

# Sooner State Granger

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



Greetings fellow Oklahoma Grangers and to all of our fellow Grangers.

I hope everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends, and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Oklahoma State Grange Convention held in Claremore OK. went very well, with around seventy-five Grangers attending. The Session was opened on Friday morning on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 with thirty-two delegates present, we had a productive morning and closed at noon. The Celebration Banquet was scheduled for 6 pm that evening.

At the Celebration Banquet the Executive Board and I presented the Granger of the Year award to Mary Krehbiel, she was very shocked and pleased. Mary is very deserving of the award and I would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication to the Grange.

During the Celebration Banquet, Jason Foley gave his scholarship acceptance speech and Christopher Thomsen gave his on Saturday during session.

Acting Lecturer Donna Keeton gave out all of the Lecturer's Contest awards, there were a lot of entries.

Activities Director Lisa Evans gave out awards for all of the crafts that were entered in her con-

tests. This year was an election year and the results were:

Master - Billy Shufeldt, Overseer - Dee Proctor, Executive Committee - (Kay Meritt was re-elected) Richard Volz & Randy Henry, Lecturer - Donna Keeton, Steward - Robert Bailey, Assistant Steward - Ryan Foley, Lady Assistant Steward - Sheiyann Borgstrom, Chaplain - Sheila Conrady, Secretary - Jeannie Harrington, Treasurer - Danette Jones, Gatekeeper - Randy Jones, Ceres - Leslie Nutter, Pomona - Tammy Couch, Flora --Dena Purdy

A resolution to change the Scholarship recipient's eligibility was presented and adopted. It was changed from the recipient being required to attend Degree Day or Great Plains Conference or a State Grange Gathering and must also attend the State Grange Session where they except the Scholarship. Now for at least the next two years the recipient only is required to come to the State Grange Session on either Friday or Saturday of the session to except the Scholarship. **All other requirements still apply.**

Also, during the State Session with the help of the Grange Mutual Insurance board, our Executive Board voted to offer a new scholarship, the Brad Keeton Memorial Scholarship to any eligible Oklahoma State Grange member. **This will be a \$2,500 scholarship that the recipient can only receive once.** The recipient will be required to be an active 4<sup>th</sup> Degree or higher member and



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will need to submit a 500-word essay and must come to State Session on Saturday night to except the Scholarship. This Scholarship application will appear in the March, 2022 Sooner Granger paper and will need to be turned by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

The National Grange Convention this year was held in Wichita KS. On November 9<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup> 2021. We had twenty-eight Oklahoma Grangers attend and help throughout the Convention. Everyone that attended helped out behind the scenes in one way or another, from being judges for contests to steaming the Seventh-Degree clothing and being Deputies at the outer gate during session, and sometimes they were just the muscle for the task at hand. We had four Youth that were on the Youth drill team and opened the Convention on Friday morning Nov. 12, 2021. Ann Keeton was Master, Cody Allen was Overseer, JackLynn Keeton was Gatekeeper and Carlie Conrady was Ceres, they each did an excellent job. While there Travis Knight was part of the National Grange Youth trivia contest and did very well. All of our Youth represented Oklahoma very well.

During the Convention, Oklahoma First Lady Welina Shufeldt was re-elected National Flora and she graciously excepted.

Also, during the Convention, a resolution was presented and adopted, to look into selling the National Grange building. It was a very long week for everyone, but I think everyone had a great time.

To all of the 2021 - 2022 scholarship recipients: An official transcript of the student's grades from the Registrar's Office via email or USPS mail must be sent to the State Master by February 1<sup>st</sup>, in order for you to receive the Spring 2022 semester portion of your scholarship. I will not

except a snap shot of your grades, it must be Official from your college or trade school, whether getting it to me by the USPS or email from the college.

To all of the Oklahoma State Grange 2022 - 2023 scholarship applicants, your application will be due by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. 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 completely filled out, including your Subordinate Grange Mater's signature.**

Degree Day will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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 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 [sooner-stategranger@gmail.com](mailto:sooner-stategranger@gmail.com).

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

\_Fraternally Submitted

Master Billy D. Shufeldt

South Coffeyville OK 74072, Phone 918-842-0242, email: [bshufeldt.okgrange@gmail.com](mailto:bshufeldt.okgrange@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### Jerry Taylor and Carl Shufeldt, Membership Directors

Dear Fellow Grangers

Merry Christmas to everyone. We hope all are doing well. Glad to see a great turn-out at state session even though some were out because of Covid virus. The membership was down slightly

in the third quarter. At end of second quarter we had 5493 members compared to 5486 members at end of third quarter for a loss of 7 members. Let's all have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Merry  
Christmas

## SECRETARIES TAKE NOTES

### Jeannie Harrington-State Secretary

I pray everyone is staying safe and healthy. Thanksgiving is passed and I hope everyone was blessed with Family and Food. Christmas and New Year is just around the corner. This year has flown by. Seems the older we get the faster it goes.

