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## Master's Message...

# ***Great Plains Conference Up Next - June 17 to 19***

I hope everyone has survived the storms this Spring, I know that some of the tornados were getting kind of closetosomeofourGrangemembers.

It is a busy time of year with harvest upon everyone and the Grange Year is getting busier. The Great Plains Conference is June 17 – 19, 2011 in Broken Arrow, Ok., and

## Dates To Remember

**June 17-19, 2011**- Great Plains Conference. Clarion Hotel, Broken Arrow.

**July 16, 2011** - Grange Gathering. Woolaroc Museum, 12 miles SW of Bartlesville, OK on State Highway 123.

**Sept 1, 2011** - News items for next Sooner Granger are due. Send to Marvin Purdy, 4202 W. Doolin, Blackwell, OK 74631 or Fax 580 363-4296.

**October 14-16, 2011**- State Session, Southern Hills Marriott, Tulsa.

**November 8-12, 2011**- National Session, hosted this year in our own State of Oklahoma!

for the first time we are combining the Lecturer's Conference with the Youth and Junior Conference and we are adding a Membership Conference too. There will be several members from the National Grange that are going to attend this conference and give workshops.

National Grange Overseer Jimmy Gentry is giving a workshop for the membership, National Grange Lecturer Pete Pomper is giving a workshop for the Lecturers, and Charlene Espenshade the Youth Director and Diane Szkutak the Junior Director will be having workshops for the youth and juniors.

Our Directors are working hard to make this a fantastic Great Plains Conference. I know that we will have a lot of fellowship, fun and a learning experience at this conference.

Also June 30, 2011 is the deadline to turn in your application for the Oklahoma State Grange Scholarship; don't forget to turn in your transcripts and essay with your application to Dee Procter. There will be an application in this newsletter.

July 16, 2011 we will be having a Grange Gathering at Woolaroc Museum & Wildlife Preserve. The

National Grange asked that everyone do something on this date and to send in pictures of that gathering. So we are going to have lunch at Woolaroc Event Center and tour the museum. The cost is free, just bring the admission notice that will be printed in this newsletter so that they will know that you are with the Grange, and please RSVP by July 7th by calling me at 918 929-7402 so we will have an idea of how many people will attend.

The State Session will be here before you know it, I hope that everyone is making plans to attend this year. Our theme for the Banquet this year is a Western Theme so get your cowboy boots out and your cowboy hats ready. It should be an exciting evening.

Also I hope that you are thinking about the National Grange Convention in November. We will be helping to host the convention and we will need lots of volunteers to work at the National Convention throughout that week, just let Dee Procter know if you can volunteer and what day. Dee Procter is our Oklahoma State Coordinator for the National Grange Convention.

## Grange Activities

By Debbie Borgstrom and Aliene Taylor

Dear Fellow Grangers

I hope this writing is finding all well and good. We are now not only gearing up for the State Session, but also the National Session which will be coming to Oklahoma in November.

At the State Session in October we will be having contests for the Men, Women, Youth, and Junior Youth. The contests will be their craft of choice. First, Second, and Third place prizes will be awarded for each class.

This year we would like all Subordinate Granges to bring Christmas ornaments to be hung on our state tree at the National Session. Bring as many as you can representing the State of Oklahoma, such as Indian, Cowboy, Oil, or any other ornament that might represent Oklahoma.

Community service reports will be due July 1st. We will be mailing forms to each Grange.

Fraternally,  
Debbie Borgstrom  
Aliene Taylor  
Activities Directors

## Junior Grange

By Cassy Shufeldt

Hello Junior Grangers!

I would like to start off by reminding you all to keep the people of Joplin in your thoughts and prayers.

I hope everyone's school year went well and your summer is off to a good start!

I am looking forward to the Great Plains Conference June 17-19, in Broken Arrow. We have lots of AWESOME crafts and fun adventures planned for you.

Dont forget to bring back your Kelly Farm book money that you raised and scrap book page so I can get that turned in for the National Session in November.

