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**88th ANNUAL SESSION**

**Poteet Grange Hall**
**Poteet, Texas**

# Dedication

## *Doris and Daylon Payne*



Daylon and Doris Payne both grew up in Poteet. They are both involved in agriculture. Doris was raised on a farm, Daylon lived in town, but sold farm equipment and parts for years. They lived in town for a while, but then moved back to the farm. Daylon has always had a huge garden, and Doris cans and freezes many vegetables every year. They raised three sons and now enjoy their grandchildren. Doris has worked as a teaching sub, bus driver, and had other jobs. Daylon serves on the Poteet Strawberry Festival Association board of directors for Poteet Grange. They volunteer at a local food bank distribution twice a month. They have both held several offices locally and at state. They have also attended several National conventions.

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## 2022-2023

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## 2022 DELEGATES

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**No. 1547 Black Hill……..…… Gladys Kruse**

**No. 1541 Cibolo…….Jack Steers and Lori Wuest**

**No. 1431 David Crockett…….....Jack Smithers and Helen Alameda**

**No. 1655 Kreutzberg……..….Jay Pfeiffer and Jennie Pfeiffer**

**No. 1581 Leon Valley……..Jerry Billquist and Bonnie Billquist**

**No. 1654 Mesquite……..…Leah Overstreet and Karryn Overstreet**

**No. 1576 Poteet……...……...Connie Waxler and Margie Blair**

**No. 6 Bexar Co. Pomona……...…….….Mary Bell Baker and Deborah O'Toole**

**No. 1 Atascosa Co. Pomona……..…Daylon Payne and Doris Payne**

# 2023 Officers



# MEMORIAM

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## Texas State Grange Memorial Service
## July 30, 2022

**Alamo Grange**
Manuel Mendoza
Earl Bly

**David Crockett**
Jerry Davis
CA Kincaid
Rosalee Bromlow

**Black Hill**
James Kruse

### CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE FIFTH & SIXTH DEGREE

Ariel Buklwski……...……...Poteet Grange

Brent Carson...……..……Poteet Grange

Carmen Maglievaz.……Poteet Grange

Madison Maglievaz……...……Poteet Grange

Denise Martinez…...……..Poteet Grange

Robert Martinez…….....……..Poteet Grange

Crystal McBride…….....……..Poteet Grange

# TEXAS STATE GRANGE 88TH ANNUAL SESSION
# JULY 29-30, 2022
## POTEET GRANGE HALL
## Poteet, Texas

State Officers of the Texas State Grange (15 officers present, 3 pro temp)

| Present | Office | Name | Pro Temp |
|---|---|---|---|
| X | Master | Karen Overstreet | |
| X | Overseer | Margie Blair | |
| X | Lecturer | Fayerene Smith | |
| | Steward | Juan Soliz | Jack Smithers |
| X | Assistant Steward | Buddy Overstreet | |
| X | Lady Assistant Steward | Leah Overstreet | |
| | Chaplain | Irene Nieto | Karyyn Overstreet |
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| X | Ceres | Helen Alameda | |
| X | Pomona | Barbara Franklin | |
| X | Flora | Kimberly Ehlers | |
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| | Executive Committee #3 | Dave Weaver | Robert Martinez |
| X | Executive Committee #4, Secretary | Ann Roeder | |
| X | State Executive Committee Emeritus | Curtis Voges | |

Delegates of TX State Grange (6 granges represented, 12 delegates) (1 Pomona granges, 2 delegates)

| **Present** | **Grange** | **Delegate Name** | **Alternate** |
|---|---|---|---|
| XX | Alamo | Buddy Overstreet, Irene Nieto | Penny Martin |
| | Black Hill | James Kruse, Gladys Kruse | |
| XX | Cibolo | Jack Steers, Lori Wuest | |
| XX | David Crockett | Jack Smithers, Helen Alameda | |
| | Kreutzberg | Jay Pfeiffer, Jennie Pfeiffer | |
| XX | Leon Valley | Jerry Billquist, Bonnie Billquist | |
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The 88th Annual Session of the Texas State Grange was called to order on Friday, July 29, 2022 at 9:20 a.m. by Worthy State Master Karen Overstreet at the Poteet Grange Hall in Poteet, TX.

Opening prayer was said by Sister Karryn Overstreet. Opening song was America the Beautiful. Special guest Martin Gonzales, chairman of the Atascosa County Historical Committee was brought to the Master and greeted everyone. After his presentation, Brother Jerry Billquist gave a response to the opening and greeting.

Presentation of the flag and introduction of past National delegates. Brother Jack Smithers present.

Roll call of officers and delegates by the State Secretary. Sister Karen asks if there are any changes that need to be made to the program. Brother Jack Smithers moves to accept the program and allow for changes throughout the weekend. Brother Jerry Billquist seconds; motion carries.

Resolution packets are passed out. Sister Karen asks for any resolutions for immediate action and also recommends that the Youth/Junior committee meet even though they do not have resolutions to plan activities.

Sister Karen calls for Break at 9:52 a.m. Call back to order at 10:55 a.m.

A video from National Grange President, Betsy Hueber was shown with updates from the National Board. National Executive Committee member, William (Buddy) Overstreet was brought to the Master and greeted everyone then gave a more in depth update on National Grange happenings. The floor was opened for questions and comments.

Sister Connie Waxler reported on her committee meeting. She spoke about Resolution #2 -two changes were made. The number of delegates were changed from three to four and added clarification on the age of the youth delegate from 13.5-18 years old. The floor was opened for questions and discussion. It was moved and seconded to be approved with the changes. Resolution was adopted.

Brother Danny Boenig presented on behalf of the Agriculture committee. He spoke about Resolution #1 which was in the packet. A motion was made and seconded a change of the wording to “and would not be mowed until plants reseed”. Resolution was voted upon and adopted.

Another Resolution was added from the Agriculture committee and will be Resolution #6. The committee asks for adoption of this resolution. “prevent any land purchases by foreign persons/government.” The amendment was voted on and carried. The resolution was adopted as amended. The agriculture committee was released.

Recess for lunch at 11:49. Call back to order at 1:15

Special guest speaker Hallie Bates, 2022 Strawberry Festival Queen, gave a speech about service to the community and agriculture. She also focused on the simple beauties in our lives and the ability we have to teach others how to love and cultivate the land. After a few questions from fellow Grange members, Sister Karen responds to her speech and gives a gift of appreciation to the guest.

Transportation, Education, Safety and Health Committee chair Brother Jack Steers brought forward Resolution #3. The resolution will be adopted as amended.

Legislative/Agriculture Director Curtis Voges presented updates on legislation in the government. He also reviewed the top 6 agricultural priorities this legislative session.

Sister Fayerene asked another trivia question.

Chairperson of the Legislative committee, Jerry Billquist stated that their committee is rejecting resolution #5 at this time as written. The motion to reject was approved. He then spoke about fundraiser ideas and their lack of what would work at a state level. The committee was released with the option of calling them back as needed.

Brother Jack Smithers questioned if the state is still receiving $4 per year from our dues and $1 that goes to the national. This was affirmed.

Brother William (Buddy) Overstreet of the Membership/State By-Laws committee was the presented resolution #4 and asked that it be approved. The resolution was discussed. The resolution passed.

Brother Jack Smithers asks that those participating in the 6th degree stay for a small practice. Session recessed at 2:16 p.m. It was called back to order and raised to the Fifth Degree at 7:15 P.M. Obligation of Fifth Degree given to seven Fourth Degree Members.

The Texas State Grange was then raised to the Sixth Degree and the names of the marching candidates are as follows: Ariel Buklwski, Robert Martinez, Brent Carson, Crystal McBride, Madison Maglievaz, Denise Martinez, and Carmen Maglievaz.

The Sixth Degree was exemplified by the Texas State Grange Officers as follows: Master, Jack Smithers, David Crockett; Overseer, Margie Blair, Poteet; Steward, Juan Soliz, Cibolo; Assistant Steward, Buddy Overstreet, Alamo; Lady Assistant Steward, Penny Martin, pro-tem; Alamo; Chaplain, Edna Guerra, pro-tem; Alamo; Lecturer, Fayerene Smith, David Crockett; Treasurer, Bonnie Billquist, Leon Valley; Gatekeeper, Danny Boenig, Cibolo; Executive Committee, Jerry Billquist, Leon Valley; Executive Committee, Dave Weaver, Cibolo;

Executive Committee, Ann Roeder, Poteet; Ceres, Helen Alameda, David Crockett; Flora, Kimberly Ehlers, David Crockett; Pomona, Barbara Franklin, Poteet.

- The Rose Drill team gave an excellent presentation, and Sister Karen asked each one to tell their name and the Grange they were from. The Rose drill team is as follows: Karryn Overstreet, Alamo; Val Fragosa, Cibolo; Charlotte Tate, Cibolo; Karen Overstreet, Alamo; This was the first time in history the Rose Drill has been complete with only four women.




The Grange was lowered to the Fourth degree. The implements were secured for the night, and the flag was retired by Assistant Steward, Buddy Overstreet, Lady Assistant Steward, Penny Martin, pro-tem, and Flora, Kimberly Ehlers. The closing song was “Bless be the Tie that Binds”. The Session closed at 8:15 pm.

**Saturday, July 30, 2022**

The Grange was opened in the fourth degree at 9:07 A.M. by Master Karen Overstreet. Worthy Chaplain, Smoky Martin, pro-tem, gave the opening prayer, and the opening song “Bringing in the Sheaves.” The flag was presented by Assistant Steward, Buddy Overstreet, Lady Assistant Steward, Leah Overstreet, and Ceres, Barbara Franklin.

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| X | Lady Assistant Steward | Leah Overstreet | |
| | Chaplain | Irene Nieto | Smoky Martin |
| X | Treasurer | Bonnie Billquist | |
| X | Secretary | Karryn Overstreet | |
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Roll call of officers and delegates was taken by the State Secretary, and minutes from the previous day were read. Brother Jack Smithers moves to accept the minutes with changes as discussed. A second was received from Brother Jerry Billquist. Minutes adopted.

Gail Dayle, Chairman of Grange Activities presented on behalf of her committee. They had no resolution to discuss but had an update on the activities that will be offered in 2023. The banquet theme for 2023 will be “The Wild West”.

Sister Connie announced that banquet tickets are still being sold, and she needs the final count soon, so if anyone wants a ticket, please buy one.

Sister Margie Blair then gave the community service report. 5 granges turned in community service books. Cibilo won the national Grange contest in 2022. The state of TX gave a total of 18,000 hours this past year. She encouraged everyone to continue their community service. She also spoke about the amount of time and energy that is required to put these books together and encouraged everyone to thank these members. Brother Jack Smithers asked if the Cibilo Granges book was on display today. It was not, but it will be considered to display them at future state conventions. Brother Smithers gave a quick summary of the history of community service books in TX.

Sister Fayerne gave the Lecturer’s report for the last year. She reviewed her activities over the last year. This report was voted on and approved.

Worthy State Master Karen Overstreet was introduced by Brother Jerry Billquist to present her report on her activities in the past year. She was very busy on behalf of TX not only in TX but across the nation. She did inform the meeting floor that she will continue celebrating superheros over the next year as it is part of who she is to celebrate others. Internet and agriculture were both topics that were spoken about. Two of our granges were closed last year but our other granges are still reaching out to others and growing. In 2023 Texas will host the Great Plains Regional Grange meeting and a committee will be formed to accomplish this. If anyone wishes to be a part of this committee, please let Sister Karen know. She spoke about her goals for the upcoming year.

A break was given at 10:08. Session was called back to order at 10:26

Election of state officers was held, and the following members were elected to office:

Master-Karen Overstreet

Overseer- Margie Blair

Executive Committee #2- Connie Waxler

Executive Committee #4- Ann Roeder

Lecturer-Helen Alameda

Steward- Robert Martinez

Assistant Steward- Buddy Overstreet

Lady Assistant Steward- Leah Overstreet

Chaplain-Denise Martinez

Gatekeeper-Dan Boenig

Secretary- Carmen Maglievaz

Treasurer- Bonnie Billquist

Ceres- Irene Nieto

Pamona- Barbara Franklin

Flora- Fayerene Smith

Good of the Order committee requested to be released. It was moved and seconded then voted upon. The committee was released.

Sister Bonnie Billquist and Sister Ann Rader presented an idea for fundraising. The idea was for each Grange member to collect their spare change to "Make a Change" and then bring them to their local grange. The local grange will then turn this into the executive committee.

Sister Lori Wuess and Sister Kathy O'Meara presented the Youth and Junior Grange committee. They presented their annual report. The floor was opened for discussion and questions. The report was approved. The committee was then released with the option to bring them back.

Sister Gail Dayle presented her Family Activity Director's report. There were 78 entries in this year's contests. This is almost double the number of entries from 2021. She shared the names of winners in each contest. This report was accepted.

