

# SOONER STATE GRANGER

June 2016

## Master Message

Greetings to all of you fellow Grangers, I hope everyone has had a great and prosperous spring. It's hard to believe that half the year is nearly over. I look forward for the next half and I hope you do too.

We had a very successful Degree Day on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 in South Coffeyville Okla. We had 63 Grangers in attendance and had five candidates that received the first four degrees. They were Andrew Finn of S. Coffeyville Grange # 351 and Stacey, Evan and Sarah Gillespie and Kevin Martin of Union Grange # 349. Everyone had a great time and ate a great lunch. Between Brad Keeton's smoked chicken and Lisa Evans's dessert contest and all the side dishes brought by all of our Grangers, it was a delicious meal.

I want to thank and congratulate all of the Scholarship Applicants for sending in their applications and essays. Whether you received a scholarship this time or not, I hope all of you continue to be active and productive Grangers and strive to reach all of your goals in life. I would like to thank Randy and Danette Jones for reviewing the essays and giving the Executive Committee Board their recommendations. The Executive Committee Board had a rough time deciding on the recipients and wished they could give all applicants a scholarship but unfortunately we can only give out eight. The Oklahoma State Grange Scholarship Recipients for the school year (fall

2016 and (spring) 2017 are Alexander Foley - Bluejacket # 353, Sheyian Borgstrom and Jace Couch - Cabin Creek # 359, Cody Webb, Kennedy Webb, Bailey Shufeldt and Melody Shufeldt - South Coffeyville # 351, Sandy Blake - Pleasant View # 354. We want to congratulate these fine young men and women and hope they all obtain their goals in the future.

The Great Plains Regional Conference is being held at the Crown plaza, Southern Hills Hotel in Tulsa OK. On June 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 2016. Our National Master Betsy Huber will be in attendance. I want to thank her for taking the time to join us during this productive and fun weekend. Also Charlene Espenshade - National Youth Director and Brodi Austin - National Youth Ambassador will be attending and will put on workshops on Saturday. Roger and Melanie Bostwick will be in attendance. Roger will be giving a workshop on Saturday. We also have Grangers coming from Texas, Colorado and Kansas. It looks like we will have around 100 Grangers attending the Conference. I want to thank everyone for coming to the Conference and I hope everyone learned something while being here and had a great time. I wish everyone a safe trip home.

I know everyone has had concerns about receiving their Sooner State Granger paper on time, so our Editors and I have decided to bump up the article due dates by one week. Except for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter paper, we are (continued on page 5 )

## Lecturer Department

Hello Grangers,

I hope the start of summer has been a fun one. We have already had an eventful year with degree day hosted at South Coffeyville. We had a wonderful time celebrating fraternity, fun, and fellowship. I hope that we can have even more participants next year.

Our next big event is the Great Plains Conference. The conference sign-up has already past. I cannot wait to see the many friends that we have made over the years. I will be leading a Lecturer's workshop. I hope some of the adults will come and learn some of the things the Lecturer's program has to offer and learn some things the other States do in each State's program.

State Session is just a few months away. Please contact Billy Shufeldt if you are interested in participating. I have many programs that will be taking place during the State Session, and I hope to find many people ready to participate. There has been some adjustments to age categories below. So please, take the time to read. I know the adults should be excited to see that we have opened the reading program up to everyone.

### READING PROGRAM

The reading program began on May 1st and will end on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Your reading logs will be due September the 15<sup>th</sup> and must include the following: Name of participant, Grange, Title of book, Author, Number of pages. The age group will be **4-14 and 15 and older**. Please send reading logs to me at [annkeeton@yahoo.com](mailto:annkeeton@yahoo.com) or by mail to 17773 S Santa Fe PI Mounds, OK 74047.

### PHOTO CONTEST

We will also continue our photo contest this year. There will be three age groups for each category which will be **5-10, 11-18 and 19 and older**. The categories are as follows:

Road Trip

Celebration

Nature

Agriculture

Selfie

Also, don't forget the new contests. I would encourage the Lecturer's to push this in their local Granges.

