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## Rural Minds hits home

BY CAROLYNN CHAMLEE

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With the session hall packed chair-to-chair at the 156th Annual Convention of the National Grange, President Betsy Huber introduced the founder and CEO of Rural Minds Jeff Winton.

Rural Minds is on a mission to be the informed voice for mental health in rural America and seeks to provide mental health information and resources.

Roughly 65 million Americans live in rural areas. Rural Minds' vision is a rural America with no more silence, suffering, or stigma around mental health. November 17 is National Rural Health Day and it was an eye-opening presentation on how big of an issue this has become. Who better to partner with than the National Grange whose roots are in the heart of rural America?

Winton shared the story of his company's origins. Like most of us, Winton had members of his family that struggled with their mental health which led to the tragic loss of his nephew Brooks Winton nearly a decade ago. Brooks Winton had been a force to be reckoned with on the farm and football field in upstate New York. The small community was rattled by the sudden and tragic loss of one of their own. The family decided maybe if they shared the story of Brooks Winston's passing, the narrative could begin to change.

That's just what Jeff Winton did in the eulogy. The story was laid bare for everyone to hear. At the end of the service, something remarkable happened. A formerly taboo topic, shared by a community member

in such a raw way, began a dialogue. Neighbors, friends, distant relations, and associates shared their stories. Today, rural Americans have higher depression rates than urban areas and 64-68% higher suicide rates than urban areas.

The third Thursday of every November has been designated National Rural Health Day and is dedicated to addressing the unique healthcare challenges that rural residents face. However, every day of the year, it is important to recognize that rural health includes mental health. Mental health is an illness and needs to be treated as an illness and not a character flaw. We must start changing the narrative now.

Ruralminds.org highlights the vast challenges rural America faces with mental health issues. Rural Americans have the tenacity to pull themselves up by the bootstraps and asking for help is not that easy. In towns where everyone knows everyone's business, confidentiality in close-knit communities is another barrier. Fear



Jeff Winton, Founder/CEO of Rural Minds, Inc. addressed the National Grange on Thursday.

Photo by Lindsay Schroeder

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### Grange Voices

#### Friday's

#### Schedule:

10:00 a.m. – Grange Youth Fair Basics & Beginnings with Brittaney Oliver and Carolyn Chamlee  
2:30 p.m. - Reining Horses with Chloe Kent

### Livestream

#### Friday's

#### Schedule:

8:30 a.m. - National Grange Youth Officer Team opening  
3:00 p.m. - Installation of Officers  
7:30 p.m. - National Grange Honors

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Winton (right) poses with Pete Pompper, National Grange Community service Director, and Jaycee Jette, a Grange Youth member from Avon Grange (MT).

Photo by Lindsay Schroeder

of judgment, difficulty getting an appointment, time for transportation, inadequate health care coverage, feeling of isolation that there is no one outside the community to turn to for help, and lack of broadband access all provide huge barriers for those in rural America.

By listening to rural Americans and providing an open forum for sharing personal experiences, the door can begin to open to change the existing stigmas. Dialogues and identifying gaps might be difficult, but they can help get connected to mental health information and services. Several non-profits are working in this field to provide services to the needs of rural Americans. The conversation will never become a normal topic if we continue to sweep it under the rug.

National Grange has partnered with Rural Minds to launch a campaign providing access to mental health educational content for rural America. Co-Branding allows Rural Minds and National Grange to utilize Grange's grassroots campaign networks.

The session came to a close and Huber extended a warm thanks to Jeff Winton for speaking to the Delegates



and guests in attendance. A workshop for open discussions and in-depth talks about Rural Minds and the im-

portance of recognizing this huge issue continued in a separate room for anyone who wished to join in.

National Grange Community Service Director, Pete Pompper, opened the workshop by stating that in all his years he never felt National Grange needed a nationwide project, Jeff Winton changed that.

