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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Nathan Strawder

Hello Grangers. I was planning on using this article to recap what we had learned from the G.O.A.L. Seminar this past weekend and encouraging you all to take what you learned and put it to good use. Unfortunately, the meeting ended up being canceled because of the possibility of bad weather. So instead of a recap I'll use this space as a promo for our upcoming G.O.A.L. Seminar. It will be held March 28 at the Coffey County Library – Burlington Branch, which is located at 410 Juniata Street in Burlington, KS 66839.

National Grange Membership / Leadership Director, Michael Martin, will be facilitating the meeting. We will start at 10:00 am and will have a potluck lunch. I will also have a couple of announcements and will be seeking input on what topics you would like to cover at these meetings; I will also be looking for locations on where to hold these meetings. If your Grange would like to host one of these meetings, please let me know; I try to hold them on the fourth Saturday of the month.

These meetings are a great way to keep up on what we are doing at a State level. It also serves as a platform for you to let us know if there is an idea you have, or something you would like to see us do.

I know this is a short article, and only lets you know of an upcoming meeting, but please try to make it to the meeting on March 28.

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Bayneville Grange Hosts Community Youth/Young Adults Activities



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CHAPLAIN'S CHARGE

By Jamee Funk

Hello Grangers! I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas season. Now we prepare and reflect in the season of Lent. Many people observe Lent in a variety of ways. It is a time we should try to grow in our spiritual relationship with God. I would like to share a few *Steps of Prayer* that might help you this season.

- Praise: Praising God for who He is.
- Confession: Silently confessing sin to the God who forgives.
- Thanksgiving: Thanking God for what He has done.
- Intercession: Praying for specific requests.



Below you will find my home address and email. Please share with your Grange Secretary. I would love to be notified in the event of illness, family emergency, passing, or exciting news of our members.

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Fraternally submitted,
Jamee Funk
Chaplain

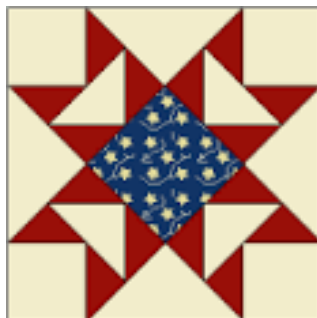
UPCOMING GRANGE ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, AND EVENTS

- March 28, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. **Kansas Grange G.O.A.L Seminar w/ Michael Martin.** *Coffey County Library, Burlington, KS. Potluck Lunch included.*
- March 28, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. **Reception for Roy and Sue Rodgers' 50th Wedding Anniversary.** *Kelley Hall, Burlington, KS.*
- May 19. **Registration forms for Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference Due.**
- May 20. **Submittals for May Kansas Granger Newsletter Due.**

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Greetings Grangers,

Uploaded on the Kansas Grange website, www.ks-grange.org, is the National Grange Quilt Block Contest Information. This is a program promoted by the National Grange Lecturer to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the National



Grange in 2016. The idea behind the contest is to create a vehicle for our members to share their creative talents.

SO LET'S START QUILTING!

Fraternally Submitted,
Donna Bates,
Family Activities Director

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Warmest Greetings to you and yours. While staying snuggled in from the winter's cold, use this time to plan and implement community service projects. Organize and conduct "informal parties" for large and small groups, both at Grange meeting places and homes to make a number of items for others, including but not limited to: blankets for children and seniors, holiday favors for schools and shut-ins, cookies for police/firemen, decorate cards for servicemen/women in support of the C.A.R.D.S. statewide project, etc... Be creative and have fun making items for others while enjoying the fellowship of being with other Grangers and friends. Use this wintertime also to decide on those you will recognize and honor with the Community Support Personnel and "You Make A Difference" Volunteer Awards. Grange Week in April would be an excellent time to honor community citizens in this way and will be here before we know it, so be planning now.

The state-wide C.A.R.D.S. project has started in full swing. Thank you to Lois Barber and friends from Gardner Grange who colored patriotic printed cards fronts that were later made into cards and delivered to the Robert

Dole VA Hospital in Wichita at Christmas time. Three members of Otter Creek Grange and four members of Bayneville Grange attended the C.A.R.D.S. party at the Augusta Methodist Church the 2nd Saturday of December. Several hundred cards were made that day to send to servicemen/women all over the world. Cards kits are being worked on currently by Gardner, Morning and Bayneville Grangers. If you would like to work on some kits during these cold winter months, let me know and I'll get you some. Pleasant View Grange has already committed to the number of cards they will be making later this summer for the big Halloween- Thanksgiving- Christmas push. THANK YOU ALL for your wonderful support.

Stay warm, stay busy, stay committed to helping others through Community Service!

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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT NEWS

The 2015 Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference will be held June 19-21, 2015, at Hesperus Camp in Hesperus, CO. Workshops will include the National Youth Director's workshop on "Apathy Not Allowed" and Michael Martin's "Grow Your Grange: Impacting Your Community", as well as activities for the Junior Grangers. The camp has a zip line, disc golf, basketball, softball, and volleyball. There will be a tour of the Old Fort Market Garden Incubator Program. The Youth

will be conducting the speech, sign a song, and Grange Jeopardy contests.

Hesperus camp has two types of lodging plus RV sites. There are 15 motel type rooms that sleep two guests and they have cabins with bunk beds and showers in each cabin. They have a bathhouse on site. These forms can be found on the Kansas Granger Website. I will send copies of these forms to your Grange Secretary or President. Registration is due by May 19, 2015!

Fraternally Submitted,
Jamee Funk,

Director, State Grange Youth and Young Adults

GRANGE REPORTS

BAYNEVILLE GRANGE NEWS:

Greetings from Bayneville Grange.

