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Master's Message...

REVITALIZATION...

We Have Two New Granges!

Is your Grange in need of CPR Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation or Revitalization?

Well, the State Grange officers of your State Grange are here to assist. We recently did just that at the Clear Creek Grange in Welch, Oklahoma.

The State Grange provided supper for the members who attended. The room was packed and there was standing room only. They had over 30 members in attendance with seven state officers. They outlined their meeting dates for the next year, had election of officers and discussed future community service projects.

Dates To Remember

Sept. 1 - Send Grange News to Marvin Purdy, 4202 W. Doolin, Blackwell, OK 74631, phone 580 363-5171, fax, 580 363-4296.

Oct. 18-20, 2008 - State Session, Bartlesville, OK.

Nov. 11-18, 2008 - National Session.

The officers discussed the 2011 National Convention which will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma and how all members will need to participate in various levels of the Convention, whether it is making items for the welcome bags or providing transportation to and from the airport, all members are needed to make the 2011 the best ever.

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This past quarter has been a very busy one for your State Master and other State officers.

We have two new Granges in north-east Oklahoma. They are OU Grange and Pleasant View Grange. It is great to have these new Granges.

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In March we held our annual Degree Day in Blackwell, Oklahoma and it was hosted by Cherryvale Grange.

We had six candidates take the first four degrees. We had representation from several Granges. The brisket lunch which Cherryvale Grange provided was excellent. Also everyone went home with a door prize.

The Junior Grangers had an Easter

egg hunt. All had a fun day. If you have not been to Degree Day in some time you might consider attending next year. I will say every time I see the Degree work I gain more insight into this great organization that we call the Grange.

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On April 3 I attended the 39th Annual Highway Safety Recognition Luncheon hosted by the Oklahoma Highway Users Federation.

This was a very impressive event. The organization presented the Jerry Marx Memorial Awards and Troopers of the Year Awards for Heroism. This year the Troopers of the Year Awards for Heroism were presented to Lieutenant Brian Sturgill of Harrah and Trooper Joe Howard of Shawnee. I am sure you will remember the TV aerial video of the highway patrol helicopter rescuing the Kingfisher couple from the flood waters last August as the result of the tropical storm that spun up over central Oklahoma. I don't think there was a dry eye in the room as George Tomek, OETA TV Anchor read the overview

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Membership

By Mike McCann

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of how these men went above and beyond their call of duty to save the lives of the couple. I must say I was very proud to represent the Oklahoma State Grange at this event.

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Also in April, Oklahoma hosted the Corn States Lecturer's Conference which was held in Branson, Mo. I will not go into a lot of detail as I will leave that to our State Lecturer Deloris Walker, but it was awesome and we had over 50 in attendance.

It was a fun weekend and was enjoyed by all who attended from Junior Grangers to Old-Time Grangers.

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What is coming up next....well, there is the Great Plains Youth Conference in July.

Then it is not too early to start thinking about State Session. Mark your calendars for October 17-19, 2008 at the LaQuinita Inn at Bartlesville, OK. This year I will need to have your room reservation confirmed by September 15, 2008.

Due to some of the difficulty in finding a location to accommodate our session we will have our Celebration Banquet on Friday evening. Also our talent event will be held Friday evening following the Banquet. I hope you will plan to attend.

It is time to start writing those resolutions for submission to the delegates of the State Session.

Revitalization....New Granges.....New Members....Keep the organization alive by Moving Forward.

Fraternally Submitted,
Yvonne Meritt, State Master
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405.262.3354

As members of an organization that is totally dependent on membership, it is imperative that we as members encourage our friends, neighbors and relatives to join. Think for a moment what the Grange has done for you and then think about what your life would be like if it were gone.

Although the State Grange is not in imminent danger of closing, it still has to have members constantly joining to be able to survive. We do have some Granges in the state whose membership numbers are substantially less than they should be, and those Granges are in danger of closing.

For those less active Granges or those with just a few members, it's still not too late to turn around and become a vibrant thriving active Grange.

At the annual meeting of the State Grange this October, I will be recognizing those Granges who have had a gain in membership this past year and I would like to include your Grange in my report next year. If your Grange needs help in turning the corner, the State Master and I have numerous resources at our disposal to help your Grange achieve its goals. Just give either one of us a call.

