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Master's Message...

## ***State Grange Degree Day Slated For March 20th In Nowata***

I hope everyone has survived the cold winter, and is looking forward to the warm Spring.

Degree Day will be here before we know it. I hope everyone will come and have fun and fellowship with us on March 20, 2010 at Nowata Senior Citizens building. We have had the Degree Day there before. Activities will commence at 10:00 a.m.

In this issue there will be the scholarship application. You will need to send the application to me. If you need an application you can go to the Oklahoma State Grange Web page, or contact the State Secretary.

I have also asked Membership director Jerry Taylor to be chairman of the Oklahoma State Grange Member

### **Dates To Remember**

**Degree Day** - Will be held in Nowata on March 20.

**May. 20** - Send **Grange News** to Marvin Purdy, 4202 W. Doolin, Blackwell, OK 74631, phone 580 363-5171, fax, 580 363-4296.

of the Year committee. If you have any suggestions, contact Jerry Taylor.

The Grange Assessment will need to be paid on the second quarter and every member will need to be assessed (Golden Sheaf members, family members on the family units). The assessment is \$1.00 per member, so the Granges that pay by the year, don't forget to pay the assessment.

It is not too early to think about resolutions. If you see a need in your community or the state, call or write to your representatives.

Also, we need to work on our membership; it would be fantastic to see it grow once again at the next National Grange Convention. The second quarter is when the gain of membership ends for the year for National. If you need your Grange to be revitalized, call and our State Officers and Directors will assist you.

Dee Procter is working on the National Grange Convention for 2011. If you have any suggestions or would like to help, contact Dee Procter. We need everyone involved in the National Grange Convention.

It is my sad duty to inform everyone

of the passing of a Past State overseer. O.C Elfers was an active member of Sunset Grange #264.

I was not able to go to the State Master's meeting that was held in February due to my surgery in December. I have had some complications in healing. I would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, and your prayers; they brighten my days of healing.

I hope to see you all at Degree Day.

Fraternally,  
Donna Keeton,  
State Master



Fellow Grangers,

I would like to thank all of you for your hard work this year. It looks like we are on track to have a gain in membership again. I would like to gain at least as much as we had last year.

We were recently invited to the  
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## Junior Grange

By Ann Keeton

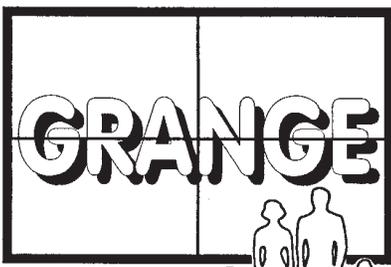
Hello fellow Grangers,

I hope that the winter season has treated you well! It was a rough one, but I made it through. I'm so excited for another great year with the Grange. My life has been changing once again. I recently moved to West of I-35. It's a different world in this part of the State, but I love it none the less. That being said, I have agreed to hold the Junior Grange Director's position for another year.

I am ready to see my Junior Grangers all once again at Degree Day in Nowata, Oklahoma. It is going to be a great time. I have a lot of fun things in store. I am having a contest for the Juniors and it is to make something out of a tin can. Be creative, because there will be prize money involved. I would also like to encourage all the children to start writing down title, author, and page number of the books they have been reading, so that you will have it ready for State Session!

I hope to see new faces at Degree Day, also. If a Junior brings a friend, they will receive a \$6.00 cash reward. I encourage all Juniors to bring a friend along for the fun day. Remember the old saying, March is "in like a lion, and out like a lamb," so get ready for a wonderful Spring.

Fraternally,  
Ann Keeton,  
State Junior Director



## Lecturer's Lesson

By Deloris Walker

"The weather outside is frightful..." are words to a song, but they describe some of the weather we have had. I'm afraid that we might be having more before we get to Spring. We can be thankful though, that we don't live in places that had 2 to 3 feet! There is a bright side to most everything if we will just look. I have been enjoying watching all the beautiful winter birds that I have been feeding.

I hope that you were able to get some wonderful photos to use for your winter season pictures. Just a reminder of the other categories of the Photo Contest: 1. Celebrating a Special Event; 2. Vacation time; 3. Grangers at work ; and 4. Don't forget about the Pencil Drawing Contest for adults and Youth Divisions in all categories.

Please continue to save those can tabs! I have already had some given to me. Encourage others to save them for us. Also, save your change and/or decide how much you feel you can donate to our main project, "Hearts for Hearing".

I hope we can surpass last year's total of \$1,108.75.

This is a good time to be thinking of something that you could do for the Talent Night. Practice now and get over those jitters of performing. Let's make this a year with lots of great entries!

Degree Day is coming up March 20th in Nowata. If you have never attended a Degree Day, this would be a good year for you to attend and become an active part of a great organization! Hope to see you there!

