

Ag cooperatives hire new director

The new managing director of United Plains Ag and CHS Quinter knows the cooperatives well. Jeff Kahle, 55, replaced Pat Peterson on April 1. As agronomy manager of the two since 2008, he has watched them grow and develop.

"We have worked very hard to get the cooperatives to where they are right now," Kahle said, "and I see this as a challenge to continue going forward with what we have now. I don't want to see it stop. I like what I see."

"We're very excited to have Jeff come on board as our managing director," said Alan Peter, board chairman for United Plains Ag. "We've worked with him for the past six or seven years, and his experience in agronomy is second to none. And he's also worked in grain elevators I don't think we will miss a beat. He knows what our focus and goals are."

Kahle was born and raised in Winona and has been in the cooperative and agricultural industry his entire career. After high school, he got his first job with the Mingo Cooperative in 1977. He worked his way up in the industry, covering various manager and area manager responsibilities, including area manager in three different states at one time. Then in 2004, he joined Agrilience. By the time Agrilience became CHS in 2007, Kahle was manager of the I-70 facilities at Quinter, Selden, Brewster, Colby and Burlington. When United Plains Ag began sharing a managing director with CHS Quinter, Kahle became agronomy manager of both. When he heard Peterson would be leaving, he was well-prepared to apply for the managing director position.

from," Kahle said of the area. "I enjoy working with farmers. They are very honest, caring people."

He acknowledges that Mother Nature and weather issues will always be the biggest obstacle to crop production in this area.



Jeff Kahle

"I've always said, 'We are Iowa without the rain,'" he said. "The world is growing, and the population is going from 7 billion to 9 billion by 2050. We will need to feed the world. Agriculture is key to maximizing the food we grow, and the demand is there."

Kahle, who lives southeast of Quinter with Jana, his wife of 33 years, will be traveling the area from Burlington, Colo., to Quinter and from Colby to Bristol, Colo. His office will be in Sharon Springs, but he said he plans to be on the road visiting locations and getting out into the country.

With grain and agronomy locations across western Kansas and eastern Colorado, the two cooperatives have member-owners from the Nebraska border to Oklahoma, from central Kansas to the Front Range. United Plains Ag has locations in Bristol, Colo., Horace, Kanco, North Plant, Selkirk, Sharon Springs, Tribune, Wallace and Weskan. CHS Quinter has locations in Burlington, Brewster, Colby, Gem, Quinter and Selden.

Water Office seeks to fill committees

The Kansas Water Office is accepting applications for members of Basin Advisory Committees statewide. Committees have openings for new four-year terms.

Basin Advisory Committees are citizen groups that provide insight, track issues and alert the Kansas Water Office and Kansas Water Authority when concerns arise in any of the 12 river basins of Kansas.

All committees have seven core categories: ag-

riculture, conservation and environment, fish and wildlife, industry and commerce, municipal public water suppliers, recreation and at-large public members. Each committee fills their two- to four-member roster with membership categories that represent the diversity of water uses and user groups in their basin. To volunteer, go to www.kwo.org or call (785) 296-3185.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Sunday

- 1:47 a.m. – Closed the hatchback on vehicle.
 - 2:10 a.m. – Security check at Twister's.
 - 6:27 a.m. – Open line from business. Everything OK.
 - 7:39 a.m. – Caller lost debit card in parking lot. Provided information.
 - 11:45 a.m. – Caller backed into neighbor's vehicle.
 - 2:59 p.m. – Caller reported unknown small dog tied to a tree in his yard. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
 - 3 p.m. – Recovered wallet brought to station. Returned to owner
 - 4:04 p.m. – Caller reported being threatened. No report.
 - 7:31 p.m. – Report filed for harassment.
 - 8:07 p.m. – Caller reported loud vehicle at Pine and Garfield. Spoke with subjects.
 - 9:09 p.m. – Domestic disturbance reported by 911 caller. Two officers and a deputy responded.
- ### Monday
- 5:43 a.m. – Security check at Sleep Inn.
 - 7:14 a.m. – Vehicle had trunk open driving through parking lot. Spoke to driver; all OK.
 - 1:36 p.m. – Removed a screwdriver from roadway at Country Club Dr. and Willow.
 - 2:02 p.m. – Provided information about city ordinances.
 - 2:17 p.m. – Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop.
 - 2:59 p.m. – Collision.
 - 7:07 p.m. – Sexual assault report filed for incident.
 - 8:17 p.m. – Caller reported an-

