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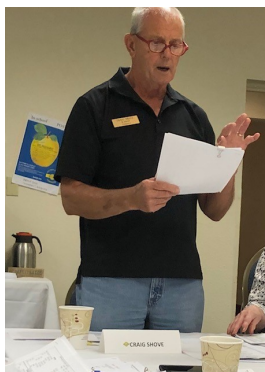
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REMEMBERING CRAIG SHOVE

Bob Grover

Craig Shove, KARSP Treasurer, passed away suddenly June 27, 2019, in Valley Center, KS. Craig was born in Gustine, CA, on January 15, 1946, and lived most of his life in Kansas. He graduated from Onaga High School in 1964 and attended both Kansas State University and University of Kansas. He was a military veteran, serving in the Air Force during the Vietnam War.



Craig was a teacher before accepting an administrative position in the Kansas State Department of Education in Topeka 1989-1998. He was Communications Director at Turner USD #202 1998-2007.

During retirement Craig was active in volunteer work, serving in the Silver Haired Legislature, as KARSP Treasurer 2016-19, on the Board of Directors at Unity Church of Wichita, and as an information desk volunteer at Dwight D. Eisenhower Airport. He was active in community theater and had many hobbies and interests.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne, three children, and eight grandchildren. A memorial services was held July 5 at Unity Church of Wichita.

KARSP President Priscilla Taggart recalled Craig's contributions to this association: "KARSP will miss Craig immensely. His humor, dedication, knowledge, attention to details, and loyalty to this organization cannot be replicated. There are 'big shoes to fill' in finding a new treasurer. Thanks to Craig, and his wonderful family, we want to say. 'A Job Well Done.'"

KARSP GRANT PROMOTES AG

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Wanda Small, a K-6 STEAM teacher in Atchison County Community Elementary School, received a \$500 grant from the KARSP Foundation at the June KARSP convention in Hutchinson.



Wanda's grant proposal, "Learning from Livestock? You Bet?" will provide life-like models of livestock to help her elementary school students learn about farm animals and the importance of agriculture in our society. In her proposal, Wanda wrote that "students will (1) identify farm animals, species' terminology, and external anatomy; (2) describe animal behavior, appearance, and habitat; (3) properly approach, catch and care for animals; (4) make connections between animals and food/fiber/resources that animals provide; (5) investigate Ag STEAM careers."

Atchison County School District #377 currently has a unique K-6 STEAM program—science, technology, engineering, art and agriculture, and mathematics. The focus of using agriculture starting in kindergarten was initiated about six years ago after Wanda had visited Walton School, which has one of the few elementary school programs in Kansas focusing on agriculture.

Following that visit, she told her superintendent, "I have this vision that we could do this for our district because so many of our students are removed from the farm. Many are living in a rural area, because we're in Atchison County, which is very rural, but not many kids are involved in farming. They don't realize the process where milk and food products and even the fiber and clothes that they wear, where it all comes from."

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BETTER...TOGETHER

Priscilla Taggart
KARSP President



TWELVE THINGS TO REMEMBER

By Marshall Field

1. The value of time.
2. The success of perseverance.
3. The pleasure of working.
4. The dignity of simplicity.
5. The worth of character.
6. The power of kindness.
7. The influence of example.
8. The obligation of duty.
9. The wisdom of economy.
10. The virtue of patience.
11. The improvement of talent.
12. The joy of originating.

I came across these thoughts as I was going through my mother's memorabilia this past week. She was a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse for a few years in Southwest Kansas. Each one of these "things to remember" is relevant today, and when the start of a new school year looms ahead for the district's personnel, they can serve as a guide.

As retirees we have the opportunity to support, contribute our talents and time, and serve in any capacity as we have done before. District 3 is still looking for a District Director. Contact me if you are interested.

Continue volunteering and reporting those hours to your community service chairperson, which makes an impact for each local unit and is celebrated during the state convention. Better...Together

We will miss our KARSP treasurer, Craig Shove, as we move forward as an organization. He exemplified so many of these "things to remember."

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From that conversation with the superintendent came the Atchison County Community Outdoor Learning Campus, seven acres devoted to work with elementary school through high school students. Wanda summarized the intent: “It was for hands-on learning for our students, to be environmentally responsible as lifelong learners, and to help them get a hands-on agricultural experience that would allow them to learn twenty-first century skills through the benefit of the interaction that they would have with plants and animals.”

Objectives for the teaching of agriculture K-12 in the district include advocacy to help students learn where fiber, food and fuel come from and make connections to it for themselves, and in the community and world.

“There are three of us, including me, that started writing grants for money to build, first of all, some raised garden beds,” Wanda said. “Now we have six raised garden beds for kids, kindergarten through 12th grade, and almost have secured funding for a greenhouse.”

The next step in the plan is livestock. “I’ve already been teaching about livestock in my classroom, and we hope to get real livestock for real hands-on learning, but this [KARSP Foundation grant] is actually going to help teach kids species’ terminology, anatomy of the animals, and even how to care for animals. Of course, it will be developmentally appropriate.”

The grant will purchase stuffed livestock animals that are realistic. Although they are smaller than real adult animals, they are life-like models. “We’re going to

have a pig, calf, sheep, horse, llama, goat, hen, rooster, chick, some realistic eggs, and a Border Collie,” Wanda said. “We started lessons covering livestock anatomy last year, and I kept thinking, ‘I wished I had some models to use.’ So now I’ve got the models.”

Wanda recalled, “An ‘aha moment’ last year is when a third grader said, ‘I get it. I finally get it, Mrs. Small. Now I know we need plants and animals if we’re going to eat and have clothing to wear.’ You just made my year!”

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From Ernie Claudel: Don’t forget to contact your legislators often about the need for COLA. They need to know we want action.

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KARSP UNITS CONTINUE SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

The Junction City unit recently awarded three \$500 scholarships to the following students: Aubrey Hitchcock to Bethany College, Paige Smith to The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Calen Boller to Kansas State University. Submitted by Sharon Sharpe.

The Southeast Kansas unit awarded a 500 dollar scholarship to Taylor Krokroskie to attend Pittsburgh State University. Taylor attended the May meeting of the unit and expressed her gratitude for the scholarship and told how much it would help her. The Southeast unit sets out a basket at each meeting to receive donations from their members. Submitted by Betty Hight.

2019 KARSP CONVENTION VENDORS

Various vendors were at the 2019 convention. KARSP appreciates their support.

