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Important Dates:

- **July 22:** KSG Leadership Workshop at Gardner Grange Hall (10 am - 2 pm)
- **August 13:** Distinguished Grange Application Postmark Deadline
- **August 15:** Community Service Report Postmark Deadline
- **August 15:** Community Service Award Nomination Deadline
- **August 17:** Distinguished Grange Online Submission Deadline
- **September 20:** Kansas State Grange Annual Convention Registration Deadline
- **October 6 - 8:** Kansas State Grange Annual Convention

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Great Plains Regional Conference

Greeting Grangers,

I want to start off by saying thank you to those who attended the Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference, and to those who donated towards it. Having the support from Kansas Grangers was much appreciated.

Great Plains was held in Lawrence June 23rd - 25th. There was representation from all five states in the region. We kicked off the conference Friday evening with a light dinner of hors d'oeuvres and appetizers. Following dinner, we worked on three different community service projects. We decorated over 30 pairs of socks for local nursing homes to use as colorful alternatives to non-slip socks. They will be donated to Pioneer Ridge in Lawrence. Nine fleece tie blankets were made to donate to Project Linus. Over 100 dog toys were made from old t-shirts that conference attendee's brought to use for the toys. These toys were divvied up between the states and they will be donated to animal shelters in each of the states. Junior Grangers watched the movie Trolls and created a Chronobomb maze. Vespers was led by Molly Newman on Kansas' behalf.

Saturday morning started off bright and early with a breakfast buffet before the Youth members headed off to Adam's Campus, a challenge course with a series of activities consisting of real and imaginary obstacles presented to

the group in a natural outdoor setting. The objective of the course was to bond the group and improve communication skills, cooperation, trust, supportive feedback, and leadership. The youth went through a series of seven obstacles, each time increasing their communication and team building skills.

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Socks were decorated with paint to make non-slip socks that will be donated to Pioneer Ridge nursing home in Lawrence. There were representatives from all five states in the region.

President's Column

Greetings Grangers,

I recently attended the Great Plains Leaders Conference in Lawrence. If you were unable to attend you missed a great conference. There were workshops on Grange Code reading, team building, and creating programs to increase interest in your Grange as well as fun activities for all ages, Juniors to adult. The regional speaking and Sign-a-Song entries were interesting and informative to watch. I wish all of those going on to National in Spokane the best of luck.

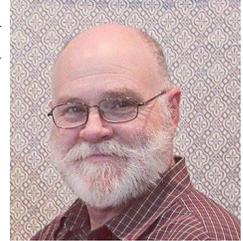
On July 22 there will be a Leadership School at the Gardner Grange hall. It will begin at 10:00am and finish up around 2:00pm, with a carry in lunch at noon. Everyone is encouraged to attend. There is a new contest at National for Grange Code reading for all age groups

which will be judged by the Assembly of Demeter Officers in Spokane. I will be giving a class on the Code at the Leadership school, along with Grange history about the code and ritualism. I encourage any members who may have questions about Grange history, ritualism or procedures to send them to me before the meeting so that I might research them, if needed. You can e-mail me at rogerbostwick@hotmail.com or call and leave a message at 785-633-9950 with your questions.

There will also be other departments giving information about events and activities as well. It should prove to be an informational and fun event with some good fellowship time.

Hope to see you there,

Roger



Great Plains Regional Contest Winners



Front row (left to right): Michael Learning (TX), 1st place Impromptu Speech. Krissy Hawk (OK), 2nd place Impromptu Speech. **Back row (left to right):** Kathryn Honesto (TX), 4th place Impromptu Speech. Falicity Leaming (TX), 1st place/ Best of Show Group Sign-a-Song. Megan Becerra (TX) 1st place/Best of Show Group Sign-a-Song. Molly Newman (KS), 1st place Impromptu Speech. Mandee Strawder (KS), 2nd place Grange Jeopardy. Carlie Conraday (OK), 1st place Junior Prepared Speech. Mandy Bostwick (KS), 1st place Grange Jeopardy and 2nd place Impromptu Speech. Leslie Nutter (OK), Best of Show Speech. Hayden Bailey (OK), 1st place Prepared Speech. (Photo by: Charlene Shupp Espenshade)