Fraternally,  
Deloris Walker,  
State Lecturer

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# Oklahoma State Grange Opportunities For Higher Education

## Scholarship Program

Up to six scholarships will be awarded for educational expenses at an accredited post-secondary educational institute of the recipient's choice.

Upon selection by the scholarship committee, Full time students (12 or more hours per semester) will be awarded a \$1,300.00 scholarship (\$650 per semester). Part-time students (minimum of 6 hours per semester) will be awarded a \$650.00 scholarship (\$325.00 per semester). Non-traditional students (students returning to school after a period of at least 5 years out of school) taking less than six hours will be eligible for \$325.00. (\$162.50 per semester).

In the event that there are not six recipients applying for the scholarships, the scholarship committee could increase the amount to be awarded at their discretion, not to exceed a total of \$3,000.00 per year for one recipient.

### Eligibility:

The applicant must: Be a citizen of the United States of America. Be a High School graduate or senior at the time of the scholarship selection. Be an active Fifth Degree member in good standing (current dues paid) of an Oklahoma Subordinate Grange for one year by the application deadline (June 30). To be considered an Active Member, the Applicant must attend Degree Day and State Session before applying. Previous winners of the scholarships will continue to be eligible for future selection, but must re-apply and will be judged on an equal basis with other applicants.

### Selection Process:

Applications will be evaluated

and recipients will be selected by a scholarship committee consisting of the State Master and four members appointed by the Master. Any member of the selected committee, including the Master, with immediate family applying for the scholarship will be disqualified and a re-appointment made. All qualified applicants will be given equal consideration. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of Grange participation, demonstrated leadership, financial need, and potential to succeed. Applicants will submit an application and a 500 word essay to the State Master by June 30. A personal interview may be required for a final decision. Winners will be notified by July 30 and published in the Sooner State Granger.

### Responsibilities:

It shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant to provide the completed application and necessary information to the State Master by the stated deadlines. All recipients must enter school the fall term following selection. Payment of the first half of the scholarship will be contingent on proof of acceptance and enrollment of the student at an accredited

school by official statement from the Registrar's office. Proof of enrollment must be received by the State Master by September 1. Payment of the second half of the scholarship is contingent upon the recipient giving an acceptance speech at the state banquet in October. At this time, pictures will be taken of the recipients for publication in the Sooner State Granger. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the scholarship committee in the event of medical emergency or circumstance beyond the recipient's control. The second half of the scholarship money will be transferred for the second term if a minimum 2.6 GPA has been achieved for the first semester. An official copy of the student's grades must be sent to the State Master by February 1, or the scholarship will be forfeited.

If for any reason the student cannot accept or becomes ineligible for this award, other applicants will be considered for the unused money.

An official application form is printed on the next page. Applicants may use additional sheets of paper to provide complete information if necessary.



## Degree Day

March 20, 2010

Nowata

Senior Citizen's Building

*All Grangers are invited to enjoy fun, fellowship, food and door prizes!*

Oklahoma State Grange Opportunities For Higher Education  
**Scholarship Application**

Please print or type

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION:**

Education completed to date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your educational and career goals; \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITIES AND HONORS:**

List Grange activities and honors: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List school activities and honors: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List community involvement \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

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:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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 4th 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 5th 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 grade transcript. 2) A 500 word essay about the history of the Grange or what the Grange means to the applicant. This information must be received by the State Master by June 30, or it will not be considered. Mail completed application to Donna Keeton, State Master, Rt 1, Box 106, South Coffeyville, OK 74072.

## Youth Report

By Billy and Lena Shufeldt

I hope everyone has had a great year so far. It has been a cold beginning and we have had lots of snow but we are hoping it will be moving on. Our year has moved very quickly so far and it is now time for our Degree Day, which is being held in Nowata, OK., on March 20th. I would like to encourage all the Youth to attend.

Also, a reminder of the Youth Conference that will be coming up in July. I haven't received word on where it is going to be yet, but I will soon, and when I do, I will get the word out to everyone. I do know it is being held in Colorado this year. Last I heard, Charlene said they were still working on a place for everyone to stay. So I'm sure we will hear something very soon. I hope to see everyone at Degree Day, ready to have some fun.

Faternally,

Billy and Welina Shufeldt,  
State Youth Directors

## Membership

Continued

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Cowskin Prairie Grange to help explain the Grange to interested citizens. We had a very large turnout, and a lot of interested people. They put on a great feed, and are super nice people. Their new insurance agents are Jeramie and Amanda Moffett, and we are expecting great growth.

If anyone would like to recommend a Granger of the Year, please send their name and accomplishments to me at Box 683, Ketchum, Oklahoma 74349

## Chaplain's Corner

By Pastor Jimmy Harrington

### Caged Destiny

"Did you do your stretching exercises this morning?" asked the gym teacher. "I sure did said little Billy, I stretched so far I thought I would pop!!".