Everyone gathered in the room with chairs, even Pompper and Jeff Winton. This created an atmosphere of welcomed sharing versus a lecture or speech. This was key for the workshop to be successful in allowing people to feel they were safe in asking questions and sharing stories.

Little by little, difficult questions began to be asked and stories emerged. In some cases, emotions were raw, deep, and honest. Discussions on the rise of substance abuse since the 2020 pandemic. QPR or Question-Persuade-Refer training discussions swirled. Rural Minds has spent the last decade compiling a list of resources so community members could feel adequate in helping someone they may know.

In most cases, you do not need to know what to do or say. Many times the person just wants to feel supported, just wants someone to listen, or just to sit quietly surrounded by



Jeff Winton (center) poses with Burton Eller, National Grange Legislative Director, and Betsy Huber, National Grange President.

Photo by Lindsay Schroeder

friends. Everyone can make an impact by just being compassionate and listening. Small-town challenges are a huge issue. If someone you know reaches out, listen. You do not have to have the answers.

If you or someone you know is seeking help, they can call or text 988 or chat at 988lifeline.org if they are in crisis or are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support, which can include having thoughts of suicide or experiencing a mental health or substance abuse crisis. This service is free and confidential and offers texting as a favored communication method by the younger generation. For a list of available support, visit [www.ruralminds.org/crisis-resources](http://www.ruralminds.org/crisis-resources).

Given the high statistics we are facing with this crisis, it is likely we all have someone facing a mental challenge. We are a fellowship. Let's help each other out, let's help our communities out. If we all start making a small change today, the impact will lead us to a better future.

## Grange departments present workshops

BY JIM DUMOLT, CAROLYNN CHAM-LEE, and BETH SOUTHWORTH  
*Communication Fellows*

If you were in session today, you may not have realized how busy today was. There were quite a few workshops for people to go and participate in. Southern Pacific B was a popular place to be with three different workshops going on there. A legislative, membership, and a communications workshop.

Do you know who your elected officials are? Do you know who to write to for a matter of state or local issues? Do you know the best way to contact your elected officials? Sean O'Neil, National Grange Legislative Assistant, talked about all these questions and more in the Legislative workshop. During the Legislative workshop, O'Neil talked about the importance of a congressional office and a couple

of strategies for interacting with the people in the office.

One of the first things that Sean O'Neil, the National Grange Legislative Assistant said was, "don't talk to people who don't represent you. They do not care." Another piece of advice O'Neil gave was to be precise about what you talk about with the people in the office. You are essentially given a slot on a spreadsheet with your name and one thing that you talk about. O'Neil said that a good way to talk to your elected official is to host a town hall. To have the elected official come out to the area and have them talk about what they are doing and answer any questions the community might have. O'Neil ended his workshop by saying to make sure to get in contact with your elected officials and to be smart about how you do so.

Are you a meerkat, lion, gorilla, or peacock? This question was an-

swered by Dr. Todd Felts of the University of Nevada, Reno at the Communications workshop. Felts stated of all communications, 83% are now on social media. Felts defined the "Spiral of Silence" as the phenomenon that happens when the people who disagree remain silent and the dominant idea takes over.

TikTok is predicted to be the most relevant and used platform by next year. This is because it is engaging and interesting. TikTok learns about you and quickly creates a world for you. However, currently, Facebook is more popular. If Facebook was a country it would be the third largest country in the world, according to Felts. The fastest growing segment for Facebook is people in their 60s.

Social Media has several parts to it

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# Outgoing, but forever involved

BY CHRIS HEATH

Friend of the Fellows

**Emma Edelen**, Iowa - Outstanding Young Patron

**Cole Settle**, North Carolina - Youth Ambassador

**Amber Corll**, Ohio - Youth Ambassador

**Cade Howerton**, North Carolina - Junior Ambassador

**Ryleigh Hartsell**, North Carolina - Junior Ambassador

The team has had a very busy year representing the National Grange at many events across the country. Many of them attended the Washington DC Experience sponsored by the National Grange in March. They had the pleasure of getting a tour of Washington DC and the many monuments and memorials around the city. This included the Grange plaque which is the only private memorial on the National mall. They were able to participate in leadership and legislative training, as well as workshops having to do with concerns in rural America. They had the opportunity to visit and to speak with their respective Senators and Representatives about rural broadband, rural issues and other hot topics that the Grange is currently working on.