A couple of announcements- Executive committee will meet at the break to work out details for tonight's banquet. Sister Connie announced that the Poteet Chamber of Commerce is raffling off a Poteet Strawberry Festival T-shirt quilt. Tickets are $5 each or 3/$10. Final announcement was that tickets for tonight's banquet are still available.

Sister Fayerene Smith then presented the results of the Lecturer's contests. This report was approved.

Break for lunch is called at 11:45. The Grange was called back to order at 1:25 then was put at ease.

A memorial service was held at 1:25PM., and a prayer was given by Master, Karen Overstreet followed by the 23 Psalm. Chaplain pro-temp, Penny Martin spoke. Roll call of the deceased, along with background of each individual, was given, and a rose was placed on the altar in remembrance of each Granger. Closing song was "In the Garden".

A break was taken at 1:40 PM to set up for the next order of business. We reconvened at 1:55.

The next order of business was the Installation of two Executive Committee positions, all officers, and the three graces which was presented by Brother Jerry Billquist with the assistance of Sister Penny Martin and Brother David Weaver.

Sister Bonnie Billquist provided the treasurer's report to the floor. She presented her report. Jefferson State Bank accounts have been closed. Security Service now holds all state Grange accounts. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted. The motion was approved.

Brother Buddy gives the Audit Committee report which will be printed in the journal. He says Sister Bonnie did a great job with the report. Brother Jack Smithers moves to release the Audit Committee, and Sister Helen seconds. Committee dismissed.

Brother Jerry Billquist Announced that there will be two live auction items tonight after dinner. Donated by Brother Marty Billquist. Bring your checkbooks.

Announcements: Feedback sheets should be turned in to the overseers table. All items from the installation of officers need to be placed on the overseer's table also. A photo will be taken of all officers after the conclusion of the session.

There being no further business, the 88th Session of the Texas State Grange was closed at 2:45 P.M. The implements were secured for the night by Steward, Brother Robert Martinez. Flag was retired by Assistant Steward Buddy Overstreet, Lady Assistant Steward Leah Overstreet, and Flora, Fayerene Smith. Closing song was "God Be With You."

# Granger of the Year Award

## Presented to Barbara Franklin, Poteet Grange




Barbara Franklin has been a faithful member of Poteet Grange almost all her life. She was in Juvenile Grange before she became a 4th Degree Member. She was raised in the Grange family locally and at the state level.

Her Grange accomplishments are many and varied. She has served in many offices of Poteet Community Grange and Texas State Grange. She has been in the rose drill, Grow Club, was a GISYE, attended many national sessions, and has worked diligently on our local projects. She has entered and won many contests at state, including art and photography. She has worked at Poteet Strawberry Festival, probably every year she was old enough; in the shortcake booth, cleaning the festival grounds before the event, managing product distribution during the event, and she has distributed thousands of festival bumper stickers before the event to advertise throughout the years.

Barbara taught many years in San Antonio schools, mostly middle school science. She has refereed and run the game clock at many school sports events. She retired in 2013 and has been working to downsize property holdings and move to her paternal grandparents farm just outside of Poteet.

She belongs to several other organizations and is active in each: Eastern Star, Poteet Methodist church, as well as a Methodist church on the south side of San Antonio, a state retired teacher group in which she has visited and lobbied at the state capitol in Austin and she is also still active in her college sorority. She enjoys traveling and has been to many countries.

She shares information of interest for our Grange awareness and ideas for resolutions. There are few Grange activities she misses. She has been a truly hard-working and faithful Granger. Barbara is truly generous and deserving of this honor.

## Educator of the Year Award

**Presented to Ruth Ann Olivares-Cubalcaba**




Ms. Olivares or Ms. O as she is known to many of her students is the High School Art teacher in Poteet ISD. She is currently the sponsor of the art club but over her last 15 years in Poteet she has been the sponsor of many other organizations. As a Poteet native Mrs. O has contributed to many community based art projects such as a mural on the all of city hall, and murals on buildings on the Poteet Strawberry Festival grounds. She gives to her community and her students daily, which is the reason she is celebrated as the Texas Grange Educator of the Year.

# 2022

# REPORTS OF

# OFFICERS

# AND

# DIRECTORS

# STATE MASTER'S ADDRESS
# 2022

Worthy National Representative, Worthy Past State Master and First Lady, Brother Jack and Sister Margaret Smithers, Officers, Delegates, and Friends:

It is a privilege to bring you greetings as we open this 88th Annual Session of the Texas State Grange here at the Poteet Grange Hall. Thank you to the Poteet Grange for inviting us back. I know hosting a State Session can be stressful and I truly appreciate all your hard work and dedication.

After the 2021 Texas State Grange Annual Session, Buddy and I had the privilege of attending the Colorado State Grange Session. It is interesting to see how other states conduct their business, what contests are being offered, the various resolution issues they are concerned with and it's always a treat to meet more Grangers!

Following that, we were honored to represent the Texas State Grange as delegates to the 155th session of the National Grange in Wichita, Kansas. Texas had 29 Grangers attend and many Texas Grange supporters who could not make the trip. Thank you for all who worked in the hospitality room or other areas of the convention, participated in the 6th degree or 7th degree, participated in contests and provided information for our display board. (which is located ????) I greatly appreciate each and every one of you! It was a huge success, and we received many compliments! There was much discussion regarding the National Grange Headquarters Building AND…. as Buddy mentioned yesterday, there is still much discussion going on. I will continue to provide you with the most current information as I receive it.

Texas' resolution regarding National Annual Dues did not pass; however, Texas continues to try and find ways statewide on how to make it less time consuming for our subordinate secretaries. One of the highlights was when the National Grange Community Service Director informed me that Cibolo Grange had won first place on their Community Service Notebook. Out of 33 reports across the United States, Cibolo's hard work and dedication paid off. Keep up the good work Cibolo! Texas did have one entry in the National Talent Show. Leah Overstreet played her guitar and sang, Make it Rain. The Juniors were also well represented at National. Jazlyn Rodriguez signed a song entitled "Fight Song" by Rachel platen. Eric Rodriguez's speech about the differences between the colossal squid and the sperm whale won Best of Show and he received a trophy. Congratulations Leah, Jazlyn and Eric for representing Texas!

In February, Buddy and I virtually participated in the National Presidents' Conference. Projects and programs were also explained at this time. During the conference, we received information about National Grange Advocacy, Granges and their IRS Status, National Grange Benefits, Meaningful connections through Social Media, Youth and Jr. Programs, and Updating the data base.

Our Texas State Grange Leaders' Day was a huge success. Thank you to Cibolo Grange for hosting this event. Information was distributed for Presidents,

Secretaries, Youth and Juniors, Agriculture/Legislative, Community Service, Membership, Lecturers, and Family Activities. Brother Dave Weaver was also able to assist granges in setting up their own web page. I hope the information will be useful to the members of our local granges.

As you all know, I love recognizing "Superheroes" across Texas. I believe it is extremely important that we encourage each other and share positive comments to lift one another up. Especially now when we are exposed to so much negativity in the world.

## Public Service

Texas Grangers continue to find various means to serve their communities. Among some of the activities sponsored this past year were:
*Participating in the Words for Thirds program
*Delivering school supplies
*Awarding Grange scholarships
*Sponsoring ROAD foundation activities
*Coordinating Senior Citizen programs, coordinating Meals on Wheels distribution center
*Sponsoring Quilt of Valor presentations and Quilts of Valor National Sew Day
*Delivering Holiday cards to employees at the local schools
*Donating toiletry bags for women at the local shelter;
*Delivering Meals on Wheels on Thanksgiving Day.
*Donating toys for the Toys for Tots Program
*Providing Karaoke and Farmers Market for the community
*Delivering Christmas candy boxes for the children at Head Start Programs
*Assisting with Easter Service and Memorial Day Service at community churches
*Sponsoring community Pet Vaccination Clinics
*Sponsoring cardio and strength building classes
*Participating in Cornyval and Strawberry Festival
*Donating cases of bottled water for Band Camp at a local school
*Collecting quilts to present to every child and adult employee in the Uvalde school system at the beginning of next year.

Our young people have also been busy with various activities:
Assisting the Easter Bunny, volunteering at various Festivals, participating in game day, learning how to write resolutions, assisting in the Grange opening and closing.

Each of your Granges are so mindful of the various needs in your community and you do your best to meet those needs. I encourage you to continue documenting what projects/activities you participate in and include them in your community service report or notebook. Thank you to Sister Margie Blair, our Community Service Director, for collecting these reports and acquiring individuals to judge them.

## Legislative/Agriculture

Brother Curtis Voges is back!! He has agreed to be the Agriculture/Legislative Director for the Texas State Grange. Brother Curtis is constantly keeping us up to date and informing our members of various legislative and agricultural issues happening in the state and country.

Rural broadband continues to be a top priority for the National Grange in hope to upgrade rural broadband coverage to reach rural areas. Congress was clear that the $65 billion in broadband funding was to connect the unserved first and the underserved next before all other needs. Almost one-fourth of rural residents still don't have high-speed broadband and many farms and ranches still lack any access to broadband. Currently the easiest, most cost- effective way to provide broadband to remote families is to use the existing utility poles which carry electricity and telephone services. The National Grange has filed comments with the Federal Communications Commission to support guidelines that will help ensure fair, equitable, cost-effective and timely access to poles. As the Texas State Grange works closely with Connect the Future Texas, we hope to develop solutions to expand access to more homes, farms, ranches and businesses, by improving pole access rules so more Texans can have access to the Internet.

As Sid Miller, the Texas Agriculture Commissioner states, "Texas Agriculture Matters!". From the impact on the state economy to the role in supporting rural communities, agriculture makes a huge difference in Texas. One of the most important roles it plays is the war against hunger. Across the United States there are 42 million Americans that suffer from food insecurities and the pandemic made it worse. In Texas there are approximately 4 million Texans including 1/2 million children who go to bed hungry. According to Mr. Miller, the Texas Department of Agriculture assists with various feeding programs including school meals, grants for home delivered meals, and providing funds for local food pantries. The San Antonio Food Bank is one of the largest hunger relief organizations in southwest Texas. It feeds about 120,000 people each week and serves 29 counties. Texas has 21 food banks that serve 254 counties throughout the state of Texas. I urge you to look into various ways we can assist in decreasing the number of Texans experiencing food insecurities. If there is not a local food bank in your community, I would encourage you to either support an established food bank or organize a food bank of your own. We can make a difference by helping those who are experiencing food insecurities.

## Grange Activities & Membership

Texas Grange members continue to sponsor many various activities for its members and community. Unfortunately, we had to officially close two granges this year, Boerne and Converse. However, as I mentioned earlier, the Texas local Granges are still reaching out to others and serving to make their communities better. I love seeing the articles in the newsletter from all the Subordinate Granges. When you report on all the activities your grange is sponsoring or participating in,

it may give other granges new ideas of various opportunities they could try in their own community. So keep those articles coming in, we want to see what is happening in your grange. Sister Ann Roeder does a wonderful job in organizing our newsletter and disseminating it to our Texas Grangers. Not only do we reach out to the community, we also have to take care of our Texas members and assist each other whenever needed. Our Interim State Secretary and State Treasurer have worked very hard on ways to make collecting annual dues a little easier and less time consuming for the subordinate secretaries. I know this is a volunteer organization; however, in order for it to run smoothly, we need to all work together which includes getting our dues to the State Secretary in a timely manner. Texas has paid our dues to National for the entire year. If your subordinate grange wants to pay for the entire year also that would be great or your grange can choose to pay quarterly. Whichever you choose to do, please be mindful of deadlines. Thank you to Sister Carmen and Sister Bonnie for all of your time and effort and being so patient as we are all learning this new process.

Throughout the year, I was able to visit various Grange meetings and activities. On July 9th, Texas was represented on the 2nd Annual National Grange Virtual Telethon. The goal of the telethon was to raise funds for the National Youth and Junior Departments. It was very successful! Thank you to the many members who participated and supported the National Youth and Junior programs.

In June, Kansas State Grange hosted the Great Plains Regional Conference; however, with the increase in gas prices, Texas did not have any representatives attend. Next year it will be Texas' turn to host the 2023 Great Plains Regional Conference. A committee will be organized to scout out places, compare prices and organize programs for this event. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let me know.

Our Jrs and Young people continue to participate in various activities throughout the community. Some have participated in Farmers' Markets, Festivals, sewing quilt blocks, collecting and delivering items for various food pantries and nursing homes, assisting with pet vaccination clinics, and Christmas caroling. They have many ideas about how they want to help others in the community and their enthusiasm is contagious. Thank you to Kathy O'Meara, Pat Soliz, and Lori Wuest who are constantly trying to provide opportunities for leadership, and safe and fun activities for these young individuals.