Fraternally,
Mike McCann,
State Membership Director

Wedding bells ring!!!!

Congratulations to

Ashley (McCann) and Jay Neal

Married 06.07.08 in Tonkawa, Oklahoma

**GRANGE
YOUTH**

Because Great Kids Make
Great Grange Members
and Great Citizens!

Oklahoma Grange Activities

by Debbie Borgstrom and Aliene Taylor

Community Service is a big part of Oklahoma Grange and we would like to hear from those active Granges. So fill out the Community Service Report and send it to us by August 1, 2008. The best community service will be rewarded with a cash prize!

Start now on your projects for the State Session in October. You don't have to be present to participate, just send your projects with someone!

Women Activities

Design a Towel;

Embroidery, Cross-Stitch, Paint,
Sew, Etc....

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

Open Class;

Embroidery, Cross-Stitch,
Quilts, Etc....

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

Design a Bag

For National Grange Convention
in Oklahoma

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

Men's Activities

Open Class Wood Item

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

Wood Toy or Storage Box

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

Men & Women Activities

Pies, Candy, Cookies

1st \$25.00

2nd \$15.00

3rd \$10.00

Community Service Information Form

Grange Name and Number _____

Submitted by (Name(s)) _____

What kind of activity was completed? _____

Who was involved?

(Adults, youth, Children etc.) _____

Number Grange members _____

Number non-Grange members _____

Briefly describe what the activity included. _____

Who was helped by the community service and in what way? _____

How long did it take? (How many hours, days, months? Etc.) _____

Was the activity publicized? _____

If so, how? _____

Why did your grange decide to do this particular project? _____

Please submit to activities director by August 1, 2008.

Debbie Borgstrom & Aliene Taylor

33934 S. 4380 RD

Big Cabin, OK 74332

Junior Grange

By Ann Keeton

Hello again, fellow Grangers,

I hope you all are enjoying a wonderful summer! Thank you to all the Juniors who attended the Degree Day. We had a very good turnout this year! I encourage all the parents to look through the binders I sent home with the Juniors. Inside the binders you will find all the programs that we are doing, and one of those programs is The Badge Merit Program. If you are interested, I would like for the Juniors to start collecting their merits. Also at Degree Day the Juniors all received books, for the

Reading Across America program. I would also like to thank Kennedy and Katelyn Bailey for their egg carton entries. Katelyn made a vase full of beautiful egg carton flowers and Kennedy made an egg carton bus full of kids! They both won a prize of \$10 for their entries.

Coming up is the Great Plains Youth Conference. I would like to encourage all the Juniors and their families to attend. It is a great time filled with workshops, activities, and tours. It is never a dull time. Also, during the Youth Conference,

there will be a Speech and Sign-a-Song competition. I would like to encourage all the Juniors to enter this contest. If you would like help writing a speech, I would be more than happy to help.

If you are interested in going to the Great Plains Youth Conference, let me, or Bill or Lena Shufeldt know as soon as possible. All you will have to pay is \$25, and transportation is provided. If here are any questions, feel free to call at 918 373-2281.

Once again, I hope you all have a safe and exciting summer.

Sincerely,

Ann Keeton

Oklahoma State Junior Director

Chaplain's Corner

By Sheila Conrady

Whether it makes you think of swimming parties, boating, picnics, or the heat, Summer is here!

The kids and teachers are out of school and many of us are dreaming of summer vacations, but there is still work (the Lord's Work) to be done, worthy patrons.

Check on the young and elderly as they are prone to heat stroke. Share God's love with fans and cold drinks. Perhaps you know a young one who could use a little supervision you could provide, or maybe there is an elderly neighbor that may not be keeping cool.

If you are away on weekends, find a church to visit where you are. Worshiping in a new place and meeting new believers may be the blessing you are missing out on.

Bible schools will be in full swing and they need teachers and workers. If you can't do that, providing cookies and craft supplies or a ride might be a good way to help young ones get the most out of Bible school and come to know God.

Summer's fun can make us forget how dangerous farming, boating, swimming, and the sometimes violent summer weather can be. Please remind those you love to be safe and keep them in your prayers.

Fraternally,
Sheila Conrady

Oklahoma State Grange Chaplain

Visit Your Oklahoma State Grange Website Often!