"The Washington, DC Experience really helped me to learn how to talk about the Grange and Grange issues with the Senators and Representatives. My ability to provide accurate and valuable information about the Grange to non-members has improved." - Emma Edelen, Outstanding Young Patron

During the rest of the year they were provided with the opportunity to attend and help at many of the regional youth conferences as well as some of the many junior camps around the coun-

try. While attending these events, they were able to make new friends and reunite with old ones.

"I had fun attending these events and in the process made some new friends." - Cade Howerton, Junior Ambassador

"I learned lots of new games and how to mingle with grangers of all ages. I also learned some new community service ideas to take back to my state." - Amber Corll, Youth Ambassador

Some members of the team had the opportunity to attend Farm Aid in North Carolina this year.

"Cade and I attended Farm Aid in our home state in September along with several other North Carolina members and National staff where we talked about the Grange to hundreds of concert attendees." - Ryleigh Hartsell, Junior Ambassador

They mentioned that they had a great experience and it was something they had never experienced before. Being in a large venue and interacting with thousands of visitors was a new experience for them. They had the opportunity to talk to many visitors about the Grange.

"This team has grown tremendously over the past year, as individuals and Grange members. Learning how to approach leaders without fear, speaking to those in authority, filling in as officers, speaking in front of large audiences and getting out of their comfort zone are just some of these areas of growth. As individuals they have grown personally over the past year by serving in these roles," said Howerton's father Charles.



Emma Edelen, Cole Settle, and Amber Corll spent their year representing the National Grange Youth department.

Photo by Lindsay Schroeder

"Before coming to the team, I was more of a behind the scenes person, but by being on the team I have learned to come out of my shell." - Amber Corll, Youth Ambassador

"I am thankful for the experience that I have had at this year's annual National session. Participating in the deliberative session, committee meetings and general events has taught me the inner workings of the National Session." - Emma Edelen, Youth Ambassador

For the Youth team, this week has been the cherry on top of the sundae.

"I am thankful for the opportunity that the program has provided for me." - Cole Settle, Youth Ambassador

"This has been a great experience and I will never forget it." - Ryleigh Hartsell, Junior Ambassador

The team is thankful for the opportunities that serving as a part of this team has afforded to them, the support of all the Grangers that have been a part of this journey, the Grange foundation for providing financial support for all of their travels and want to wish the best of luck to the new team that will be chosen this year at National Session.



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# Grange GROWs with new inductees, Board members

**BY PHILIP J VONADA**  
*Communications Director*

The G.R.O.W. (“Go Right On Working”) Club met at their annual dinner on Thursday, November 16. The GROW Club is an elite club that is made up of Grange members who have participated in a National Grange Convention as a Prince or Princess, Young Couple, Youth Ambassador, National Youth Team Member, National Young Patron, or National Grange Youth Director. This club has been a tradition for many years, bringing people together to continue the work of the Grange and to see that this organization prospers and grows.

Robert Beamon (PA) current chairperson, announced that the GROW Club Auction is happening in the Showcase (Nugget 2), and that winning bids must be in by noon on Saturday.

Karen Overstreet (TX), Great Plains representative on the GROW Club Board, announced the winners of the GROW Club academic scholarships. This year, two \$500 scholarships were given. One to Morgan Browning from Mossyrock Grange #355 (WA), and the second to Ryan Patton from Ewing Grange #2082 (OH).

Browning attends North Seattle College and is enrolled in

an Associate of Applied Science program with a focus on Fire Science. Morgan will use the skills developed in this program as she pursues a career in firefighting.

