



KANSAS GRANGER

- Official Newsletter of the Kansas State Grange -



A MESSAGE FROM THE KANSAS STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

Greetings Grangers,

First off, I want to thank everyone involved in making the 155th National Grange in Wichita a memorable event. It could not have happened without the efforts of each of you. I have heard many wonderful comments about the hospitality shown towards those in attendance.

As you may have already heard the delegate body of the National Grange has voted to sell the National Headquarters building in Washington, D.C.

This was a very emotional decision for the delegates and many were experiencing mixed emotions, their heart said to keep the building but in their mind, they knew the difficulty that would cause for the organization. As difficult as the decision was, comparatively that was the easy part. Now there is the sale of the building, finding a new location, sorting, packing up, moving, and settling into new surroundings.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

The resolution submitted by Kansas State Grange to have the headquarters building in the KC metro area was rejected by the committee for a resolution to keep it in the D.C. area. However, our resolution sparked enough interest in the delegates to adopt an amendment from the floor to have the option to have it located anywhere in the lower 48 states that best serve the interests of the Grange. Your Executive Committee is still working to promote a move to our area. I will try to keep you informed as details become available.

There have been some changes to deadlines for contests at National. The new deadline for entries to National is June 30, for most departments. Check with each department's program guidelines for exact details. If you are interested in making a quilt block for the National Lecturers contest there will be a quilting workshop in Burlington on April 23. See details in this newsletter.

Two events that you need to begin preparing for are Great Plains Leadership Conference in Manhattan, June 10-12, and State Session in Gardner, October 14-16. Plan on attending both and make your reservations soon so you don't miss out. Registration forms and reservation links are also included in this newsletter.

I encourage everyone to participate in activities with your Grange to celebrate Grange Month in April. In a letter from National President Betsy Huber, regarding Grange Month, she says,

"As we approach Grange Month 2022, we are excited for the chance to come together in showing our pride and love for our great Order. As we emerge from two years of a pandemic that kept so many of us apart, it is time to reunite in fellowship and service."

This year, I encourage you to use the 2022 theme "Raised Right Here" in your Grange Month programming. There are many ways to interpret this theme - and do so as you see fit! The Grange grew from a place of taking pride in building our agricultural roots, our hometowns and the people who live there. Consider using this theme to show your Grange's pride in the things, people, and places that make your town great, a 21st-century reinterpretation of the way we started.

Celebrate education and agriculture, local resiliency, and sustainability through the word "Raised."

Celebrate American freedoms, local leaders, and proper moral character through the word "Right."

Celebrate your hometown, local community members, the things that make your region great through the word "Here."

I encourage you to share your Grange stories, your "Raised Right Here" successes and more on social media, in person or wherever you can."

If you are needing materials for celebrating, there are several that you can download from www.nationalgrange.org.

Here's to a great year!

Roger



YOUTH YAMMERINGS

Greetings Grangers!

I'm hoping this newsletter finds you all well and ready for Spring! Kansas Grangers had a busy fall hosting National Grange in Wichita, Kansas but it was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance. Vince and I enjoyed being able to sit in on committee meetings and participating in the many youth activities throughout the week. It was an honor to represent Kansas over the past year on the National Youth Leadership Team; finishing our tenure in our home state was an amazing conclusion.



REGIONAL CONFERENCE

We are entering the season of regional conferences and counting down until Great Plains. Kansas is hosting this year's Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference June 10-12, 2022 in Manhattan, Kansas. I'm excited to be working with the National directors in planning this conference. Registration is due May 1st. You can find a registration form at the end of this newsletter or register online at <https://bit.ly/grangegreatplains2022>. The conference will take place at the Four Points Sheraton - Manhattan. Book your room by calling 785-539-5311 and using the group code: **Regional Great Plains Conference/GPR**. For updates to the event and schedule visit nationalgrangeyouth.org/regional-conferences/great-plains-regional-conference/. Also, be sure to follow Great Plains Regional Grange Conference on Facebook for the most up-to-date information! Remember, this conference is for ALL Grange members! There is something for everyone!

