



KANSAS GRANGER

- Official Newsletter of the Kansas State Grange -



A MESSAGE FROM THE KANSAS STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

Well, the temperatures this week are in the 100's so it must be fair time! I know 4-H clubs meet in some of our halls and wish those young people a safe and prosperous fair. With fairs occurring, it only means that State and National Sessions are not far off either. It is time to begin submitting any resolutions you might have. State session is just over 60 days away, with National in Niagara Falls, NY only about 40 later.

As you know, this upcoming weekend, Kansas State Grange is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its 1st State Session which occurred on July 30, 1873, at Liberty Hall in Lawrence with delegates from 400 Granges. Of those 400 which were represented at that first meeting, three Subordinate Granges, Gardner #68, Morning #223, and Cadmus #350 celebrated 150 years of service earlier this year. I had the honor to attend both Gardner's and Morning's celebrations, however, was unable to attend the celebration of Cadmus on July 22.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

I hope everyone had a chance to attend at least one of these celebrations or the State Grange's 150th which will be at Liberty Hall on July 29.

We can reflect on the thoughts of Stephen Coye, President of New York State Grange when he said, "One can only wonder if the Founders had any idea at all that their efforts would result in the longevity that we are witnessing today."

Hope to see you all soon, if not at the 150th on July 29 the maybe at the Degree Day at Cadmus on August 26th.

Have a safe summer,

Roger



OVERSTREET TO REPRESENT NATIONAL GRANGE AT STATE SESSION



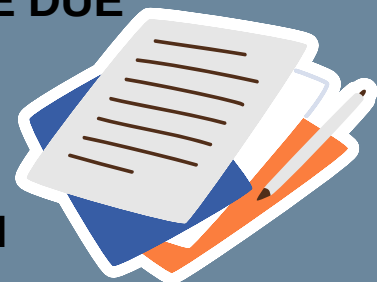
The Kansas State Grange Executive Committee has selected Buddy Overstreet, TX, to serve as the National Representative to the Kansas State Grange Session. Buddy currently serves on the National Grange Executive Committee. A full bio will be featured in the next edition of *The Kansas Granger*.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR STATE SESSION ARE DUE
SEPTEMBER 1.**

EMAIL TO ROGER AND JAIME K.

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KANSAS STATE GRANGE CELEBRATES 150 YEARS!

Our State Grange 150th celebration is nearly here, and we hope you've signed up for this event on July 29th in Lawrence. (See flier on next page for details)

Our program will feature three short segments. One will give an overview of significant events involving the Kansas State Grange in the past 150 years. Another will focus on community service — we're also marking 75 years of the community service dept. this year. The third will focus on the first Kansas State Grange session, which was held in Liberty Hall, and events leading up to that.

Displays will include a slideshow of the parade floats from the 1973 centennial parade in Lawrence, historical Grange artifacts, information about our founders, and photos of days gone by.

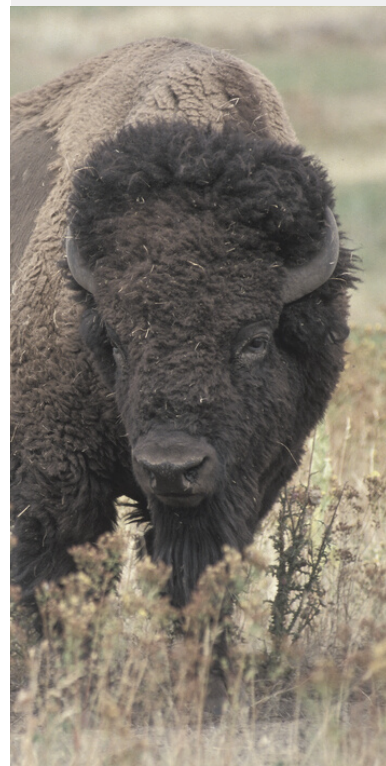
Come for a time of celebration, remembering, and fellowship with other Grangers.