Well, I guess that's the question that we all must ask ourselves. Are we stretching ourselves to our greatest potential? Sadly to say, most of us aren't. There are many reasons why, but most of the time it is because of fear of the unknown, fear of failure, or fear of ridicule from others.

President Franklin Roosevelt stated, "All we have to fear is fear itself". In other words, the fear of fear is the worst fear we must face.

There is a story about an eagle caged in a zoo. One day after cleaning the cage, the attendant forgot to close the door. At this point the eagle had a dilemma to solve. Should he fly from the cage, face all the possible problems that come along with freedom and soar to the heights that God had created him to experience, or remain in the cage that had been his prison for some many years. The next day when the attendant found the door to the cage open, he was horrified to think that his negligence had lost the zoo such a priceless bird. As he looked around, he was astonished to see that the eagle was still perched there on the fake tree inside his cage. You see, the cage, which had been the eagle's prison, had now become his sanctuary. He was afraid to fact the outside world and live like God intended an eagle to live.

So again, I ask you this question, "Are you stretching yourself to your full potential or are you, like the eagle, afraid to be all that God intended you to be?"

I pray that you are reaching as high as you can to fulfill all that God has intended for you. If you do this you will find true freedom.

Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Remember, your Grange brothers and sisters need you, and together, we will reach our full potential.

In His Service,  
Pastor Jimmy Harrington,  
State Grange Chaplain

## Grange Activities

By Debbie Borgstrom  
and Aliene Taylor

### Degree Day

March 20th at the Community Center, Nowata, Oklahoma.

Ladies Contest - Dessert of Choice.

Mens Contest - Birdhouse.

Good Food, Friends, and Fun!

### Community Service

A packet will be mailed to Subordinate Granges, containing the Community Service Information Form for 2010, and information regarding State Activities Contests for 2010.

### State Activities Contests

For Women: Decorations for Tables at State Session. Cookies of any kind.

For Men: Candy of choice

For Youth: Craft of choice

For Juniors: Pictures of all your favorite things on a place mat.

New Contest for Subordinate Granges: Articles to be donated for bags and gifts for tables at the National Session in 2011. Please list the items you donate, and the number of items. A prize will be awarded!

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# OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE 94th ANNUAL SESSION APPROVED RESOLUTIONS

## GRANGE LAW & GOOD OF THE ORDER MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, at the national Grange Convention in 2008 there was a resolution to assess the membership with \$1.00 per member to pay for the National Grange Convention starting in 2012 and;

WHEREAS, the resolution passed, the membership assessment started this year 2009 and the Executive Committee decided to absorb it for this year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, starting in 2010 the Subordinate Granges will have an assessment of membership of \$1.00 per member and the Sub. Granges will be assessed until the National Grange stops the assessment and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assessment will be paid at the end of the Second Quarter.

Submitted By: Pleasant View Grange #354

## LEGISLATIVE, LABOR AND JUDICIARY STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has a confusing election ballot provision that offers a straight party vote in several places on the ballot;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Oklahoma State Legislature shall adopt a new ballot provision that would eliminate the straight party vote and direct the State Election Board to construct a ballot where every office would be voted on separately.

Submitted By: Clear Creek Grange #84

## GRANGE LAW & GOOD OF THE ORDER PROMOTIONAL BOOTH

WHEREAS, Open Houses, County Fairs, etc., are the best way to show off our Granges in their communities, and

WHEREAS, three years ago at the Oklahoma State Session the delegate body adopted to develop three brochures,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Oklahoma State Grange develop a promotional booth kit for the purpose of Subordinate and Pomona Granges to use to promote Grange.

Submitted By: Clear Creek Grange #84

(Partial List of Approved Resolutions. To be Continued in next issue of the Sooner State Granger Newsletter.)

**((note : use in June 2010 issue))**

**GRANGE LAW & GOOD OF THE ORDER  
RITUAL INSTRUCTION**

WHEREAS, instructional ritual meetings are helpful to Grange members to teach the proper way to perform signs, salutations, and various ceremonies of the Grange, and

WHEREAS, modern technology and visual aids would be helpful in demonstrating and teaching these procedures of the Grange,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that individual Grange members be permitted to use technology such as Power Point presentations to demonstrate, depict, and explain Grange ritual to members during Grange meetings, conferences, and training sessions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that chapter 11 Section 11.1.2 of the Digest be amended to add the following sentence to the end of the paragraph: "Members are permitted to demonstrate or depict signs, salutations, and various ceremonies of the Grange ritual, by using visual or printed materials, in Grange meetings or Grange-sponsored conferences or training session for the education of members."

Submitted By: Clear Creek Grange #84