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Youth and Young Adults interested in applying for the National Ambassador/Young Patron or National Youth Officer team are required to attend a regional conference and participate in the public speaking contest. For those interested in applying to serve as the Kansas State Grange Youth Ambassador or Young Patron(s), please submit applications by July 1st. An application is posted on our website. Winners will be notified by August 1st and announced officially at State Session. Those chosen to represent Kansas will have the opportunity to apply for the National Youth Leadership Team and attend the 156th National Grange Convention in Reno, NV. Applications are due to the National director by August 15th.

NATIONAL YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT INFORMATION

During Grange Month, Youth across the nation are challenged to organize a Community Trash Pick-Up Day. Any event organized counts towards the G.R.A.N.G.E. Youth Pillar Projects that can be found in the 2022 National Grange Youth Handbook. This is meant to be a quick and simple way to involve your youth members.

Mark your calendars for July 9th for the 2nd Annual Virtual Telethon to raise funds for the National Grange Foundation Youth & Junior Funds! You may submit talent or testimony videos to youth@nationalgrange.org.



I encourage Kansas Youth and Young Adults to look at the Lecturer's programs and participate in the contests available for State Session this year. Program updates can be found on the Kansas State Grange Website. I also encourage you to look into participating in the youth programs and contests at the National level. I'd love to see more Kansas representation at National!

Thank you as always for your continued support of Kansas State Grange Youth and Young Adults!

Fraternally,
Molly Newman
Kansas State Grange Youth & Young Adults Director



Kansas Grangers sport their favorite Grange shirt at State Session. Many members purchased tie-dyed shirts to support the Youth!

JUNIOR JABBER

Save Our Monarchs is a grassroots 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to saving the embattled monarch butterflies. Kansas State Junior Grange will have a pollinators program this year (info to come). I encourage your local Grange to consider a garden or teaming up with your local school district to plant gardens and promote pollinators. Visit <https://www.saveourmonarchs.org/schools.html> to get started on your pollinator garden.

There are several passports to complete. These are great activities to encourage co-participation from kids and adults at your meetings. Visit <https://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/junior-grange-passport/> for a list of passports your Junior Grangers can complete!

Be sure to check out the National Junior Grange Program guide for contests and entries at the National level. Many of these entries are due by September 1st! I have many ideas and plans for the state program and the year ahead. Stay tuned for more information!

Fraternally submitted,
Jamee Funk

KANSAS STATE JUNIOR GRANGERS
COMPETED IN THE NATIONAL JUNIOR
GRANGE PROGRAMS IN WICHITA, KANSAS.
CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE!

Creative Art

Age 5-7

2nd Place: Ellen Durand

Age 8-10

1st Place: Kimber Newman
(Best of Show in Category)

Creative Writing

Age 8-10

1st Place: Kimber Newman

Seed Art

Age 8-10

1st Place: Kimber Newman



Photography

Age 5-7

1st Place: Ellen Durand
(Best of Show in Category)

Age 8-10

1st Place: Kimber Newman
Age 11-14

1st Place: Sarah VanHouse

Mini Scrapbook

Age 8-10

1st Place: Kimber Newman
(Best of Show in Category)

Sign-A-Song

Best of Show

Kimber Newman



LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

Greetings from the Lecturer's Department. I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather and have some fun activities planned with your Grange. Our committee sent out the new Lecturer's program last month and it's also on the website. The biggest change you'll notice is that the deadline for the national quilt block, photography, and publicity contests has been moved to JUNE 30, 2022.

The National Photography contest is again virtual, with the state contest using printed photos. Photography categories this year are agriculture, sky, truck, and water. (We didn't know the categories at the time we did the program, so please take note of them.)

The quilt block pattern is a wonky star and can be found on the National Grange website. To participate in both the state and national display/contest, please get your block to me, a committee member, or an Executive Comm. member by June 17th. We will photograph the blocks we have for display at the state convention, then mail the blocks to the National Lecturer for that contest. Remember, you will not get the block back, it will become a part of a quilt.

Our new Family Activities contest this year is a people's choice award for best cookie or snack mix at the state convention. We hope you can participate in this, as it will serve as our hospitality room. Please see the program for details, or contact one of us below.