The 106th Oklahoma State Session went well and it was great to see everyone again. It was decided that Degree Day will be March in South Coffeyville, OK at the NAFI building hosted by Thompson, Pleasant View, OU and South Coffeyville Granges.

“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). Also, Nowata County now has new 911 addressed. My new 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 all are great to work with and I feel richly blessed. You make my job as State Secretary enjoyable and much simpler.



### Scheneista Procter

#### State Junior Director

Hello Junior Grangers,  
We hope everyone is having a fun and safe holiday season. We were so glad to see everyone at the state session this year. We did some crafts and some games along with some competitions

on Saturday. The competition was to build a plastic statue using blocks that marbles had to travel through to the end. The winners were Josiah Procter, Landon Knight and Kourtney Evans. The youth were the judges and we appreciated them coming in and judging for us. We are already making plans for degree day and hope that everyone will be able to attend.

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

### Chaplain's Corner

#### Chaplain Sheila Shafer-Conrady

Welcome to the Advent season, the season of preparation for Christmas. No, not the season to decorate our homes or get our Christmas shopping done, but the season to prepare our hearts spiritually for the coming of the Lord. How do we prepare our hearts when we are so busy getting the physical and obligational parts of Christmas ready? The office party, the church program, the kids Christmas program and school party, the shopping, the baking, the decorating, the list goes on and on. Here are a few things that can help keep you focused on the real reason for the season. First take a moment or five if you are at

the Christmas program stop and listen to the music, if you are baking Christmas cookies stop and smell them, If you are decorating the house stop and admire the Nativity and give thanks for those simple blessings. Secondly, do something kind. As we receive the gift of Christ and ultimately salvation let's give something back. Sure food drives and angel trees are great, but your time, kind words and deeds don't have to cost anything. A lot of people are hurting and the sight of Christmas cheer can make them feel isolated. Your time stopping to text, call or visit in person can mean so much. Finally , let us be good patrons by being the hands and feet of Christ this Christmas doing for others in appreciation for all he has done for us. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## LECTURER DEPARTMENT

State Lecturer Donna Keeton

Greetings from your new State  
Lecturer Donna Keeton.

I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable  
Holidays.

This year the Lecturer's contest had 40 entries  
for the writing and the photographs and three  
contestants for the talent show. The following  
the Lecturer Contest Winners:

### Journalism

#### 5-13 age group

1st - Elijah Nutter, Cherryvale Grange #221

2nd - Faith Ryan, Cherryvale Grange #221

3rd - Gabriela Nutter, Cherryvale Grange #221

#### 19 and Older

1st - Steve Nutter, Cherryvale Grange #221

2nd - Mary Krehbiel, Cherryvale Grange #221

3rd - Mitchel Nutter, Cherryvale Grange #221

### Short Story

1st - Ann Allen, Thompson Grange #352

### Photography

#### Staycation

#### 0 - 13 age group

1st - Elijah Nutter, Cherryvale Grange #221

2nd - Keykeigh Keeton, Thompson Grange #352

3rd - Malachi Nutter, Cherryvale Grange #221

#### 19 and Older

1st - Rebecca Walkup, Cherryvale Grange #221

2nd - Steve Nutter, Cherryvale Grange #221

3rd - Stephanie Nutter, Cherryvale Grange #221

### Protective Mask

#### 0 - 13 age groups

1st - Keykeigh Keeton, Thompson Grange #352

#### 19 and Older

1st - Donna Keeton, Pleasant View Grange 354

2nd - Ann Allen, Thompson Grange #352

3rd - Coty Allen, Thompson Grange #352

### Paintings or Drawings

#### 0 - 13 age groups

1st - Faith Ryan, Cherryvale Grange #221

2nd - Elijah Nutter, Cherryvale Grange #221

3rd - Malachi Nutter, Cherryvale Grange #221

#### 19 - Older

1st - Ann Allen, Thompson Grange #352

2nd - Clayton Krehbiel, Cherryvale Grange #221

3rd - Donna Keeton, Pleasant View Grange #354

### Best of Show

Rebecca Walkup - Staycation

### Talent Show

**Best of Show** - Short Story; Ann Allen, Thomp-  
son Grange #352

2nd - Song: Travis Knight, South Coffeyville  
Grange #352

Participation- Song; Kayce, Grand Lake Grange  
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In 2022 the National Lecturer is having a new  
photo contest. It is call 2022 Virtual Photography  
Contest. The divisions are Agriculture, Trucks,  
Sky, Water. Everyone can enter three photos.  
The deadline is (June 30, 2022). You submit us-  
ing [bit.ly/22grangephoto](https://bit.ly/22grangephoto), you don't send me the  
pictures. The winners will be included in the Lec-  
turer's 2023 Calendar.

