

# Sooner State Granger



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

Hello Oklahoma State Granger and all other Grangers across our Great Nation. It has been very hot and dry this summer. And it seems that the time has just flown by, the schools have already taken back up and State Session is just around the corner.

I would like to congratulate our 2023/2024 Oklahoma State Grange scholarship recipients for this year.

They are Chrisopher Thomsen and Halie Thomsen of Thompson Grange #352 & Charli Moore of South Coffeyville Grange # 351 and Hayden Babb of Bluejacket Grange # 353. All of our recipients are all very deserving and capable young adults and I know will do well in all they do and will represent our State Grange with pride and honor.

The Great Plains Regional Conference hosted in June 2023 by the Texas State Grange in Kerrville, TX was a great success. Texas State Grange and the National youth team and National Directors had some very interesting workshops. Our own Emily Joy Shufeldt of Thompson Grange #352 won the Regional speech contest, and will be representing us at the National Convention in November in Niagara Fall N.Y. And Landon Knight won the Junior Grange baseball contest. We also visited the Museum of Western Arts which was very grand and informative, our patrons also got to participate in several craft projects while we were at the Museum. I would like to thank the Texas State Grange for hosting and making eve-

ryone feel right at home.

The 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Oklahoma State Grange Session will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 a 7:00 pm with the State Officers having drill practice afterwards. Registration forms need to be sent to me by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Registration Fees will be \$20 per Youth and Adults and \$10 per Juniors ages 5-14, please fill out one registration form per person 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, so everyone needs to be thinking about that and about who would be the best candidates to lead our great organization in the future.

**The Theme for the celebration Banquet on Friday night Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, will be Black Tie Masquerade would love to see everyone dressed up.**

All 2023/2024 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. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to accept and give your Scholarship acceptance speech.



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All Subordinate Granges need to get your Community Service Project Books ready and sent to Oklahoma State Grange Activities and Community Service Director, Lisa Evans by September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. You can send them to her at P.O. Box 504 Ketchum OK 74349. If you need to get in contact with Lisa, you can reach her at 918-570-9269 or email [mevans0908@att.net](mailto:mevans0908@att.net)

Also, all Subordinate Granges need to have their Resolutions for the State Session Sent to State Secretary Jennie Harrington by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, so she can put them in the Delegate folders. If you miss the deadline, you can bring them to the State Session and turn them in on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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

Also, 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 feel free to contact me anytime.

\_Fraternally Submitted

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Oklahoma Grange Youth at the Great Plains Grange Conference

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Carl Shufeldt

Jerry Taylor

### Membership Directors

Hello Fellow Grangers

Hope everyone is doing well. This year seems to have flown by even faster than normal. It's hard to believe State Session is upon us. We had a slight gain in membership for the second quarter. We had six subordinate granges gain membership. We had three with losses and ten remained the same. Overall we had a gain of three members. We hope to see everyone at State Session. Come out to support your Grange and have fellowship.

## SECRETARIES TAKE NOTES

Jeannie Harrington

### State Secretary

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and in good health. Summer went

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.

This year the Oklahoma State Session will be at the Holiday Inn Express in Claremore, OK, October 20-22, 2023. 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.

**OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE  
CONVENTION  
108th ANNUAL SESSION  
OCTOBER 20-23, 2023**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ State Officer  Youth  Junior  Delegate  Director  Member  Guest

Name \_\_\_\_\_ State Officer  Youth  Junior  Delegate  Director  Member  Guest

Name \_\_\_\_\_ State Officer  Youth  Junior  Delegate  Director  Member  Guest

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Rooms-** (This is a non-smoking hotel)  
Please  type of room needed.

Cost of rooms are \$79.00 per night not including tax.  
Please  each day room is needed.

Double  King  Handicap

Thursday  Friday  Saturday

**Meals:** Continental Breakfast is included with stay.

*Friday lunch is on your own.*

Friday Evening Banquet: (THEME: Black Tie Masquerade)

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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023)

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

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

# JUNIOR Grange

Scheneista Procter  
State Junior Director

Hello Juniors,

We hope everyone is having a great school year so far. We can't believe it's already time for state session. State session this year will be held in Claremore again. We are planning to do some fun

activities along with some team building crafts. We are asking that you wear some old clothes that won't matter if you get paint on them or food coloring. We will not be doing any contests this year, so we hope that everyone will do the Grange activities contests and the Lecturer contests. They always have good contests and they always have a category for the juniors, so we hope everyone will participate. We have a lot planned, so we hope that everyone will try and attend the state session. Stay safe and healthy and we can't wait to see you in October.

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



## GRANGE SWEETHEARTS CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Kay Meritt and Yvonne Haymaker were married on August 31, 1973 in Dover, Oklahoma. They currently reside in Union City. They had 2 sons. Their oldest son Kris lives in Union City and he has 2 children. Grandson Ryan Meritt is a Senior and Granddaughter Jessi is a Freshman, at Wellston High School. Their son Nickolas passed away when he was 7 years old. The Meritts are members of Prairie Grange #334. Kay serves on State Executive Committee and Yvonne is Past State Master of the Oklahoma State Grange and both work together as Co-Editors of the Sooner State Granger. They celebrated their anniversary in August with very close family and friends.