Our committee is looking forward to our new time of Crafting for a Cause at our convention. We hope it can be a time of fellowship, learning a new skill, and at the same time being of service to someone.

I look forward to seeing you in Gardner!

Amy Kramer

Lecturer

Committee: Julie Durand, Donna Bates, Janice Gatlin



2022 VIRTUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

4 Divisions

- Agriculture
- Sky
- Trucks
- Water

Everyone can enter up to 3 photos!

WINNERS WILL BE INCLUDED IN A 2023 PROMOTIONAL ITEM FROM THE LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

Submit using the link bit.ly/22grangephoto



**PLEASE NOTE
NEW DEADLINE
June 30, 2022**



2022 National Grange Quilt Block Contest

Sponsored by the National Lecturer

ADULT, JUNIOR AND MEN'S DIVISIONS
JUNE 30, 2022 DEADLINE

Visit nationalgrange.org
for all details and entry sheet

Wonky Star

Star may be in any color family (solid or print) on white or light gray background.
Final size - 12 1/2" unfinished.

LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS (CONTINUED)

COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Greetings, Grangers! Hope your Grange is "springing" with enthusiasm as you address the community service activities you have planned. There is so much to do -- opportunities to be productive in your communities are endless.

As always, keep a record of your activities and fill out the report forms and submit a final report to me by **August 15**. No report is too small. The program is being mailed to Community Service chairpersons. It also can be found on the Grange website. The Junior Grange community service reporting instructions can also be found on the Grange website.

I want to take another opportunity to congratulate our Kansas' own Gardner Grange for receiving Honorable Mention 6th place at the 155th National Grange Convention in November 2021!

One reminder: Take this time leading up to the report deadline to write a little one pager on your Grange to include at the front of your report/notebook. Gardner has done a great job at this and National Grange has suggested we do such to make a more complete report. Include some tidbits of your history, community, meeting place, etc. We all have a story to tell. Share it!

Best wishes,
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 **2022 PUBLICITY ITEM CONTEST**

2 Divisions

- In-House
- Professional (Paid/In-Kind)

Granges can enter multiple publicity items!

WINNING ENTRIES MAY BE USED BY THE NATIONAL GRANGE AND DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER GRANGES

Submit using the link bit.ly/22grangePR

 PLEASE NOTE
NEW DEADLINE
June 30, 2022

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

WELCOME SPRING!!!!!!

Just wanted everyone to know, that Buddy and I have moved to Marysville. Kansas. I am enjoying spending all my time with my grandkids. I could not be happier. Buddy is a cashier here at Wal-Mart. It is a smaller store, but a lot friendlier.

I enjoy the quiet life in a small town. I can relax and am looking forward to being able to do more things with my grandkids. I am looking forward to State Grange in Gardner this year. I will have a chance to see my friends there again in October.

On a sadder note – I need to inform everyone of a couple of Grange members that have passed, that I have been informed of. I have sent cards to the Granges and family members. I do not believe that either of these ladies were past officers of the State Grange.

Pat Williams of Morning Grange passed 11-5-21. Juanita Anstaett of Carbondale Grange passed 1-8-22. She was a 60-year member.

Prayers to all that have lost someone this year. If there is anyone else that I should be aware of, please email me at sdthomas81756@yahoo.com. Or you can send me a text at 785-713-0254.

'God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us.' - PSLAMS 67:1

Sheri Dingus
State Chaplin



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GRANGE UPDATES

GARDNER

Gardner Grangers are still excited about our Honorable Mention award for the National Grange Community Service Project which we received at the National Grange Convention last November. We're also still talking about the great time we all had in Wichita. Thanks again to everyone in Kansas and the Great Plains region that helped make it such a success! Congratulations to two of our members, Doug & Sandy Finnicum, who received the 7th Degree at National Session.

We are gearing up for our 6th season of sponsoring the Gardner Farmer's Market. We are now working with the Gardner Chamber of Commerce. We hope to again have our Hamburger booth but maybe not every week. Details will come soon. It will still be on Thursdays 4-7 in Cornerstone park right next to the Grange building. Come and visit us sometime.

