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Dates to Remember:

- **April:** Grange Month
- **April 7:** Degree Day hosted by Oklahoma State Grange, 10 am in Vinita, OK
- **April 15:** Brey Scholarship Application Postmark Deadline
- **April 15:** Great Plains Regional Conference Registration Deadline
- **April 15:** Good Day! Magazine Subscription Deadline for the May Issue
- **June 22-24:** Great Plains Regional Conference, Grand Island, NE
- **August 6:** Distinguished Grange Application Postmark Deadline
- **August 15:** Community Service Report Postmark Deadline
- **August 15:** Community Service Award Nominations Deadline
- **September 2:** Deadline for discounted hotel rate for State Convention
- **October 6-8:** Kansas State Grange Annual Convention, Manhattan, KS

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Tabled Resolutions to be discussed at 2018 Convention

During the 2017 Kansas State Grange Convention, two resolutions were presented to the delegate body and then tabled to allow Grangers to review them and provide comments at the 2018 Kansas State Grange Convention.

Resolutions *2017-04 – Revision to the Constitution*, and *2017-05 – Revision to the By-Laws* were assigned to the Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee. The committee completed a thorough review of the resolutions and presented them to the delegate body in the Committee Report. These two resolutions propose to take the current Kansas State Grange Constitution and By-Laws, compares them to the National Grange Constitution and By-Laws, and makes significant changes to create consistency. In these resolutions, many of the Articles in the Constitution were moved to the By-Laws, several new Articles were added to both documents, and the wording was changed to be more like the National Grange Constitution and By-Laws. The intent is for alignment between the National and State governing

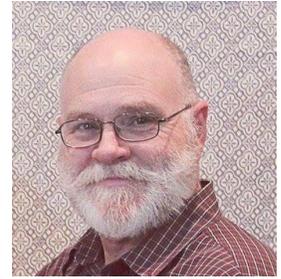
documents, and to create a more modern, concise message for current and new Grange Members.

To provide ease for each Grange to review the resolutions and proposed changes, the current Kansas State Grange Constitution and By-Laws and the draft revision of the Constitution and By-Laws are being sent, hard-copy, to each Subordinate Grange President. Additionally, these documents will be e-mailed out to those Grangers on the current mailing list. We ask each Grange to review the resolutions and discuss among the members so each Grange's elected delegates will be able to discuss further at the 2018 State Grange Convention. These comments can also be provided in advance to Nolan Strawder, 2017 Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee Chair, at nostraw@gmail.com.

Fraternally submitted,

Nolan Strawder
2017 Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee Chair

President's Column



Greetings Grangers,

April is almost upon us and that means it is time for Grange Month. I hope everyone is planning on a local display at a library or store front in your area. This year's Grange Month should be filled with celebrations in every Grange! We have a proud history of supporting, educating, advocating, and entertaining rural Americans. Very few organizations last for 150 years so this is our time to celebrate. Our theme for 2018 Grange Month is "That's the Grange Way." Following up the Doers theme from 2017, it's the Grange Way to be doers, to volunteer and give and contribute to life where we live. To be outstanding citizens and be the bridge between two sides who won't compromise. To teach the world how to get along, what faith, hope, and charity really mean in everyday life, and how to love others even if you don't like them or don't agree with them. We want to tell the world what the Grange Way means, and why they should care, why they should want to join us and help with our efforts to improve lives from the grassroots up.

There are downloadable posters, letters and information for Grange Month on the National Grange website, www.nationalgrange.org under the Members Resources tab/ Grange Month 2018.

It was nice to see a good crowd for the GRIT (Grange Resource, Information and Training) meeting in Burlington in February. It would have been nice to see a few more of our newer members in attendance, as this would have been a good experience for them to possibly learn more about the Grange. We were prepared to answer any Grange related questions that they might have had about the "Grange Way".

Anyone interested in watching the first four degrees will have an opportunity to do so if they wish on April 7th at 10:00 am in Vinita, Oklahoma. Oklahoma State Grange has invited anyone who wishes to see the degrees to join them on their Degree Day at the Cherokee Nation Vinita Health Center, 27371 S. 4410 Rd. in Vinita. If you would like any information you may contact me either by phone 785-633-9950 or email rogerbostwick@hotmail.com. Oklahoma always does a good job of presenting the degrees. It would be a great opportunity for those who haven't seen the degrees before or haven't seen them in a while.

Have a great Grange Month and hope to see you all soon.

Fraternally,
Roger

Junior Grangers Landon Funk, Kimber Newman and Ellen Durand play in the children's section of the Burlington Library during the GRIT meeting.



