

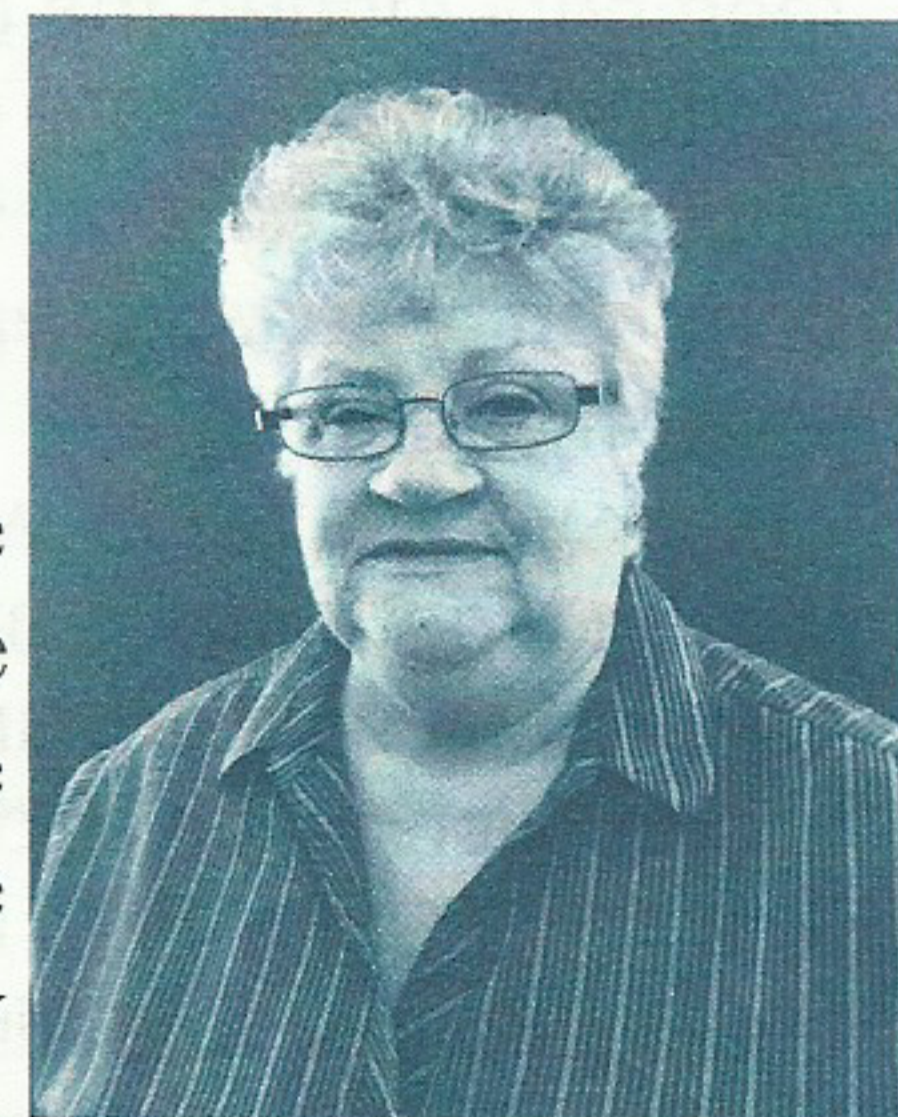
# KAFCE NEWS

Mar 19  
vol. 53  
no. 1

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION of the KANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## “NETWORKING WITH NANCY”

### Your KAFCE President



Welcome to all FCE members from Southeast Kansas where the internet was not part of growing up on the farm. We had the party-line telephone and everyone was in contact with their neighbors. So, the question - will the internet kill your community? and the answer can be like - did instant potatoes kill potatoes? New technologies change many things but not everything. We must continue to advance with change when planning projects and programs.

During my 55 years of FCE membership I have gained knowledge through the lessons, workshops, conference, national programs, and my years as an Extension Office Professional. I served four years as the KAFCE Treasurer being elected in 2006 State Conference in Manhattan.

Every year we encourage **Membership** as new members are the future that keeps us alive to ensure continuity and our vitality. To continue we must ask all those we see about becoming a member and tell them the benefits of joining FCE. We cannot guess if they are interested without asking. Let's make a goal to add two or more members to our FCE. We continue to recognize years of membership and years for being a Unit and making a difference through programs and being a **VOLUNTEER!**

With technology changing everyday here are a few thoughts about making “**NETWORKING WITH NANCY**” work for us. How many times do we hear “I hate networking?” **NETWORKING** makes us feel uncomfortable and even powerless. Some people have a natural passion for it – and some do not. But, in today's world – **NETWORKING** is a necessity. Research shows that **NETWORKING** can lead to more opportunities, broader knowledge, improved capacity to innovate faster advancement, and greater status and authority. When you think more about what you can give to others than what you can get from them, **NETWORKING**, will seem worthier of your time. Any work activity becomes more attractive when it is linked to a higher goal. So, focus your **NETWORKING** on the benefits of making connections and more results. **NETWORKING** is critical to our success, yet we find it very frustrating and stressful. By shifting our mindset, identifying and exploring interests, and expanding our views of motivating yourself with a higher purpose, we will become more excited about **NETWORKING** and building good that is great for everyone.

With technology changing it makes a challenge in keeping the lines of communication open between members and the board. If you have something to share let me know.