

Northern District Candidates (2 open seats)

Mike Dunn

Mike Dunn and Kim, his wife of 19 yrs, moved to Salem from Albuquerque in 2017 with their two boys, Eric and Craig. Eric attends ECC after graduating from Salem in 2018; Craig is a junior at Rolla HS. We scoured the country looking for places to do multi-species holistic grazing and agroforestry and ended up picking Salem based on the land, climate, rural values, and ecology of the area. Mike previously was an AF officer, physicist, and small business owner while Kim retired from teaching HS science. At their farm, Guidestar Farm, they raise South Poll Cattle, sheep, goats, hogs and are growing mushrooms, elderberries and other tree crops for food, forage, and wildlife habitat.

Krystal Sims (re-election)

Krystal is a 3rd grade special education teacher at Salem Upper Elementary. She raises American British White Park Cattle with her family. She has previously served on the Dent County Extension Council and has been Council secretary for several terms. She also is active on the FFA Alumni organization.

Central District (5 open seats)

Thomas Haines (re-election)

Thom has been employed with the USDA Forest Service for 34 years, and is a Master Gardener and a member of the Mark Twain Beekeepers. Thom has been married to Sally Haines for 38 years and has four children and five grandchildren. His hobbies include traveling, gardening and learning about life.

Chris Holliday

Chris is currently the Branch Manager for Riverways Federal Credit Union in Salem and also works as a financial advisor for Widsom Financial Services. He is a Salem native and is married to his high school sweetheart, Angie. They have three children and returned to Salem in July 2018 to purchase Angie's family farm. If elected, Chris hopes to add value to the council and advocate for the people of Dent County. His children plan to move back to Salem after college and raise their families. Chris' goal is to work toward making a positive difference for all Dent County families.

Lane Howard (re-election)

Lane is a native of Salem and graduate of University of Missouri-Columbia. He is currently employed by Salem R-80 as an Agriculture Instructor and FFA Advisor. He has served as Treasurer for the Dent County Extension Council the past two years.

Kendra Mobray (re-election)

Kendra is a lifelong Dent County resident. She has been a nurse for the past 10 years and is the Administrator of the Dent County Health Center. Kendra and her husband Wes are owners of a local

excavation business and a small farm. The Mobrays have 2 young sons who are active members of 4H. Kendra and her family enjoy the outdoors, working on the farm, fishing and camping.

Kay Wortman

Before retirement, Kay served beside her husband in the ministry for 45 years. She managed the church's public library and worked with the Maries R2 school systems. Kay is pro-education in any aspect, because it enriches lives.

Southern District (2 open seats)

Karin Casper

Karin and her family moved to the Salem area in 2016 from Arvada, Colorado. She is a graduate of Camdenton High school and Southwest Missouri State Collage. Karin retired in November 2016 after working for 30 years in the Quality Assurance Department for MillerCoors Brewing Company. Karin's husband Jeff works with US Foods, and son Jake is an 8th grader at Green Forest, active 4H participant and last year was a 4H summer camp counselor. Karin is a substitute teacher for the R-80 school district and volunteers for the Community Center gym. Karin is looking forward to becoming more involved with her new community by volunteering her time, and thinks the Extension experience would enable her to help and expand her knowledge for the community.

Tracy Strange

Tracy is currently employed at the Dent County Juvenile Office as a deputy juvenile officer. She has previously served on the Dent County Extension Council, and continues to serve as the Salem FFA Alumni chairperson.