Want to make it a day in downtown Lawrence? Other things to do include The Watkins Museum (current special exhibits include World War 1 and Clinton Lake), The Lawrence Arts Center (contemporary art displays), Saturday farmers' market, and locally owned shops and restaurants.

Kansas State Grange 150th Committee

Julie Durand
Jamie Klenklen
Lois Barber
Alice Ficken
Marianne Harra
Randee Farmer
Penny Buek

Happy
150th
Kansas State Grange!



Please join us for lunch, a short program and historical displays

Kansas State Grange

◆ 150th Anniversary

Saturday, July 29, 2023

door opens at 11:30, lunch at noon

Liberty Hall

644 Massachusetts St., Lawrence, Kansas

On July 30, 1873, the first Kansas State Grange session opened in Liberty Hall. We look forward to celebrating 150 years of the Kansas State Grange on the same soil.

Lunch buffet by Biemer's BBQ, Lawrence

Adults (14+) \$10; Children \$5 ◆

RSVP by July 1st to Jamie Klenklen or Julie Durand

Checks to Kansas State Grange, mail to

200 Delaware Dr., Ozawkie, KS 66070

or Venmo @Julie-Durand-14 or Paypal durandjk@yahoo.com

please include names of who is attending

YOUTH YAMMERINGS

Greetings Grangers!

There's not a lot to report as many youth members continue to be active in their home Granges. I wanted to take a moment to remind youth a few fundraisers that the youth have planned!

WREATH/LAWN ORNAMENT CONTEST AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER in Conjunction with the Lecturer Department

Create a wreath or lawn ornament that will be silent auctioned off as a fundraiser for the youth and lecturer departments.

- 1) Wreath and Lawn Ornaments may be for any season/holiday.
- 2) Wreaths and Lawn Ornaments will be judged and awarded 1st – 3rd place.
- 3) Entries will be silent auctioned off at state session. Bids open Friday evening, closes Sunday Morning.

Criteria for Judging:

- 1) Craftsmanship and skill
- 2) Presentation of subject
- 3) Originality
- 4) Theme and its treatment

KANSAS STATE GRANGE T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

We are planning a new Kansas State Grange T-Shirt. More Information will be sent out soon along with a social media post about how to order. Shirt should be available for delivery to State Convention so please keep an eye out for that information to come!

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



WIB & JUNE JUSTI COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



Deadline to submit: September 1

Learn more: <https://nationalgrangeyouth.org/wib-june-justi-community-service-award/>

LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

Greetings Grangers,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer!

In the last newsletter I announced some new State Lecturer Programs for this year. If you haven't started already, now is the time to start your Reading Challenge Bingo. Bingo cards are available for adults and juniors and can be downloaded from the Kansas State Grange website or by clicking links at the bottom of this page. For full reading challenge bingo rules, please check out the Lecturers page on Kansas State Grange website under 'Departments'.

As state session approaches I want to remind everyone of the Lecturer's contests that you can enter.

- Holiday Wreath/Lawn Ornament Contest and Silent Auction -in conjunction with Youth Department
- Holiday Treat Contest
- Photo Contest
- Personal Grange Motto Essay (submission deadline: September 15)
- Talent Contest (notification of entry by September 15)

Please go to the link below for full details of all State Lecturer Contest entry guidelines and rules.

If you have made quilt blocks for the National Grange Quilt Block Contest the postmark deadline for entries is September 1st. Full information can be found on the National Grange website (link below).

I am always looking for new ideas to help promote the literacy and educational programs of the Grange. If you have ideas or suggestions, please feel free to reach out. For full State and National Lecturer Programs, please click the links in the side bar.

Mandy Bostwick
 Kansas State Grange Lecturer
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Are you looking for a resource to increase and enhance programming at your Grange? This is a great resource for any Grange Lecturers or members looking to just that! Subscribe to *A Quarters Worth* today!