### RESUME BUILDING

The resume will be judged over design, flow, punctuation, and professionalism. I would encourage you to use real information. The age range for this will be 16 and older.

### SHORT STORY

The last contest that I will have is a short story contest. There will be two age groups for this as well. The ages are **5-14 and 15 and older**. The topic is open and the short story requirements are: Title, Author, Grange, Must be handwritten in print leaving a space between each line written. The story has a 1,000 word max and no minimum. The story will be judged on creativity, punctuation, and meeting all requirements stated above.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events. Please feel free to contact me about any of the contests @918-373-3956 or at [annkeeton@yahoo.com](mailto:annkeeton@yahoo.com).

Ann Keeton



**OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE  
CONVENTION  
101<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SESSION  
OCTOBER 21-23, 2016  
Crown Plaza Tulsa Southern Hills  
7902 S. Lewis Ave  
Tulsa, OK 74136  
(918)-492-5000**

**Registration Form**

**Grange Name**

No# \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State Officer Youth Junior Delegate Director Member Guest

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Rooms- (This is a non-smoking hotel)

Double \_\_\_\_\_ or King \_\_\_\_\_ or Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday \_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_ lease  $\sqrt$  each day room is needed.

Meals:

Friday Luncheon:

Adult # \_\_\_\_\_ Children # \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening Banquet: (THEME: Black Tie Event) Choose of Chicken Foresterre \_\_\_\_ or Bourbon Cherry NY Strip \_\_\_\_\_

Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ Children # \_\_\_\_\_ Child's plate of Chicken Tenders and Fries available \_\_\_\_\_.

Saturday Luncheon:

Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ Children # \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Evening Meal: Buffet of Sliced Roast Sirloin and Herb Roasted Chicken Breast

Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ Children # \_\_\_\_\_ Child's plate of Chicken Tender and Fries available \_\_\_\_\_.

**REGISTRATION FEE**

\$20.00 ADULT \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 CHILD (ages 5-13) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send money and registration form to Billy Shufeldt RT. 1 Box 342-14 South Coffeyville, Ok 74072

(No later than September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016) Cost of rooms are \$96.00 per night not including tax comes with up to 4 breakfast tickets per room.

## SECRETARIES TAKE NOTE

School is out and summer is near. Hope everyone is planning to attend the Great Plains Conference in Tulsa Ok on June 17-19. There has been a lot of preparation for this event to make it a fun filled, learning event.

Just a reminder that it will be time for Second Quarter Reports and Dues at the end of June. Remember to send in your assessments for every person with your second quarter report. Also

remember to put all those who have passed away on your reports so we can recognize them at state session.

Now is the time to begin working on your resolutions for State Session in October. It will be here before we know it!!!

Fraternally,

Jeannie Harrington

State Secretary

Hello Junior Grangers,

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer



break from school. We need to let you know what is going to take place at the Great Plains Conference in Tulsa on June 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. We are planning on working on opening and closing the Junior Grange, so we need you to bring the parts we passed out to you at Degree Day. We hope you have been practicing your parts, but if you haven't its ok we are going to work on them at the conference. We also have planned some craft projects and of course the fun and games. We hope that everyone will be at the conference. All you need to bring is yourself and invite some

friends to come along and join in on the fun with us. We hope to have a good attendance of juniors at this conference.

Before long state session will be here and another busy time for the juniors. We are planning on doing things a little bit different at state session, since it's going to be our 100<sup>th</sup> year. You definitely will not want to miss this year's state session. We have already started planning some things that we are going to do. We will let you know more information in the next newsletter, so make sure you are reading the newsletter or make your parents read it to you. We hope that you will be safe over the summer break and can't wait to see you all in June.

