

# Newsletter

KANSAS SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

## SMOKY VALLEY CHAPTER

February 2024

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS



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To promote, recognize and enhance the engineering profession by delivering professional development products and services, encouraging licensure, and advocating legislation and public policy for the betterment of human welfare and the profession.

### 2022-2023 Chapter Officers

<b>President:</b>	Libby Lorenson
<b>Vice President:</b>	Brett Wilkinson
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<b>Treasurer:</b>	Elizabeth Hopp
<b>Chapter Director:</b>	Matt Rowe
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<b>State Director:</b>	Justin Owens



### Sounding Board

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 Matt Rowe throughout the upcoming year. Submittals not later than the first of each month are needed to ensure insertion in the current monthly newsletter.

### Membership Activities

**2024 WATER QUALITY SEMINAR**  
FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024  
8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
BARTLETT & WEST CONFERENCE ROOM  
1200 SW EXECUTIVE DR, TOPEKA, KA 66615

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### SMOKY VALLEY CHAPTER

#### 2023-2024 Committees

Chapter committees are currently being filled. If you wish to serve on a committee, please contact President Libby Lorenson

### 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).

## Smoky Valley Chapter February 2024 Meeting

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:

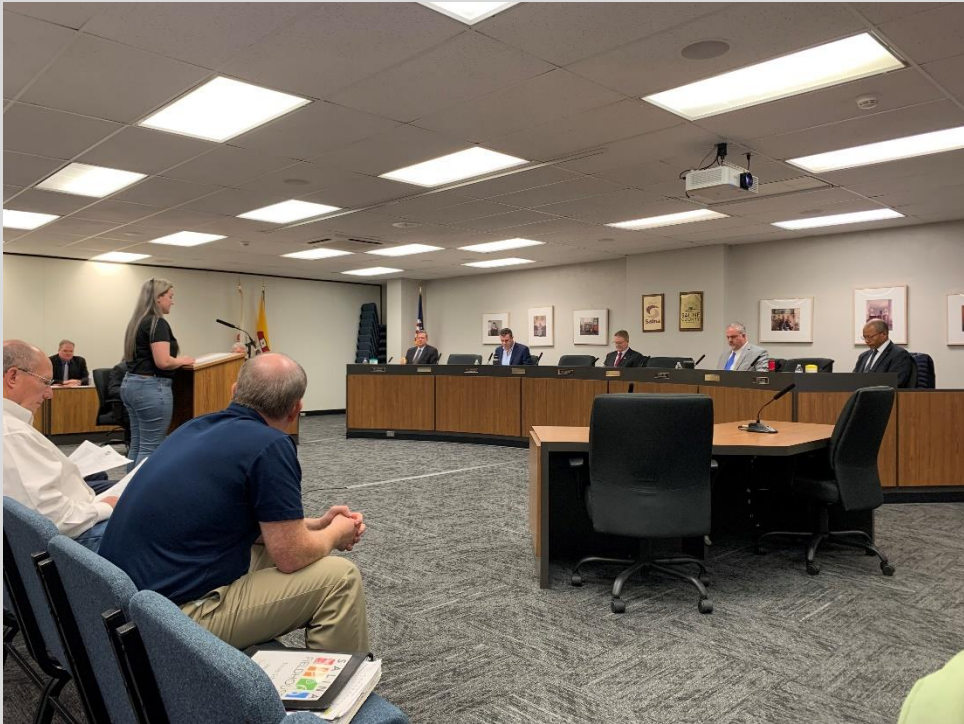
- **Engineer of the Year**
  - Josh Beckman, P.E.
- **Young Engineer of the Year**
  - Matt Rowe, P.E.
- **Outstanding Citizen**
  - Dan Stack, P.E.
- **Outstanding Teacher**
  - Ellen Kampfe
- **Outstanding Engineering Achievement**
  - Centennial Road Channel Improvements
- **KSPE Award**
  - Wayne Nelson, P.E., F.NSPE







### Engineers Week Proclamation



KSPE Smoky Valley Chapter President, Libby Lorenson, read the Proclamation for Engineers Week before the City Commission on February 12<sup>th</sup>.





## **KSPE 2025 Annual Conference Representatives**

*Last year the Smoky Valley board agreed to help in the planning of the KSPE conference in Dodge City. The KSPE board of directors voted to move ahead with the 2025 annual conference to be held in Dodge City. The Smoky Valley chapter will need to have representatives on the 2025 planning committee, and we will need rep(s) on the 2024 planning committee to get an idea of what is needed to pull the conference together. The expected commitment for serving on the committee would consist of attending a monthly meeting that lasts approximately 1 hour. If you are interested in volunteering to be a representative on the 2025 planning committee, please contact any chapter officer for more information.*

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2024 REGIONAL COMPETITION - FEBRUARY 10, 2024

## TOP 8 INDIVIDUALS

- 1<sup>ST</sup>- Ethan Xia (S.B.A)**
- 2<sup>ND</sup>- Christopher Spencer (S.B.A)**
- 3<sup>RD</sup>- Lucas Yoon (S.B.A.)**
- 4<sup>th</sup>- Michael Amammal (S.B.A.)**
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Damien Aikens (M.C.)**
- 6<sup>th</sup>- Warren Chai (S.B.A.)**
- 7<sup>th</sup>- Alan Morales (S.H.)**
- 8<sup>th</sup>- Isaiah Boswell (S.H.)**



**FIRST PLACE TEAM**  
**SUSAN B ANTHONY M.S.**



**SECOND PLACE TEAM**  
**SACRED HEART J.H.**

## SCHOOLS

- CORNERSTONE CLASSICAL**
- MANHATTAN CATHOLIC**
- ROCK HILLS**
- SACRET HEART**
- SUSAN B. ANTHONY**



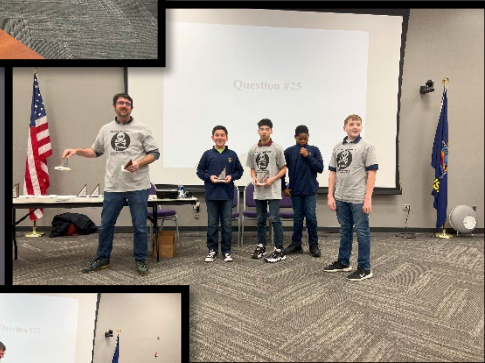
**TOP FINISHERS**



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**EVENT SNAPSHOTS**

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## VOLUNTEERS

WAYNE NELSON  
REX RITTER  
CHAD LAWSON  
GREG FIEF  
DAVID JOHNSON  
KARLA WATERS  
JOHN OURADA  
PEGGY JOHNSON  
ANGELA FIEF  
SUSAN LAWSON  
SHEILA SHAFFER

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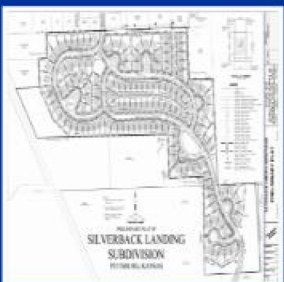
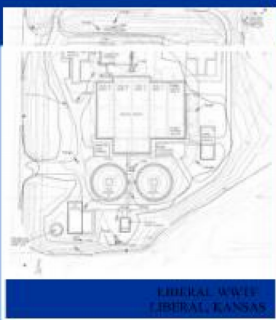
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