Some of my goals for this next year are:

*Continue to work closely with Connect the Future Texas to do our part in servicing those Texans who do not have internet access.

*Continue recognizing heroes in our local Granges (y'all know I love doing that!)

*Brainstorm with local Granges during their yearly planning meetings to discuss what we can do locally to decrease the number of Texans who are experiencing food supply uncertainties.

*Support local Granges with their already established activities.

I truly believe as each Grange provides a variety of activities to meet the needs of their community, our Texas State Grange will increase in membership because people will want to be a part of this wonderful organization that is reaching out to the community.

The Texas State Grange has a wonderful team of officers and department heads. I am so blessed to be able to work with these individuals. If at any time your local grange needs assistance, please contact one of us. Not only is this team here to serve you, but we are always looking for opportunities on how we can make our grange organization better. Brother Jack Smithers and Sister Margaret are also great assets to our organization and to me. They continue to encourage me and assist me whenever needed. Thank you both so much!

Delegates, and members of the Texas State Grange, thank you for being here today and for all your input and support. I wish to thank you all for allowing me to serve you!

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to my family for their constant support, patience, and willingness to always help me.
May God continue to bless the Texas State Grange!

Fraternally Submitted,
Karen Overstreet
President Texas State Grange

## OVERSEER'S REPORT

I have attended the Executive Committee meetings at the State level. I have also attended meetings of my Subordinate Grange meetings when I could.I am planning to do as much as I can to spread the activities of the Texas State Granges.

Fraternally submitted,
Margie Blair
Texas State Grange Overseer

## LECTURER'S REPORT

Worthy TX State Master, Karen Overstreet, TX State Officers and Delegates.

**August**-Submitted Best of Show 2021 Talent Contest Entry, Leah Overstreet, from Texas State Grange 87 th Annual Session. Participated in Texas State Grange Executive Committee Meeting at Poteet, August 28th . Submitted Lecturer's article for TX State Grange newsletter.

**October**-Submitted an article for the fourth quarter of 2021 "A Quarter's Worth,"

for the National Lecturer's publication. The title was "Traces of the Past Meet the Present."
**November**- Traveled (Flight-Austin to Oklahoma City rental car-Oklahoma City to Wichita, Kansas) to National Grange Convention, November 11-13. Friday was Texas day to host Hospitality. Spent that day greeting Grangers, keeping snacks available and the area tidy. Also helped make sandwiches for groups going on tours to take for lunch. Attended Thursday and Friday evening events in the auditorium. Observed Friday National Grange in Session and Texas members were photographed as a group. Purchased five Challenge Coins to support National Lecturers' fundraiser. (Reversed travel Saturday to arrive home Saturday night.)
**December**- Submitted Lecturer's report for TX State Grange December Executive Committee Meeting & newsletter. Unable to attend meeting.
**January** –Submitted a "Raspberry Fondue Dip Recipe" for the first quarter of 2022 "A Quarter's Worth," the National Lecturer's publication.
**February**-Contacted Sister Gail, TX State Family Activities' Chairperson, to discuss our ideas and plan a program for the Leadership Workshop to be held in March. I prepared a packet of information including National contests and had copies run to share with each TX Subordinate Grange Lecturer.
**March**- Texas State Grange Leadership Workshop-Sister Gail presented copies of the 2022 TX Family Activities and Lecturers Contest. I had contacted Sister Gloria Godoy and she agreed to present the Lecturers' program in my absence. Copies for National Grange Lecturer contests were handed out: Wonky Star Quilt Block and Virtual Photos. Two questions were brought from program to me: Why was there a change in date of the quilt block entry (June 30) and why have both an adult and a men's category in quilt block contest? I contacted Sister Ann Bercher, National Lecturer for answers. She thought maybe they needed more time to judge quilt blocks and to encourage men to participate with a separate category. She would have to ask committees specifically as she was coming in new to the job.
I participated in the afternoon session of Texas State Grange Executive Committee Meeting. The updated 2022 Application for Educator of the Year will be available soon and due June 15, 2022. We updated contact information for Subordinate Grange Lecturers. Submitted Lecturer's report for TX State Grange Executive Committee March Meeting/newsletter to Sister Ann, Secretary.
**April**- Updated form for Educator of the Year. Sent 2022 Educator of the Year application to Subordinate Grange Lecturers to share and to Master Karen. Contacted two judges for the TX State Talent Show to be held July 30, Saturday evening of the convention. Submitted article, "Making Do With What You Have," for second quarter "A Quarter's Worth," for the National Lecturer's publication.
**May** - Contacted Sister Gail to discuss 2022 state contests, judges and decorations.
**June**- Participated in Texas State Grange Executive Committee Meeting at Leon Valley. Took minutes in absence of Sister Ann, typed and sent minutes to Master Karen. Promoted Lecturer contests for the TX State Grange Convention. Took a

program idea from the second "Quarters Worth" of 2022 and asked committee members to follow my instructions. They wrote a Cinquain Poem which is a 5 line poem and simple to complete. I suggested this type of poem be written for the Lecturer's contest. Extended due dates for Educator of the Year and Granger of the Year to July 1.
I received notice to extend the National contest- Quilt Block entry to September 1. Submitted Lecturer's report for TX State Grange Executive Committee June Meeting/newsletter to Sister Ann, Secretary. Shared the Cinquain Poem format. Conversed with Sister Connie about songs she will play on the piano for the 88 th Annual Session Texas State Grange, July 29-30, 2022. Typed the first verse for each song to be sang and had 25 copies printed.
**July** – Submitted recipe, "Ginger Turkey Mini Burgers," for the National Lecturer's publication third quarter of "A Quarter's Worth."
There was a discussion at David Crockett monthly Grange meeting about judged talent show entries and non-judged entries. Master Karen was in attendance and agreed to check previous years. She texted me that yes we had allowed people to perform who were not part of the contest. We discussed that all who wanted to participate in the talent area would fill out and submit an entry form to Fayerene by July 20 as previously stated for talent show. Then we looked at the draft agenda and switched presentation of awards and talent show times. Those in the judged category would perform before banquet and those not being judged would perform for entertainment during/after the banquet. I sent this information to Subordinate Grange Lecturers to share and to Master Karen. Confirmed with Master Karen that I would provide "Trivia questions/prizes" as recreational breaks during the Session. I texted the judges a reminder for the Talent Show and prepared a thank you gift bag.
Communicated with Sister Connie to confirm receipt of her candidate for Educator of the Year. This was the only application received and upon review, it was deemed to have met requirements. Sister Connie will invite Ruth Ann Olivares-Rubalcaba to the 88 th Texas State Grange Session.
Poteet Grange Hall:
Thursday at 5:00 pm, July 28, 2022, assisted Sister Gail in setting up facility for contest entries at session, and logged in entries on category sheets.
Friday morning, July 29, 2022, at 8:00 continued logging in arriving entries on category sheets. At 8:45 lined up with TX State Grange Officers to be seated at their stations and began day 1 of the 88 th Annual Session. Announced name of the song, America, the Beautiful, when the opening song was requested by Master Karen.
During morning break was made aware that three of the four talent show entries would not be able to participate. I spoke with Master Karen and we agreed that I contact judges to see if they wanted to attend anyway just to visit. Judges were ok in not judging and had alternate family event to attend. The one entry will not need to be judged.

During afternoon break, met with Grange Activities Session Committee, lead by Chairman Sister Gail Dale, to discuss current Family Activities and Lecturer's contests and receive suggestions for next year. Sister Gail updated the list and will include in her report. Next I wrote information on ribbons for Lecturer's entries placing first, second, and third. Also wrote placings on log in category sheets.
During the evening conferral of 6 th degree, I read the Lecturer's part. Announced name of the song, Blest Be the Tie That Binds, when closing song was requested by Master Karen.
Saturday morning, July 30, 2022, day 2 of the session, announced name of the song, Bringing in the Sheaves, when opening song was requested by Master Karen. Read my Lecturer's Report thru July 27 th for 2022. I will submit the full report after including July 28-30 participation and typing Lecturer's Contest entries to attach when I arrive home from conference, It will be sent to secretary, Sister Carmen.
Lecturer is the Master of Ceremonies of evening activities. Announced RuthAnn Olivares Rubalcaba as Texas State Grange Educator of the Year. RuthAnn has been a part of Poteet High School faculty for fourteen years. She was the sponsor of the Art Club from 2019-2022. Some of her Art Club activities included:
Poteet Strawberry Festival Mural Painting (2022),
Books 4 Burgers at the Poteet Public Library (2021), and
Backyard Kitchen Sign Painting (2021).
At church she has participated as a Native American, Rainbow Drum Tribe Member from 2016-2022.
RuthAnn was highly recommended for this award by Connie Waxler, Poteet Grange Member; Texas State Grange Executive Committee Member, and her Principal, Tina Gillespie.

RuthAnn was not able to attend the 88 th Annual Session of the Texas State Grange. She will receive her certificate, $100.00, and "The Giving Tree" book at a future Grange meeting. Sister Connie will coordinate with Master Karen.
Jerry Bilquist awarded Barbara Franklin a beautiful plaque as Granger of the Year. He related her life history including family's involvement in Grange. She was elated. Congratulations!
The Talent Show was next on the evening program. Sister Mary Bell had entered the variety category to be judged. She entertained us by telling jokes and received $50.00. Three entries from the David Crockett Grange were unable to attend.
Jack Smithers had entered in the vocal category to participate but not be judged. He talked Margaret into helping him because the karaoke machine was not available. They were entertaining-singing and doing funny antics. They received applause.
I explained at this time that Subordinate Lecturers had received an email in response to the question, "Can I participate in the Talent Show but not be judged?" Yes, participation is encouraged. Sending in an entry helps us work

within our time frame.
Grangers were invited to participate for entertainment. Carl Overstreet came forward and in a "joking manner" shared DIY project disclaimers and essential oils claims. Karryn Overstreet "signed" to a song. They both received applause.
A list of 2022 Lecturer's contest participants/winners is attached.

Respectfully submitted,
Fayerene Smith
TX State Lecturer

**Texas State Grange 88 th Annual Session**
**Lecturer Contest/Entries/Results**
**July 29, 2022**

Lecturer's Contest Judges: Renee Schorsh, Linda Retzloff, Lana Cowley

Photography- Animals

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|---|---|
| 1st | Carmen Maglievaz Poteet #1576 |
| 2nd | Gail Dale Poteet #1576 |
| 3rd | Leah Overstreet Alamo #1446 |
| | Ann Roeder Poteet #1576 |
| | Barbara Franklin Poteet #1576 |

Youth:
1st Emily Smith (non-mbr) David Crockett #1431

Photography- On the Farm

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|---|---|
| 1 st | Carmen Maglievaz Poteet #1576 |
| 2 nd | Denise Martinez Poteet #1576 |
| 3 rd | Barbara Franklin Poteet #1576 |

Photography-People

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|---|---|
| 1st | Carmen Maglievaz Poteet #1576 |
| 2nd | Denise Martinez Poteet #1576 |
| 3rd | Leah Overstreet Alamo #1446 |
| | Ann Roeder Poteet #1576 |
| | Barbara Franklin Poteet #1576 |
| | Fayerene Smith David Crockett #1431 |
| | Suzie Davis Poteet #1576 |

Youth
1st Emily Smith (non-mbr) David Crockett #1431

Photography-Plants
1st Gail Dale Poteet #1576

2nd Suzie Davis Poteet #1576
3rd Carmen Maglievaz Poteet #1576
Ann Roeder Poteet #1576
Barbara Franklin Poteet #1576
Youth:
1st Savay Sexton (Non-mbr) David Crockett #1431

Photography- Places
1st Fayerene Smith David Crockett #1431
2nd Barbara Franklin Poteet #1576
3rd Ann Roeder Poteet #1576
Carmen Maglievaz Poteet #1576
Suzie Davis Poteet #1576
Youth:
1st Savay Sexton (non-mbr) David Crockett #1431
2nd Gianna Trillo Alamo #1446

Photography-Sunrise/Sunset
1st Ann Roeder Poteet #1576
2nd Carmen Maglievaz Poteet #1576
3rd Suzie Davis Poteet #1576
Tina Elkins Poteet #1576
Youth:
1st Emily Smith (non-mbr) David Crockett #1431
2nd Gianna Trillo Alamo #1446

Art Drawing – Colored
1st Suzie Davis Poteet #1576

Art- Oils or Acrylics
1st Grace Herrera Poteet #1576
2nd Carmen Maglievaz Poteet #1576
3rd Barbara Franklin Poteet #1576
Lori Wuest Cibolo #1541

Art-Water Colors
1st Suzie Davis Poteet #1576
2nd Ann Roeder Poteet #1576
3rd Madison Maglievaz Poteet #1576

Writing Book Review
1st Suzie Davis Poteet #1576
2nd Connie Waxler Poteet #1576

Writing Essay

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| 1st | Mary Baker Alamo #1446 |
| 2nd | Val Ford David Crockett #1431 |
| 3rd | Ann Roeder Poteet #1576 |
| 3rd | Carmen Maglievaz Poteet #1576 |

Writing Movie Review

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| 1st | Ann Roeder Poteet #1576 |
| 2nd | Connie Waxler Poteet #1576 |

Writing Poetry

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| 1st | Carmen Maglievaz Poteet #1576 |
| 2nd | Mary Baker Alamo #1446 |

Youth:

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| 1st | Jamesley Hilt (non-mbr) David Crockett #1431 |
| 2nd | Madison Hilt (non-mbr) David Crockett #1431 |

## STEWARD'S REPORT

Not Submitted

## ASSISTANT & LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT

Worthy State Master, Officers, Delegates and Friends.

