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Master's Message...

National Master Ed Luttrell To Visit Bartlesville, Oklahoma June 11th

Spring has finally come and summer is right upon us. It has been a busy spring with a snow storm during Degree Day. We had five Grange members who took the four degrees. There were around 40 people, between Junior and subordinate Grange members. We had Grange Activities contests and door prizes and the Juniors did games and crafts.

In April, some Oklahoma Grange members went to the Corn State Lectures Conference in Kansas City, Kansas. We had lots of fun, fellow-

Dates To Remember

June 11 - National Master's Visit.
Hilton Garden Inn, Bartlesville,
OK 7 pm.

July 16-18 - Great Plains Regional
Youth Conference, Divide, Colo-
rado.

September 1 - **Grange News** to
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October - State Session, Broken Ar-
row, OK.

ship, and interesting workshops that were given by the state lecturers.

I have found a hotel for the State Convention in October in Broken Arrow, OK. More on this later.



National Master Ed Luttrell

June is going to be an exciting month. National Master Ed Luttrell will be here on June 11, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bartlesville, OK. He is going to talk about what is happening at the National Grange level. Everyone is encouraged to come and

listen and ask questions. The meeting will start at 7 pm, and there will be refreshments. The address of the hotel is 205 SW Frank Phillips Blvd.

On June 19, at 12 noon, Brad and I will be having our 30 year Wedding Anniversary party. We will be having lunch for everyone, so come celebrate with us. The party will be held at Pleasant View First Church of God. If you need directions to the church, just call 918 929-7402.

Timothy Keeton is going to Washington D.C. for the celebration at the National Grange Headquarters.

The Youth are going to Divide, Colorado for the Great Plains Youth conference in July.

Don't forget to apply for the Grange Scholarship by Jun 30. The State Secretary needs to sign your application.

Yvonne Meritt has been busy with the National Grange Convention plans for 2011. She has been hosting a "Team speak" on every third Tuesday for the State Masters and the State Coordinators of the other states that are in our region for the National Grange Convention of 2011. Each

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state is in charge of something for the National Convention. We are in charge of registration, transportation, tours, entertainment, Ag Breakfast, and one day of hospitality.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these that are listed please let me or Dee Procter know. There will also be other duties that we will need to help with that are not listed. We will need all the help that we can get.

Texas is in charge of the Sixth Degree. They will have the Rose Drill, and if anyone would like to be an officer for the Sixth Degree, you will need to let me know what officer you would like to be. In November we will put names in a hat and draw out a name for each officer. There will be requirements to be an officer. You will have to memorize your speaking parts and you will have to be willing to travel to the regional states to do the Sixth Degree at their State Conventions in 2011.

Second Quarter dues will be due soon and that is the time when the \$1 assessment is also due. Every member including the Golden Sheaf members will need to pay this assessment.

I hope everyone is planning on coming to the State Convention in October. We should have a fantastic time, so start working on your resolutions and the contests for the Grange Activities, Lecturers, Junior Departments.

If you would like for me to come to one of your Grange meetings, just let me know and I will try to come.

Donna Keeton, Master,
Oklahoma State Grange

Lecturer's Lesson

By Deloris Walker

Rain, rain, go away! We are certainly getting our share of the wet stuff this week, to cause mowing and weeding of gardens! The tornadoes in the state have been numerous. I hope that all of you Grangers have been safe from them. The farm ponds are definitely full and ready for summer.

Kansas hosted the Corn State Lecturer's Conference April 16-18 in Kansas City. Oklahoma had the largest number in attendance. Those attending were Martha and Carl Shufeldt, Marie and Richard Volz, Kay and Yvonne Meritt, Brad and Donna Keeton, and myself. We had some interesting workshops by Nebraska, Kansas, and Texas. We toured the Agriculture Hall of Fame, which was very interesting. Then we had a delicious meal on Saturday night at the Harley Davidson restaurant in the Legends Mall. It was a very good weekend. It's always good to meet and spend time with a group of Grangers.

Hopefully the cameras have been at work. If not, it's never too late! Again, the categories are: 1. Celebrating a Special Event. 2. Vacation Time. 3. Grangers at Work.

And the Tell-a-Story is the 4 seasons pictures of an area, or something in 3 of the 4 seasons. Also new this year is a pencil drawing.

I hope that all of you mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day. Father's Day will be here soon, so hopefully all fathers will have a good day.

June 21st is the first day of summer. So have a good and safe one!

Fraternally,
Deloris Walker
State Lecturer

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Junior Grange

By Ann Keeton

Hello Fellow Grangers,

I hope that everyone had a great school year and is enjoying the start of summer. We had a great Degree Day even though it snowed the whole time. We had a craft which will be displayed at state, and we had an Easter egg hunt inside. I hope that next year we can have an even bigger turn out.