Fraternally submitted,

Scheneista Procter

State Junior Director

Debbie Borgstrom

Audrey Bowers

Michael Case

Committee members

## Youth Department



I would like to start by saying congratulations to all the Seniors who graduated from High School. And also to all the 2 year graduates and Also to the one and only that ended up with her Masters in Human Resources very proud of you all for all your hard work. It does

pay off in the end.

Just wanted to remind all the youth about the conference being held at Tulsa in June, Charlene has some fun filled events for everyone,

and we have set it up to have something special on Sat for the Youth to go and do. Also reminder that our Oklahoma State Session will be in Tulsa as well at the same hotel as the conference is being held in Oct 21, 22, 23 I hope to see everyone at the conference in June.

Fraternally submitted

Oklahoma State Grange Youth Direct

Welina Shufeldt

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we are moving the date to July, 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 which is one month and one week earlier. The reason for this is that to have our Grange Mutual Insurance meeting during our State Session in October, the Grange Mutual Insurance Regular Annual Meeting information must be posted ahead of time. The corrected article due dates will be posted in the paper under dates to remember.

I hope everyone has a great summer. If anyone wants me to come attend your Subordinate Grange meetings, let me know ahead of time and I will try to be there. I will try to assist you as best I can or get you in contact with the person that can. Also please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Fraternally Submitted

Billy D. Shufeldt, Oklahoma State Grange Master

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## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Grangers

This year is flying by. I hope everyone is taking the time to keep up with what is going on in the Presidential race.

There are many issues going on in the state of Oklahoma. I feel this would be a divine time for our members to voice their opinions to their Legislative Leaders in the Oklahoma House and Senate. Many school issues have been raising red flags around the state, bathroom issues, and abortion issues. It is time for us to take a stand in our beliefs and let our opinions be heard. That being said, I hope you are writing down issues that can be made into resolutions to present to our State as well as possibly pass on to Nationals. If you have questions on how to present these issues, please contact me.

State Bill 1619 which is aimed at protecting students and schools from federal overreach as the result of the president's public school restroom directive regarding transgendered students passed 20 to 15.

State Bill 2599 to restrict flight of unmanned aircraft over locations and businesses that are completely fenced in or have signs to prevent intruders was signed into law by Gov. Fallin.

Measure SB615 which is Licensed Dietitian Act

passed.

Measure SB1164 relating to Schools requiring State Department of Health to create concussion management section recently passed.

More bills and measures can be found on [www.okhouse.gov](http://www.okhouse.gov) or [www.oksenate.gov](http://www.oksenate.gov).

Once again, I would like to remind you that it is imperative that you research the candidates that are out there, get to know their platforms and make an educated decision come November. If you would like help researching platforms or would like to discuss any legislation, please contact me at 9183733956 or by e-mail @ [annkeeton@yahoo.com](mailto:annkeeton@yahoo.com). I look forward to hearing from you all in the near future.

Fraternally,

Ann Keeton



## CHAPLAINS CORNER

Grangers,

As you are well aware this is an election year. I signed a pledge with the Franklin Graham Ministry to pray for our Country that we turn back to God. The movement is called "Decisions for America". Mr. Graham is currently holding a pray rally on the steps of every state capital during the calendar year of 2016. I have organized a virtual prayer group, via Facebook. This is a closed group but I encouraged you to join our group. If you are my friend of Facebook you can simply message me with the request to join. If not send me a friend request and then message me and I will send you an invitation. This group simple says prayers via text. There is no political activity simple sending prayers and asking God for guidance and direction in the decisions that are ahead of us in the near future.

Fraternally submitted, Yvonne Meritt

## Membership Report

Fellow Grangers

Here we are in the middle of 2016. As far as membership growth things are going well again. We are gaining new members at a very fast pace, but we need to figure how to get more active members. We are doing a very good job with our youth which is the only way to keep the Grange going for years to come. We may need to find ways to get new members active. Just imagine what a Grange we could have if only 10% of the new members participated in our Grange. If anyone has any ideas we could discuss them at our conference or State Session coming soon. Be sure and get the second quarter dues in at a timely manner so we can tally the totals for State Session.