Pleasant View Grange News

Pleasant View Grange celebrated Christmas with a party on December 9th, 2017 at the Ozawkie United Methodist Church. Our Grange agreed to supply Christmas gifts for two children through our local food pantry, and the gifts were brought to this meeting. After a pot-luck soup supper, the Juniors had convinced the adults to let them go ahead with their gift exchange. Then while the kids played with their new toys and did some activities with Junior Director Callie Ballenger, the adults had a white elephant gift exchange, which is always fun. After this, Santa Claus arrived with treat bags for the kids. The two youngest weren't so sure about Santa, but the older ones were glad to tell him their Christmas list. State Master Roger Bostwick is our Santa.



Pleasant View men are good at making fleece blankets! Roger Bostwick, Bob Stiles, Bill Kramer and Jamie Durand. Betty Stiles was supervising.

Pleasant View had to cancel the January meeting due to illness (Influenza A and B) and the bad weather that month. In February Julie Durand presented a community service program and members worked on making Project Linus blankets. Members also brought donated food items for Alpha Christian Children's Home near Perry. Amy Kramer had knitted some purple baby hats for a donation to Click for Babies (Period of Purple Crying). Several of our members also attended the GRIT (Grange Resource, Information and Training) meeting in Burlington. Our Juniors absolutely loved the kids section of the Burlington library.

Julie Durand, Secretary



Pleasant View Junior members with Santa (Roger Bostwick): Bodie Ballenger, Truett Welsh, Kimber Newman, Bradley Ballenger, Ellen Durand and Sarah VanHouse.

Family Activities Committee News

I hope everyone's had a productive winter and avoided the Influenza. Right now is a great time to be working on larger projects, such as sewing, quilting, fiber arts, jewelry, wood working and metal working projects. Please keep October in mind as you work on items, as we'd love to have your talent displayed in the contest room. Members, Juniors and non-members can enter. The contest listing is on the website now, or for a paper copy please contact me.

One of our featured service projects is Project Linus. Blankets are provided to each child, 18 and under, who stays in the pediatric ward of a of Project Linus-supported hospital. There are chapters in Kansas City, Topeka and Wichita. The blankets must be new and handmade. If you like to crochet blankets and don't know who to give them to... Project Linus is the answer. If you need a community service project for your Grange and can hand-tie a fleece blanket... Project Linus is a great multi-person service project. Please either donate blankets to your nearest chapter, and let us know that you've done so, or bring them to the State Convention and they'll be taken to a Blanket Day in Topeka soon after. We will also accept fleece donations. For more information: www.projectlinus.org.

Fraternally,
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Easy Bunny Cupcakes

Ingredients:

Lemon Cupcakes:

1 box white cake mix
3 eggs
zest of 3 lemons
1/4 C. fresh lemon juice
2/3 C. milk
1/2 C. sour cream
1/3 C. oil

Cream Cheese Frosting:

8 oz. cream cheese
1/2 C. butter, softened
3-4 C. powdered sugar
2 tsp. vanilla extract

Bunny Ears:

20-24 large marshmallows
pink sprinkles

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line pans with cupcake liners.
2. Sift cake mix into a large bowl to remove any lumps, then continue to add the rest of the cake ingredients. Stir until smooth.
3. Fill cupcake liners 3/4 full and bake for 15-20 minutes or until an inserted knife comes out clean.
4. Let cool.
5. Cream Cheese Frosting: Beat cream cheese and butter until smooth. Continue to add in as much powdered sugar as needed to reach desired consistency. Add vanilla extract.
6. To make Bunny Ears, cut each marshmallow using scissors diagonally and then immediately press the sticky side into sprinkles.
7. Frost your cooled cupcakes and then top with a set of Bunny Ears!

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Make it a *Good Day!*™

Members around the country are feeling informed and engaged thanks to the new National Grange quarterly magazine, *Good Day!*™ Even those outside our membership have taken note, including world magazine expert, Samir Husni, AKA Mr. Magazine™.

The first four issues include the 180 page special double issue released in January 2018, the 96 page February debut edition, the 84 page May issue and the 118 page September issue. The double issue is sold out and there are few copies remaining of the first three issues that can be ordered individually through the Grange Store for \$5 plus \$2 shipping. If you subscribed in 2017, renew now to ensure you continue receiving this highly reviewed publication.



A one year subscription is \$14 and you can subscribe online at www.tinyurl.com/BuyGoodDay or by phone with National Grange Sales Director Loretta Washington at 202-628-3507 ext. 109. You can collect checks or cash and pay together online through your credit or debit card or you can send the separate payments into the National Grange headquarters at 1616 H St., NW, Washington, DC 20006 ATTN: Good Day!™ after entering your order online. Next deadline to subscribe is April 15 to receive the MAY 2018 edition.