Oklahoma Grange Youth participating in contest at the Great Plains Conference

## CHAPLAIN CORNER

### Shelia Conrady, State Chaplain

Fellow Grangers it's almost time to meet again, and I hope I get to fellowship with you at the state Grange session in a few weeks. The year and seasons have flown by, this time last year my family farm had finished a dismal harvest and we were in the grips of one of the worst droughts in a hundred years. This year I am feeling blessed, God's faithfulness brought us through those trials. What a difference a year makes. A wet summer has filled those dry ponds. Hay is stacked everywhere, when last year saw me selling off half my livestock because we knew we couldn't feed and water them through winter. Last year I worried about having enough seed wheat this year we cut wheat and corn and still have milo to cut. Whether for our life situation or farming seasons and harvest change when we are patient and trust the Lord. This is what the Bible tells us about harvest. GALATIANS 6:9 And let us not

grow weary of doing good for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. JAMES 5:7-12 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, be patient about it. You need not be a farmer to have a "harvest" in your life. We all do. Teachers plant seeds of knowledge. Coaches and parents plant a love for the game. Doctors and nurses plant seeds of health. One of the most important seeds we plant as Christians is seeds of faith and relationships with Christ. We do this by sharing our faith and also by living our faith. We do this by acts of kindness and service that hopefully someone wonders what makes us different and hopefully wants to know more about our faith in Christ. Both the Bible and Grange ritual use metaphors of farm life and harvest to convey the need for service to others. I hope you have heeded my emphasis on a Grange year of Giving and have reached out to your fellow Grangers and your community.



### Bailey Miranda

#### Youth and Young Couple Director

Hello Youth and Young Adults,

Hey all! I hope everyone had a great summer and the start to your school year has been good for everyone in school!

The Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference was June 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, and we had such a great time from playing Grange Baseball and to going to the Museum of Western Art. We had a good group of Youth from Oklahoma that were able to attend and participate in some of the contest that were going on! Landon Knight place 1<sup>st</sup> in Grange Baseball and Emily Shufeldt placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the speech contest and will be representing Oklahoma at National this year in Niagra Falls, New York November 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.

The Oklahoma State Grange Session is October 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> in Claremore, OK and registration for state session is due no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>. For scholarship recipients don't forget to

send in your school enrollment and your class schedules you can email them to Billy Shufeldt at [bshufeldt.okgrange@gmail.com](mailto:bshufeldt.okgrange@gmail.com), also scholarship recipients are required to be at the Friday Night Banquet, and we will be serving food at Friday Night Banquet as well. We will be serving lunch on Saturday, and we will be presenting our drill and the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree on Saturday night. I hope everyone can stay and participate with us.

I hope everyone had an amazing summer and I can't wait to see you all in October!

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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## 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:

Holiday Inn Express  
1400 Country Club Rd, Claremore, OK 74017  
Saturday, October 21,  
2023, 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.

### 2023 Annual Meeting Election

Dee Procter  
Mark Evans  
Kay Meritt

### Agenda:

12-1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Call to order

Declaration of quorum

Welcome

Registration closes

Report of Secretary

Report of Treasurer

Adjournment

## LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

### Donna Keeton, State Lecturer

I can't believe summer is over and school is back in session. I hope everyone is finishing up with the Lecturer's Contests. All categories will have the following age groups: 5 to 9, 10 to 14, 15 and older. All entries must be brought to the Oklahoma State Session to be held in Claremore, OK. The categories will be as follows:

**Photography:** Submit a 4 x 6 photo, put name, Grange, and age group on back (no backing necessary) All photography categories are up to the participants interpretation. □  
**Community Service in Motion**

□ Sights of Spring

□ It's a Good Day to Be a Granger

**Writing:** Submit a 500 word maximum handwritten or typed story on the below topic. Submit the

essay with name, Grange, and age group written on the back. No names on the front page.

□ My Grange Superhero

**Drawing:** Submit a drawing on a 8x 10 paper with name, Grange, and age group printed on the back. Can use any utensils in creating i.e. Crayons, markers, or pencils, etc.

**Painting:** Submit a painting using Watercolors. Must be on a canvas no larger than 11 x 13. Print name, Grange, and age group on the back.

**Color a Picture:** Color the picture that was published in the Sooner State Granger March 2023 or can be found on [www.oklahomastategrate.net](http://www.oklahomastategrate.net) in the Lecturers section. There will be an added age group of 1 to 4 for this particular contest. Print name, Grange, and age group on the back.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the State Session.

## GRANGE ACTIVITIES

### Lisa Evans , State Director

I hope everyone is having a great summer. The State Session will be here before we know it. I have included the contest so there will be plenty of time to create your entries. The community books will be due September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023. The forms can be found on the Oklahoma State Grange Website Please mail the books to Lisa Evans PO Box 504 Ketchum, Oklahoma 74349.

**Junior:** Decorate a pumpkin, make a Christmas decoration, paper towel craft.

**Youth:** Decorate a Pumpkin, Create jewelry out of any material, Create a Christmas ornament.

**Women:** Make a Christmas ornament, create a Christmas centerpiece out of any material, and create something out of a recycled item.

**Men:** Create a sign for the home out any material, make an outdoor Christmas decoration, make a picture frame out any material.



**Pre-Junior Grange members having fun at the Great Plains Conference**

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#### **Dates to Remember**

- Sept 15 Registration forms due to the State President
- Sept 23 Community Service Projects Due, Mail to Lisa Evans
- Oct. 20-23 Oklahoma State Grange State Session  
Holiday Inn Express Claremore, OK
- Nov. 15-19 National Grange Convention
- Dec. 1 Articles of newsletter are due.