I would like for you all to be working on your talent for our State Session in October. I know we have

very talented Juniors and would like for us all to show how talented we are here in Oklahoma.

I look forward to seeing you all in a couple of weeks.

Cassy Shufeldt  
State Junior Grange  
Director

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## Lecturer's Lesson

By Deloris Walker

Greetings Grangers!

Here we are in June already and even though summer doesn't start until the 21st, it feels like it has arrived.

With all of the terrible tornadoes, we have been blessed to remain safe. We need to help all those less fortunate ones in our prayers.

The Great Plains Conference is set for June 17 – 19, 2011 in Broken Arrow.

National Lecturer Pete Pomper will be attending and presenting a workshop for us. Darlene Janing from Geneva, Nebraska will also present a workshop. She is always very entertaining and informative. At this point I'm not sure who will be presenting our 3rd one, but I'm sure it too will be interesting.

I hope that you are taking pictures for the photo contest at State Session. Don't forget, the categories are (1) Landscapes, (2) A new beginning (new baby, baby animals etc.) (3) An Oklahoma Getaway and the Tell-a-Story. Remember that the Best of Show Photograph will go to the National Grange for judging as well. It cannot be framed, but must have a sturdy backing. It must be a minimum of 4 x 6 inches with a maximum of 11 x 14 inches.

Also, I hope that you are saving your pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House and your pennies for Dogs for the Deaf.

I hope to see all of you at the Great Plains Conference.

Have a good Summer!

Fraternally Submitted  
Deloris Walker  
State Lecturer

## Legislative Report

by Yvonne Meritt, Legislative Director

Well another legislative session has come to an end on May 27, 2011. New bills were passed and some die in committee. Here are some of the final actions that may be of interest to Grangers. You can find the details by visiting <http://www.okhouse.gov/okhousemedia/Default.aspx#>

### Stiles Bill Protects the Custody Rights of Deployed Military Personnel

OKLAHOMA CITY (May 31,

2011) – State Rep. Aaron Stiles praised Gov. Mary Fallin for signing legislation designed to ensure deployed parents will not lose the custody of their children while serving the country.

### Governor Signs Eminent Domain Legislation

OKLAHOMA CITY (May 27, 2011) – Under legislation signed by Gov. Mary Fallin, Oklahomans who lose property through eminent domain have the right to buy back that property if it goes unused.

### Johnson: New Law Will Preserve Wrecker Service in Rural Areas

OKLAHOMA CITY (May 27, 2011) – Legislation signed into law this week will help rural wrecker services stay in business, state Rep. Dennis Johnson said today.

### Tax Checkoff Benefiting Greenwood District Now Law

OKLAHOMA CITY (May 27, 2011) – Legislation signed into law this week will allow Oklahomans to financially support the continuing rebirth of the Historic Greenwood District in Tulsa.

### Governor Signs Legislation to Curb DUI Deaths

OKLAHOMA CITY (May 27, 2011) – State Rep. Harold Wright praised Gov. Mary Fallin for signing legislation that will strengthen the penalties for repeat offenses of driving under the influence.

Yvonne Meritt  
Legislative Director

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## Youth Report

By Ann Keeton

Dear Grange Youth,

I hope everyone ended their school year on a high note and are starting your summer right. This year is going by so fast and we have so many exciting events to look forward to. First I would like to say congratulations to all the Oklahoma Youth who took the 1st thru 4th degrees. These people include Kennedy Bailey, Melody Shufeldt, and Kyle Volz.

I am getting so excited to see everyone on June 17th. We have a fun weekend planned, filled with workshops, a ropes course, a speech and sign-a-song contest, and preparing

for National session.. Start working on your speech and sign-a-song. Also, I would like to encourage all people who are doing the ropes course to bring tennis shoes and comfortable clothing.

