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The Smoky Valley Chapter monthly newsletter is a great place to inform members of general news, ideas, and events that are of interest to the society. Anyone that has newsletter material they would like to share with the society should feel free to submit the information to Chapter Director Jacob Allen throughout the upcoming year. Submittals not later than the first of each month are needed to ensure insertion in the current monthly newsletter.

**Mark Your Calendars**

**JUNE 15-17**

**2022 KSPE Annual Conference**  
Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview, Wichita  
June 15-17, 2022

**AUG 1-3**

**NSPE 2022 Professional Engineers Conference**  
Philadelphia  
August 1-3, 2022

**AUG 3**

**P.E. Day**  
August 3, 2022

**OCT 7**

**EFK 23rd Annual Gold Tournament**  
Colbert Hills, Manhattan  
October 7, 2022
Smoky Valley Chapter members attended the February chapter meeting at Martinelli’s in Salina. This was the Sweethearts Dinner, where spouses are invited to attend. At this meeting local KSPE Awards were presented to the awardees. Wayne Nelson presented the awards as follows:

- **Engineer of the Year**
  - Jeff Drees, P.E.

- **Outstanding Engineering Achievement**
  - North Vine Street (US-183) Corridor Improvements, Hays KS
    - City of Hays, Smoky Hill, LLC., WSP, Kirkham Michael

- **Outstanding Engineering Intern**
  - Jacob Allen, I.E.

- **KSPE Award**
  - Tom Sydow, P.E.
Smoky Valley Chapter members toured the KSU Bulk Solids Innovation Center during the March meeting. KSU’s Dr. Dandu (BSIC Director) and Todd Smith (BSIC Business and Strategy Manager) gave chapter members an in-depth tour of the facility, and discussed how the program operates, what type of research is being conducted, and plans for the future.

The mission of the K-State Bulk Solids Innovation Center (BSIC) is to support industry by improving technology and knowledge related to powder and bulk solid handling. Our services include material properties testing, education classes, product and equipment testing, research, and consulting services related to powder and bulk solids materials. BSIC is the only University centered facility and staff in North America dedicated to improving technology and knowledge of powder and bulk solids handling.

Here is a link for more information on BSIC https://bulk-solids.k-state.edu/index.html
### SMOKY VALLEY CHAPTER

**2022-2023 Committees**

Chapter committees are currently being filled. If you wish to serve on a committee, please contact Jacob Allen.

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### Recruits...

If you know any prospective members, invite them to a chapter meeting. A membership application is available at the KSPE website at [www.kansasengineer.org](http://www.kansasengineer.org).

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### Engineering Week Activities

KSPE SVC President Kris Upson presented an Engineers Week Proclamation at the City of Salina’s City Commission Meeting. The City Commission adopted the Proclamation, naming February 19-February 25, 2022, as Engineers Week within the City.

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