I am including this coming year's photo contests:  
Degree Day, Oklahoma State Grange Gathering,  
the writing contest is Journalism, Short Story,  
this year the paintings and drawings will be sepa-  
rate entries.

The Degree Day is March 26, 2022, at South  
Coffeyville, OK. It is at the Cherokee Build-  
ing NIFA.

The Oklahoma State Grange Gathering  
will be announced in an upcoming paper. If  
you have any questions my phone number  
is (620)515-7402 and my address is Don-  
na Keeton, 24748 EW 4 Rd, South Coffey-  
ville, OK. 74072.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Clayton and Lindsay Krehbiel Cherryvale Grange  
#221, announce the birth of Rhys Ann on No-  
vember 22. she weighed 6lbs 1.2 oz. and 19  
inches long. Keith and Mary Krehbiel are the  
proud grandparents. She has an older brother  
Asher who is 1 year old.





**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 “What is your favorite Grange memory?” or “Where Do You See Yourself in Five Years?”

**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  
Rt. 1 Box 342-14  
South Coffeyville, OK 74072

and your official Spring 2022 class schedule to Bill by February 15th or sooner. This has to be completed for the second half of your scholarship to be disbursed.

Remember if you plan to apply for the Grange Scholarship for next school year that you will need to have your scholarship application filled out and turned in no later than March 31, 2022. If you have any questions about it, be sure to contact me or Bill Shufeldt.

**LeeAnn Bailey**

**Youth and Young Adults Director**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!! The year is winding down and things are always hectic and busy this time of year. I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy.

Please be making plans for Degree Day. The date at time should be in this newsletter.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

If you received the Oklahoma State Grange Scholarship, be sure to get your official grades

**OKLAHOMA YOUTH AT WORK ON THE NATIONAL GRANGE YOUTH TEAM**



Ann Allen, President



Carlie Conrady, Ceres



Jacklynn Keeton, Gatekeeper

No photo: Coty Allen, Vice-President



Youth Costume Party Travis Knight, Jacklynn Keeton, Ann Allen, Carlie Conrady, and Coty Allen



## Obituary—Cheryl Dawn Rapp Shafer

Past First Lady of the Oklahoma State Grange and National Delegate 1989-1993

Sunrise Oct. 6, 1950

Sunset Sept. 4, 2021

**Cheryl Dawn (Rapp) Shafer** was born to Forrest Leon and Beverly (Wirick) Rapp on October 6, 1950 in Enid, Oklahoma, and departed from this life September 4, 2021. Cheryl graduated with the class of 1968 from Wakita High School. After graduation, she studied fashion design and merchandising at Bauder Fashion College in Arlington, Texas. After completing her coursework, she worked at Lerner's clothing store in Enid, Oklahoma.

Cheryl married Larry Shafer on May 10, 1975 in the Wakita Methodist Church. She spent years as a homemaker, bookkeeper, and helpmate to Larry on their family farm. They were blessed with two daughters, Sharen Smith of Cushing, Oklahoma, and Sheila (Mark) Conrady of Wakita, Oklahoma. After raising her daughters, Cheryl went on to work as a florist for The Flower Pot in Medford, Oklahoma.

Cheryl was a faithful member of the Wakita Methodist Church. She was also active in the Cherryvale Grange and Oklahoma State Grange where she served as Secretary and

First Lady.

Cheryl was a loving grandmother, "Nana" to her grandchildren: Aidan Smith, Colton and Carlie Conrady.

Cheryl will be greatly missed by Larry, her husband of 46 years; her children; her grandchildren; her father, Leon Rapp; siblings, Mary (Keith) Krehbiel, Leslie (Steve) Nutter, Rodney (Charlotte) Rapp, Lisa (Kevin) Ryan, Randall Rapp; sister of her heart, Lou (Roy) Weidner; her caregiver, Lori Bergman. Many nieces and nephews will also mourn her passing.

Funeral service for Cheryl were held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Wakita United Methodist Church. Burial was at the Wakita Cemetery with arrangements by Lanman Funeral Home, Inc. of Medford. [www.lanmanmemorials.com](http://www.lanmanmemorials.com) Facebook: Lanman Funeral Home Inc. Memorials can be made to the Wakita Methodist Church or Wakita United Methodist Women, the Grant County Historical Museum, or Oklahoma State Grange Youth Fund.