Patton attends The Ohio State University, majoring in Agriscience Education. Patton says this scholarship will help him complete his Senior year. As an emerging professional with a college degree, he plans to work for an agricultural industry or a public school system, teaching vocational agriculture.

Overstreet said the GROW Club travel scholarships will be announced during youth activities on Friday.



Ryan Patton (left) and Morgan Browning were the recipients of the 2022 GROW Club academic scholarships.

Brittney Oliver, Western Region representative on the GROW Club Board, then announced this year’s GROW Club inductees. “GROW stands for Go Right On Working,” Pittman said, “The significance? As leaders, we are expected to Go Right On Working; to continue our work in the Grange; to continue to grow membership; to continue to implement Grange values; and to spread the word to others about this amazing organization.” This year’s inductees are from the Horizon Youth Leadership participants: Baylor Howerton, Matthew Settle, and Autumn Whitaker, all from North Carolina.

At the end of the evening, elections were held for GROW Club Board members from the Western and Great Plains regions. The seats for the Western and Great Plains regions were up for election, and both Pittman and Overstreet indicated that they had enjoyed their time on the Board, but would be happy to see some change.

Elected to the board were Nathan Strawder (KS - Great Plains Region), and Christine Webster (WA - Western Region). They join Beamon (Eastern #1 [formerly Mid-Atlantic]), Emily Hartsell (NC - Eastern #2 [formerly Southeast]), Mary Jordan (MA - Northeast), and Samantha Hanson (IA - Midwest).

If you would like to “Go Right On Working,” the Board encourages you to get involved in youth and young adult activities in your state and region.



Baylor Howerton, Autumn Whitaker, and Matthew Settle were inducted into the GROW Club on Thursday evening.

*Photo by Lindsay Schroeder*

## A “high” honor bestowed



High Priest of Demeter Roger Bostwick (left) officially welcomed Bruce Croucher as High Priest Emeritus during the Convocation of the Assembly of Demeter on Thursday evening.

*Photo by Philip J Vonada*

# Grange Baseball knocks it out of the park

BY EMMA EDELEN

National Grange Outstanding Young Patron

In June 1846, the first official game of diamond-field baseball, instead of square-field ownball, was played in the United States in Hoboken, New Jersey. The square “Townball” design was changed by a man named Alexander Cartwright into the well-known, familiar diamond shape.

This game was played with nine men to a team due to New York insisting upon that number as the playable team size. This change of playing field and player numbers began a new, uniquely American tradition that we now call baseball.

Now, “Grange Baseball” may not be as seasoned as true American baseball, but it can be just as action-packed and entertaining.

The game’s rules are this: two teams, the Golden Sheaths and the Blue Agates, go up to bat and the National Youth Director, Mandy Bostwick, pitches them a random question to “bat” against. Team members were winners from the Great Plains, Eastern, and Western regions.

If the batter gets the question correct, they run the bases; if they get it incorrect... **STRIKE ONE! THEY’RE OUT!** The next batter is up and gets a new question. They get the question correct, the inning progresses. They get the question incorrect, another strike and three strikes, your team is done and the next team is up to bat. As players cross the home plate, they get a run. The game goes for 5 innings or until time (an hour and a half) is up.

Grange Baseball contains four levels of questions, which are randomly drawn by the batter, because - like in regular baseball - you never know how far you’ll get on the bases.

The questions work as follows:

Single: true or false questions

Double: multiple choice questions

Triple: fill-in-the-blank questions

HOME RUN: open-ended questions

## Blue Agates

Raegan Hartsell, NC

Travis Knight, OK

Jordyn Moyes, IA

Bryce Danko, PA

Jessie Jo Guttridge, OR

Alex Coe, OR

## Golden Sheaths

Landon Knight, OK

Rachel Edelen, IA

Gail Switzer, PA

Baylor Howerton, NC

JC Junkman, OR

The Youth & Junior Leadership Teams assisted in running the game. Both teams had a variety of questions to answer; from emblems & Degree knowledge to National Officer names & founding members, and many other Grange concepts. Everyone worked hard and played well alongside the cheering of the fellow Grangers in the room who made everyone feel like a winner.