Our next big adventure is the Great Plains Youth conference. I can't wait to see everyone at the Great Plains Youth Conference in Colorado. There are quite a few people from Oklahoma who are attending. I would like to encourage all the Juniors to prepare speeches for the Public Speaking Contests.

I would also like to encourage the Juniors to continue reading over the summer and to keep track of all the books and page numbers you have read. I hope you all have a great summer and I will see you in Colorado.

Fraternally,
Ann Keeton,

State Junior Director

Oklahoma

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at

<http://oklahomagrange.org>

Chaplain's Corner

By Pastor Jimmy Harrington

Lemons or Lemonade?

Are things not going the way you think they should? Have you ever felt like giving up? This story might give you hope!

THE FERN AND THE BAMBOO

One day I decided to quit... I quit my job, my relationship, my spirituality... I wanted to quit my life. I went to the woods to have one last talk with God.

"God", I said, "Can you give me one good reason not to quit?"

His answer surprised me.

"Look around", He said. "Do you see the fern and the bamboo?"

"Yes", I replied.

"When I planted the fern and the bamboo seeds, I took very good care of them. I gave them light. I gave them water. The fern quickly grew from the earth. Its brilliant green covered the floor. Yet nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo.

In the second year, the fern grew more vibrant and plentiful. And again, nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo.

"In year three there was still nothing from the bamboo seed. But I would not quit. The same in year four.

"Then in the fifth year, a tiny sprout emerged from the earth. Compared to the fern, it was seemingly small and insignificant. But just six months later, the bamboo rose to over 100 feet tall.

"It had spent the five years growing roots. Those roots made it strong and gave it what it needed to survive. I would not give any of my creations a challenge it could not handle.

"Did you know, my child, that all this time you have been struggling, you have actually been growing roots? I would not quit on the bamboo. I will never quit on you.

"Don't compare yourself to others." He said. "The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern. Yet they both make the forest beautiful.

"Your time will come", God said to me. "You will rise high."

"How high should I rise?" I asked.

"How high will the bamboo rise?" He asked in return.

"As high as it can?" I questioned.

"Yes." He said. "Give me glory by rising as high as you can."

I left the forest, realizing that God will never give up on me. And He will never give up on you.

Never regret a day in your life.

Good days give you happiness, bad days give you experiences. Both are essential to life.

When life keeps coming up lemons, make lemonade!

In His Service,
Pastor Jimmy Harrington
State Grange Chaplain



Andrew Michael McCann and Jera Nicole Priest

McCann - Priest Wedding Announced

Gary and Lyn Mollet, Tonkawa and Lesley Priest, of Amarillo, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Jera Nicole Priest to Andrew Michael McCann. Andrew is the son of Mike and Judy McCann of Tonkawa.

The wedding will be an event of June 5, 2010 in Cozumel, Mexico.

The bride-elect is a 2008 graduate of Tonkawa High School and is currently attending East Central University in Ada, OK. The prospective groom is a 2006 graduate of Tonkawa High School and graduated in May 2010 with a degree in Business and Information Technology from East Central University. Andrew and Jera are both active members of the Goodwill Grange #13 and the Oklahoma State Grange.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are David Wilson and the late Arlene Wilson of Amarillo, Texas and the late Dobie and Buster Priest. The prospective bridegroom's grandparents are Gladys and the late Roscoe Grimes of Pond Creek and the late Kenneth and Marie McCann of Tonkawa.

A reception for the couple will be held in Tonkawa on June 26th at 7:00 p.m. at 111 East Grand Avenue.

BRAD AND DONNA KEETON

30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 19TH, 2010 - 12:00 NOON

PLEASANT VIEW FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

ALL GRANGE MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

CALL 918 929-7402 FOR DIRECTIONS.

LUNCH ON BRAD AND DONNA

Youth Report

By Billy and Lena Shufeldt

Our year is flying by so quickly, where does the time go? We have had storms all around us so you can tell it is springtime!

It's almost time for our Regional Youth conference, which is being held in Divide, Colorado, July 16-18. We have approximately 36 to 40 people who will be attending this event, which is quite a good group.

We are taking a charter bus which will be much more comfortable for everyone. I hope the Youth are looking to having a fun trip.

And again, our State Session will be here soon, so I hope we have a lot of Youth who will be attending that as well. Looking forward to seeing you then...

Billy and Lena Shufeldt,
State Youth Directors

Secretaries

Take Note

By Jeannie Harrington

I hope everyone is having a wonderful spring. It's hard to believe we are half way through this year. It's gone by really fast.

It is time for the second quarter dues to be paid. The Grange Assessments are due this quarter also. The assessment is \$1.00 per member and this includes Golden Sheaf members. 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. you make my job as State Secretary enjoyable and much simpler.