- other subject making threats.
 - 9 p.m. – Caller reported neighbor's television too loud. Spoke with subjects.
- ### Tuesday
- 1:12 a.m. – Security check at Walmart.
 - 2:11 a.m. – Fire alarm going off at business. Everything OK, management contacted. Turned over to fire department.
 - 8:07 a.m. – Caller was stuck in ditch. Wrecking company pulled vehicle out.
 - 9:48 a.m. – Walk through at Motel 6 and Days Inn.
 - 10:07 a.m. – Walk through at Walmart.
 - 11:35 a.m. – Helped motorist at Franklin and Cherry.
 - 12:24 p.m. – Community Corrections called to request officer for arrest. Report filed.
 - 4:07 p.m. – Caller reported someone continuously calling.
 - 6:15 p.m. – Threatening text messages. Report filed.
- ### Wednesday
- 6:40 a.m. – Caller reported two dogs at large heading southbound in the 500 block of S. Mission. Unable to locate.
 - 10:09 a.m. – Caller reported abandoned vehicle. Spoke with owner; vehicle will be removed.
 - 10:18 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large on N. Range. Turned over to Animal Clinic.
 - 7:12 p.m. – Domestic disturbance report filed.
 - 10:46 p.m. – Caller reported someone ringing doorbells. Unable to locate
 - 10:59 p.m. – Security check at Walmart.
 - 11:17 p.m. – Security check at Twister's.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Saturday

- 7:49 a.m. – Helped highway patrolman on traffic stop on east-bound I-70.
 - 9:27 a.m. – Helped highway patrolman on traffic stop on east-bound I-70.
 - 11:05 a.m. – Caller reported a juvenile striking his mother with a stick. Report filed.
- ### Sunday
- 11:03 a.m. – Narcotics violation report filed for traffic stop on east-bound I-70.
 - 4:08 p.m. – Report filed for car fire on I-70.
 - 9:09 p.m. – Assisted Colby Police on domestic problem.
- ### Monday
- 8:10 a.m. – Civil stand-by.
 - 8:47 a.m. – Assisted highway patrolman on traffic stop on east-bound I-70.
 - 10:49 a.m. – Caller lost license sticker somewhere between Wichita and Colby. Report filed.
 - 11:02 a.m. – Civil forfeiture report filed in reference to Highway Patrol stop from April 20.
 - 12:55 p.m. – Brought inmate from Rawlins County to Law Enforcement Center.

- 2:29 p.m. – Caller reported possible animal cruelty.
 - 2:32 p.m. – Released Nicholas Wade Henry.
 - 7:50 p.m. – Booked Mariana Christian.
- ### Tuesday
- 7:38 a.m. – Served arrest warrant on Zachary Scott Nelson.
 - 7:38 a.m. – Served arrest warrant on Jon Jacob Pilon-Morales.
 - 7:38 a.m. – Served arrest warrant on Christopher Gatz.
 - 7:38 a.m. – Served arrest warrant on James A. Sroufe.
 - 9:25 a.m. – Sheridan County requested Rexford ambulance a mile southwest of Selden with auto accident. Responded; ambulance was later cancelled.
 - 9:35 a.m. – Took prisoner to Citizens Medical Center and back.
 - 10:57 a.m. – Served arrest warrant on Dylan Ahrens.
 - 10:57 a.m. – Served arrest warrant on Norman Palmer.
 - 2:50 p.m. – Booked Jimmy Thomas Stevenson II.
- ### Wednesday
- 7:44 a.m. – Subject came to station about domestic situation from Tuesday. Report filed.

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