 Granges had no change. Overall, we had a net gain of one member. We went

from 5486 to 5487 members. In the spring and summer, we usually start gaining at a more rapid pace when people are out more. We thank everyone for the effort you put into Grange to make us successful.

Fraternally Yours,

Carl Shufeldt & Jerry Taylor

Membership Directors

The Grange Mutual Insurance

Brad Keeton Memorial

Scholarship Application

In 2022, the Oklahoma State Grange started the Brad Keeton Memorial Scholarship. Being such an influential and long-standing member of the Grange, we wanted to offer a chance for young men and women of our communities to receive a helping hand when it comes to furthering their goals of higher education, which was something very close to Brad's heart.

Once a year, a single recipient will be chosen amongst applicants to receive this scholarship totaling \$2,500. Eligible applicants include any Fourth Degree member in the Oklahoma State Grange that is pursuing higher education.

To apply, a completed application and a typed 500-word essay on how the scholarship will assist them in their goals for the future. These documents must be submitted by May 1st of the calendar year. They can be mailed or emailed directly to the Oklahoma State Grange Master bshufeldt.okgrange@gmail.com or 6399 NS 413 RD. S. Coffeyville, OK. 74072. Please mark your emails with a subject line that denotes this is for the Brad Keeton Scholarship.

The winner will be notified in advance and will be presented with their scholarship at that year's State Session. Payment of the scholarship is contingent on proof of acceptance and enrollment of the student at an accredited school by official statement from the Registrar's office. Winners are required to attend the Oklahoma State Grange session Saturday Evening during the degree work to receive the funds. Once a scholarship is awarded, the recipient is not eligible to apply again. (Application is on the next page.)



FORREST LEON RAPP

March 13, 1930 - December 31, 2021 Forrest Leon Rapp was born March 13, 1930 to Roscoe Louis and Myrtle Helen (Biggerstaff) Rapp in rural Renfrow, Oklahoma. Leon grew up

around the Wakita, Oklahoma area with his sister, Katherine Rapp (Stroebe) and brother, Clifford ("Skip") Rapp. Leon attended both Cherryvale and Wakita Grade Schools, then graduated from Wakita High School in 1948. A year later after his grandparents played matchmaker, he married his life-long love, Beverly Jean Wirick. They were married on October 2, 1949 and enjoyed 69 years of marriage. Leon loved planes and flying, so, soon after high school he learned to fly a J3 Piper Cub. Throughout his long life, Leon did many different things, but most of his life was spent as a steward of the land, farming and ranching in the Grant County area until his mid 80's. He was a life-long member of the Wakita United Methodist Church. Leon was a board member of Farm Bureau and various other county organizations. He and Beverly were

active in the Cherryvale Grange for many years. Leon also loved to support the Old Settler's Day 16th Celebration and attended every year right up until just recently. Leon and Beverly were blessed with 6 children: Cheryl Dawn Shafer (Larry) of Wakita, Oklahoma, Mary Helen Krehbiel (Keith) of Deer Creek, Oklahoma, Leslie Denise Nutter (Steve) of Waynoka, Oklahoma, Forrest Rodney Rapp (Charlotte) of Wakita, Oklahoma, Lisa Gaynelle Ryan (Kevin) of Clearwater, Kansas, and Randall Leon Rapp of Wichita, Kansas. Their children brought the joy of grandchildren into their lives. Leon and Beverly shared old and new traditions with them and enjoyed participating in the many activities of their grandchildren: Sharen Smith, Sheila Conrady (Mark), Rebecca Walkup (Matt), Clayton Krehbiel (Lindsey), Camille Germany (Colin), Curtis Nutter (Linda), Mitchel Nutter, Stephanie Nutter, Grant Ryan, and Faith Ryan. Their blessings multiplied with the love and enjoyment of great grandchildren as well. They include. Colton and Carlie Conrady, Aidan Smith, Elijah, Gabriel, Malachi, and Azariah Nutter, Elizabeth and David Walkup, and Asher and Rhys Krehbiel. He preceded in death by his wife Beverly, his parents, siblings, daughter Cheryl Shafer, and grandson Garrett Ryan. Leon requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Cherryvale Grange #221.

Mutual Insurance
Brad Keeton Memorial
Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
 first middle initial last

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Name of high school: _____

Graduation Year: _____

What college or university are you attending?

What will be your major field of study?

GPA for last academic term: _____

Scholastic Honors received: _____

Other academic achievements: _____

Participation in extra-curricular activities: _____

Work Experience: _____

Are you currently employed? _____ What type of work? _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____



Scheneista Procter, State Junior Director

Hello Junior Grangers,
We hope everyone is staying safe and warm, during this crazy weather we are having. We were so glad to see everyone at the state session this year. We were glad that we finally got to be together again. We hope school is going great for everyone, whether you are virtual or in

person. We do have plans for degree day and can't wait to see all of you there. It seems like time is flying by so fast, it's hard to believe it's almost Spring break. Well, we hope everyone continues to stay healthy, safe, and warm. We hope to see you real soon!

Fraternally submitted,
Scheneista Procter
State Junior Director

Audrey Bowers
PJ Director
Debbie Borgstrom
Kim Knight
Committee members



LeeAnn Bailey, Youth and Young Couple Director

Greetings Youth and Young Adults,

Just a few reminders of upcoming dates.

