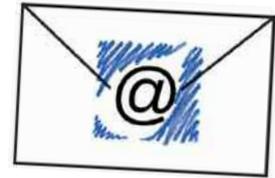


# Letters



**T**hank you to the KRWA for honoring me with the 2019 Rural Water Bookkeeper of the Year award. As usual the conference far exceeded my expectations.

The KRWA Conference in 2009 was the first conference that I attended and it helped me learn all I needed to know about rural water and for that reason I am able to work for four water districts and love the job I do. Thanks to all the KRWA staff for all you do!

*Lori Reinhardt  
Neosho RWDs 6, 7, 9 & 12*

**Shirley and I were talking and we** would like to thank you and your organization for all the help you have given us. Doug Helmke and Ken Kopp were very helpful last fall in resolving issues with DWR. Jon Steele has been here twice in the last month testing customer meters for accuracy. We work with Mark Thomas on a continual basis keeping our GPS maps up to date, Greg Duryea has done our rate analysis for several years and you and your crew are always available to answer any questions that come up. Our staff have also attended many training

sessions and the annual convention every year and we are always learning something new or reminded of something that we have forgotten. The help we receive from KRWA is well worth many times over the dues we pay every year.

Thanks again,

*Steve Euler  
Morris RWD 1*

**Just wanted you both (Elmer and Greg)** to know that we really appreciated Daryn Martin's help last week with our O & M Manual for our Booster Pump Station No. 1 that was part of our SRF project with KDHE. He reviewed what John Mellies and I put together, helped make changes and get it cleaned up to send to William Carr. William Carr approved the manual and agreed to release the funds they were holding until we submitted the manual.

It was very helpful having him available to come to our office to work on this project on relatively short notice. With the situation with Aqua Tech Engineering and the passing of Willis Wilson, we (John & I) were

scrambling to pull this document together to get things completed.

Daryn is very personable and professional and has a heart for helping people in this industry. We feel you have made a great choice in bringing him on board at KRWA. He is and will be a great asset and help to water districts and municipalities across the state and especially in south central Kansas.

Thank you so much!!

*Sue Harsh  
Bookkeeper/Office Manager  
Butler County Rural Water District No. 6*

**Chase County Rural Water District No. 1** would like to thank Mark Thomas and Bret Beye (and any support staff) for creating the Google Earth Map, and paper maps for our system.

Your time, knowledge and expertise are so valuable, not to mention, needed and appreciated!!

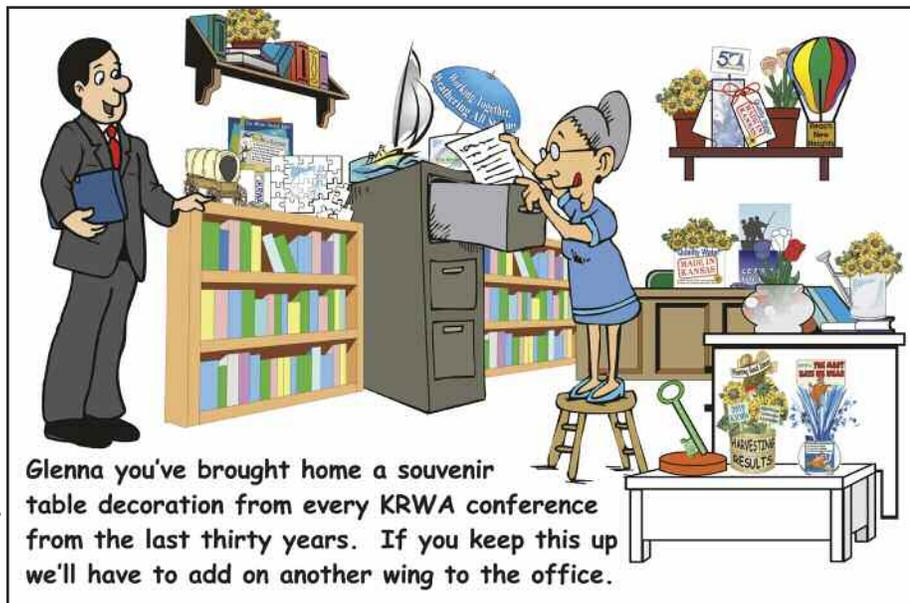
Bret, thank you for personally delivering the maps to City Hall. It was great to meet and visit with you.

The paper maps are such excellent quality!

As one of the "new kids on the block" having the shortcut for the Google Earth Maps with the entire system showing with a click is very exciting. There are many miles of system and this map helps me to see each location. What a great use of technology.

Again, thank you for always helping us out; it is appreciated!

*Yvonne Kirk  
Deputy Clerk, Treasurer, Floodplain  
Administrator, Rural Water Bookkeeper  
City of Strong City*



Cartoon by Linda Windler.

**My name is Kevin Canada, and I** work with the city of Bentley. I have been working in the Maintenance Department for three years, and I would like to express my gratitude to one of the KRWA Tech Assistants.

His name is Jon Steele and he is a fantastic wealth of knowledge. He has aided us in many situations and helps iron out issues we have had in the past. Jon is also very trustworthy and I lean on him more than he thinks!

To keep this short, I would lastly like to say that Jon is very accommodating as well. At minimum, he is only a phone call away. Jon is a great service to the state.

Thanks for keeping good state reps on hand.

*Kevin Canada  
City of Bentley*

**We would like to take this** opportunity to thank Kansas Rural Water Association for the services that were provided by Mr. McCool and Mr. Martin. These services were very valuable to the employees of Rural Water District No. 1, Ellsworth County, d/b/a Post Rock Rural Water District, and this will help to ensure that the employees are following the correct procedures to provide safe clean drinking water to the patrons of Post Rock Rural Water District.

The assistance that Kansas Rural Water Association provides to the Rural Water Districts in the State of Kansas is greatly appreciated and very valuable in the process of ensuring safe clean drinking water. Thanks Again.

Sincerely,

*Randall Hlad, Superintendent  
Distribution and Water Treatment  
Ellsworth RWD 1 (Post Rock)*

**I was reading through *The Kansas Lifeline* magazine this morning and it reminded me that I wanted to write and tell you Elmer what a positive element of my life you and the Association are. I will never forget you and the**

members that I got to be friends with over the years.

Folks like you have made my life so colorful and fulfilled.

Once again, thanks!

*David Browning  
"The Mayberry Deputy"*

**I just wanted to say thank you** (Ken Kopp) for the article in *The Kansas Lifeline* magazine. We have already received a few calls from interested parties about the system and how it works with more to come I'm sure. I appreciate you taking the time to research systems and how our's can compare. Lonnie and I are both very thankful; this has been a big boost for

us in making contact with customers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for KRWA or you in the future.

Thank you again.

*Josh Teel  
Teel Consulting*

**Hello – this is J.C. (Jonathan)** Huehl, winner of Dennis Schwartz Scholarship. Enclosed is a copy of my enrollment course schedule you requested. I would like to personally thank you for awarding me this scholarship. The support of KRWA is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,

*J.C. Huehl*

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