At our December meeting, we welcomed a speaker from Sunlight Children's Advocacy and Rights Foundation who spoke about the new Sunshine Children's Home in Butler County. Suzi Thien, Executive Director, presented a very informative talk on the needs for such a home in Butler County and Kansas. She also helped us to know of their needs from community groups such as ours going forward. At the end of her presentation, we filled boxes of donated items from our members for the Children's Home and Women's Safehouse, as well as clothing and canned items for the Augusta Caring Center. The evening ended with holiday snacks and a Funny Santa White Elephant gift exchange.

In January, 71 dictionaries were delivered to Clearwater Elementary School West (USD 264).

Also on January 11, we hosted a bowling party at the Holiday Bowl in Augusta. The party targeted youth/young adult aged persons, but some of us old people came to watch. Bowling costs, food and prizes were provided for the group, as well as literature on the Grange. Our regular January meeting was cancelled as several of our members were under the weather.

Bayneville Grange now has a Facebook page. Check us out. Please LIKE us!

Submitted by Randee Farmer



Ms. Suzi Thien giving presentation to Grangers



Grangers at Community Bowling Event



PLEASANT VIEW GRANGE NEWS:

Pleasant View Grangers collected canned goods in January, and in February donated items for birthing kits (assembled by the Ozawkie UMW) and worked on blankets for Project Linus. The blankets for Project Linus are made in cooperation with the Ozawkie Rebekah Lodge. They had community service and agriculture programs at their meetings.

One of our Junior members, Sarah VanHouse (Amy Kramer's daughter), decided

she also wanted to lead a community service project - collecting snack items to fill a "Tub of Love" for children at the Rescue Mission in Topeka. She asked Grangers and her church family to help, and ended up filling two tubs. She will deliver them on February 21st, and in exchange gets to tour the Rescue Mission facilities.

Submitted by Julie Durand, Secretary

LECTURER'S NEWS

Happy New Year! Happy MLK Jr. Day! Happy President's Day! Happy St. Patrick's Day! Happy Severe Weather Month!? Happy Grange Month! Happy, Happy, Happy! No I haven't grown a beard. But attitude is everything. Happiness to the Grange Lecturer can be that each of these events can be made into Program Opportunities. These programs can be used to attract non-Grangers to Grange meetings.

Your program can be for someone that is a non-Granger or maybe a Grange member. Most importantly the program should be meaningful and enjoyable. Thus this will give your members another reason to come and hopefully give them a smile.

What else can your program do? Do a press release or a media advisory to a nearby TV stations. Make the program exciting and you might get to hear or read about it. This is even a better way to let non-members know what your Grange is all about.

You can invite non-Grange member as well as current Grange members. This can bring people face to face with the fun and benefits of your Grange. Make it interesting and they will come.

Take a look at the Lecturer Program on the Kansas Grange website. You can find additional topics to attract interest. You can ask members or guest to do one of these items as a project now and then enter it as a Grange

member later. Make it fun. The results can be yet another program.

Check out the Honor Grange requirements for this year. As you do these items add them to a list and email them to me. Do this at least quarterly and it is much easier to keep up with your reporting.

IMPORTANT: It was brought up that I did not receive some items that were sent to me last year. For that reason I am asking you to email me at KDOINews@kc.rr.com and LEBCO913@kc.rr.com and tell me what you have sent to me and when. When emailing me type "Grange" in your Subject line. This will allow me to recognize your emails. If I have not responded within 2 weeks, email me again. I have also amended the 2015 Brey Scholarship Applications to include the applicant's email address so I can follow-up with them.

Also email me each time that you bring in a new member with their name, mailing address and email address. This way I can confirm that your Grange is given credit for the new member. Also I would like to contact them and welcome them to Grange.

Also added to the Kansas Grange website is a 2015 Photo Release that should be used at major events and programs in which to take photographs. The release gives Local, State, or National Grange the right to use their image. This should also be used for recognizable people in photos that are not at public events

that are entered into the Photo Contest. I would like to print some of these entries in future publications so that those not making the convention can still see some of the photos. At larger Grange events, you may put a sign that states that at the Grange event photographs and video may be taken and used in publications or on the web. Coming to the event acknowledges agreement to use their image for Grange use. These should be posted at each entrance so that all can see.

And in parting, recognize that April is Grange Month. Nothing is coming from National Grange this year but you can still go to the National Website and download posters and other items that can be modified for 2015. Let me know what your Grange does to recognize our Grange Month.

Fraternally Yours,
Ed Bruns,
Kansas Grange State Lecturer

SECRETARY NOTES:

Just a quick reminder to get your dues to me as soon as possible as we need to get our information into soon. Thank you to those who have already sent this information in. At the end of each quarter you are to report to the State Secretary the number of members who have joined with their contact information, as well as the name of any members who have dropped or passed on to the Great Grange above. Why...I need to report this information to the National Grange each quarter so our membership records are updated each quarter not just yearly.

Congratulations to Pleasant View Grange and Gardner Grange on their recognition of being recognized as a Distinguished Grange for

the second year in a row. If you would like more information on how your Grange can put in for this Award, please contact; Melanie Bostwick at GrangeSecretary@gmail.com or mail me at 9578 110th St., Ozawie, KS 66070, or contact Kansas State Grange President, Nathan Strawder at Nathan.Strawder@gmail.com, or contact the Kansas Granger at KansasGranger@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to working with each Grange this year.

Fraternally Submitted,
Melanie Bostwick,
Kansas State Grange Secretary

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN *continued...*

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There will be a lot of good information given, and there is no cost to attend. We have been making great strides over the past handful of years so don't miss out on what is going on, and take part playing an active role in growing and strengthening the Grange in Kansas.

Fraternally,
Nathan Strawder, President
Kansas State Grange