We as Assistant and Lady Assistant Steward are proud to actively represent the Texas State Grange. Over the past months, we have participated in as many community service activities led by this organization as we could. It has been challenging at times, but overall worthwhile.We were fortunate enough to be able to represent Texas at Nationals this year and enjoyed the experience. We look forward to continuing our participation and involvement in the upcoming year.

Fraternally Submitted,
Buddy and Leah Overstreet

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Not Submitted

# TREASURER'S REPORT

As of Aug 2, 2021, Jefferson Bank will charge a $10.00 service fee if the balance of the checking account falls below $2500.00. My plan is to close the checking and savings accounts at Jefferson Bank and consolidate into the checking and savings accounts at Security Service FCU. I am hoping to do that by Septenber to have adequate time for all checks written at State Session to clear the bank. By that time I will also have checks blanks for Security Service FCU

On Oct 1, 2021 I closed the checking & savings accounts at Jefferson bank and deposited the funds into the Future Builder CD at Security Services FCU $3794.56

On May 4, 2022 I transferred $2500.00 from the Future Builder CD to the checking account to cover the 2022 dues. We made one payment for all subordinate Granges in Texas for all 4 quarters of 2022.

Worthy State Master, Karen Overstreet, officers, delegates, fellow Grange Members,and guests

It has been my privilege to serve for the past year as Treasurer of the Texas State Grange. I followed the directives of the Master and the Executive Committee. I submitted a Quarterly Report to them at each Executive Committee Meeting. Checks and cash were deposited in our bank accounts in a timely manner. Bills were paid as they were submitted to me by the The State Secretary or State Master.

| | Previous Yr 2021 6/30/2021 | Currenty Yr 2022 |
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| **Texas State Grange Checking - Jefferson Bank** | | |
| Balance Forward | $2,815.12 | |
| Deposits | $5,354.00 | |
| Expenses | $5,978.73 | |
| Check Book Balance as of 06-30-2021 | $2,190.39 | account closed |
| **Savings Account - Jefferson Bank as of 06-30-2021** | | |
| Balance forward | $5,577.77 | |
| Deposits (interest) | $0.76 | |
| transfer to Security Service FCU CD | ($4,000.00) | |
| Balance in Savings Account, | **$1,578.53** | account closed |
| **Security Service FCU - as of 6-30-2022** | | |
| **Checking** | **$752.00** | $2,959.10 |
| transfer from Future Builder CD to Checking 5-4-2022 for 2022 Dues | | ($2500.00) |
| **Savings** | **$15.23** | $15.23 |
| transfer from Jefferson Bank | $4,000.00 | |
| closed Jefferson Bank - funds deposit into Future Builder CD | | -$3,794.56 |
| **Future Builder CD** | **$28,083.87** | $29,873.79 |
| interest earned July 2021 to June 30, 2022 | $168.14 | $130.07 |

**Fund Balance as of July 20, 2022**

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| **$1.00 Assessment - Tx State Session fund** | $2,587.00 | $1,603.71 |
| **2024 National Session fund** | $4,341.63 | $974.19 |
| **Family Activities** | $697.97 | $638.65 |
| **General Fund** | -$2,316.08 | $1,562.42 |
| **Lecturers Fund** | -$381.34 | -$671.79 |
| **Memorial Fund** | $1,325.79 | $1,375.79 |
| **Youth Fund** | $416.96 | $416.96 |
| **Jr Grange Fund** | $368.28 | $368.28 |
| **Legislative Fund** | $50.00 | $50.00 |

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## REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee met and is pleased to report that the accounts of the Texas State Grange Treasurer are in order. Thanks to Sister Bonnie Billquist for the fine job she has done as the State Treasurer.

Fraternally Submitted,
Buddy Overstreet
Dave Weaver

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Worth State Master, Officers, and Delegates,

It has been my privilege to serve as your Texas State Grange Secretary for the last year. There has definitely been a learning curve but I look forward to continued involvement in the years to come.

Fraternally Submitted,
Carmen Maglievaz

## GATEKEEPER'S REPORT

Worthy State Master, Officers, Delegates and Guests,

It is a pleasure and a privilege to once again greet you from the Office of Gatekeeper. It has been an honor to serve our great organization and my fellow Grangers in this capacity. Even though 2020 was an unusual and challenging year, our Grange forged ahead. I wish everyone happiness, good health and God's fullest blessings during the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,
Dan Boenig

## POMONA'S REPORT

-Picked up trash 4 times for 2 miles with Democratic Party to beautify our community
-Worked for eleven food banks at the Strawberry Festival grounds and at local weekly food banks.
-Worked at San Antonio Livestock show 6 days in the family tent and helped in the pig barn with special needs kids participating in contests.

-DAR; help provide personal supplies and visit veterans at the veteran's nursing home.
-Worked the Strawberry Festival four days with supply trucks and records
-In December helped with the 4-H party at the Poteet grange hall.
-Attended hearings for teachers in Austin for legislative hearings many times.
-Work weekly at the county christian assistance ministries and their food pantry.
-Donated blood in September, November, January, March, April June and July; blood bank calls me when there's a serious shortage of my type.
-In summer I worked at cooling station per week at Methodist Church.
-During Winter/Spring with Covid a little more under control I worked one day per week at a middle school helping with gardening and sports for mental health programs with several students.
-Helped for 2 days in the hospitality room at the National grange conference and listened to the 4 days proceedings and debates in sessions.
-Worked at my local granges vaccination clinic in July.
-Every July collecting school supplies and giving out in August. We give out backpacks, school supplies, hair cuts, tennis shoes, shots as needed and information on healthcare and housing info, etc.
-Give snacks for state meeting and did my part in degree work for my office.

Fraternally Submitted,
Barbara Franklin

## CERES' REPORT

Not Submitted

## FLORA'S REPORT

Not Submitted

## REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR

Worthy State Master, officers and delegates;

There were a total of 5 Granges that submitted their books on community service. They were Cibolo, Leon Valley, Poteet, David Crockett, and Alamo Granges.

This year we had a National Grange winner; It was the Cibolo Grange. Each one of the chairmen did an outstanding job on their books. A difficult job on individuals putting books together. We had over 18,000 hours collectively of community service- even with the pandemic. Some activities were- dog

vaccinations, donating school supplies, Quilts of Valor, working at festivals and many more. Thanks to each of the granges that submitted a book- well done.

Fraternally Submitted,
Margie Blair

## REPORT OF THE FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Worthy Master, Delegates, and Patrons:

The Grange Leadership Conference was hosted by Cibolo Grange on March 5, 2022 at Cibolo Grange Hall. The day began with a welcome by State Master, Karen Overstreet and Jack Steers of Cibolo Grange. The presentation of awards by the Community Service director, Margie Blair was followed by several presentations from various Granges telling of their community service projects and how they get their Grangers and community involved. Curtis Voges, Legislative/ Agriculture director, reported on recent state laws and interests. The State Treasurer and the State Secretary presented new forms for simplifying the quarterly reports. A report on the Youth and Junior Program was given by Pat Solis and Kathy O'Meara. After a short break, presentations continued with information from the National Grange brought to us by Master Karen and National Executive Committee member, Buddy Overstreet. State contest details and questions were addressed and lists of contests were reviewed. Former State Lecturer, Gloria Godoy, presented information from the lecturer's department in the absence of Fayrene. I shared several crafts items made with wooden game blocks and gave examples of using the blocks to create entries for our contests. Members in attendance painted, glued, and crafted with the blocks to begin entry items that they took home to complete. We wrapped up the meeting with a delicious covered-dish lunch.

Thanks to the Alamo and Poteet Grange members who did a wonderful job overseeing the hospitality room this weekend and to all Grangers who brought the food and drinks for us to share. Thank you also to Ann Roeder, Carmen Maglievaz, and Connie Waxler for helping to prepare the contest room for the session.

There were 78 entries in the Family Activities contests. The number of entries increased significantly from last year. There were many beautiful and creative entries. Thanks to the judges who spent their time going over and examining our wonderful entries. The judges for this year were Marilyn Katcsmorak, Janice Smith, Grady and Renee Schorsch, Linda Retzloff and Lana Cowley.

The winners were as follows:

FOOD (14 entries)

Women's Baking – Chocolate Layer Cake
1st – Ann Roeder Poteet
2nd – Leah Overstreet Alamo
3rd – Carmen Maglievaz Poteet

Candy – Peanut Butter Fudge:
1st – Gail Dale Poteet
2nd – Deborah O'Toole David Crockett
3rd – Carmen Maglievaz Poteet

Canning – Peach Jam:
1st – Gail Dale Poteet
2nd – Mary Baker Alamo
3rd – Ann Roeder Poteet

Canning – Candied Jalapenos:
1st – Gail Dale Poteet
2nd – Ann Roeder Poteet

<u>NEEDLEWORK (7 entries)</u>

Afghans – Knitted or Crocheted:
1st – Crystal McBride Poteet
2nd – Ann Roeder Poteet

Crocheted Items – Doilies:
1st – Ann Roeder Poteet

Knitted or Crocheted Item (not afghans or doilies):
1st – Ann Roeder Poteet

Embroidery
1st – Ann Roeder Poteet
2nd – Barbara Franklin Poteet

Needlepoint:
1st – Ann Roeder Poteet

<u>CRAFTS (57 entries)</u>

Wall Hanging or Wreath:
1st – Ann Roeder Poteet

2nd – Susie Davis Poteet
3rd – Leticia Rivera David Crockett

Decorated Flower Pots:
1st – Gail Dale Poteet
2nd – Ann Roeder Poteet
ROAD Foundation Winners—
1st – Claire Engelken Cibolo
2nd – Crystal Engelken Cibolo
3rd – Jon Gonzales Cibolo
Juniors:
1st – Easton Kosub David Crockett
2nd – Kira Kosub David Crockett

Jewelry:
1st –Denise Martinez Poteet
2nd – Betty Burke David Crockett
3rd – Carmen Maglievaz Poteet
Youth:
1st – Shannon O'Toole David Crockett
2nd – Savay Sexton David Crockett (non-member)

Recycled Item:
1st – Susie Davis Poteet
2nd – Betty Burke David Crockett
3rd – Denise Martinez Poteet

Embellished Clothing:
1st – Fayrene Smith David Crockett

Trivet or Hotpad:
1st – Connie Waxler Poteet
2nd – Ann Roeder Poteet
3rd – Lori Wuest Cibolo

Cross:
1st – Ruth Carson Poteet (non-member)
2nd – Connie Waxler Poteet
3rd – Susie Davis Poteet

Decorated Gift Bag:
1st – Ann Roeder Poteet
2nd – Gail Dale Poteet

3rd – Debbie O'Toole David Crockett

Juniors:

1st – Madison Hilt David Crockett (non-member)
2nd – Jamesley Hilt David Crockett (non-member)
3rd – Grace Hilt David Crockett (non-member)

Key Chains:

1st – Gail Dale Poteet
2nd – Connie Waxler Poteet
3rd – Lori Wuest Cibolo

Bookmarks:

1st – Leah Overstreet Alamo
2nd – Debbie O'Toole David Crockett
3rd – Lori Wuest Cibolo

Our "Old Time Rock & Roll" banquet was held on Saturday, July 30th at the Poteet Grange Hall with approximately 34 guests served. Many thanks to the helpful Grangers who helped move tables, set up the hall and decorate for the banquet. The dinner tickets were printed and sold by Loramae Howell. A very tasty dinner catered by Bill Miller Barbeque and Walmart was served. The meal was fried chicken with sides and tea, followed by cake and ice cream for dessert. The meal was preceded by presentations of honors and awards and the Lecturer's Talent Show.

Thank you to everyone who jumped in to help during the convention and other activities throughout the previous year. I continue to be very grateful to lead this activity for the Texas State Grange.