[2023 KANSAS STATE GRANGE Lecturer Program - Click Here](#)

[2023 NATIONAL GRANGE Lecturer Program - Click Here](#)

[2023 Reading Bingo Card \(14+/Adult\) - Click Here](#)

[2023 Reading Bingo Card \(Junior\) - Click Here](#)

Subscribe Today:
<http://bit.ly/aquartersworth>

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hello, Grangers. It's here.....the time of the year to prepare reports of this year's activities and to recognize Granges, Grangers and those in our communities for their efforts. Please see the guidelines on the KS-Grange website and send in your community service reports to me by August 15. Also due by August 15 are the following nomination forms:

- Community Support Award (State)
- "You Make a Difference" Volunteer Award (State)
- Thank You for Your Military Service Award (State)
- Firefighter / Law Enforcement Officer / Teacher of the Year Award (National)

Junior Grange Community Service Report and Award forms are due to National Grange in early October. The Wib and June Justi Youth Community Service to recognize a deserving youth is also due in early October. Please see the KS-Grange website for forms, specific directions and specific due dates.

Looking forward to seeing you soon at State Grange Convention in October where we can recognize the Community Service achievements of this year.

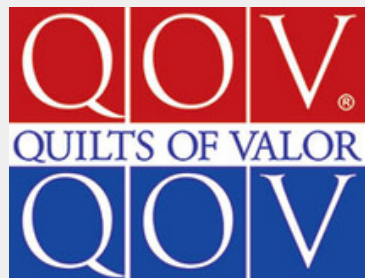
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QUILTS OF VALOR

Support of Kansas Grangers to make quilts for presentation to Veterans at this year's State Grange Convention has been TREMENDOUS. At our first official presentation in 2022, we presented three quilts. This year, we hope to present six. Specific presentation details will be communicated at a later date. Thank you for the TREMENDOUS support!

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Grangers,

I am recovering from my recent surgery that happened on May 17th. I had a brain tumor removed. The tumor was discovered on April 14th after I passed out at work. I thank God every day because when I passed out, I hit my head on a beverage cooler and that was the reason that the ER did a cat-scan and discovered the mass.

I was only at KU Med Center for 3 days. The tumor was benign with a Grade 1 biopsy. Which means NO radiation or Chemo. I will have to have MRI's for probably the rest of my life. It was really scary, but God had me in His hands the whole time. So for now I am doing my best to get my strength back and balance. I still have a few vision problems, but they are slowly returning to normal.

I am still receiving Physical Therapy and my doctor thinks I can return to work on September 1st with few restrictions (that I don't know if Walmart can do). I have been told that I have to sit down if needed and I cannot lift or carry anything that is more than 10 pounds. That has been reported to the company that these restrictions are permanent.

I want to thank everyone that has called, sent cards and text messages to make sure I am doing better. It fills my heart full of all the love that my fellow Grangers are sending my way. It has made my recovery easier and all the cards are hanging on a door in my living room so I can look at them everyday with a smile on my face.

If there is any Grange members or family member that would like a card sent to them, please send me their name and address and I will be glad to take care of this. Please email me at sdthomas81756@yahoo.com. Or you can send me a text at 785-713-0254.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the 150th Celebration on July 29th in Lawrence, KS.

Sheri Dingus
Kansas State Chaplin



GRANGE UPDATES

GARDNER GRANGE #68

Gardner Grange #68 celebrated their 150th anniversary with an Open House on April 1, 2023 at the Gardner Grange Hall from 2-4:30 pm. Approximately 60 people were in attendance.



The hall was decorated accordingly for the event, including the south end of the hall setup as a small scale Grange Hall with regalia and officer descriptions and duties at each station. At the other end of the hall refreshments were served by Gardner Grange members.

