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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall Everyone,

We have a lot of things on the docket for this month as well as toward the end of this year Our food drives for the Food Basket netted 111 lbs. of food and \$245.00.

We will be at the Farmers' Market on October 4th, so volunteers are needed to help it be successful.

Our food and supply drive for the Mountain Home Bombers Thrift Store will be on October 16th and 23rd, with delivery on the afternoon of the 23rd. This is assistance for their *compromised students* who need assistance. Thanks to all concerned members!

Also, upcoming in November will be our participation in the Fall Craftfest.

We are saddened by the loss of longtime member and past officer Wally Smietanski on Sept 27th. On this note, please keep other members with health issues in our thoughts and prayers. These include Irving, Jack, Pamela and any others that we may not know about at present.

With changing rental demands, the Board is considering options and solutions to the financial changes. Details and decisions will be upcoming once all is considered and decided.

We want our Great and Charitable Club to remain viable and strong throughout all these adjustments. We are a true asset to our community and beyond.

Keep those tools active!!

Kim

General Membership Meeting of September 18, 2025 MINUTES

Kim Valentine brought the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nancy Wheeler, Treasurer, reported that we have a growing charity fund and the general fund is sufficient. Please see an officer if you would like to know the amounts.

Our current membership is 128 members as reported by Linda Peacy.

Bob Shaffer has been doing an inventory of all tools in preparation for the January 2026 class.

In Terry Muth's absence, Norm Dixon reported that our wood supply is sufficient.

Dee Robinson, VP and Classes/Activities Chair, had only one upcoming class at this time and that is the Lamb class by Bob Gilkerson.

The club's Facebook page now has 724 followers according to Evelyn Burtram, and Pat Grimes is completing the updated roster.

Our library is full and Sonia Nelson encourages everyone to "check it out", and utilize our abundant resources which are right at your fingertips.

No *Chip Pile* report at this meeting from Sandy Smith.

Currently Sandy Lord says we have sent cards to all members as needed.

The show committee had its first meeting and Paul Baumann III invites anyone who would like to get involved to join the next meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Our Christmas party will be on December 4th and we voted to have turkey as the main course. We will have a final potluck in October, no theme to bringing the food.

Our club finished the food drive for the Food Basket today, and along with pounds of food, we collected \$245 in cash. Thanks to everyone for their generosity. The food drive and supplies drive for the homeless high schoolers are in one month. We will be attending the Farmers' Market in October. Be ready to sign up and help.

The only new business to consider is what charities we will donate to at the end of the year. Bring your suggestions.

The Baxter County Library sent a thank you note to acknowledge our donation of the annual woodcarving magazine.

Show & Tell this month was led by Kim Valentine with two completed turtles for the charity table. J Ellingson donated a Santa ornament for charity. Norm Dixon displayed two dalmatian dogs and a turtle. Curt Shirkey had several chip carved crosses. Rita Margolian showed her desert tortoise. Dee Robinson gave multiple pocket crosses and comfort crosses to our charity table, and showed Hillbilly hunter and turtle in progress. Marty Wells brought a bark carving from a triangle piece of wood. Deb Whitaker donated a club cross and won the drawing.

Sonia Nelson won the name tag drawing and John Clark won the 50/50 drawing this week.

JoAnne brought in several free crosses for anyone who wants to embellish them with carving. As always our members were eager to grab up an opportunity for more carving.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting of October 2, 2025 MINUTES

Kim Valentine, President, called the board meeting to order at 9:10 a.m., following an officers' meeting in regard to the increased rent for the VFW. The officers wanted to be prepared to present this issue to the board with clarity and unity. There will need to be some significant changes to accommodate this new expense and the board wants everyone in the club to have time to comment on solutions before we begin setting next year's budget.

The Treasurer, Nancy Wheeler, has begun the process of evaluating our current budget thoroughly, to help establish what changes may be necessary and where. We do have a good reserve at this time, but it won't be sufficient long term. The charity fund is stable

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and we will be doing at least 3 more events before the end of the year. Membership is encouraged to get their suggestions in for the charity donations this year.

Our paid membership is currently 128, according to Linda Peacy, Membership Chair, but we have had 2 members pass away recently, so this number is decreasing. Improving membership recruitment will be very important in the future.

Bob Shaffer, our "Tool Guy," has completed most of his tool inventory and will be prepared for the January 2026 class. It has still been difficult to find affordable and quality knives, as we want to keep the cost of the classes as low as possible.

Terry Muth, our Quartermaster, says we have a good wood inventory and to remind members to purchase wood from us. The wood purchased by the club cover the expenses for the club.

Vice President Dee Robinson announced a new pyrography class October 16 with Deb Bergum (ask Deb for details about this class), and no date yet for the lamb class with Bob Gilkerson.

Evelyn Burttram, Publicity/Social Media, had a request for cell phone stands if someone is able to make those, and Pat Grimes is continuing to put our new directory together.

The Library needs a fall cleaning, otherwise all is well and available for members. Thanks Sonia Nelson.

Nothing new with *The Chip Pile* according to Sandy Smith.

Sandy Lord is caught up with all sympathy and get well cards. Jack Clarke continues on home hospice. And we just heard that Irving and Kathleen Bourgeois passed away in the last week. There will be a combined service for them TBA.

Nothing new from the Fair Coordinator Paul Baumann III.

Barbara Edelbrock, our party planner, reminded us of the potluck

this month on the 23rd. Bring anything you would like to share.

Amy Neumann, Charity Coordinator, arranged two Saturdays at the Farmers' Market this month. Thanks to any and all that volunteer their time for this.

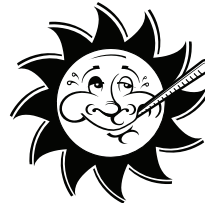
There was no unfinished business.

The new business is the increase in rent for the hall, from \$55 per week to \$150. We have not had an increase in over 15 years. This will be an "all hands on deck" issue as we need to rework a budget for the future. All members are encouraged to bring their suggestions and ideas to accommodate the increase to Tina Campbell and she will keep a running list until we can vote on some solutions. The board will review the list and present the ideas to the club by the end of October or the beginning of November.

The club will be going to KTLO to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:15 following today's meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Campbell, Secretary



SUNSHINE LADY REPORTS

Please let Sandy Lord or Board Members know of any member who may be ill or who may have lost a loved one. Our members appreciate knowing that we are thinking of them and that our best wishes are extended to them during these stressful and often traumatic times.

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