Another excitement at Gardner Grange is the notice that State Grange will be held in Gardner this October. Please make your room reservations as soon as you can as the hotel tends to sell out quickly. The management at the Hampton Inn in Gardner are amazing so we are expecting to have a wonderful time. We will have our own kitchen available just for our use. Please come!!

Some of Gardner Grange's projects that we are working on now include: Gardner Grange Scholarship for a student at Gardner Edgerton High School; support to the renovated Mt. Pleasant Burial Grounds cemetery (we have donated a new flag to go up in May and will help decorate for Memorial Day), sponsoring Lifeline health assessments at our hall, and volunteering at Joy Closet as a group on every 5th Saturday.

At our meeting in March we obtained two new members, Todd Winters who is the Gardner Mayor, and Tory Roberts, a city council member. We are excited to have them. However, we are sad to see our good members Buddy & Sheri Dingus move to Marysville, but they will still remain members so we will keep them in the loop.

(submitted by Lois Barber)



Members volunteer at Joy Closet in January.

GRANGE UPDATES

BAYNEVILLE & OTTER CREEK GRANGES

Bayneville and Otter Creek Granges will be teaming up to host a workday Saturday, April 23rd, open to all Grangers and guests, to work on quilt blocks for the National Grange Quilt Block Contest. This is a causal, unstructured event with the goal of having those with sewing/quilting knowledge share their knowledge with others.

We have access of the meeting space at the Coffey County Library - Burlington Branch, located at 410 Juniatta Street, from 9:00 - 3:00 with the potluck occurring at around 11:30 and an Executive Committee meeting starting at 1:00. Water, iced tea, and other drinks will be provided. Attendees may come and go as they please and are encouraged to bring their sewing machines, material, and other needed items they may have, along with snacks and items for the potluck.

Contact Nathan Strawder at 316-680-6045 (call or text) or by email at nathan.strawder@gmail.com with any questions you may have. Information on the National Grange's Quilt Block Contest is attached.

PLEASANT VIEW GRANGE

The Grinch and Cindy Lou were special guests at a pancake feed fundraiser hosted by Pleasant View Grange in December. It was also a toy drive for children at the Rescue Mission in Topeka. At the December meeting, several members were recognized for their achievements at the National Grange Convention. Nearly every active member of our Grange played a part, from National officer down to attendee. Roger Bostwick was elected High Priest of Demeter. Melanie Bostwick was re-elected to the Grange Foundation board. Junior members receiving awards were Kimber Newman, Ellen Durand and Sarah VanHouse.

We welcomed a new member: Linnea Gattshall, daughter of Colleen (Kramer) and Travis Gattshall. They live in Goodland.

In January and February members heard further updates on legislation passed at the National Convention, had a program on community service, and prepared 10 puzzles to give to older members and friends as Valentine's gifts. They were a hit!

In April for Grange month we will attend services at the Ozawkie United Methodist Church, honor Susan Kramer for receiving her Golden Sheaf membership award, and Bill Kramer for 65 years of membership.

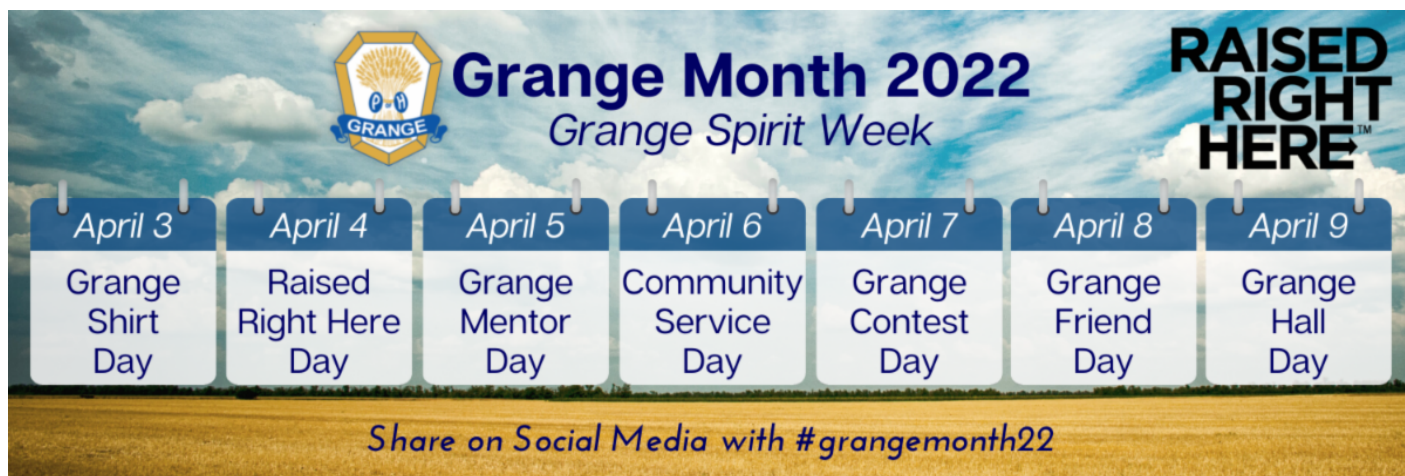
(submitted by Julie Durand, secretary)