## OKLAHOMA GRANGER OF THE YEAR

**Mary Krehbiel, Cherryvale Grange #221**

Always included in picture are the members of the State Grange Executive Committee left to right: Randy Henry, Richard Volz, K. Lee Meritt and State Master Billy Shufeldt.

**BEST OF SHOW OKLAHOMA TALENT** performed at the Evening of Excellence at the National Grange Convention in Wichita Kansas.

### Growing Up Grange

By Ann (Keeton) Allen

Today is the day I came into the world. An announcement is sent to the State Grange newsletter. All the members ewed and awed, she's growing up Grange we can't wait until Fall.

My mom and dad packed all our bags come Fall. We are going to Grange. They are so very glad. We made it to State Session and everyone ewed and awed. She's growing so big, she's getting so tall.

Year after year I'm starting to grow. I had so many Grange Moms and Dads I didn't get away with much, but if there was ever a child playing in the middle of the hall, that would be me as I gave the cloth a tug. Some members didn't agree and the rest would say, she's just growing up Grange, now let her play.

Finally old enough to participate, Junior Grange started me well on my way, with learning parts, sign-a-song, and crafts galore. With a twinkle in my families eyes, they were so glad to say she's growing up Grange and we'd have it no other way.

14 years old and it's finally time. I walk around the Grange Hall and take in every word. I've completed my degree work, now what to do... dive in head first, that's what good Grangers do, she's growing up Grange and she acts just like you.

From regional conferences and getting up to speak. To State Sessions, where participation was key. 5th and 6th degree, youth marching in, presenting a resolution near and dear to my heart. Night time fun with some oogah boogah and a goat. She's growing up Grange, she's doing her part.

Let's take our next step as a growing person would do. National Convention, I'm coming for you. From Drill team, to youth ambassador, and back once or twice. Having a part always felt nice. Adults smiling as you put your feet in their shoes. Acquaintances become life long friends. She's growing up Grange, she will soon be you.

Officer elections you nominated me, I'm growing up Grange, but am I ready for that, will I make them proud, I just know I can. Thank you for trusting the responsibilities at hand.

There's I'd be delighted and doers galore. I can only imagine what came before.

Now I move on to the last step. No longer a junior, no longer a Youth, I'm just a member. I've grown up Grange and I'm here to say. I'm here to grow old, I'm here to stay. Growing up Grange has taught so much more than I can share, but here is a few. It has taught me to be a leader, it has taught me to be a follower, it has given me many people to look up to in life and in death. Grange gives me hope that my voice can be heard, not only in my community, but all over the Nation. The people you meet here and there you find at all life's events from babies, weddings, to saying goodbye. They are always there with a shoulder to cry.

I've grown up Grange, I'm growing old with the Grange, and I am Grange.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Andrew and Melody Finn announce the birth of Marlee KayeAnn born Oct. 8th weighing 7lbsoz and 19 1/2 inches long. The proud grandparents are State Master and First Lady Bill and Welina Shufeldt. Great grandparents are Carl and Martha Shufeldt.



**OKLAHOMA GRANGERS AT NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION  
WICHITA, KANSAS**



**Oklahoma Delegation that attended the convention (not all attendees in photo)**



**Quilt of Valor Recipients: Larry Shafer, Cherryvale Grange #221, Alan Thomsen, Thompson Grange #352. Quilts made by Yvonne Meritt, Prairie Grange**



**Leslie Nutter and Mary Krehbiel, Cherryvale Grange #221, preparing costumes for 7th Degree.**



**Mary Krehbiel, Cherryvale Grange #221 making quilt blocks for Quilts of Valor.**



**Grangers from Cherryvale Grange #221: Sheila Conrady, Leslie Nutter, Carlie Conrady, Mary Krehbiel, Larry Shafer.**

# Oklahoma State Grange Session

## Claremore, Oklahoma



Grange Scholarship Recipient Jason Foley picture with Richard Volz Ex. Committee

Grange Scholarship Recipient Christopher Thomsen pictured with Bill Shufeldt President



5th and 6th Degree Candidates

Marvin Purdy Scholarship Recipient Jason Foley pictured with Ray Purdy



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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 26 10:00 a.m. Degree Day NAFI Building 215 N. Oklahoma, South Coffeyville, OK

March 31 Grange Scholarship applications due to State Master

April TBA Registration for Great Plains Conference

May 1 Brad Keeton Scholarship applications due to State Master

June 1 Newsletter articles due to Editor

June TBA Great Plains Conference

Sept 1 Newsletter articles due

Sept 1 Community Service Projects Due

Oct. TBA State Grange Session