The winners will not be announced until Friday’s National Grange Honors Night.



# Delegates elect two to Executive Committee

BY PHILIP J VONADA

Communications Director

Each year, two seats on the four-person National Grange Executive Committee come up for election. This year, those seats are those of Leroy Watson (NH) and Susan Noah (OR), who were elected during the 154th Annual National Grange Session which was held via Zoom in November 2020.

Since then, Watson and Noah have each served on various committees helping to establish Grange policy and encourage growth. Noah served as Secretary in the most recent configuration of the Board of Direc-

tors.

In Thursday’s election, Watson and Noah were each re-elected to their seats, a vote of confidence in the work of the current Executive Committee and Board.

“I am honored to receive the confidence of the Delegates to serve as a member of the Executive Committee, and I promise to do so to the best of my ability,” Watson said, accepting his election. When asked about his hopes for the next few years, he said, “I hope we are going to have a successful transfer from a commercial property owner in the heart of Washington, DC to an organization more focused on the needs and requirements of our members and

non-members across rural America.” Watson indicated that there will be logistical and financial challenges in the next few years, but hopes that the Grange will have the flexibility to work on new programs and new ideas. Watson is serving as a Delegate from New Hampshire this year, and was National Grange Legislative Director for over 20 years.

Susan Noah has served on the Executive Committee since 2018. For the past year, she was the secretary of the Board as well as being a Board representative to the Grange Foundation.

The makeup of the reformed Board of Directors will be decided later this week.



Watson (top) and Noah were elected to a new term on the National Grange Executive Committee.

# Profiles in Courage: Meet some of the Quilts of Valor recipients

PHOTOS AND PROFILES  
BY BETH SOUTHWORTH



## Paul Schlehr

Paul Schlehr was the oldest veteran to receive a Quilt of Valor at the 156th National Grange Convention in Sparks, Nevada. Paul enlisted in the United States Navy in 1958. He worked with satellite communications, maps for submarines in the Atlantic Ocean, the

Royal Saudi Navy Expansion Project using electronics and making maps of the Pacific Ocean.

Paul separated from his first wife. His second wife passed away a year and half ago. Paul is most proud of his grandson, Dimitris Grillos, a member of the U.S. Airforce. Paul is a member of Silver Sage Grange, and was submitted for honor by Nevada Grange Deputy Carl Clinger.



## Colleen Bennett

Colleen Bennett received a Quilt of Valor during the 156th National Grange Convention in Sparks.

She is the youngest veteran who participated in the ceremony. Colleen enlisted right after graduating from high school

and served in the U.S. National Guard from 2015 to 2021. Colleen was part of the supply motorpool.

Colleen's war was the Covid pandemic, where she transported live and empty Covid tests. She was part of the emergency medical service agency and helped with contact tracing. Colleen was excited to be invited to Wednesday's ceremony. She is a member of Ono Grange in California. Her mother is also a Grange member and came with her to the ceremony. Colleen enjoys spending time with family, and her goal is to be more involved in Grange.



## George Boyd

George Boyd received a Quilt of Valor at the 156th National Convention in Sparks, Nevada.

George "Bud" Boyd served three tours in Vietnam, but he doesn't remember returning from the war.

Alice Boyd and her dad were hunting bears in Oregon with Bud shortly after his return from Vietnam. Bud credits Alice with a smooth transition to civilian life. She is "his rock," and have been married forty years.

After serving for the country, Bud managed a ranch and was a crane tech for steel joists installed in commercial buildings. He and Alice have four children, 27 grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren, with another great-grandchild on the way. Bud and Alice do not have much spare time as they "are busy watching grandchildren." When asked to receive a Quilt of Valor, he was nervous and speechless. He states he doesn't do well in crowds possibly due to undiagnosed PTSD. Bud loves his wife and is grateful for her support.