<http://www.oklahomagrange.org>

To all subordinate Granges if you would like contact information about your Grange on the State website then e-mail me the information. There are a few subordinate Granges on the website now; you can use them as examples.

To any of the State Directors that would like to put some information on the website let me know. With State Session around the corner the website can be a good place to keep everyone informed!

Fraternally,

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Oklahoma State Grange

Webmaster

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Lecturer's Lesson

By Deloris Walker

Oklahoma hosted the Corn State Lecturer's Conference April 18-20 in Branson, Mo., with around 50 in attendance. I believe this is one of the biggest conferences we have ever hosted. We had attendees from Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. A program was given by each of the states.

Everyone seemed to have a very good time. I appreciated all of the help I had in planning and hosting this conference.

April was Grange month. If anyone did a display, please bring pictures to share with all of us at State Session.

Now is the time to start thinking about your talent and what you can

share at State. The best of show will represent Oklahoma at the National Convention in November. The categories are vocal, instrumental, and variety. (Remember there is a 6 minute time limit.)

Hopefully you are all taking pictures to enter in the photo contest.

Section 1. Single printed photos. Color, black/white, or digital.

- A. Animals
- B. Scenic photos
- C. People
- D. Agriculture
- E. Christmas/Holiday Season.

Section 2. Two or more photos that tell a story. Photos should be 4x6 minimum. They may be matted if you desire.. Age groups are as follows:

- 1. Adults 19 and over
- 2. Youth 14 - 18
- 3. Children 10-13
- 4. Children 5 - 9

A reminder to save your can tabs to bring to State in plastic bags. Try to get others to save them for you. Let's see how many we can collect. Also don't forget to save your change to donate to Dogs for the Deaf. (You can cash in your change before you bring it.) Let's try to at least meet the amount collected for Happy Hands last year!

The summer months are noted for their heat, sunlight, and the longest day of the year. The summer solstice (June 21) marks the longest day. According to legend, it's the time when the magic of nature is at its strongest. To celebrate that power, singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright is challenging people worldwide to turn off electricity for a day and get outside. June is National Yogurt Month, Candy Month, and Fireworks Safety Month. July is National Baked Bean Month, Hot Dog Month, and Mobility Month. August is Family Fun Month, National Inventor's Month, and Back-to-School Month. Enjoy these summer months - they go by so quickly.

Fraternally submitted,
Deloris Walker

Oklahoma State Lecturer

Secretaries Take Note

By Donna Keeton

Summer has begun and the State Session is just around the corner. It is not too early to start working on resolutions. If you have an ideal, or know of some important issues that need resolutions, start working on them now. It is never too early.

Secretaries, just a reminder: Don't forget to turn in your quarterly reports and dues. The Second Quarterly Report will show how many members we will get to count for membership increase for this year. Don't forget when you turn in your report on changes of membership, to note the members who are now deceased so they can be recognized at the State Session. I am still needing most of the Subordinate Granges to turn in a list of officers with names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses if they have an e-mail address. The officers that I need are: Master, Lecturer, Secretary, Women's Activities Chairman, Youth Activities Chairman, Junior Grange Chairman, Legislative Grange Chairman, Membership Chairman, Deaf Activities Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Community Service Chairman. I need them as soon as possible.

Fraternally submitted,
Donna Keeton

Oklahoma State Grange Secretary

GRANGE ACTIVITIES

Fostering
Community Service,
Traditional Skills,
and Recreation

Youth Report

By Billy and Lena Shufeldt

Just a note from the Youth Department... The Nebraska Youth Conference is approaching quickly and will be on July 18-20 for anyone wanting to go. The cost to you will be \$25.00 per person, and you will need to contact Billy and Lena Shufeldt by phone ASAP.

Call and let us know if you are wanting to attend. Phone 918 467-0169. Then mail your money to Billy and Lena Shufeldt, Rt. 1 Box 342-14 So. Coffeyville, OK 74072. .

We need your registration by June 21, so don't delay. We will give you information on what you will be required to bring, as well as what you will need to have for medical emergency releases, insurance, and parental permissions, planned activities, location, and other details.

This is the last chance to sign up. No time for mail. Call today!

Hope to see everyone there.

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918 467-0169

For Further Details and To Sign Up