Fraternally,
Gail Dale
Director of Family Activities

## GRANGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Worthy State Master, Delegates, Patrons and friends. The Grange Activities Committee received no resolutions; however, the following report of contest categories for 2023 is presented. Departmental contests for the Family Activities and Lecturer's will be open to everyone, Grangers and non-Grangers alike, with the exception of food contests for Grangers and Grange families.

<u>The Lecturer's contests for 2023 will include the following:</u>

**Writing:**

Essay (300 words or less) – Topic of choice
Book review (300 words or less - book of your choice)
Poetry
Movie Review

**Art:**

Oils or Acrylics
Water Colors
Drawing - Black & white
Drawing - Colored

**Photography:**

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| Animals | Plants |
| People | Sky |
| Places | On the Farm |

The Family Activities contests for 2023 will be:

**Food:**

Women – Carrot cake
Men – Banana Bread
Youth (13 – 18) – Oatmeal Cookies
Junior (pre-teen) – Haystacks

Canning – Blueberry Jam and Bread & Butter Pickles
Candy – Pecan Pralines

**Needle Work:**

Afghans
Crocheted Item (doilies)
Knitted or Crocheted Item (not afghans or doilies)
Embroidered Item
Needlepoint (Canvas or Plastic Canvas)
Counted Cross Stitch

**Crafts:**

Recycled Item
Decorated Flower Pots
String Art
Jewelry
Decorated Gift Bag
Wall hanging or Wreath
Cross (handmade or purchased and decorated)
Trivets or Hot pads
Bird House
Greeting Card

Juniors (pre-teens) and youth (13 – 18 yrs.) are encouraged to enter all above categories in Family Activities and Lecturer's contests. They will be judged separately from adult entries.

***All entries should have attached labels with Name (first and last), Age (if not adult), Grange, and Contest to be judged in. The label should be folded or attached so that the name is not visible to judges if the item is picked up to be looked at during judging.***

The 2023 Grange Banquet theme will be "The Wild West.". The Lecturer's and Family Activities Conference will be held in March 2023.

Grange Activities Committee
Gail Dale, Chairman
Fayrene Smith
Leah Overstreet
Karryn Overstreet
Doris Payne
Ann Roeder
Brent Carson

## REPORT OF THE YOUTH AND JUNIOR DEPARTMENTS

Worthy National Representative, Worth State Master, Officers Delegates and honored guests,
At the last session the youth and junior committee brought forth a resolution to help with funding of the Regional contest winners to national. This resolution did not pass, but the "hat"was passed around and over $600 was raised to help defray the cost of sending the speaking contestant to National. Eric Rodriguez placed first in Oklahoma, and therefore earned the spot to attend Nationals in Witicha, KS. The Girls that participated in the rosedrill also attended practicies in order to put on a fantastic preformanace at the National Session.

As with the past few years due to covvid activities have not been on a high priority.
The months of August-Sept Oct-were spend fundraising for our trip to Nationals. Cibolo grange continued to create items for sales in the farmers market booth.
Several fundraisers were discussed but since activities have not come back to full functionality just yet.
Several grangers youth and junior made the trip to Nationals in Wichita, Kansas. There were volunteers for the hospitality room, 6th degree team and contest winners. Nov- nationals Treks to Kansas- rosedrill and youth jrs. Contest entrants. Eric Rodriguez presented his junior speech on the Colossal Squid and the Sperm Whale. Jazzlyn Rodriguez also participated in the sign a song contest with "Fight song". Other juniors were in attendance and participated in the workshops put on by the national junior department. Eric received best of show complete with a trophy for his speech.
All attendees were able to enjoy a concert by famous youtube stars The Peterson Brothers.

The new year rolled in and we wanted to make plans for your members a Spring break event was held at cibolo grange- where musical hula hoop was played and rocks were painted. The spring held the leadership conference and where everyone enjoyed fellowship and learning about new craft contests for our upcoming state session.
Plans were discussed to help out our fellow grangers at their fundraising events for the Strawberry festival. Cibolo grangers helpd out both Alamo and Poteet grange in their food booths.
Plans for grange month were discusssed and several granges held an open house.
The activities were discussed on attending the regional conference in Kansas over ther summer. This year we are looking forward to planning and hosting Great plain Regional conference in June 2023.

The plans are going to be to hold one service project and one fund event per quarter.
Some of the ideas that have been discussed include, but certainly not limited to :
1- community service
2.–roadside/beach clean up – trash
3. for spring break -Rock painting-
Activities -
Skating or trampoline park activity
Back to school splash blast and ice cream social.
Future plans are to help out at the Helotes Cornyvalle

Keeping our calendar of events open and updating activities on Instagram and facebook
Seed packet exchange
Quilt blocks and sew classes
Canning classes
Holiday help such as toys for tots or Elf Lousie

Fraternally submitted,
Kathy O'meara
Lori Wuest

# AGRICULTURE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Worthy State Master, Past and Current National Officers, State Officers, Delegates, and Patrons.

It is always a privilege to address and bring you Agriculture / Legislative information.

During the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature's 2022 Legislature Session held in Austin the first week of May, 71 resolutions (recommendations) were proposed, and after committee reviews and final vote, 54 were approved for the TSHL Legislative Report to the State Legislature for its 2023 session. All 54 resolutions passed are important, but the top 5 are as follows:

#1-R003 – Increase the personal needs allowance for Medicaid Residents in Nursing Homes.

#2-R041 – Child related income. Follows the child (Kinship Custodial placements)

#3-R046 –Increase the Readability of the Application and Vote-by-Mail Documentation to reduce the rejection rate.

#4-R024- Authorize TRS to provide cost of living adjustments to Teachers Retirement System retirees.

#5-R001-Require a criminal background check for CNAs and LVNs in Nursing Homes and Home Health Care Companies.

The top 6 Legislative Priorities Identified by Agriculture Organizations for Agriculture are;

1. Secure the border and assist farm and ranch families experiencing issues with the surge in illegal immigration.

2. Support trade agreements that benefit agriculture and work to protect farmers and ranchers from retaliatory tariffs and unfair trade practices.

3. Preserve key tax provisions important to agriculture.

4. Ag Labor - Secure changes to the Agriculture guest worker program to help address the farm labor shortage.

5. Pass legislation to improve resilience in the food supply chain.

6. Inflation

- Farmers and Ranchers have adjusted and expanded business during COVID-19. Their producer, direct to consumer beef sales expanded during the Pandemic and new customers have remained loyal.

- Devasting wind storms in the Texas Panhandle destroyed wheat crops. The 100 mph wind gusts turned over hundreds of center pivots across the state taking months to get parts in to fix those pivots.

- See and Spray – New technology unveiled by manufactures will make Texas farmers even more environmentally friendly. Using cameras and computer processors the equipment can tell the difference between the crop and the weeds, then tell the spray nozzle to spot spray only the weeds. The equipment has 36 cameras across the top of the boom connected to 11 processors. The entire process takes 0.2 seconds while the sprayer is traveling 12 miles per hour. Cost was not identified.

- Texas is now the third largest milk producing state in the nation. There are currently three cheese plants set to be built in the Texas Panhandle creating over 200 loads of milk sales per day in a few years. Texas milk production during the first quarter of 2022 totaled just over four billion pounds. Average number of milk cows in Texas last quarter was 634,000 head..up 17,000 from a year ago. All of this is dependent on the power grid and availability of water.

- The Ocean Shipping Reform Act signed in June is the first major update to federal regulations for the Global shipping industry. Attempt is to address congestion at our ports and greater accountability for companies shipping.

- Drone Law – A federal judge ruled that a Texas use of unmanned aircraft law violates the First Amendment in a decision that could affect Texas farmers and ranchers positively and negatively. There are two provisions of

the law. The surveillance provision says there are criminal and civil penalties for anyone who uses a drone to conduct surveillance. The other provision makes it unlawful to fly drones over a feedlot. The ruling effects farmers and ranchers as far as whether they are using drones or getting watched by one. This is just one statue. They are laws on the books that deal with privacy rights.

- Crop Harvest – Central Texas …most crops harvested were under irrigation during fall of 2021 and 2022.

- Crop Planting estimates are what they are "Estimates"…most dry land not planted -even some irrigated crops did not come up.

- About 25% of all United States farm products are exported. Shipping of products, ocean shipping tariffs all predicate the price of commodities overseas and also result in higher prices here in the United States. Some feed, if available, were double the cost of December 2021 prices.

- Weather – Parts of Central Texas received 4 to 6 inches of rain during January – July 2022. Medina Lake a century old irrigation reservoir on the Medina River is currently at 11.7 % capacity having dropped nearly 3 feet in one month.

- Foreign Country Agriculture and Business Property purchases. The past 12 months, mainly-China-has purchased Six Billion Dollars worth of farm/ranch and business property - some adjacent to Government Installations posing a National security threat. The supposed intention was to construct a grain crushing mill.

Credits: Livestock Weekly
Texas Agriculture News
San Antonio Express News

Respectively Submitted,
Curtis E. Voges
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Agriculture / Legislative Director

# 2022 APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and friends.
The following is the Report of Resolution of Appreciation.

1. Thank you to the Poteet Grange for donating the use of the hall.
2. Thank you to the Poteet Grange and Alamo Grange for helping in the hospitality room. Individuals who helped were: Crystal McBride, Barbara Franklin, Brent Carson, Penny Martin, Gail Dale, Robert Martinez, Susie Davis, Helen Alameda, Ann Roeder, and all others not named.
3. Thank you to all those who brought food for the hospitality room.
4. Thank you Alamo Grange for use of the sound system.
5. Thank you Martin Gonzales, Chair of Atascosa County Historical Commission, for the warm welcome and history of the county.
6. Thank you Hallie Bates, 2022 Strawberry Festival Queen, for the excellent report on strawberry agriculture, and information about her new business growing flowers, and as manager of Five Cousins' Strawberry Patch.
7. Thank you Buddy Overstreet, National Executive Committee Member, for information on the sale of the national building.
8. Thank you Connie Waxler, pianist for the State Session.
9. Thank you Loramae Howell, Martin Howell and Danielle Howell, for all the hard work in getting ready for the session with preparing name tags, banquet tickets, and for working registration, and for providing an accurate account to the Treasurer, and for other help wherever needed.
10. Thank you to all those who helped clean and set up the hall.
11. Thank you Gail Dale, Family Activities Director, for obtaining judges, and also Fayerene Smith, Lecturer, for working the contests. The contest judges were: Marilyn Katcsmorak, Janice Smith, Grady & Renee Schorsch, Linda Retzloff and Lana Cowley.
12. Thank you Fayerene Smith for giving trivia questions and prizes during the breaks.
13. Thank you, Curtis Voges, Agriculture & Legislative Director, for a great Agriculture Report, and thank you to all others who gave their reports in a timely manner.
14. Thank you Connie Waxler for arranging for the food for our banquet, and thank you Jerry and Bonnie Billquist for picking up the food; thank you Gail Dale and others for setting up and decorating the table for the banquet.
15. Thank you Karen Overstreet, Buddy Overstreet, Jerry Billquist, Bonnie Billquist, Penny Martin, Smoky Martin and Ann Roeder for serving the banquet, and all those who helped clean up afterward.
16. Thank you to the Rose Drill team for all of their hard work.
17. Thank you Brother Jack Smithers, who acquired the plaque for the Granger of the Year.

18. Thank you Sister Fayerene Smith for organizing and being the Master of Ceremonies for the Talent Show.
19. Thank you, Jerry Billquist for auctioning two Montana Silversmith jewelry items to raise money for the State Grange, and thank you to Marty Billquist for donating the two items.
20. Thank you Karen Overstreet for organizing the Memorial Service and all who participated.
21. Thank you for installing the Officer team, Jerry Billquist, Dave Weaver and Penny Martin.
22. Thank you Bonnie Billquist for coming up with an idea to raise funds for the 2023 National Session, which is for everyone to donate all of their loose change at each subordinate meeting to be turned over to the Treasurer at each Executive Committee meeting. Thank you Robert Martinez for coming up with the jingle, "Change to make a change".

Fraternally Submitted,
Bonnie Billquist
Ann Roeder

# 2022

# RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 1: BEES SUSTAINING AGRICULTURE**

WHEREAS: Whereas, bees are vital to sustaining agricultural crops and all plant life, and

WHEREAS: more and more land is being consumed by houses, concrete and pavement, and

WHEREAS:, the bee population is in danger of elimination, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Texas State Grange seek legislation for roadsides and medians, of all major thoroughfares, be seeded by the state highway department, with native wildflowers, and not be mowed until plants reseed, and be it further

ADOPTED BY: POTEET GRANGE #1576, 5/5/22, Connie Waxler, Master
Texas State Grange, July 2022

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 2: DELEGATES AT STATE SESSION

WHEREAS: Many Texas Grangers want to take an active role in our Annual State Session; and

WHEREAS: Each Subordinate Grange and Pomona Grange can have two delegates to represent their grange at State Session; and

WHEREAS: the youth of our Grange are the future and need to experience the grange in action; therefore be it

RESOLVED: that each Subordinate Grange and Pomona Grange have four delegates and one youth delegate (13.5 to 18 years old) at the State Session.