The quilt raffle, quilt made by Lois Barber, brought in \$500 and will be used to help pay for the new concrete step on the Grange building. Over 25 door prizes, donated by Gardner Grange, Joy Closet and Gardner Historical Museum, were given out. All winners were excited to hear their names, especially Ellen Durand, who helped draw names.



Gardner Grange members manned a membership table as well as a Gardner Farmer's market table. At the membership table new Grange brochures were available and we had two new members apply!

The Gardner VFW Post 1134, who meet at the Grange Hall, also had an information table. Poppies were available for a donation, along with gun raffle tickets and patriotic information.

Many years of Community Service books, photo books, and other memorabilia were on display at several tables. A slideshow showed the story of the building of our Grange Hall which opened in 1973, 50 years ago. There was also a display board showcasing some of our biggest projects and our past Grange Halls.



A short program began with a few words by Alice Ficken, President of Gardner Grange. Kansas State Grange President Roger Bostwick (also the current High Priest of Demeter), spoke and presented a plaque certificate from the National Grange, for 150 years of Service. The original charter signed 150 years ago was displayed. It needs to be preserved in a new frame.



Other speakers were Dr Todd Winters, the Mayor of Gardner, also a Gardner Grange member; Shirley Allenbrand, County Commissioner from our district; Laura McCarthy from Gardner Historical Museum; and Donna Valizan, from Docey Dandies Square Dance Club. Members Melissa Anderson and Lois Barber shared a few memories. All Gardner Grangers in attendance were introduced. Lois read some greetings from those unable to attend, including Chris Hamp of Oregon, National Grange Vice-President, and Mark Baldwin, Gardner City Council President. Lois said she had received a phone call from National President Betsy Huber of Pennsylvania giving her regrets that she was unable to attend.

Thank you to all who attended this momentous event!

Article edited for clarity and space constraints

GRANGE UPDATES

PLEASANT VIEW GRANGE

In April, Pleasant View was proud to honor four of its own with membership awards. Nancy Brunton received a 70-year seal, Melanie Bostwick received her Golden Sheaf (50-year) pin and certificate, and cousins Jed Bates and Susan Bates-Mathia each received their Silver Star (25-year) pin and certificate. Members had attended services at the Ozawkie United Methodist Church prior to their meeting, and celebrated the membership awards with a small reception with refreshments following services.

For our memorial program in May, Chaplain Jamie Klenklen coordinated a program remembering Past First Lady Grace Moody, Past State Officer Marlene Bush, Past State Committee Chair Betty Stiles, and former member Kenneth Kramer. Julie Durand, Melanie Bostwick, Audrey Trowbridge, Ellen Durand, Mandy Bostwick and Roger Bostwick, along with Jamie, had parts in the memorial. Members also finished up and donated their Project Linus blankets for this Grange year.

Planning for a fundraiser over Labor Day weekend was done at the June meeting. Pleasant View will have a food booth in conjunction with the ABATE Labor Day rally near Perry Lake on September 2nd. Final planning for the State's 150th celebration is underway for the event July 29th, and other 150th celebrations were announced for Kansas Granges and in other states. State Lecturer Mandy Bostwick explained reading Bingo, which is a new program this year and gave cards to everyone interested in participating.

A few of Pleasant View's members attended Midwest Regional Conference in Wisconsin in June, as well as the Grange Revival in Michigan in July.

Julie Durand
Secretary/Reporter



Jamie Klenklen and Roger Bostwick with a Project Linus Blanket.



Melanie Bostwick and Ellen Durand with a Project Linus Blanket.