Fraternally,
Jeannie Harrington
State Secretary

Membership

By Jerry Taylor

Hello Fellow Grangers,

I hope this writing finds everyone doing well. Spring is finally here. With the warm weather, we will be able to get out a little more, and socialize with our neighbors and friends. Hopefully we can spread a little word about the Grange and the benefits of belonging. It looks as though we are all doing a fine job as it is. The membership looks as though it will have substantial growth this year. I would like to thank all the Grange members for their work and participation to make this happen.

Fraternally,
Jerry Taylor,
Membership Director

You're Invited To Visit With

Ed Luttrell

National Grange Master



Friday
June 11, 2010
7 pm

Hilton Garden Inn
205 SW Frank Phillips Blvd
Bartlesville, OK

Find out what is happening on
the National Grange Level!

**Refreshments Will Be
Served**

Grange Activities

By D. Borgstrom and A. Taylor

Dear Grange Members,

We hope the Spring season is going great for everyone. Degree Day this year had a lot of snow, but everyone had a great time.

The women had a dessert of their choice in the contest. The winners were 1st: Lori Monrow, 2nd: Lisa Evans, and 3rd: Charbrice Evans. Each received a plant.

The men's contest was bird houses. The winners were 1st: Jerry Taylor, 2nd: Richard Voltz, and 3rd: Carl Shufeldt. Each received a hammer.

Have a great Summer. See everyone at State!

Aliene Taylor and
Debbie Borgstrom,
Activity Directors

A Bit About National Master Ed Luttrell

Ed Luttrell, a native of Sandy Oregon, was elected the 22nd President of the National Grange in November of 2007. A second generation Granger, he is the immediate past Leadership/Membership Development Director for the National Grange. He is also an immediate-past Trustee on the Oregon State Grange Foundation having been the President of the board for six years.

Ed grew up on a small farm outside of Portland and has worked in agriculture, automotive services, and publishing. He and Celia, his wife of 27 years, have three grown children. They are members of the Boring-Damascus Grange #260 and Clackamas Pomona Grange.

Ed has extensive Grange experience including Oregon State President from 1996-2000, when he also served as a lobbyist for the Grange.

His Grange accomplishments started in 1978 when he was named Oregon State Outstanding Young Granger. He served on the Oregon State Membership Committee from 1986 to 1988 and was Oregon State Gatekeeper from 1988 to 1992. He and Celia were Oregon State Grange Outstanding Young Couple in 1989. Ed served as State Youth Director from 1990 to 1992 and as Editor of the Oregon Grange Bulletin from 1992 to 1996.

Send Get Well Cards To Judy and Aliene

Judy McCann and Aliene Taylor are both recovering from recent illness. If you would like to, you may send cards to Judy McCann, RR1, Box 121, Lamont, OK 74643 and to Aliene Taylor, P.O. Box 683, Ketchum, OK 74348.

National Grange Commends the FCC for Providing Broadband Coverage for Rural Areas

(Washington, DC-March 16, 2010)
- The National Grange commends the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on their release of the National Broadband Plan. The Grange hopes that this plan will become the basis for a comprehensive public/private partnership that will finally assure that the benefits of broadband technology are available to every home, farm and small business in America, regardless of geographic location.

It is evident from the FCC's recent study on broadband adoption, that rural America still lags behind urban and suburban communities in home, farm and small business broadband connections. Of non-adopters in rural areas, one in ten say they cannot get broadband where they live – more than double the national average. Rural Americans stand to benefit from online applications like telemedicine,

distance learning and telework. The entire nation stands to gain from the economic and environmental benefits that integrating national, high-speed internet with farming, tribal and rural communities will bring. It is time for all Americans to have access to these life-changing opportunities, and the National Grange hopes that the National Broadband Plan will make this possible.

The National Grange thanks President Obama and Congress for their efforts to ensure that all Americans

will, some day, live in a fully digitized, connected society, regardless of their geographic location. We also appreciate the FCC's recognition of the importance that private sector investment must play when developing the National Broadband Plan. Such investment will be necessary to bring broadband to every corner of the country. The National Grange looks forward to working together with both the public and private sectors to make sure that the ambitious goals outlined in the Plan become a reality.

Getting These Words Out...

Join The Grange

Do you know someone that shows the potential to be a good Granger? Someone that is looking for a place to make a difference? Someone that just needs a place to just fit in? With time, opportunity, and good mentoring, any and all of these individuals could be great Grangers. We all should be looking for a way to get people to join us. After all, we all want the same results – to grow the Grange!

So find a way to get the results you seek. Ask, phone, write, text, e-mail, put up flyers, or whatever you can think of to reach out to your community.

OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE 94th ANNUAL SESSION APPROVED RESOLUTIONS

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