Kansas State Grange Website Updates

New documents have been added to the Kansas State Grange Website, www.ks-grange.org

- ⇒ Kansas State Grange Family Activities 2018 Program
- ⇒ 2018 Brey Scholarship Application
- ⇒ National Grange 2018 Distinguished Subordinate Grange Application
- ⇒ 2018 National Grange Quilt Block Information and Entry Form
- ⇒ 1 in 1,000 Club of The Grange Foundation Application
- ⇒ The Grange Foundation Mercantile Information and Entry Form
- ⇒ Quilts of Valor Information
- ⇒ 2018 Great Plains Regional Conference Information and Registration Form



Kansas State Grange Annual Convention 2018

October 6th—8th

Feel free to make, modify or cancel reservations for the Kansas State Grange
at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/KSStateGrange2018>
Or by calling central reservations at **888.627.8649** and mentioning **KJ02AA** or
Kansas State Grange Annual Convention 2018
Reservations must be made by **September 2nd** to guarantee the group rate of \$89

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Welcome to Nebraska!

2018 Great Plains Regional Conference

June 22 – 24, 2018

**Ramada Midtown Conference Center
2503 S. Locust
Grand Island, NE 68801**

The Nebraska State Grange invites you to attend the Great Plains Youth Conference in Grand Island, Nebraska, on June 22-24th at the Ramada Midtown Conference Center. We are planning a "Welcome to Nebraska" weekend, full of good food, good fun and wonderful learning experiences.

Registration Information

Online registration is available at <https://tinyurl.com/GreatPlains2018>

Paper registration forms are available if needed. Please fill out one registration form (online or paper) per person. The registration deadline is APRIL 15, 2018. Pricing and deadline details:

- Early Bird Registration – Deadline March 15, 2018
 - \$75.00 (Ages 14+)
 - \$35.00 (Ages 5 – 13)
- After March 15, 2018 (Through April 15, 2018)
 - \$85.00 (Ages 14+)
 - \$40.00(Ages 5 – 13)

Send completed registration forms and payment to:

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402-426-5773

Please make checks payable to: Nebraska State Grange

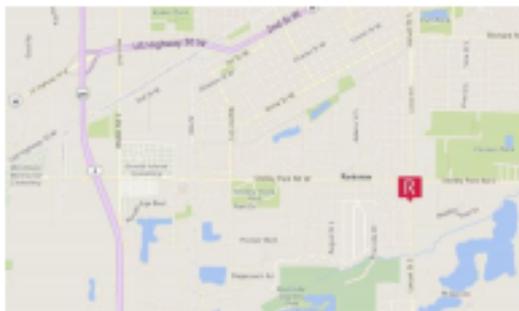
PLEASE NOTE: YOUR REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED

Room Reservations

For room reservations call the Ramada Midtown Conference Center at 308-382-1330. To secure the Grange Conference rate, call before April 15, 2018, and mention the Nebraska State Grange. Conference rate is \$99.95/night plus tax (includes Complementary Full Breakfast Buffet).

Grand Island, Nebraska

Located where US Highway 34 intersects Interstate 80 (and US Highway 30, or the Lincoln Highway), the city of Grand Island is easily accessible from anywhere. There are also a number of interesting places to visit along the way, including the Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer and the Hastings Museum a few miles south of Grand Island (including the history of Kool-Aid). For more information about area attractions, see <http://www.grand-island.com/home> and <http://visitgrandisland.com/>



Ramada Midtown Conference Center

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Grand Island, NE, 68801

Grand Island Fun Fact: In the mid 1800's, an idea came to light to develop a city in Central Nebraska. This city would be situated along the Platte River Road, and the first settlers hoped that the central location of this city would be ideal for the relocation of the nation's capital from Washington D.C. This dream, of course, never became reality.

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Are You Online? We Are!

It seems like everyone is online these days! Make sure to stay connected with the Kansas State Grange by liking us on Facebook.

You can also visit our website at ks-grange.org. Program books, various documents and previous issues of the Kansas Granger can all be found online.



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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.

Historical Committee News

Congratulations to the following families for receiving a Grange Legacy Family certificate:

Bostwick - 5 generations
Harra - 6 generations
Kramer - 6 generations
McPherson - 5 generations
Steffey - 6 generations

These families were recognized at the National Grange Convention and in the most recent issue of Good Day! magazine. State Master Roger Bostwick presented the certificates to family members at the recent GRIT meeting in Burlington.

If your family has five generations or more of Grange membership, you qualify for this recognition. Your historical committee has the forms, can help you fill them out, give you ideas on how to know if a certain family member was in Grange, etc. The forms are online at tiny.cc/GrangeLegacyFam as well. We hope to have more information about this in the next newsletter.

Fraternally,
Julie Durand, Jamie Klenklen and Linda Rothwell
Kansas State Grange Historical Committee