We have many events that are in store for the rest of the year. On July 16th we will have a Oklahoma State Grange gathering at Woolaroc located in Bartlesville, OK. Admittance is free and a lunch will be provided. I encourage all youth to come and bring a friend. The next event we have is Oklahoma State Session , located at the Marriott in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 14th thru

the 16th. We have a great weekend planned there as well. The final event we have is the National Session that is also located at the Marriott, November 8th thru the 12th.

We have lots of planning to do, and I would like to have all my youth involved in every single one of these events. I'm so proud to be your youth director and if you have any questions about anything please contact me via e-mail at ann-keeton@yahoo.com or via phone 620 515-6399.

Fraternally yours,  
Ann Keeton

Oklahoma State Youth Director

# Gathering of the Grange

At The **WOOLAROC** Jul 16th  
MUSEUM & WILDLIFE PRESERVE

**Grange Gathering 2011**  
**Woolaroc Museum**  
**and Wildlife Preserve**

**July 16, 2011**

**8:30 a.m. to ??????**

On State Hwy 123, twelve miles southwest of  
Bartlesville, OK

**RSVP to Donna Keeton by July 7th**

**Phone 918 929-7402**

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## Membership

By Jerry Taylor

Hello Fellow Grangers

I hope everyone is doing fine as we go into the summer season. As we reach the summer months it would be a good time for all of us to think of ways to do more community service for our communities through the Grange. The best way for the Grange to grow is through the Subordinate Granges. If people can see what the Grange does at a community level, more local people will want to get involved. So please get out and spread the word about our efforts in Grange.

Fraternally,  
Jerry Taylor

Membership Director

## Secretary's Note

By Jeannie Harrington

Hope everyone is getting a great start into summer. I can't hardly believe it is June. Where has the first half of this year gone?

It is almost time for the Great Plains Conference in Tulsa June 17th-19th. Lots of things are planned for that weekend.

Just a reminder that it is time for Second Quarter Dues. Also the assessments for every person are due with the second quarter dues.

Fraternally,  
Jeannie Harrington  
State Secretary

## Super Size

the Grange!

**Every Member**

**Get A New Member**

## Chaplain's Corner

By Pastor Jimmy Harrington

### HOW DO YOU SPELL RELIEF??

Everyone is under pressure of some kind and everyone seeks relief in different ways. Some turn to alcohol, some turn to drugs, some turn to tobacco, some turn to sex, some turn to gambling and others who are really far out turn to Jesus. Oh!, I know that that last choice seems so far out that many only turn there as a last resort. You see once people try alcohol and find that one drink is too many and one thousand is not enough where can they then turn? Once they experience the highs and lows of drugs where can they then turn? Once they realize that one cigarette leads to another and they never experience lasting satisfaction where can they then turn? Once they have experienced one affair after another and realize that they are still destitute of real love where can they then turn?, and when they have lost the last rent dollar at the gambling table and along with it their wife, children, job, and self respect, "WHERE CAN THEY THEN TURN ?!!! The answer is as clear as the crystal sea that flows before the throne of God!! That answer is JESUS !! Yes it's that simple. You see you can't get far enough into alcohol that JESUS can't bring you out and you can't fall into drugs far enough that JESUS won't lovingly bring you out and you can't use enough tobacco that JESUS can't end your addiction and yes you can't have so many sexual encounters that leave you unfulfilled that JESUS can't show you real true love and you can't lose enough at the gambling table that JESUS can't and won't show you the true winners way.

You see, no matter what you do or where you go the only way to find true RELIEF and happiness is in JESUS. So make JESUS your FIRST choice and learn that true relief for all of life's problems is only spelled one way. J-E-S-U-S.

*Psalm 42:1*

As the hart (Deer) panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

*Jos 24:15*

And if it seems evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve;

whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the

gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

In His Service,  
Jimmy Harrington  
Okla. State Chaplain

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; \_\_\_\_\_

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**ACTIVITIES AND HONORS:**

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**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:

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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 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 June 30, or it will not be considered. Mail completed application to Dee Procter, 12611 N. 433 Rd, Adair, OK 74330