The Grinch (Roger Bostwick), Cindy Lou (Kimber Newman) and elf Ellen Durand pose for a photo at Pleasant View's pancake feed in December.

APRIL IS GRANGE MONTH

Originally published In Patrons Chain March 25, 2022



During Grange Month, we encourage Grangers across the country to participate in spreading the word about Grange's advocacy for rural America, to participate in service projects, and to really take pride in being a Grange member!

This year, we are celebrating Grange Spirit Week April 3 - 9, with a different "challenge" each day. We strongly encourage your participation to help spread the Grange story... and there may be some surprises for Grange members who participate!

This year, we also have a whole slew of special events for you to tune into on Zoom! New Members and E-Members can check in with Membership Director Amanda Brozana Rios, Community Service Director Pete Pompper will be leading a Community Service Forum, Legislative Director Burton Eller will have a Legislative Roundtable, and so much more!

Check out everything we have ready for you for Grange Month – these materials can be used on social media, in your newsletters and local newspapers, as posters in your Hall or community, or more!

Visit the Grange Month 2022 page at <https://www.nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2022/>.

Questions about Grange Month?

Contact Philip Vonada,
Communications Director
pvonada@nationalgrange.org

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				31 President's Welcome to Grange Month (Facebook)	1	2
3 Grange Shirt Day	4 Raised Right Here Day	5 Grange Mentor Day "Prepare, Perform, Persist Prevail" Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	6 Community Service Day "Solving the Puzzle" Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern (sponsored by Grange Foundation)	7 Grange Contest Day	8 Grange Friend Day	9 Grange Hall Day
Grange Spirit Week						
10	11 New Member Forum Zoom 9 p.m. eastern	12 Community Service Forum - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	13	14	15	16
17	18 State Secretary Seminar - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	19 Membership Matters - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	20 Legislative Roundtable - Zoom 8:30 p.m. eastern	21	22	23
24	25 Fly-In Virtual Day	26 Champions of Rural America Reception	27 Online Trivia Night Zoom 9 p.m. eastern	28	29 E-Member Forum Zoom 9 p.m. eastern	30
Legislative Fly-In						

Event dates/times subject to change - check out the National Grange Facebook or [nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2022](https://www.nationalgrange.org/grange-month-2022) for updates

#GRANGESTORY
#GRANGEMONTH22
USE LINK: [BIT.LY/GRANGEMONTHZOOM](https://bit.ly/grangemonthzoom)

GRANGE MONTH

NATIONAL GRANGE NEWS

MEMBERSHIP PINS

Effective immediately, all Years of Membership pins are now available from the National Grange office. You can no longer order them through Monroe Classic's Grange store.