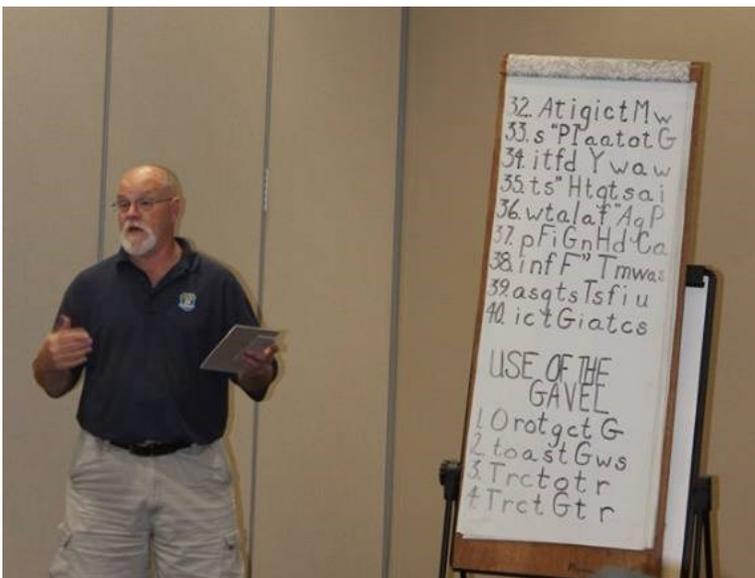
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While the Youth were at Adam's Campus the Juniors and other Grange Leaders stayed at the hotel and participated in a variety of workshops. National Junior Grange Ambassador, Jomni Tarbell, New York, attended the conference and lead two workshops for the Juniors. The first was on the Junior Honey Bee project, and the second was about the Junior Sign-a-Song contest. Kansas Junior Director, Callie Ballenger, presented an interactive workshop on Scrapbook pages for the Junior members to create a scrapbook page for the National Junior contest.

Grange Leaders from the states were informed by Kansas State Grange Master/President, Roger Bostwick, of the new National Grange Code Reading contest. ALL Grange members are invited to participate this year at National Session in Spokane Washington. Kansas Lecturer, Nathan Strawder presented two workshops: Team Building, and Motivating and Creating Programs to Attract Involvement. National Lecturer, Christine Hamp, used Zoom Video Conference to tell Great Plains Grange members about the National Lecturer programs.

A deli sandwich buffet was served before the Juniors and Grange leaders headed to the The Rules of Basketball at the DeBruce Center and the KU Biodiversity Institute and Natural History Museum.

A community service workshops was presented to the Youth by National Grange Youth Director, Charlene Shupp Espenshade, and Youth Team Members, Asa Houchin and Mandy Bostwick. This workshop was to show how to think outside the box



Roger Bostwick introducing the Code Reading Contest that will take place at the National Grange Convention in Spokane, WA.

A Special THANK YOU to the following donors and presenters:

Pleasant View Grange

Neosho Valley Grange

Carbondale Grange

Nathan Strawder

Mandee Strawder

Molly Newman

Roger Bostwick

when it comes to community service. Mandy Bostwick, Mandee Strawder, and Molly Newman presented a workshop on celebrating the 150th birthday of the National Grange at your local Grange. Roger Bostwick presented his Code Reading workshop again to the Youth members to help them also prepare for the National Code Reading contest.

After the conclusion of the workshops, Molly Newman, Mandee Strawder, and Mandy Bostwick represented Kansas in the annual Grange Jeopardy Contest. Mandee Strawder and Mandy Bostwick landed in final Jeopardy with Mandy taking first place, and Mandee taking second. Both can travel to National Session and compete at the national level.

A KC BBQ Buffet dinner was served on Saturday evening with the Speech and Sign-a-Song contest to follow. Molly Newman presented an elevator speech and an impromptu speech, taking first place in the 20-29 impromptu speech category. Mandy Bostwick also competed in the 20-29 impromptu speech category, winning second place. Junior members presented a Sign-a-Song that they learned in their workshops earlier in the morning. Raffle prizes were drawn at dinner and Darlene Janning of Nebraska announced that Great Plains would be held in Grand Island Nebraska next year over the same weekend. The evening ended in Vespers, led by Texas.

Jamee Funk, KSG Chaplain, led the devotional on Sunday before everyone parted ways to their home states.

Again, a huge thank you those who attended, presented a workshop and donated to the conference.

I hope to take a large Kansas group next year to Grand Island to represent our state at the 2018 Great Plains Regional Leaders Conference.

Fraternally submitted,

Mandy Bostwick

Kansas State Grange Youth/Young Adult Director

Community Service News

Summertime is here! It is a time to share the story of your successes with others by preparing end of year reports and/or submitting recognition nominations to honor those who go above and beyond in community service work. I am looking forward to receiving reports from every Grange!



There are three options for submitting end-of-year Community Service Reports:

- Community Service Report Form
- Report Form & Activity Project Sheets
- Notebook including Report Form & Activity Project Sheets, photographs publicity, etc.