California Grange member Eugene Fletcher has designed these 3D-printed keychains, emblazoned with the Grange Youth and Junior Grange logos. You can receive these keychains for a donation of \$3 each or 2 for \$5. They can be found in the Region Host Office (Redwood 8). All proceeds go directly to the Junior and Youth funds at the Grange Foundation.



# Horizon candidates present for Youth

**BY COLE SETTLE**

*National Grange Youth Ambassador*

Youth Ambassadors and Outstanding Young Patrons vying to become a member of the National Grange Youth Leadership Team must meet numerous requirements and challenged in order to be considered. These requirements include a formal interview, completion of the Grange Pillars Project, and presenting one workshop at National Convention. On Thursday, November 17, 2022, two Youth Ambassadors and two Outstanding Young Patrons presented workshops in front of youth and young adults from around the country.

The first presentation was made by the female Youth Ambassador from North Carolina, Baylor Howerton. Baylor's workshop was centered around the importance of understanding and respecting the perspectives of others. Baylor demonstrated this by asking Grangers what their first thought was when thinking about a brick wall. Several answers were given including "a challenge," "a bench," and "a skyscraper to an ant." In closing, Baylor explained that as Grangers we should "widen our perspectives," and emphasized the importance of making an effort to understand and show sympathy for others' viewpoints.

The second presentation was made by the Outstanding Young Patron from North Carolina, Autumn Whitaker. Autumn prepared her workshop around the principle of perseverance. To illustrate her point, Autumn tasked half the Youth with writing a "why" statement such as "why am I hungry?" Autumn then instructed the other half of youth to write a "because" explanation such as "because it's hot in here." Youth were then asked to find a partner to create a "why/because" sentence. After noting that most

of these combined sentences made little sense, Autumn explained that in life things do not always go to plan. Autumn then challenged the Youth by saying, "Don't give up when life doesn't give you what you want."

The third presentation was made by the male Youth Ambassador from North Carolina, Matthew Settle. Matthew's workshop was about the differences between people's assumptions. Matthew showed several optical illusions and asked the Youth what they saw in them. Each image typically received 2-3 different responses. After discussing all the images, Matthew explained that "it is not always immediately obvious what something means and that just because two people interpret the same event or action differently, does not mean that one must be inherently wrong.

The fourth Presentation was made by the Outstanding Young Patron from Pennsylvania, Gail Switzer. Gail's presentation was all about "Advocating for Change." Gail explained the importance of advocacy to young people through teaching the Youth how to write resolutions. The Youth then collectively wrote a resolution in regards to preparing highschoolers for adult life. The resolution was in support of classes such as home economics and basic finance being reintroduced into public school. Gail plans on submitting the finalized resolution to the National Grange in 2023.

By presenting their workshops, these Ambassadors and Young Patrons have completed the final requirements to be considered as a potential member of the 2023 Youth Leadership Team. All four Youth Ambassadors and Outstanding young patrons have impressed both their friends and National Grange Leadership through the professionalism shown in their presentations.

## **WORKSHOPS** *cont. from page 1*

There are four types of people using social media that Felts described using animal characteristics to describe them. The meerkat sits and watches. The lion hits the share button, waiting for something to happen that benefits them. The baboon is the commenter, liking and laughing at posts. The peacock is the producer. Everyone likes it when the peacock spreads his feathers.

Felts enumerated ten ways to become a social media animal. You should have a plan, be flexible, perfect your profile, tailor your content, use free tools, research, and monitor. Then, watch the competition, manage your community, choose the right platforms, and lastly, be human and transparent.

Felts encourages his listeners to become curators and to find out where they fit in. Felts advised that to make TikTok part of your Grange you need to celebrate people, by making a collage of videoing peo-

ple you want to engage with or just highlighting your Grange. All you meerkats out there, get involved and have fun.