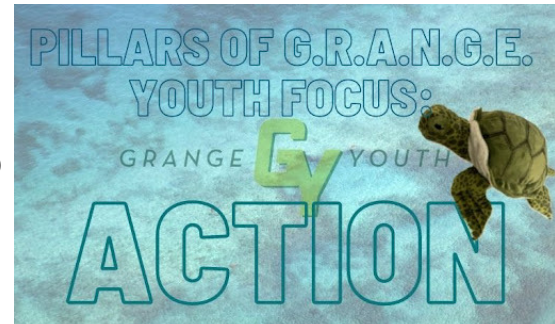
Available are pins recognizing 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, and 80 years of membership. Photos and pricing information will be added to the Grange Supply Store at www.grangestore.org as soon as possible over the next few weeks. If you have questions about the pins, contact Loretta Washington at 202-628-3507 ext. 109 or lwashington@nationalgrange.org. Please be patient while we re-stock the items and organize our processing.

Also available are Past Master, Past Lecturer, Past Secretary, and Past Junior Master pins, and various Degree charms. Check the website for more information



NATIONAL YOUTH

The National Grange Youth Department is challenging State and Local Grange Youth to organize a trash pick-up day in their community during Grange Month (April) and in celebration of Earth Day. In the linked Google Doc you will find full details, a helpful link to start your organizing as well as a fill-in-the-blank press release to use after your event. Any event organized counts towards the G.R.A.N.G.E. Youth Pillar Projects that can be found in the 2022 Handbook and on the National Grange Youth Website. Be sure to send Mandy photos (and media releases) to be shared on our social media pages! I can't wait to see all of the amazing work put in and our Grange Youth in ACTION! This is meant to be a quick and simple way to get your youth involved in their community and can be planned easily via Zoom, Google Meets, etc.



https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vozbUJ1rppxbn66erlf6YcQTklxg_QHckPn4xhb5VW0/edit



BOSTWICK NAMED HIGH PRIEST OF DEMETER



At the annual convocation of the Assembly of Demeter during National Session in November, High Priest Bruce Croucher announced that it was time to retire. "I would appreciate very much if you would elect another deserving individual," Croucher said, noting that it has been a tremendous honor to serve the Grange in this position. Croucher was originally elected in 2011.

Roger Bostwick, who has served as Priest Archon since 2013, was elected to the High Priest position. "Thank you to the Assembly and the Delegates for this honor. I will hold this position to the best of my ability," Bostwick said.

The Assembly of Demeter of the National Grange is responsible for organizing and presenting the Seventh Degree, as well as handling matters of Grange Law and ritual. (*Patrons Chain, November 13, 2021*)

Roger is the current President of the Kansas State Grange. He is the first Kansan and Granger west of the Mississippi River to hold the office of High Priest. It was an honor for Roger's family (wife, daughters, son-in-law, and granddaughter) and Kansas Grange family to be in attendance when Roger was elected to this position.

NATIONAL GRANGE NEWS (CONTINUED)

NATIONAL GRANGE MEETS WITH POSTMASTER GENERAL DEJOY

By Betsy Huber, National President

On March 2, National Grange President Betsy Huber and Legislative Director Burton Eller met with Postmaster General Louis DeJoy in his office to discuss his vision and plan to achieve financial stability and service excellence in the U.S. Postal Service.

General DeJoy expressed his excitement to serve in his position because of his background in logistics and business organization. He told how the USPS still relies on 40-year-old procedure manuals and operates in facilities that are dark and outdated. He sees needed improvements in facilities and operations that he can make to enable the Postal Service to achieve financial stability and operate more efficiently.

The Postal Service Reform Act, passed by the Senate this week, will stabilize and reform the USPS for the future. The Grange supports and has lobbied for several years for passage of postal reform, and this Act contains most of the Grange's priority concerns, numerous common-sense reforms and cost savings measures. The Grange has long advocated for maintaining six-day delivery and elimination of the requirement to prefund retiree health benefits. It also expands special rates for local newspaper delivery, another Grange priority.

General DeJoy mentioned the recent successful delivery of more than 270 million COVID-19 test kits to American households across all states, with average delivery time of 1.2 days. This was a major, Service-wide mobilization effort with strong interagency collaboration among the Postal Service, White House, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Defense.

He also spoke about the new USPS Connect program which promises to offer affordable and faster local, regional, national and Sunday delivery and pickup options.