ADOPTED BY: ALAMO GRANGE, May, 2022, Buddy Overstreet
Texas State Grange, July 2022

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 3: Safety in Schools

WHEREAS: we all want our schools safe for everyone; and

WHEREAS: visitors should not be able to enter schools from various outlets; therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the National Grange support legislature to ensure that the schools have only one active entry point; and be it further

RESOLVED; that there be an armed and trained law enforcement or veteran officer present on campus.

ADOPTED BY: ALAMO GRANGE, June, 2022, Buddy Overstreet
Texas State Grange, July 2022

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 4: MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED, the new membership incentive program be continued for another year starting July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 as follows:

All new members joining the Grange during the above dates will have their name placed in a drawing for $100.00 during the

banquet at the Texas State Grange Session in 2023.

The recruiter for the new member during the time period above will have their name placed in a separate drawing for $100.00 during the banquet at the 2023 session; and be it further

RESOLVED, the recruiter and new member must have their dues up to date (recruiter and new member must have their 2022 dues paid).

ADOPTED BY: ALAMO GRANGE July, 2022, Buddy Overstreet
Texas State Grange, July 2022

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 6: Foreign Country Agriculture and Business Property Purchases

WHEREAS: Foreign countries continue to purchase agricultures and associated businessland or property posing a National security threat.

WHEREAS: Agriculture land continues to go out of production and the population continues to increase

RESOLVED: That the National Grange requests the United States Government prevent anyland purchases by foreign persons/government.

ADOPTED BY: Texas State Grange, July 2022

# 2022-23

# EXECUTIVE

# COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 24, 2021

The Executive Committee met immediately following the close of the Texas State Grange Session on July 24, 2021.
Those present were: Jerry Billquist, Chairman; Connie Waxler, EC member; Dave Weaver, EC member; Ann Roeder, Secretary; Margie Blair, Overseer, Bonnie Billquist, Treasurer; and Karen Overstreet, Master.
The meeting was called to order by Jerry Billquist, and the first order of business was to elect the Chairman. Connie Waxler moved to elect Jerry as Chairman of the Executive Committee, seconded by Dave Weaver. Connie also moved to elect Ann Roeder as Secretary of the Executive Committee, seconded by Margie Blair. Both motions passed.
Connie made a motion to pay all the bills that we have submitted, seconded by Margie. Bonnie said she would send Karen a check after she gets the present checking account changed over to the Security Service checking account. She will make sure all of the checks that have been written on the present account will have cleared before closing it.
A comment was made that we need to make a list of people to fill the position of Secretary and Agriculture to review at the next meeting.
Jerry said that he is going to set up a scholarship for 4-H and FFA members who is an active Grange member and participates in events. He said he would start the scholarship fund with $500. The purpose of the scholarship is to attract young people to our Granges. We are asking all Granges and individuals to donate to the scholarship fund.
The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in Poteet

Grange.
Respectfully submitted,
Ann Roeder, Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
POTEET GRANGE HALL
AUGUST 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Executive Committee Chairman, Jerry Billquist at 2:25 p.m.
Those present were:
Jerry Billquist, Executive Committee Chairman
Connie Waxler, Executive Committee
Ann Roeder, Executive Committee
Karen Overstreet, Master
Buddy Overstreet, Leadership Chairman
Curtis Voges, Agriculture Chairman
Karryn Overstreet, outgoing State Secretary
Carmen Maglievaz, State Secretary
Bonnie Billquist, Treasurer
The opening prayer was given by Master, Karen Overstreet. Karen made a point of introducing the incoming State Secretary, Carmen Maglievaz. She said that Carmen would fill the position for the remainder of the year until next State Session when election would be held. She also said that Dave Weaver and Fayerene Smith could not be present, but that they would be included in the meeting by telephone.
The Minutes from the previous meeting was approved by a motion made by Connie Waxler and seconded by Karen Overstreet.
Old Business:
2021 State Session Review, successes and challenges and bills:
Jerry said that he thought the Good News Church was a great place to hold the session. There was lots of room for the exhibits and the hall for the meeting. Fayerene Smith said that she had one person who said that every person for the talent show should be scheduled ahead of time. And that everything else was great.

Dave Weaver said that somebody thought that our breaks were too long, but they didn't realize the work that was being done during the breaks. Jerry said that a lot of time Resolutions were being finalized during the breaks.
Department Reports:
Agriculture Report by Curtis Voges
Fertilizer. Current cost are over $500 a ton. The 2022 crop year projected cost

increase per acre for cotton, wheat, peanuts, rice, corn and sogum range from 16.5 to 18.9 percent being 36% operating cost for these major commodities crops. Trade disputes between domestic and foreign producers are caused by anti-dumping tariffs.
Texas cattle brands, marks and tattoos set to expire after August 30, 2021 must be renewed by February 28, 2022.
USDA plans to review the use of "Product of USA" language featured on meat labels. Currently foreign meat, ie, muscle cuts and ground beef or pork processed or repackaged in the US may carry the label "Product of the USA".
Inheritance Tax Battle effecting farm families and small business – step-up basis elimination and death as a sale or transaction instead of tax would be awful, and have terrible consequences.
New Chemical developed for application on corn seed while planting converts oxygen into nitrogen. Research/development on wheat and soybean ongoing.
Texas Department of Agriculture opened newly renovated livestock export facility in Del Rio. There are five export facilities in Texas: Brownsville, Del Rio, El Paso, Larado (shipment into Mexico) and Houston which is set-up to assist exporters using air and sea transport anywhere world wide.
Trade, economic future. Ninety-five percent of the worlds population lives outside the U.S. and twenty percent of US Agriculture production is exported.
Markets, weather and inheritance taxes are factors effecting economics
Curtis said that he has a new saying: "Promote what you love instead of bashing what you hate!"
All his information was credited through the Texas Farm Bureau and L.S. Weekly.
Curtis volunteered to stay on as Agriculture Director and told Karen he would be glad to contribute reports.

A question came up about the Green Deal, and Dave Weaver said that the Grange is supporting the Green Deal. He said that some of the Cibolo members are thinking about quitting because they think some of our policies are supporting the big farms instead of the family farms.
Curtis said he is not sure what National Grange policy is with grass roots, but he doesn't think they target the large operators. Dave said he would go back and talk to these people and write notes and send them to Curtis. He said he would get information and get with Karen before they go to National.
Family Activities:
Gail Dale could not make the meeting, but Connie gave the report that Gail would send out the new contest in the Newsletter. She was disappointed in the amount of entries received this year.
Juniors/Youth:
Karen said she has not heard anything from Pat or Kathy.
Legislative:
Curtis gave a report in place of Jay Pfeiffer as follows:

Rural land owners should consider hanging two signs from a liability protection perspective. The Texas Farm Animal Act protects farm animal owners from liability if a participant is injured due to risk inherent to farm animal activity. He gave examples of what should be written on the signs.
Curtis also said that if Jay did not have time to make a report, he would be glad to fill in for him.
Community Service:
Margie made a brief appearance before the meeting started and said she will get the books and have them judged.
Lecturer:
Fayerene Smith said that she will put in her report any updates for the contests next year. She said she had a book that she had planned to read today called the "Blind Man and the Elephant", but will read it at the next meeting. She said she has the current copy of the Quarter Word Newspaper. She was one of two that participated to put it together.
Leadership:
Buddy said he had the names for the new members and recruiters for 2019/20 and 2020/21, which we forgot to have the drawing at the State Session this year. The new member for 2019/20 is Madison Maglievaz and 2020/21, Tom Agura. The recruiters are 2019/20 Juanita Ochoa, and 2020/21, Loramae Howell.
Other reports:
Secretary:
Karryn said that she had everything ready to transfer to Carmen, and that she had found two certificates but had no idea who the people were.
Treasurer:
Bonnie said we have paid $800 to National and we are set. She has not closed out the Jefferson account yet because she is waiting for the bank statement to make sure all checks have cleared. At the state session there was a check to National that they had had which never got cashed. She voided the check and the money went back into our account. We didn't do so well at the State Session, we had $750, but there should be more than that. Karen said she owned $40 for four tickets that she had ordered. She got new checks from Security Service for $34.10. Karen moved to pay Bonnie the bill for the checks, and Connie seconded.
Newsletter:
Ann Roeder said that she finally remembered to send out notice of the articles due for the Newsletter for September. However, since it was voted at State Session to have the Newsletter person e-mail it out to all the members, Ann said she would only do so if each grange could give her a list starting with each grange. Connie said she would continue to send to Poteet grange, and Alamo said to continue to send to Buddy and he would forward. Leon Valley said they would send to their grange and Dave said to continue to send to Jack Steers and he would forward to their members also. Fayerene said David Crockett has their members by forwarding a text, but this would not work for Ann and she will keep

sending to David Crocket Master until they can get list of e-mails for her.
Deputy Reports:
Connie said she did not have a deputy report, but she did want to say that they have had Rose Drill practices twice and they will be ready for going to National.

Information Technology:
Dave did not have a report.
State master:
Karen said thank you everybody for participating at State Session. People were questioning whether we should be there.
She also asked do we still want to have a Community Service Project and a Grow Club Basket this year so they can keep doing scholarships.
She was wondering since the tickets for airline was reimbursed, will be be reimbursed for travel by car?
Connie moved that we send $100 to National for the Community Service Project if they need it, and $50 for Grow Club, and reimburse Karen 30 cents per mile. Ann seconded the motion.
Fayerene commented that David Crockett lost a member this week, Jerry Davis, who has been sick for quite a while. He was the brother-in-law of Betty who helped in the kitchen at State Session.
Karen said we had a Great Plains meeting this past Tuesday. They are trying to get rooms for the girls in the Rose Drill. Three rooms. The end of August if early booking, which is now $40. Each person has to register; they get a name tag and banquet tickets. Connie said we will probably need three nights.
New Business:
Karen asked about Dedication of the Journal, and it was suggested that James and Gladys Kruse be named.
Leadership Day: Dave said we could have it at Cibolo and March 5, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. was set.
The Texas State Grange location: Jerry asked if we could have it again at the Good News Church in Elemendorf, and Fayerene said she would check on July 29-30 to see if that date is available.
Karen said there are still spots available for the Sixth Degree at National Grange Session, and she was in desperate need of volunteers. Jerry and Bonnie volunteered for EC Committee and a non-speaking Grace part, Ceres. She also needs help for Friday since that is Texas' day.
Karen said that Jack called her and said he needed to withdraw from the Master's part in the Sixth Degree, since he did not want to put Margaret through the situation.
Next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Leon Valley.
Closing Prayer was given by Connie Waxler.
Respectfully submitted,

Ann Roeder, Secretary
Executive Committee

PHONE CONFERENCE
September 20, 2021

Phone conference called to order by Jerry Bilquist, at 7:05 p.m.
Those on line were Margie Blair, Connie Waxler, Jerry Billquist, Ann Roeder and Karen Overstreet. Karen could not get Dave Weaver on the phone.
Karen said the reason for the conference call was because the Rose Drill team going to National were concerned about paying for their transportation, driving and flying. Some of the girls said they couldn't register because we don't have the funds. Registration is $45 and the Celebrity banquet is $50. She said I think most of them are driving.
I was going to propose we pay $250 per person; we have one alternate so there would be 8 girls we should pay for. Jerry asked how many nights does Irene get? Karen said her room is paid for because she is taking care of the hospitality room. Irene is also doing the flowers for the convention. Karen said we are in charge of everything on Friday.
Ann made a motion to pay $250 to each girl going who is on the Rose Drill team. Motion was seconded by Margie.
Karen said she and those going early would go to Sams with the other states and each would pay their portion.
Connie said she would text the names and addresses of the girls on the team to Bonnie so she could write the checks and mail them to each girl.
Phone conference closed at 7:25 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Ann Roeder, EC Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
LEON VALLEY GRANGE HALL
DECEMBER 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Executive Committee Chairman, Jerry Billquist, at 3:10 p.m.
Opening prayer was given by Master, Karen Overstreet.
Those present were:
Jerry Billquist, Executive Committee Chairman
Connie Waxler, Executive Committee
Ann Roeder, Executive Committee
Dave Weaver, Executive Committee
Karen Overstreet, State Master

Margie Blair, State Overseer
Buddy Overstreet, Leadership Chairman
Curtis Voges, Agriculture Chairman
Carmen Maglievaz, State Secretary
Bonnie Billquist, Treasurer
Kathy O'Meara, Junior/Youth CoChairman
Maravin Sweppee, Guest