For the first time since 1955, there is a growth in our National Grange membership. Amanda Brozana Rios shares that she loves coming to these kinds of events and sharing her passion for Grange. Brozana Rios stated that you would not be sitting here if you didn't love the Grange, feel that it's important to continue, and lastly you feel like you are screaming into the void sometimes.

In winter, bees often huddle together to keep warm all winter to survive. Once the temperatures start to warm up, the bees become more active and leave the hives. Grange faced a similar phenomenon once COVID started to break. Suddenly, people reevaluated their priorities and were looking to continue that with family-based organizations, like the Grange.

As a result of COVID, people were talking about groups with the same

values, and they wanted to know where their food comes from. Suddenly, many people realized they didn't know where or how their food got to them. Both these factors put Grange in a position for membership gain. We've been bridge builders in the past and continue to build for the future. As you envision your programming, make sure it targets family audiences so you can keep building.

Looking to the future there are a few things to keep in mind to help keep us growing. Know your audience and trailer it to them. Find the need in your community and focus on bringing that in. We are a Fellowship and potential members apply to join the Grange. Think about the individuals wanting to join and be sure they are a good fit for your Grange. Lastly, reinvest in training and leadership building to maximize your membership growth.

Ask not what Grange can do for you, but what can you do with Grange.

# Juniors & Youth splash around

**BY BETH SOUTHWORTH**  
Communications Fellow



Carter Settle, Bryce Danko, Carson Lackey, Cade Hower-ton, and Travis Knight love horsing around, but that does not keep them from the seriousness of Grange. Knight, 15, South Coffeyville Grange, Oklahoma, is a second time attendee to National Convention. He stressed that his words mean something. In a conversation with Philip Vonada, National Communications Director, Knight suggested that podcasts emphasizing Grange's connection with other organizations such as 4-H, Quits of Valor and Rural Mind could be used to amplify the Grange's mission.



When you are grandma's favorite, she brings you to National Grange Convention. Kate Woods of Hurricane Creek Grange, Nevada is at her first convention with her grandmother, JoAnn McBride. She says "It's fun to be in a five star hotel." Even though her baseball team lost this afternoon, Grange Baseball was her favorite event so far.



Landon Knight, 12, South Coffeyville Grange, Oklahoma is a Junior Grange attending his second National Convention. He contends that this convention is better than last year "due to better food." Knight looked forward to coming to reunite with friends and to play Grange Baseball.

## DAILY PUZZLE

### Grange order of business

Match the letters on the right from 1-15 on the left in order that business should be conducted.

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- A. Closing
- B. Conferring of the degree
- C. New business
- D. Unfinished business
- E. Opening the Grange
- F. Repots of special committees
- G. Reading the minutes of last meeting
- H. Balloting for candidates
- I. Suggestions for the good of the Order
- J. Bills and accounts
- K. Reports of standing committees
- L. Is there any member sick or in distress
- M. Reports of committee on candidates
- N. Proposals for membership
- O. Receipts of evening announced



*The first two people who complete this and find Lindsay in Redwood 2 win a prize!*

*Congratulations to Gail Switzer and Annie Scott for finding Lindsay very early on Thursday morning! Competition runs hot in the Scott family.*

### **THANK YOU!**

The Fellows extend a special thanks to Chris & Duane Hamp for breakfast. Also to Karie & Ruth Blasingame for the cookies and treats!

### **YOU'RE INVITED!**

**Exemplification of the first Five Degrees.** On Friday, just after the close of session, the National Grange will be exmplifying the first Five Degrees. Any member who has yet to see or receive the Degrees is invited to view or obtain.

### **IS IT YOUR FIRST TIME AT SESSION?**

Scan this QR code to access a document with some key words, phrases, and ideas that you might see at this convention!



### **DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THE PATRONS CHAIN AT YOUR DOOR?**

If you are at convention and did not receive a copy of the Patrons Chain at your hotel room, please see Lindsay in Redwood 2.