General DeJoy's ten-year plan includes over \$40 billion in capital investments over the next ten years to modernize the Postal Service, adapt to customers' changing needs, and achieve the universal service mission. The National Grange will continue to communicate with the Postmaster General's office and monitor progress of the planned reforms



NATIONAL GRANGE NEWS (CONTINUED)

HEIRLOOM PROGRAM



With more than 150 years of legacy, the Grange's various cornerstone documents have profound lessons to share with members about work, family, home, recreation and more. To make these more accessible and keep them front of mind for members, new and old, the Heirloom Program was developed.

This program allows Granges to incorporate in their monthly meetings a quote or passage from a foundational text and reflect on the lesson and how it may apply to everyday life. Lessons can be read and discussed, activities may be created

to encourage interaction with the lesson and posters and social media images have been produced to allow our Granges to share these lessons with members of their communities.

Learn more about the entire program by visiting <https://www.nationalgrange.org/heirloom-program/>



REGIONAL CONFERENCES – NOT JUST FOR THE YOUTH

By Mandy Bostwick, National Grange Youth and Young Adults Director

Regional conference season will be here before you know it! The purpose of the Grange Regional Leadership Conferences is to have members from the 5 designated regions of the US gather together for fun, fellowship, and educational and leadership training that can be taken back to a Granger's home state; all for the Good of the Order. Regional conferences provide added value for members through educational and leadership training workshops and networking.

These conferences are put in place for each of our members to gain a better understanding of programming, be provided vital leadership training, and to develop a new level of interest for the mission of the Grange and to provide members with vital skills that they can use both in the Grange and in their careers.

Regional conferences are open to ALL members and non-members ages 5 and up. These conferences are for everyone - age is unimportant, but your enthusiasm and love for the Grange is needed.

Each regional conference also has the Regional Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song contests. For our Grange Youth and Young Adults and Junior Grangers, we provide opportunities to practice their public speaking skills at each of the conferences and compete in the public speaking and sign-a-song contests. Effective public speaking skills are a vital part of leadership building for all Grangers. Public Speaking skills indicate creativity, critical thinking skills, poise and leadership abilities. These are opportunities for our members that can help them stand out amongst peers when applying for scholarships, colleges, and even on job applications. Check out the different categories for public speaking and sign-a-song, as well as the other regional conference contests in the Youth and Junior Handbooks. We highly encourage all Juniors and Youth and Young Adults to participate in these contests at regional conferences.





2022 Great Plains Regional Conference

June 10-12, 2022

Four Points by Sheraton • 530 Richards Drive • Manhattan, KS 66502
(785) 539-5311

Registration Form

Please complete a form for each conference attendee

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Member Status (check one):

Subordinate Young Adult (22-35) Youth (14-21) Junior (5-13) Non-Member

Please note any health conditions or dietary restrictions we should be aware of:

Contest Participation

Indicate any contests/events you plan to participate in:

Sign-A-Song

Individual Sign-A-Song

Group Sign-A-Song

Level: Junior/Novice Hobbyist Expert

Speech (You may participate in more than one category)

General Prepared

Ambassador Prepared

Impromptu Speech

Grange Commercial

Grange Baseball: Youth Junior

Registration & Hotel Information

Checks Only - Payable to Kansas State Grange Youth

- Conference Registration is \$75 per participant (includes meals and conference materials).
- Conference Family Plan option: \$250 for a family of 4
 - (+\$65 for each additional family member)
 - All members of the family must reside in the same household.
- Conference attendees under the age of 4 are FREE.

Use the Group Name **Regional Great Plains Conference 2022** after March 25, 2022 and before May 15, 2022 to reserve your room. Rooms are \$99/night + Taxes.

GREAT PLAINS REGISTRATION (PAGE 2)

If you are under 18, please have your parent/guardian complete the following:

I authorize _____ to participate in all activities.

Photos and recordings may be used on Grange social media.

I Do/ Do NOT allow my child to be photographed or recorded.

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship to Participant: _____ Phone _____

Questions?

Contact Molly Newman, Kansas State Grange Youth Director (mollynewman9311@gmail.com),
Mandy Bostwick, National Grange Youth Development Director (youth.mbstwick@gmail.com) or
Samantha Wilkins, National Grange Junior Development Director (samantha@nationalgrange.org).