Fraternally

Carl Shufeldt and Jerry Taylor

Membership Directors

## Grange Activities

Hello Grangers,

I hope everyone is enjoying spring, and the nice weather. I want to thank everyone for participating in the yummy dessert contest at degree day, and the judges for taking on the difficult task of picking a winner.

We have included the contest for the State session, this will give everyone ample time to get their projects ready.

### Women:

- Adult coloring page (can color with anything example markers, color pencils.)
- Christmas ornament
- Favorite cookies

### Men:

- Wood sign can be made out of anything pallet, old wood barn.
- Small storage organizer can hold tools, cords, things for desk.
- Cross made out of anything.

### Youth:

- Wind chimes out of anything.
- Make something out of plastic spoons.
- Make something out of plastic bottles.

### Junior:

- Decorate pumpkins
- Make something out of milk jugs
- Make something out of Popsicle sticks.

I want to thank everyone that gave ideas for the state session. Enjoy your summer, and stay safe.

Fraternally Submitted,

Lisa Evans and Aliene Taylor Activities Directors

Committee: Lori Monroe, Charbrice Evans

# The Grange 150th Anniversary Four -Minute-Movie Contest!

Get out your cameras or even your phones and put together your own amazing four-minute-movie celebrating Grange! And here's the best part: The prizes sponsored by the National Grange Foundation!

The top three finalist will receive up-to a \$200 travel stipend, Friday and Saturday night accommodations at the 150th Annual Session of the National Grange in Washington DC, and two tickets to the Celebration banquet where the winning movies will be shown and first, second, and third place awards announced!

- First Place: \$1000 Cash Prize!
- Second Place: \$500 Cash Prize!
- Third Place: \$250 Cash Prize!

All entries will be judged on content, quality, and creativity. The top seven videos will be part of a social media popularity vote August 15 - August 31, 2016, with the top three favorites moving on to the finalist round at National Session in Washington, DC on November 19, 2016.

There are no limits to the themes of your four minute movie as long as it showcases Grange! Suggestions to get your wheels turning include—but are not limited to:

- How Grange has impacted my life
- The Grange Story: Our history and heritage
- Why I love Grange!
- Grange accomplishments, wins, and successes
- Why I joined the Grange, why I say

### Deadlines:

July 1, 2016: SUBMISSIONS OPEN

August 15, 2016: SUBMISSIONS CLOSE, midnight PST

September 1 - September 15, 2016: Top seven finalist

popularity voting contest  
 September 16, 2016: Top three finalist announced  
 November 19, 2016: Prizes awarded at National Grange Celebration Banquet

### Rules and Details:

This contest is open to all Grange members! Videos must not exceed four minutes in length (not counting credits).

Individuals may only enter one submission, but may also be included in an additional group submission.

All entries must be accompanied by a completed submission form and waiver no later than MIDNIGHT (PST) on AUGUST 15, 2016.

**Late entries will not be accepted.**

All entries remain the property of the creator, but to qualify for any prizes, a waiver allowing the Grange to use the video for promotional purposes must be signed at time of submission.

Members of Sesquicentennial Committee will qualify the top seven videos to move onto the public voting round. The top three videos will be judged by a qualified judge outside of the organization's membership.

Members of the Sesquicentennial Committee reserve the right to remove any entries from judging due to themes, language, or violence deemed inappropriate for an all-ages audience.

Due to large file sizes, submissions should be uploaded to DropBox, Google Drive, or similar program. Submissions will be considered complete upon receipt of sharing link emailed with entry form to:








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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

July 25 Newsletter articles due

Aug 15 National Grange Video Contest closes

Sept 15 Reading Logs to be sent to Ann Keeton

Sept 15 State Grange Registration due

Oct 21-23 OK State Grange Session  
 Crown Plaza  
 Tulsa Oklahoma

Oct 22 Annual Oklahoma Grange Mutual Association Meeting

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