

June Meeting

*Meet & Greet 6:00 - 6:30

1. Order -- Janie welcomed our special guests & called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to follow.

2. Special Guests & Speakers --

a. Janie introduced Kelly Coover who spoke briefly & then introduced his brother, potential candidate for 2nd Congressional District, **Don Coover** from Galesburg. He is a Veterinarian, Farmer & Veteran & former moderate Republican who can't sit on the sidelines & watch the destruction of our democracy. At the encouragement of his brother he is considering a run for office.

b. Janie introduced gubernatorial candidate, Senator **Cindy Houschel**. She was encouraged to get involved in politics when a situation was presented and her daughter said "who's going to help?" & she was compelled to do her part by run for Senate & she prevailed & has been in the fight ever since. She spoke of the pressing issues in the recent legislative session & major concerns facing Kansans. She encouraged us to talk to friends about the issues, be the influencer & focus on local & state elections. Courage is contagious & when you step forward other people will too. She reminded us that we have 500 days until the '2026 Election & to start the conversation of what's at stake. Q & A followed with valuable discussions on school vouchers, credible media outlets, Constitutional Amendment on Supreme Court Judges, Healthcare & KOGE Committee. Susan Campbell shared how she knows Cindy personally & that she's the "real deal" with experience helping underserved communities & genuinely cares for others.

3. Business Meeting -- We briefly discussed Cowtown Days & the success of our activities to "Save the Bees" & how we did the same at Galena Days. Also, the Road Rally was a success with coordination 21 cars total with Labette & Neosho joining us. Steve lead the way to Pittsburg for the Rally which was a great turn-out & very encouraging.

* Sign-ups for the Fair were circulated & packets will be available for pre-sale on Raffle items. entral Committee will meet to finalize plans.

*Elaine read Thank You's from Betty McBride & 4-H member Allison Brown.

*Minutes from May meeting will be available on web site.

Meeting was adjourned & Door prizes were drawn. Thanks were expressed to all in attendance & to all who brought snacks & door prizes. Special thanks to Kristen for the amazing cupcakes & coordinating with Bobbi Williams for the goodie baskets for drawing.

Reminded everyone of the Fair dates & next in-person meeting is August 14th with location TBA.