

Guest Speaker for Last Meeting

Vanessa Wood, Founder, Ag Women Connect, America's Platform for Women in Agriculture. Vanessa is from Plainview, and is a 4th generation farmer! After graduating from TTU with a degree in Agricultural Leadership, she has spent the majority of her career in leadership roles in various agricultural sectors.

Vanessa said: "AG Women Connect was founded in 2021 to bring women in the agricultural community together to connect, grow, and support one another. Engaging women in all aspects of agriculture across the US is our prime goal. Our safe and professional networking platform uplifts and provides valuable knowledge, communication and community. We welcome women involved in the agricultural field from all backgrounds, race and status to join us. We want to hear their voices, visions, and dreams."

Vanessa also said: "AG Women Connect is a positive and forward-thinking organization that provides a space for women to connect, grow, and support one another in all aspects of agriculture. 45% of farmers/ranchers are women! Our commitment to advocating for women experiencing real-life issues within the industry is unwavering. We provide trustworthy resources, education, events, and opportunities to give back to local communities. Our forum equips women with the tools they need to be confident and make a difference in their lives for upcoming generations. 61% of farmers/ranchers are 60 or older!" Corporate AG companies are buying family-owned farms/ranches at an amazing pace. We've lost about 107,000 independent cattle producers in the last 10 years!

Vanessa told us to "Praise and Be Raised – or Complain and be the Same!" (Good advice, I reckon!)

June 6, 2024

Our June Birthdays! WOW!

Reed Hitch – 6/1
Jill Ramsey – 6/6
Marjorie Manning – 6/13
Joel Howard – 6/22
Paul Rostad – 6/22
Wayne Kohout – 6/23

We need more Kiwanis Safety Vests so if you are not using yours, please let Wayne know so he can pick it up.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AFP

Flag Day-Friday June 14th;
Independence Day-Thursday, July 4th;
Labor Day-Monday September 2nd; and
Veterans Day-Monday November 11th.

Volunteer Center of Lubbock may help! We need 3 volunteers on each route (18), so PLEASE volunteer if you possibly can!

Flag Route Captain Responsibilities

Cpts. contact route members before each flag event and contact **alternate** club members to fill absences. **Cpts** ensure their Route has a truck/trailer for their flags. **Wayne Kohout** is the liaison for **route lists, material, tools, vests and complaints!**

Route 1: CPT: Cindy Ham-Trk., 2. Tim Upp; 3. Mary Wallace; Alternate: _____?

Route 2: CPT: Tom Andrews, 2. Steve Jones-Trk. 3. David Cook, 4. Paul Rostad-Trk. Altrs.: Jill Ramsey, Cheryl Jones.

Route 3: CPT: Wayne Kohout, 2. Roger Mahan-Trk.; 3. Lequice; Altr.: Paige Kohout

Route 4: CPT: James Dugger, 2. David Medrano; 3. John Gast, Altr. _____?

Route 5: CPT: Dianah Ascencio-Trk, 2. Debbie Conn, 3. Ashley Torrez; Alter. Raul A

Route 6: (HEB) CPT: Luke Mason-Trk., 2. David Mallard, 3. Mary Hernandez, Altr.: ___?

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John Paul Batrice's

 Bits & Pieces

I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there!

Sign in a building products store: 'Husbands choosing tiles must have a note from wife',

Sign on south side of Lubbock: 'Road work next 5 years.

Sign on Paul Rostad's car: "You may touch the dust but please don't write your name".

Sign at Walmart: "Cashier wanted- must be 18 years old with 2 yrs. experience".

Sign at McDonald's: "Buy one burger for the price of two and receive a second burger absolutely free".

Sign at AJ office: 'In case of fire, please leave the building before posting it on social media'.

Sign at Taco Bell: 'Free tacos yesterday'.

OFFICERS 2023-2024:

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Joe Phea, President-Elect
David Mallard, Vice President
Lequice Kohout, Treasurer
Paul Rostad, Secretary
Debbie Conn, Immed. Past Pres.

BOARD MEMBERS:

2022-2024: David Cook, Kim Davis, Wayne Kohout, Luke Mason
2023-2025: Sandra Andrews, Cindy Ham, David Medrano, Carmen Vige

TODAY

Thur. June 6: June Birthdays, Committee Updates, and Board Meeting

ALSO...COMING SOON:

Thur. June 13: Norman Bearden, W. Tx. State Veterans' Cemetery: What is it; Where is it?

Thur. June 20: Brandi Couch, College Advisor, Talkington School for Young Women