Molly Newman presents Jed Bates and Susan Bates-Mathia their Silver Star awards



Molly Newman and Roger Bostwick present Melanie Bostwick her Golden Sheaf award

GRANGE UPDATES

BAYNEVILLE GRANGE #1810

During Grange Week, Bayneville Grange was one of three Granges who took part in a Zoom call focused on Community Service, headed by Pete Pompper, National Grange Community Service Director. It was a time for sharing what works in various Granges across the nation and we were honored to be a part. We shared specific items our Grange takes pride in and some are included below:

Bayneville Grange #1810 is small, but all participate in one form or another, including the three Junior Grangers and the “JG Wanna Be but only is 3 years old.” We always have three generations involved. The oldest generation is helping teach the youngest generation how to make Grange peanut brittle the old fashioned way, by string and sight, not a thermometer. This is our biggest moneymaker each year, allowing us to purchase hundreds of dictionaries for elementary schools. Likewise, older members are teaching younger members how to sew and quilt to help in the creation of Quilts of Valor quilts for Servicemen and weighted blankets for special needs children at Rainbows United. Juniors are making food tray cards at the holidays for local Veterans hospital and making and donating Birthday Cake kits for the local Caring Center. Every child needs a birthday cake and the Juniors are doing their part to see this happens. The kids helped in planting the butterfly garden for the community’s Senior Center Center where our meetings are held. They drew and colored placemats for the Irish Stew Dinner held to make a donation to our town’s new Veterans Memorial Monument. Not only are our youngest members acquiring skills from those older, but they are experiencing 1st hand what it means to do these things not for their benefit but for the benefit of others.



Bayneville Grange is happy to announce the following:

- Member Tyler Hook earned his Bachelors Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Wichita State University in May. We are proud of you, Tyler!
- Pam Reynolds Braeckel recently reinstated as a member of the Grange. Pam had been a member of Neosho Valley Grange at one time and we are pleased to have her now as a member of Bayneville. Pam is sharing her sewing and quilting talents with our Quilts of Valor program. Welcome, Pam and thank you!

GRANGE UPDATES

FLINT HILLS POMONA #49

Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49 is pleased to confirm the date and location of the upcoming Grange Degree Day. This is an exciting opportunity for new members and all Grangers, alike, to connect and appreciate the beauty and meaning of the ritual.

Saturday, August 26, 2023
Cadmus Grange Hall
21981 Kansas Highway 7
La Cygne, KS 66040

Rolling Schedule to begin at 10:00 am
1st, 2nd Degrees
Pot Luck Lunch
3rd, 4th, 5th Degrees
Snacks, Thank Yous and Goodbyes

Please consider how you can help, either as an individual or a Grange, by committing to speaking parts. Memorization is not required. Please respond back with your intentions through your Grange Secretary or directly to Randee Farmer (contact info below).

We will enjoy a favorite Grange tradition of Pot Luck Lunch, Cadmus Grange is graciously providing pulled pork sandwiches and we ask that everyone brings a side to share. Drinks will be provided. Snacks at the end of the day will be provided by Pomona Granges.

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UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

July 29 - Kansas State Grange 150th Celebration, Lawrence, KS

August 15 - Kansas Community Service Forms Due to Randee Farmer

August 26 - Degree Day hosted by Flint Hills Pomona at Cadmus Grange Hall

September 1 - National Lecturer Contest Due

(Quilt Blocks, Virtual Photo Contest, Garden Design Contest, Weather Watcher Contest)

For more information about these contests:

<https://www.nationalgrange.org/lecturer-contests/>

September 1 - National Youth and Junior Contests and Applications Due

- Check National Website for full details

September 1 - Resolutions sent to State President AND State Secretary

- Email to rogerbostwick@hotmail.com and jaimeklenklen@yahoo.com

September 8 - Kansas State Grange Registrations Due to State Secretary, Jaime Klenklen

- Registration form on page 14 and on website

September 29,30, October 1 - Kansas State Grange Convention

Hampton Inn

Gardner Conference Center

151 S. Cedar Niles Rd.

Gardner, Kansas, 66030

\$117/night

Book your hotel room for convention ASAP! Booking link:

<https://group.hamptoninn.com/b375rr>



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A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

We would love to help promote your Grange! If you have any immediate news, events, updates, etc. to share please e-mail them to kansasgranger@gmail.com with the subject line "FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE". We will plan to share your news on social media and/or via e-mail. This would entail information that needs to be shared between newsletters.