All forms have been mailed to Granges previously and can be found in the 2017 Community Service Program Book on the [Kansas State Grange website](#). Remember to follow the suggestions from the National Grange Community Service Director (printed in the Spring Edition of the Kansas Granger) if submitting a notebook.

Please note that the end of Grange year Community Service Report must be **postmarked no later than August 15, 2017.**

Community Service Award Nomination forms, including a detailed description of each award, have been mailed to Granges and can be found in the 2017 Community Service Program Book on the [Kansas State Grange website](#).

The following are the available Awards:

- Community Support Award (i.e. library, church, senior center – member or non-member, individual or group)
- “You Make A Difference” Volunteer Award (i.e. volunteer in the community – member or non-member, individual or group)
- Dick Patten Community Service Fire Fighter and/or Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
- Teacher of the Year Award

Please note that all nomination forms must be **postmarked no later than August 15, 2017.**

I look forward to receiving nomination forms and Community Service Reports over the next few months!



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Pleasant View Grange News

Four Pleasant View members were recognized with membership awards during Grange Month. Jeanne Steffey and W. J. Kramer each received 60-year seals, and Callie Ballenger and Jeffery Bates-Bryant received Silver Star certificates and pins for 25 years of membership. Members also participated in a go-to church Sunday and pot luck lunch at the Ozawkie United Methodist Church.

In May, two former members were eulogized during our memorial program by Chaplain Mandy Bostwick. Arlene Bates passed on February 12, 2017 at the age of 96. She served as the pianist for many years at State Grange Convention, and was the long-time treasurer of Pleasant View. Beulah Pearson passed on March 6, 2017 at the age of 98. She served as state Women’s Activities Director from 1984-86, and served in many officer and director positions at Pleasant View.

We also remembered Howard Huck, who served in various State Grange offices for nearly 30 years, and while not a Pleasant View member, he visited our Grange. He was a member of Hall of Fame Grange and later Mt. Pleasant Grange. He passed on May 7, 2017.

In June, our Youth and Junior night brought out lots of Juniors. After a picnic supper, the kids enjoyed the playground and water balloons at the Ozawkie City Park.

Julie Durand, Pleasant View Grange Secretary



Pleasant View Junior Grangers - (very front) Domanic Malsbury, Lanie Cutright holding Ellen Durand, Dayle Cutright, Taegen Malsbury, and **(in back)** Sarah VanHouse, Makayla Malsbury and Kimber Newman.



Gardner Farmers Market

The Gardner Grange and its cosponsor, the City of Gardner, are excited to announce the new Gardner Farmers’ Market. Located at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, the market provides fresh produce, baked goods, crafts and flowers from a number of vendors.

When: Every Thursday thru Sept 28th
4 pm - 7 pm

Where: Johnson County Fairgrounds
(136 E Washington St, Gardner)

Bayneville Grange News

Community Service Projects and activities for Bayneville Grange during the months of March and April included:

- prepared and donated a meal at Ronald McDonald House in Wichita;
- donated 20 cases of water to the United Way Virtual Warehouse to be used during relief efforts following the massive fires in Kansas;
- delivered and donated 200 dictionaries to 5 elementary schools in Augusta;
- donated approx. 21 man-hours in one afternoon in support of the CARDS project (folded cardstock, stamped cards, stuffed 1000 envelopes, sorted boxes of colored mats);
- decorated and donated 100 postcards for the meal trays at the VA Hospital in Wichita for Memorial Day;



Bayneville Grangers decorated 100 postcards for the VA Hospital in Wichita to place on meal trays for Memorial Day.

- completed and donated six weighted blankets for Rainbows United to distribute to children with special needs.

We are proud to announce that we had three graduates in the month of May: Aaron Schif from Kansas State University, Baylee Schif and Jacob Schif from Kapaun Mt. Carmel in Wichita. Baylee will be going to school at Emporia State University and Jacob to Kansas State University in the fall.

Gardner Grange News

Daryl and I, as well as Doug and Sandy are newer members of Gardner Grange and we were trying to understand what is the purpose of the Grange. We had attending meetings and helped with various community projects but still felt like the Grange wasn't relevant in our community.

Sandy did some research about relationships with communities and farmers and suggested the Farmers' Market in February 2017. As soon as the words were out of her mouth we were off and running! What a great idea we thought.