Return this registration form and payment by **May 1, 2022** to:

Molly Newman, Kansas State Grange Youth Director, 1102 Cherokee Street, Oskaloosa, KS 66066

CLAUDE AND INA BREY MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**Application Rules and Requirements:**

The Claude and Ina Brey Memorial Scholarships are awarded each year to Grange members seeking to further their education. To qualify, the applicant must be a Grange member in good standing for at least two (2) years. The number of scholarships awarded varies from year to year.

An application may be obtained from the State Secretary, State Youth Director, Community Secretary, or at the website: www.ks-grange.org/Documents.

Credit will be given on Grange participation, community, school and church activities, and scholastic standing. Additional credit is given to students majoring in agricultural fields.

The scholarship is to be used towards tuition, books, and other school expenses.

Scholarship checks will be payable at the beginning of the fall semester and at the beginning of the spring semester. Consideration will be given for other schooling situations. If your education situation changes during the year, you must notify the State Secretary immediately. Changes include but not limited to, graduation at winter semester or being unable to continue your education. In case of default by a recipient, another applicant will be considered.

Required:

1. High School or College transcripts must accompany the application. If for some reason they are not available on the date of application, the applicant should contact the State Secretary and include a note stating reason. Transcripts must be received before the application can be considered.
2. An essay describing your involvement in Grange (including Junior Grange), School, Church, and other community activities. A resume may also be included.
3. One letter of recommendation from a school official or community member to be mailed or emailed to the State Secretary listed below.
4. The application must be postmarked or emailed by April 15.
5. Scholarship winners will be required to file a report with the Kansas State Grange on how funds are expended. Receipts are to be mailed to the State Lecturer or State Secretary. First semester receipts are due by October 2022. Second semester receipts are due by March 2023.

Previous scholarship winners are eligible to re-apply. There are no age restrictions.

Selection of winners will be made by the Kansas State Grange Board of Directors or a committee appointed by them. Decisions of the committee are final.

Scholarship winners will be honored at the State Grange Annual Banquet in October. Please plan to attend.

SEND completed application to:

Jamie Klenklen, Secretary
Kansas State Grange
200 Delaware Dr
Ozawkie, KS 66070

Home phone: 785-876-2600
Cell phone: 785-224-9011
email: jamie_klenklen@yahoo.com

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2022-2023**DUE APRIL 15, 2022

Name _____ Age _____

Street address _____

City, State & Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date joined Subordinate Grange _____

Subordinate Grange name & number _____

High School attended _____

High School GPA _____

College or school enrolled in or plan to enroll in _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Major or proposed major, or project of field _____

These items must be included with this application:

1. Transcripts of high school or current college grades (if enrolled in college)
2. An essay describing your involvement in Grange (including Junior Grange), School, Church, and other community activities. A resume may also be included.
3. One letter of recommendation from a school official or community member.

I hereby certify this member is in good standing and a Subordinate member for _____ years.

Subordinate Grange Secretary signature _____

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Parent's signature (for applicants under 18) _____

Parent's Address (optional) _____

Parent's Phone number (optional) _____

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Join National Directors on Zoom Meetings each month to get up-to-date information about their programming and upcoming events.

- Junior Jibber Jabber - 3rd Sunday of Odd Numbered Months at 8 p.m. CST
- Youth Yammerings - 3rd Sunday of Even Numbered Months at 8 p.m. CST
- Membership Matters - 3rd Tuesday of Every Month at 7:30 p.m. CST

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ABOUT THE GRANGE

The Grange was founded in 1867 and is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, fraternal organization that advocates for Rural America and Agriculture. With a strong history in grassroots activism, family values, and community service, the Grange is part of more than 2,100 hometowns across the United States.

The Grange was the first national organization to give full voice and vote to women, 50 years before Congress adopted the same. Our passionate style of grassroots vigor has ensured that the average citizen is fully represented in public policy dialogue for nearly 150 years.

Family and community are the foundations of the Grange. Family values are promoted, taught, and woven into Grange activities and events. We are proud to have generations come together to learn from one another and build a stronger America, one community at a time.

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
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JULY 15, 2022