If your Grange has a social media page, please let us know so we can be sure to follow you! Also, be sure to follow "Kansas State Grange" on Facebook to keep up with current happenings.



152ND ANNUAL KANSAS STATE GRANGE 2023 PRE-REGISTRATION



- You may use one form per family/household planning to attend State Session.
- Complete the top section of this form to register for the Kansas State Grange Convention. Use the name(s) to be printed on the badge.
- Complete the bottom section of this form to indicate any meals you are planning to attend. If you do not plan to attend one, or any, of the meals, please indicate with a "0" so we know not to include you in the meal count.

Grange Name _____ # _____

1. _____ 2. _____

Name(s) 3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

MEALS

		<i>Please indicate # of meals</i>
Saturday, September 30	Luncheon	
Saturday, September 30	Annual Banquet	

Return no later than **SEPTEMBER 8th** to, Jamie Klenklen, 200 Delaware Dr., Ozawie, KS 66070

State Grange Use Only
Date Rcv'd





Registration is open!

Visit <http://grange.biz/Convention157> to register

Early Bird registration closes September 4th

November 14-18, 2023
Niagara Falls, New York
Niagara Falls Convention Center
Sheraton Niagara Falls

This November, we are going to “Flow into the Future” in Niagara Falls, New York as we celebrate the 157th Annual Session of the National Grange. And we want you to be there!

This year's Convention will be just blocks from the Falls! The Sheraton Niagara Falls is an incredible hotel which will also house the hospitality room, and the convention itself and many of the evening activities will be held at the Niagara Falls Convention Center, just across the street!

We invite ALL Grange members to participate in the Convention activities, so please make plans to attend from November 14-18, 2023.

This is your early warning to ensure your passport is up to date. You won't want to miss the opportunity to pop over to Canada when you're just a few steps away:

United States Passport:

<https://www.usps.com/international/passports.htm>

Stay tuned over the coming weeks and months for more information about speakers, tours, and other opportunities (both fun and educational!) for all Grange members during the Convention.

Learn more about this year's Convention and register today on the National Grange website!

Early Bird Registration - \$32 – open through September 4th, 2023.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR CONVENTION](#)

The Host Committee has chosen Community Missions of Niagara as the recipient of this year's community service collection. Granges and attendees are encouraged to send or bring socks, hats, or mittens for men or women to this year's Convention. If you would rather make a financial contribution, please contact Paula Turner.

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AUGUST NATIONAL GRANGE EVENTS

TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

AUGUST 2023

ALL TIMES EASTERN

4-6: EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE
Mt. Olive, North Carolina

8: MEMBERSHIP MATTERS (ZOOM) 8:30 P.M.
Open to all! Join: <http://bit.ly/mm1867>
Each month contains new, relevant information for Grange leaders.

14: THE RESOLUTION PROCESS (ZOOM) 8:30 P.M.
Open to all! Join: <http://grange.biz/resolution>
National Grange Legislative Director Burton Eller will lead this pre-National Convention workshop about the Resolution Process and how YOU can affect State and National Grange policy!

17: NATIONAL NONPROFIT DAY
Consider making a donation to the Grange Foundation today! www.grangefoundation.org

20: YOUTH YAMMERINGS & JUNIOR JIBBER-JABBER (ZOOM) 9:00 P.M.
Join National Grange Junior & Youth Director for this combined update about the National Grange Junior and Youth Departments! **Open to all!**
Join: <http://bit.ly/JuniorsYouth>

22: LECTURER'S FORUM (ZOOM) 8:30 P.M.
Contests! Past, Present and Future
Join National Grange Lecturer Ann Bercher for an informative and interactive evening about Grange contests and programming.



JUNIOR GRANGE FOCUS AREA:
DEAF AWARENESS
YOUTH FOCUS AREA:
GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY



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 KANSAS GRANGER!

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