We started checking out the websites of area markets and looked at organizations that help markets get started. Two great ones in this area are- From the land of Kansas and K-State Extension office. They even offer seminars over the winter which we plan to attend. Each of us took a different area to work on, I worked on the vendor rules and packets, Daryl researched which vendors were in the area, Doug worked on getting liability ins and Sandy took on the treasurer's responsibilities. We proposed our market at our Grange meeting in April, with the approval vote coming at our May meeting.

We looked at the reasons why the last market in our community failed and worked to make sure we addressed those concerns: such as highly visible location, parking and traffic flow, marketing and community involvement.

We chose the parking lot of the Grange so every week at the Market the shoppers will see our building to help promote interest. At one month out we had the city and fair board on board and we ordered yard sale type signs and sent out vendor invitations. We set up the Market page on Facebook and issued a press release. We measured out the parking lot and had the number of stalls set and then we waited...

At two weeks out we still had no confirmed vendors. This was a stressful time but we kept busy with the marketing and the many details to be ironed out. Finally, at one week out we started receiving vendor commitments and we were able to breathe a sigh of relief. We really didn't know what to expect the first week, would the vendors get along, would any customers show up?

What a surprise then when on the first night we had 350 customers and many of the vendors sold out and mentioned their pleasure about their experience. Last week was our 3rd week in, with 400 customers and 19 vendors.

The vendors sell everything from produce, dog treats, honey, flowers, kettle corn to bath fizz bombs. Each week continues to be a learning experience as we have such fun at the Farmer's Market. Get your team together and you can also become relevant in your community. All you need is one idea!

Leslie Arndt, Gardner Grange

Flora Mandee Strawder

Mandee Strawder is a fourth generation Grange member from Burlington. She became a Junior Grange member at 5 years old and has remained an active member of Otter Creek Grange #1493 and the Kansas State Grange. Mandee serves as the Youth Chairman of her subordinate Grange. It is her first year serving as Flora, third year as Communications Director, and first year as Kansas Granger Editor for the Kansas State Grange.

Mandee was raised on a small family farm just outside of Burlington which gave her a fundamental interest in agriculture and access for rural communities. Passionate about agriculture and its future, Mandee was a member of 4-H for 8 years. She attended Kansas State University and Friends University where she majored in Business Management. In 2012, Mandee relocated to Des Moines, Iowa where she currently resides but frequently travels back to Kansas to visit family and for Grange activities. She works at Principal Financial Group as a Quality Review Specialist and spends her free time with her boyfriend, Jake, and beagle, Oakley.

In 2016, Mandee served in the National Grange Communication Fellowship program. She was able to attend the 2016 National Grange Convention and learn about all sides of communications and more through many workshops. Mandee has been able to implement some of what she learned at National Convention in her duties as Communications Director and Kansas Granger Editor.



Chaplain Jamee Funk



Jamee Funk is a member of Bayneville Grange #1810 and serves as the Kansas State Grange Chaplain. This will be her third year serving as Chaplain. She has also been the Youth and Young Adults Director for the State Grange. Jamee has officially been a Grange member since age five but has been told she attended her first state session at two weeks old.

Outside of Grange, Jamee works as a Pediatric Physical Therapist at Rainbows United in Sedgwick County, Kansas. She enjoys crafting which often sparks memories of Junior Grange Camp and planting flowers as a Junior Granger.

Jamee is the daughter of Michael and Randee Farmer, granddaughter of Dr. Gilbert and the late Lola Mae Farmer and Laverne and the late Randall Schif. She is married to Colby Funk and they have two boys, Landon and Jace. Jamee and her family reside in Whitewater, Kansas.

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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.

Lady Assistant Steward Molly Newman

Molly Newman is a member of Pleasant View Grange #1459 where she currently serves as President. She serves as the Lady Assistant Steward of the Kansas State Grange and has since 2010. Molly became a Grange member at age five but has attended meetings since she was about a week old.

Molly is a Mathematics teacher at Oskaloosa Junior-Senior High School. She enjoys photography, crafting with her family, shopping and whatever else time allows. Molly is married to Vince Newman and they have a daughter Kimber. Molly is the daughter of Roger and Melanie Bostwick, granddaughter of Byron and LolaMae Bostwick and Delvis and Jeanne Steffey.

Molly says some of her favorite Grange memories include being crowned Kansas Junior Grange Princess in 1999, being a Trumpet Girl in the 7th Degree at National Grange in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 2001, being elected an officer of the Kansas State Grange in 2010, presenting a speech during the Night of Excellence at National Grange in Boise, Idaho in 2011, and introducing a four-day-old baby Kimber to a hall full of Grangers at State Grange Session in Lawrence, Kansas in 2013. And of course, many, many years of Junior Grange Camp at the Grange Center!



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