Degree Day is scheduled I believe the end of this March, but I am unable to put the date as I can't find my last newsletter and I couldn't find it online, so please check in the newsletter for the date, time, and location. If you want to apply for the OK State Grange Scholarship, you may need to attend this. This is also a great time to take the first four degrees for you or any youth or adult age 14 and above.

Scholarship deadline for the **OK State Grange Scholarship is due March 31, 2022.** There are several signatures required so

make sure you pay attention to what is needed to make sure it is completed correctly. Reach out to me or Billy Shufeldt if you have any questions.

The Great Plains Regional Conference is going to be held in Manhattan, KS June 10-12, 2022. Kansas has created a Facebook page for this event to serve as a place for information to be shared and information to be highlighted. Be sure to go check it out. I shared it on the Oklahoma State Grange and the Oklahoma State Grange Youth Facebook pages. If you want to go be sure to fill out the registration form and get it turned in or let me know and I can fill it out for you. I'm sure there is more information about this in the newsletter.

Hope to see you all at Degree Day,
LeeAnn

SECRETARIES TAKE NOTES

Jeannie Harrington, State Secretary

I pray this newsletter finds everyone is staying safe and healthy.

Degree Day is coming up soon. It will be at the NAFI Building in South Coffeyville, OK on March 26th at 10:00 AM hosted by South Coffeyville #351, Thompson #352, OU #355 and Pleasant View #352 Granges. I hope everyone will be able to attend. It is always nice to see all our fellow grangers.

Grange Scholarship applications are due to the State Master by March 31st.

Also the Brad Keeton Scholarship application is due to the State Master by May 1.

The Great Plains Regional Conference is going to be in Manhattan Kansas on June 10, 11, & 12, 2022. Make plans now to attend this fun filled, informative weekend.

Plans are being made for a State Grange Gathering at the Tulsa Zoo on June 25, 2022. The last time we had the Gathering at the Tulsa Zoo it was a lot of fun and well attended. Hope everyone will make plans to attend.

I truly appreciate my fellow grange secretaries!
You are all great to work with!

2022 Great Plains Regional Conference Registration Form

Four Points by Sheraton

530 Richards Dr, Manhattan, KS 66502

Oklahoma State Grange will pay for registration fees, hotel rooms and meals for all Oklahoma members attending.

June 10th, 11th & 12th, 2022, Please Complete registration and submit by April 25th, mail to:

Billy Shufeldt, Oklahoma State Master, 6399 NS 413 RD South Coffeyville OK 74072

One registration form per person.

Name _____

Subordinate Member _____ Junior Member: _____ Non-member: _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email address _____

Will you be riding the bus? Yes or No

Are there any health conditions/dietary restrictions we should be aware of :

Check the contests/events you plan to participate in.

_____ Sign-A-Song _____ Individual (indicate level) _____ Group (All levels)

Level: _____ (Junior OR novice; hobbyist; expert)

Speech (you may compete in more than one category)

General Prepared _____ Impromptu _____ Ambassador Prepared _____ Grange Commercial _____

If you are under 18, please have your parent/guardian complete the following:

I authorize _____ to participate in all activities. I DO / DO NOT (circle one) them to be photographed or recorded. Photos and recordings may be used on Grange social media.

Emergency Contact name _____

Relationship _____ Phone (____) _____

Chaplain's Corner

Shelia Conrady, State Chaplain

Yesterday I attended Ash Wednesday service, so the season of lent is here, and it is time to reflect on what is needed to prepare our hearts for Easter. I like to think of Lent as Spring cleaning for the soul. So... what needs cleaning in your heart? This is a time to reflect on yourself and what forgiveness you would need to be ready to meet Jesus face to face.

God also calls us during this time to give forgiveness to those we feel have wronged us. This

prepares our soul to understand the impact of God's Grace and Jesus' gift of salvation on our lives. There is a reason lent in 40 days it might take some of us that long to really look at our own hearts and examine what needs cleaning.

Who do you need to forgive? Who do you need to ask for forgiveness? What can you do to become closer to Christ? Have you drifted away from Church or your church family? Have you let time wasters like tv, and YouTube keep you from spending time doing what God is calling you to? This is the time this is the season to look into your heart and do your spring cleaning.

LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

Donna Keeton, State Lecturer

I hope everyone has survived the winter storms. Spring is here and summer is just around the corner.

March 26, 2022, is Degree Day. Everyone should bring your camera or cell phone camera. One of the photo contest divisions is to take pictures at Degree Day. Then on May 14 Oklahoma

State Grange is going to have a Grange Gathering at the Tulsa Zoo. So, bring your camera or cell phone to take a picture with a State Officer. The State Officers will be throughout the Tulsa Zoo.

Don't forget about sending a picture to the National Lecturer, of a picture of a truck or a picture of the sky; they are due in June.

I can't wait to see you at Degree Day.

Donna Keeton, State Lecturer

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Dates to Remember

March 26 10:00 a.m. NAFI Building, South Coffeyville, OK
March 31 Scholarship applications due to State Master
April 25 Registration forms due for GP Conference
May 1 RSVP for Day at the Zoo
May 1 Applications for the Brad Keeton Memorial Scholarship due
May 14 State Grange Day at the Tulsa Zoo 9-5
June 1 Newsletter articles due to Editor
June 10-12 Great Plains Conference-Manhattan KS
Sept 1 Newsletter articles due
Sept 1 Community Service Projects Due
Oct. 14-16 Oklahoma State Grange Session Claremore Oklahoma