Phone texted made on October 28, 2021, were added to today's Minutes by motion from Connie Waxler, seconded by Dave Weaver, that everyone said yes to giving $200 for the hospitality room at National Convention. Connie also moved, seconded by Dave, to approve the September 20, 2021 Phone Conference. Motions carried.
Old Business:
The 2022 Texas State Convention location is being looked into by Lecturer, Fayerene Smith, to set the date for convention on July 29-30.
Leader's Day is set for March 5, 2022, at Cibolo Grange.
The 2021 National Grange Session, State Master reported that it will be put in the January Newsletter that Texas was well represented.
The National Grange building are being sold. This will be in Karen's report also.
The Resolution for dues to be paid annually did not pass because there was already something to this effect in the policy.
Cibolo Grange won first place in the Community Service book at National Session. She said the Rose Drill team got lots of compliments.
Department Reports:
Report by Curtis Voges, Agriculture Texas State Grange Agriculture Chairman:
National Grange has no policy on the New Green Deal, which leaves it up to each individual Granger. Support of Large Farms – National Grange policy supports Family Farm and Ranch activities.
Build Back Better Act – Funding would include climate related programs, child care, etc, enormous dollar increases. Raises cost of U.S. manufactured goods. To pay for these items expand/increase IRS enforcement of tax evasion.
USDA to strengthen local supply chain by $32 million in grants to expand 167 existing meat/poultry processing facilities. Broiler Hatch up 6 per cent should reduce poultry prices in spring 2022.
Drought – Currently Texas acreage is in 50 percent drought. Hay is in good supply. Cotton, Corn, Soybeans, Cattle and Sheep/Goats prices are up. Cotton harvested gin should finish in December. Each bale of cotton must be classified being delayed due to labor shortage. USDA consideration being salary increase added benefits for classifier. Weekly fertilizer prices rose 6 – 9 percent.
Supply availability – Concern about the ability to get supplies for the coming planting season. Challenges to plan accordingly given that 70 – 75 percent of

active ingredients that go into crop protection chemicals come from China. Current U. S. Regulations make it hard to create the chemicals here.
The hardest employees to hire in Agriculture were truck drivers, then farm equipment operators. Forecast is at a deficit of 150,000 truck drivers by the end of this decade. Representative Gonzales is submitting a bill to establish reimbursement to border property owners for damage created by illegal immigrants.
Telecommunications – National Grange objective is to reach last mile of rural America with reliable affordable high-speed broadband services.
American farmers can ship food abroad opposite of supply chain crisis. Asian ocean carriers unfairly discriminate against American cargo, and will not load U. S. export cargo . They simply sprint back to Asia to load and bring more goods to the United States. The United States has passed a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives to address ocean carrier shipping.
FAMILY ACTIVITIES – Gail was not present, but Connie reported that Gail and Fayerene have talked, and they will have something for the conference and Newsletter.
JUNIOR/YOUTH – Kathy O'Meara reported that they had a tremendous year. Our Cibolo float we put a lot of hard work into it, and we won first place. Gingerbread was our theme. We are proud of our trophy. We are planning for next year, but right now the doer is busy with her job.
LEGISLATIVE – Karen reported that she got a Roster from National, and they don't have Agriculture anymore, so I may change Curtis's roll from Agriculture to Legislature. Curtis said this was fine with him.
COMMUNITY SERVICE – Margie said that Cibolo's book won first place at National. She said she was amazed with how much time and effort everyone put in. 19,000 hours total.
LECTURER – Fayerene Smith submitted her report by e-mail as follows:
State Grange Convention: 2022 Texas
I have contacted Good News Lutheran Church three times to reserve hall. First text response late July was they were to update their policies in November. From social media I know they had a successful Pumpkin Patch with activities and included a Christmas with Santa this year. I will contact again this Wednesday requesting July 29-30 as first choice and July 15-16 as second. I will then let Sister Karen know of results.
2021 National Grange Session:
Working in the Hospitality Room was the highlight of my participation. Visiting with Grangers from across America was enjoyable as was spending time with Texas Grangers! I met Chris Hamp who was elected to a new office and then the incoming National Lecturer, Ann Bercher! Chris is considering overseeing the New for 2022 and Beyond, Grange Oral Historic project she had started. The 2022 Virtual Photo Contest has four divisions: Agriculture, Sky, Trucks and Water. Both

of these are currently on the national website. Other contests for 2022 have not been shared with state lecturers.
A Quarter's Worth:
Chris shared several printed copies for Texas members of the current Fourth Quarters Worth, 2021. My article, "Traces of Past Meet the Present," was included. Only a few state lecturers provided articles. Amanda Brozana Rios, National Grange Membership, Leadership Development and Communications Director, provided an inclusive article on "What is Your Love Language?" The theory of Love Language was created by Gary Chapman to be used in relational counseling. Amanda is encouraging Grange members to study this approach to improve the community of members and in relating to potential members. I am familiar with the Five Love Languages. There is also a version about children for adults to learn the child's love language! The Quarter's Worth is available on the National website, Lecturer's Program.

LEADERSHIP – Buddy Overstreet said sometimes you have to get out and start talking with neighbors and bringing friends in. We talked about if we could provide and how we could leave children to give them a safe place; we could go through the children to get to the adults. We can find community services and friends for them to help others.
Alamo has started to invite church members to our meeting to see what we are doing for the community. A lot of people don't realize what we do. I have thought about how we can be getting new people and how we are going to get them involved. Karen then asked if it would be helpful if we had little postcards to hand out. Dave said getting kids involved is a good idea.
SECRETARY – Carmen Maglievaz reported that the fall dues did not go out in a timely fashion. I know I talked to the lady from Black Hill but have not gotten a meeting from Black Hill.
Karen said she is working on the Journal. She needs to get Carmen's picture and take Karryn's out. She said she would bring them to the Leader's conference.
TREASURER – Bonnie Billquist passed out a finance sheet showing the balances of the Texas State Grange treasury. Buddy reported that he has money left over from the 2021 National account in checking at Randolph/Brooks. It was suggested to divide it by 5 states and send them their money back to them. Then Bonnie will put Texas amount in the National Session account.
Bonnie said she has closed the checking account with Jefferson State Bank. The Security Service Federal Credit Union CD was discussed, and Bonnie said it was a Builder's fund and we could draw money from it three times a month without penalty if we needed to transfer any money.
NEWSLETTER – Ann Roeder reported that she will be notifying each grange that their report is due by the end of December so she can get the Newsletter printed and sent during January, 2022.

DEPUTIES REPORTS – Connie said whe did talk with Gladys Kruse about Black Hill. They are not meeting and probably won't meet unless we can go and help them rebuild. They did have their turkey dinner and will have a sausage supper sometime in March. However, this is a neighborhood working together and not the grange.
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – Dave Weaver reported that he keeps going back to the same thing, the building of the granges. He said even the google accounts where everything is free and easy. We need to get each grange e-mail address. He said he has the Yahoo account and Grange.org. Karen asked if he would be at the leadership conference and Dave could set up each account just need an e-mail address.
STATE MASTER -
Karen said that e-mail and broad band is new policies brought up. We did donate to Grow Club and Community Service. I gave Bonnie my bills for travel. The President's Conference is going to be in February and in South Carolina. I was wondering if you want me to go. At that conference I get all the information necessary and bring that back to the Leader's Day. Buddy said he gets his way paid and 2 nights. If Karen goes we will need to pay 2 nights and flight.
Connie moved that we send Karen and Buddy and pay for 2 nights and travel. Dave seconded to pay State Master 2 nights and airfare.
Bonding coverage the rates have been sent out. 2022 bonding by March 31 is $10,000. Bonding is according to your checking account and if you own your own building.
Resolution went to National about the annual dues. They asked me to take it out. There are several who do bundle. Carmen and Bonnie will do a presentation at the Leader's conference. Connie moved that we pay all the dues for the whole year, seconded by Dave.
Margie made a motion and Dave seconded that we pay Karen's bills for the Texas display and registration and meals for a total of $719.24.
The next meeting is set for the afternoon of the Leadership conference on March 5. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. with closing prayer by Karen.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Roeder, EC Secretary

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

TEXAS STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 16, 2022

Those Present were:
Karen Overstreet, Master

Margie Blair, Overseer
Jerry Billquist, EC Chairman
Connie Waxler, EC committee
Dave Weaver, EC committee
Ann Roeder, EC Secretary

The meeting was brought to order by Karen Overstreet at about 6:05 p.m. The purpose of the call was to inform EC committee that she had received a text from Fayerene Smith about the church hall. Fayerene had finally heard back from the church board and they had revised their contracts on the use of their hall. She said the section of the building area we would like to rent will be $750. She thinks it was for both days.
Everyone said they thought that price was a little high, that we cannot afford it. It equals out to about $300 per day, and Dave said that they rent their hall for $300 a day, but as Connie pointed out Cibolo area is a little more populated with people who can probably afford it. Connie said that is what we rent our building out for also, but we very seldom rent it. Jerry said that they never rent out Leon Valley. Jerry said to ask Fayerene to see if they will offer us a reduced rate since it is non-profit. Karen will mention to Fayerene all that we discussed and get back to us as soon as she hears anything.
Another thing that Karen wanted to discuss with us is that she and Buddy decided not to go to the Master's Conference. It is going to be present and virtual, and they decided they would stay home and they would participate by virtual. She expressed her fears about flights being cancelled and the possibility of being stuck somewhere and not being able to get home. They did take the kind of flight insurance that they could get a refund.
The Corona Virus was also a big factor in choosing to stay home. The figures keep going up and she said there were about 30 cases just in their church. Connie said there were over 800 cases in Atascosa County. Connie said that she suggest Karen and Buddy should stay home and go with the virtual conference.
Karen said she would get back to us when she hears from Fayerene again.
Meeting ended at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Roeder, EC Secretary

February 18, 2022 11:33 a.m

The Text Message was sent as follows:
Karen Overstreet:

Good morning! I have been unable to reach anyone at the church for our State Session. No one returns my calls and can't seem to catch anyone at the church. What are your thoughts about a location for State???

Margie Blair:
It's ok with me.

Jerry Billquist:
Check with Dave for place in Cibolo area before we default to Poteet. Jerry.
Dave Weaver:
Liked: "Anywhere is fine with me."
I don't know of a place that would be priced anywhere near what they were asking at the church, but I'' ask around.

Saturday, 5:24 p.m.
Karen Overstreet:
Took journals to get printed. To print them like we have in the past, it will cost $17.37 for black and white ones, and $32.14 for colored ones. Last year we ordered 40 and I e-mailed it to local grange Masters; however, I have only ordered 10 as of now. Everything has gone up… To me that is a lot of money. What do you all think we should do? Order more black and white?? Order some colored??

Jerry Billquist:
I would order minimal number of black and white. Jerry.
Connie Waxler:
B & W is 10 is enough, OK, if not maybe 15. Some state officers might want one?

Jerry Billquist:
Find out who wants one and get firm number.
Karen Oversteet:
Each of us ask our own Grange and lge me know how many I need to order for your Granges. I will ask David Crockett and Alamo.
Margie's Blair:
Thumb up!
Ann Roeder:
I think we usually use 3 or 4.
Karen Overstreet:
OK. I can still e-mail them to each Master too.
Jerry Billquist:
1 or 2 for Leon Valley.
Ann Roeder:

Is that $17.37 for 10?

Saturday, 8:22 p.m.
Karen Overstreet
No 17.37 each copy. The total was $173.70. Each journal cost 17.37.
Ann Roeder:
Wow. I didn't realize they were that high. I will take one and pay for it.
Dave Weaver:
I know this won't be a popular but I would be okay with a digital copy.
Have we checked other printers? Who is printing for us?
Karen Oversteet:
I took it to Office Depot.
Dave Weaver:
I could check some other places if you like? I feel that is really high but hey supply chain. Let me know.
Karen Overstreet:
If you think you can find a cheaper place, that would be great.
Dave Weaver:
Could you email me a digital copy?
Cibolo1541@grange.org.
Connie Waxler:
I'll check and get back to you. Thanks!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
CIBOLO GRANGE HALL
MARCH 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Connie Waxler, Chairman pro tem, at 1:15 p.m. Prayer was given by Ann Roeder, Executive Committee person.
Those present were:
Connie Waxler, Executive Committee Chairman, pro tem
Dave Weaver, Executive Committee
Ann Roeder, Executive Committee
Margie Blair, Overseer
Karen Overstreet, Master
Buddy Overstreet, Leadership Chairman
Carmen Maglievaz, State Secretary
Cathy O'Mera, Junior/Youth Co Chairman
Curtis Voges, Agriculture/Legislative Chairman
Gail Dale, Family Activities Chairman
Fayerene Smith, Lecturer
Guests:

Jack Steers
Loramae Howell
Linda Davis
Jackie Burke

Motion was made by Margie, seconded by Karen to approve all of the last EC Minutes as written.

Old Business:
A motion was made by Dave. Seconded by Ann, to hold the 2022 Texas State Session at Poteet. The date for the Session will be July 29 and 30 as of a motion by Ann, seconded by Margie.
It was decided that we would try to contact a member of 4-H to speak at the session, possibly around 20 minutes, to tell what the 4-H members are doing in agriculture. Hallie Bates, the new Queen on the PSFA Court was suggested if she is available. Connie said she would contact her.
It was brought up that all granges should have filed their form 990N with IRS.

New Business:
Curtis Voges, Agriculture/ Legislative Chairman gave his report as follows:
America the beautiful initative – President, Joe Biden, 30 x 30 plan to place 30% of US National Nations Land & Water in conservation status by 2030. Thirteen U> Senators, including Senator Cornyn of Texas and 27 Representatives, join together their plan is a healthier alternative that focuses on increasing the percent of conservation status of public lands and waters by using outcome based conservation practices.
96% of Farmer's/Ranchers in United States are small farmers.
American Family Plan – President Biden proposes ending the step up basis for gains on death, raising capital gains, taxes and deaming death and gifts as transactions.
Peanut Production in Texas – Peanuts are a legume grown underneath the soil, asre a zero waste plant. Everything from roots to hulls are used improving the soil. They take the nitrogen from the air and produce their own in the ground. Peanuts don't require much fertilizer. It takes 5 gallons of water to produce an ounce of peanuts. Almonds require 80 gallons of water to pruduce an ounce of almonds.
Past Congestation Drags On – The Ag industry has been in the middle of part logistics and supply chain issues for better part of two years. The issues made it into main stream news media in the fall of 2021 holiday season when people began to worry about the ability to get their play stations and exercise equipment. Many factors real or manufactured caused the dilemma. Recent announcement opening off site area outside port of Oakland to move refrigerated

containers additional $17 billion has been earmarked in the infrastructure bill for port expansion.
Bee keepers fight thefts of hives growers rely on – Beekeepers truck billions of bees to California to rent them to almond growers to pollinate the states most valuable crop. Thefts heave come so prevalent that bee keepers are now turning to GPS tracking devices and surveillance cameras. The lack of rain ravaged wild flowers, bee keepers had to artificially supplement their diet with sugar solutions and pollen substitutes.
Food starvation – YEMEN – United Nations food agency warned 13 million out of 30 million YEMENs headed for starvation due to civil conflict lack of funding for humanitarian aid. Now 285 million people around the world face starvation.
National 4-H Council Gift -MacKenzie Scott and husband, Dan Jewett, $50 million gift to the National 4-H Council, the youth focused non-profit. The National 4-H Council, which supports The Department of Agriculture 120 year old Youth Development Program, said in a statement that this gift will support "positive youth development" for nearly six million kids and their families. The 4-H board has established a task force that will develop recommendations o the best use of the gift.
**Family Activities** – Gail said she didn't have much different to report than was given during the Leadership program. She did ask "do we have plans for a meal? It was suggested that possibly Irene Nieto would be able to cater. It was suggested spaghetti and salad.
**Junior/Youth** – Kathy O'Meara, said that rock painting and yarn art were things that they may plan on doing. The full report was given at the Leadership program and will be printed in the April, 2022 Newsletter.
**Community Service** – Margie said that she thought one of the books was missing, but then realized that Cibolo was at National Session. She said everyone is working and putting in a lot of hours.
**Lecturer** – Fayerene Smith was not able to make the Leadership program, but had a full report written and was presented by Gloria Godoy. She said the full report will be in the Newsletter. She emphasized the Virtual Photo and Quilt contests. They moved the date up, and when she asked, they didn't know why. She was told that the morning session went well and that Gloria did a good job. Fayerene said that she volunteers for 4-H, and was suggesting a format using charts for the Grange volunteer book like she had recently seen in 4-H record books.
**Leadership** – Buddy said his report was already given in the morning session.
**Secretary** – Carmen Maglievaz said that she has not had an updated member list from all of the granges, and encouraged people to send in any updates. She ask if we were going to remove those granges who are inactive and not paying any dues.

Bonnie Billquist, Treasurer, was not present for the EC meeting, but did pass out sheets about the annual dues to the Subordinate Secretaries. She said we are paying about $490 extra for those who are not paying dues. And starting with the March first quarter of 2022 Subordinate Grange Dues Report, we will be paying annual dues, including the $1extra per member assessment for State and $1extra per member annual assessment for National once a year, i.e. 1 st quarter figure x 4 plus $2.00 per member.
Bonnie had passed out her Treasurer's Report during the morning session.
**Newsletter** – Ann said the April news will be due at the middle to end of March, and she will remind everyone.
**Deputy** – Connie Waxler said she does check with Gladys Kruse of Black Hill Grange. Gladys seems to be doing well. At the present time Black Hill is not meeting. Connie reported that Black Hill is having a sausage dinner on April 3, from 11:00 until sold out.
**Technology Information** – Dave said anyone who wants help to set up their Grange e-mail account today that he would be willing to stay and help them.
**State Master** – Certain granges were mentioned that Karen would pull their charter because they were not doing anything or paying dues. Said granges were Converse and Boerne. Connie will contact Gladys Kruse about Black Hill's members and see if they would like to incorporate with Poteet, or Karen suggested that possibly we could find a way to help them build up their members again. Karen also mentioned getting Google Docs for the Texas State Grange Newsletter. This would be discussed later.
She mentioned that she had the Journal printed and had 5 copies in color and 20 black & white, and 1 copy of 2001, for a total of $265.09. She would give her bill to Bonnie

**New Business:**
Regarding the Youth representative, Karen said that each grange should have their own youth representative as well as their own delegates for more votes at National as well as State. Karen will add this information to the April Newsletter.

The next meeting has been set for June 4, 2022 at 2:00 pm. at Leon Valley provided this date will suit Leon Valley.
The closing prayer was offered by Margie Blair.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Roeder, Secretary

TX State Grange Ex. Comm. Meeting
Saturday, June 4, 2022
Leon Valley Hosting Grange

Present:
Karen Overstreet
Jerry Billquist
Bonnie Billquist
Carmen Maglievaz
Curtis Voges
Buddy Overstreet
Fayerene Smith
Connie Waxler – by phone
Margie Blair – by phone
Marvin Schweppe - visitor
Opening Prayer by Master Karen.

**Old Business:**

Hospitality: Poteet will be host and all other local Granges provide snacks.
Educator of the year application deadline updated to July 1 to Fayerene.
Granger of the Year application deadline updated to July 1 to Jerry B.
Talent show entries due by July 20 th to Fayerene.
Speaker State 2022 Convention, Hallie Bates-2022 Poteet Strawberry Festival Queen, Poteet 4-H Secretary, Atascosa County 4-H Council President.
Poteet will provide a token gift for speaker and Jerry B. will present.
Banquet:
- Irene is researching menu (hot dogs, hamburgers) and will provide food.
-Committee agreed that Saturday will be theme day for Old Time Rock and Roll- wear that costume morning through evening.

**New Business:**

Rose Drill dresses old. (Skirt and blouse) Irene getting prices for that and umbrella for next year. Participants may need money to help pay for them.
Annual Session Agenda- Move installation of officers after Memorial Services.
Quilts of Valor- Jack shared that States were providing quilts to Uvalde families.
Department Reports:
**Agriculture/Legislative** : Curtis discussed several topics on agriculture and legislative reports. (Two that caught my attention were-Cost of fertilizer is down due to less demand; Federal Meat Label of USA processed may not necessarily mean grown in USA.) Reports will be sent in their entirety to the secretary for posting in newsletter. He encouraged all to Vote May 7 th !
**Family Activities:** Gail had requested that more ribbons be purchased this year. Motion made, seconded, and passed to spend funds for ribbons for contests.
**Community Services**: Margie encourages members to keep track of their volunteer hours. (?)
**Lecturer:** Fayerene asked members to respond verbally to National Lecturer, Ann Bercher's questions regarding the National Lecturer Programs:
-We agree the Quilt Block Contest has run its course. No to swapping a block with another state.

-We agree to idea of expanding weather experience as noted.
-We agree with greeting cards made from photo entries.
-We agreed to promote Grange history.
-We have a Talent Show Entry in Evening of Excellence.
Next, Fayerene referenced the current Quarter's Worth publication. A program idea from Minnesota was shared with committee members. They were asked to respond to instructions. This resulted in a Cinquain Poem being written by everyone. Several members read their poem. This idea showed the members how quick and easy a poem could be written and submitted as an entry to the State Lecturers Writing Contest.
Fayerene read her article that was submitted for this publication (Quarter's Worth) entitled "Making Do" With What You've Got. She reminded committee that this publication is online and filled with ideas.
She closed her program by reading a song "Stay on the Farm" from 1970,
The Patron. Several comments were shared about the message of the song.
Leadership: Buddy told of a phone call he received from a man who had moved to Gainesville, TX. He was inquiring of the closest Grange Hall in Texas. The committee shared thoughts about old closed Granges and his comment, it would be fun to reactivate a Grange. Buddy will contact him to see if he is still interested. Buddy and Karen could travel to visit with him. We'll wait to see where this goes, will he reactivate or start a new Grange?
Other reports:
**Secretary:** Carmen reported that National was paid for all Texas dues. Some have only sent in quarterly dues to State.
**Treasurer:** Bonnie questioned conflicting reports of how many "units make a family." Karen read publication clarifying. (?) Bonnie has sent National check for members this year.
**Deputy:** Connie reported Blackhill Grange may become active again. Julie & Charles Novack are contacts.
**New Business:**
Master Karen suggested new curtains for backdrop at State Session. The old curtains on white PVC pipe have served ok but are not as sturdy/presentable. She compared to the tripod stands that National uses. She will check into cost.
National : Buddy reported there is a contract to sell the National Grange Building. Gross price $23 million. The buyer takes an old building and makes into a hotel. Everyone and everything would need to be out by April next year. Where to locate next is the issue

Curtis donated money towards the purchase of roses for the rose drill in honor of his late two wives, Jeanette and Ramona.
Next meeting will be at State Session when it closes on Saturday.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

July 26, 2022

Those on the phone were:
Margie Blair
Connie Waxler
Karen Overstreet
Jerry Billquist
Dave Weaver
Ann Roeder
The purpose of the conversation as stated by Karen was the fact that Irene Nieto tested positive for Covid. Irene was concerned about the Rose Drill and the Memorial Service, and the banquet, which she would be preparing.
Connie mentioned that we change the menu to hamburgers from the Back Yard Kitchen. Or if they were not available, she would check with the Head & Heels. She said she could order potato salad and green beans from Bill Miller.
Karen asked if Back Yard Kitchen would bring condiments. He could put the burgers in a roaster and we could assemble the burgers at the right time. We would also have strawberry ice cream for dessert. Karen said if this doesn't work out we will have to look at other options.
She suggested Connie get prices and we can come together again.
Thursday, July 28, Connie texted that our best option would be to order fried chicken from Walmart, and beans and potato salad from Bill Miller. The cost would be approximately $400. Those responding for agreeing were Margie, Ann, Dave and Jerry.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Roeder, Secretary

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 30, 2022

The Executive Committee met on July 30, 2022 approximately 3:00 p.m. following the 88th Annual Session of the Texas State Grange. Those attending were:
Karen Overstreet
Margie Blair
Connie Waxler
Jerry Billquist
Dave Weaver
Curtis Voges

Bonnie Billquist
Carmen Maglievaz
Helen Alameda
Ann Roeder

Karen called the meeting to order and Connie made the motion for Jerry Billquist as Chairman, and Ann Roeder as Secretary, seconded by Margie.
Jerry said payment of bills were first to do and Connie moved, Margie seconded, to pay all outstanding bills.
Connie said we need help serving the banquet tonight. We will have cake and ice cream and syrup for dessert.
Curtis said he reviewed the By-Laws, and there are 3 that need to be updated, and it was decided that this could be done at the September meeting. The other is we need to review the legislative committee, which is made up of the Executive Committee according to our By-Laws. Article 16.1 “Fees and Dues” we will still need to talk about the Quarterly Report. If we are going annual, we need to review that article, and we need to update the By-Laws to that.
He also said at the September meeting we need to discuss the budget.
Bonnie said we did not make it mandatory to pay annual quarterly reports.
Curtis said he didn’t realize we have another microphone until we had the election. He suggested we have a second mike at the back of the room. He also suggested that we have a talent contest and we pay money for the winners. He said in years past we had youth that could help and type Resolutions when we have any.
Jerry suggested that we invest in a wireless mike so it can be passed around the room. Helen said she had one and would donate it.
Our next meeting is set for September 11, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at Leon Valley Grange.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Roeder, Secretary