CJS RANCH AND ENERGY

FALL 2026 NEWSLETTER

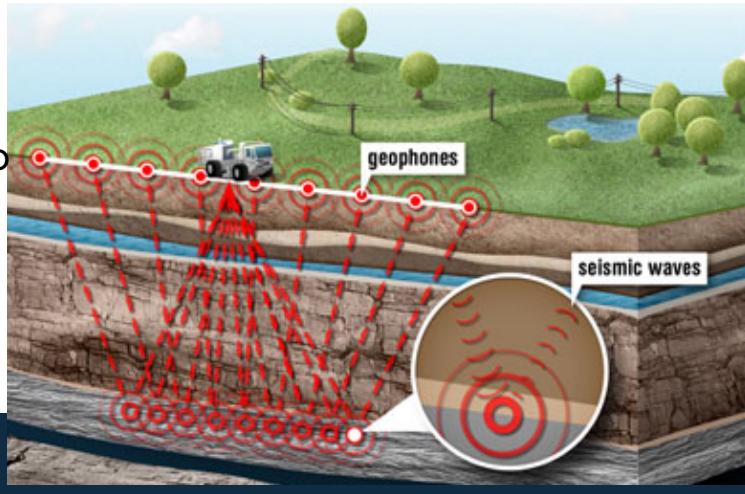
INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- FNC Contract news
- News about Carbon Sequestration on the ranch
- Fall Ranch Trip
- Finding a home for a truck
- New Member

We have decided to end our contract with FNC when it expires on March 1. We appreciate their support during the transition to new management, but we are now ready to handle those responsibilities ourselves. Ryan has also secured continued farm insurance coverage at a great rate.

There is plenty of news to share about **carbon sequestration at the ranch.** We will soon receive our **first check** from the carbon agreement secured in 2025, which uses the existing pipeline.

For the **second agreement**, seismic surveying is getting ready to begin. Crews are expected in the area in late October or early November, starting on the east side of the survey area and working west. They will use vibroseis trucks to send vibrations into the ground, helping geologists map the rock layers and better understand the underground structure.



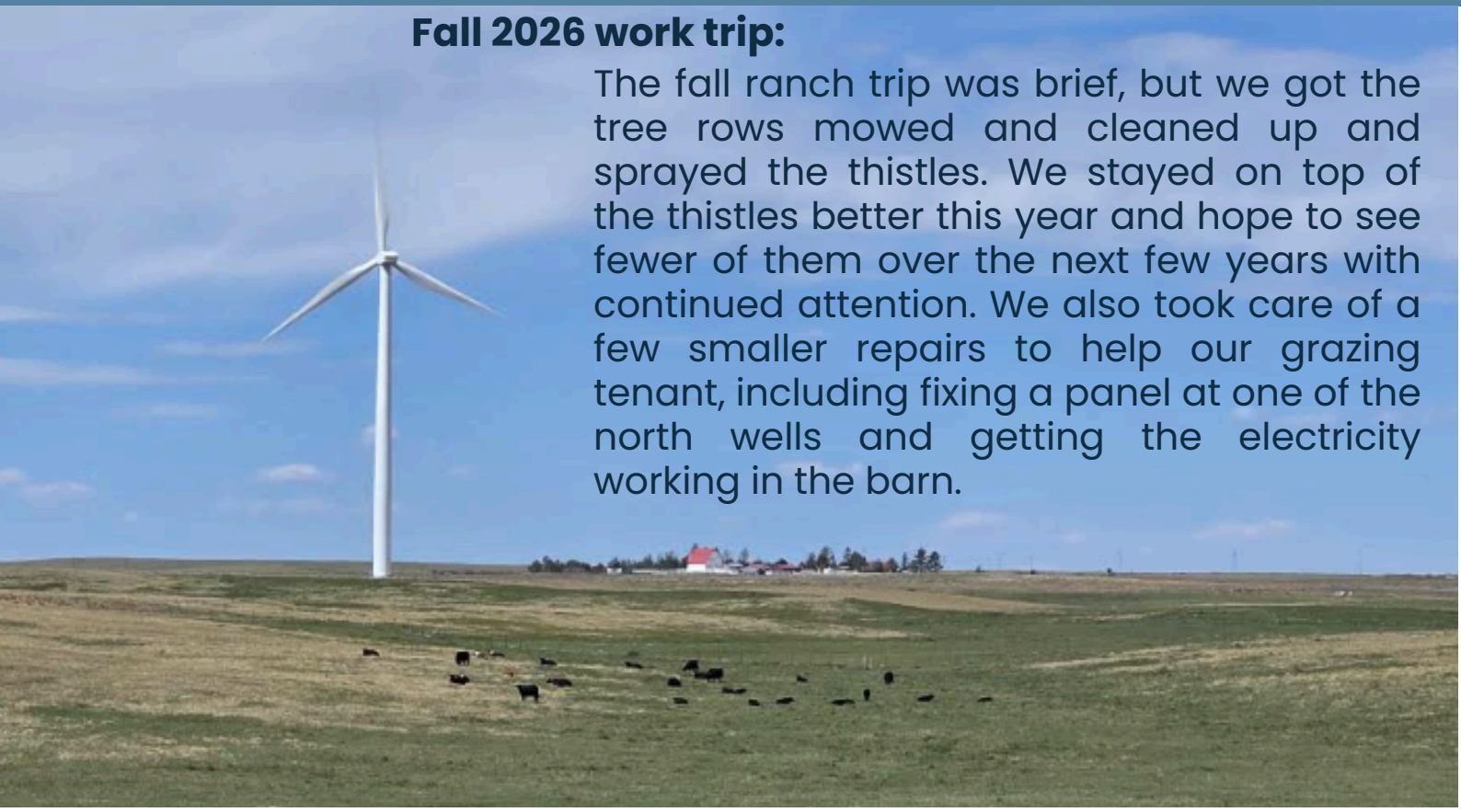
Ryan attended a landowners' meeting to discuss the **proposed Summit pipeline**. The landowners have brought in an attorney who specializes in right-of-way negotiations to represent them. The attorney will work to negotiate the best possible terms, with protections for both the land and the landowners now and in the future.

Other Ranch News:

We were thankful for the late-summer rain, which helped green up the ranch. Cattle numbers were kept steady to give the grass more time to recover and take advantage of the added moisture. The Lukassens will be loading out their herd on November 7.

Work to control the expanding prairie dog colonies will continue later this fall and winter. These efforts will help protect the pasture and support the recovery of our grazing land.

Fall 2026 work trip:



The fall ranch trip was brief, but we got the tree rows mowed and cleaned up and sprayed the thistles. We stayed on top of the thistles better this year and hope to see fewer of them over the next few years with continued attention. We also took care of a few smaller repairs to help our grazing tenant, including fixing a panel at one of the north wells and getting the electricity working in the barn.

Grandma's truck needs a new home!



The ranch would like to offer Grandma's old red-and-white truck to a family member who could put it to use. It runs, has a strong battery, and comes with a clear, up-to-date title—and plenty of character in that old patina. Its one of a kind, and noone else has anything like it. If you're interested, please contact Ryan or Mark.

Welcome a new member.

We said goodbye to Marvin this fall at a tearful memorial service. He meant so much to so many of us, and we will long remember his love, laughter, and joking around. As hard as it was to say goodbye, there was comfort in being together as a family, sharing memories and remembering how much he meant to each of us.

As we remember Marvin and his part in the ranch, we also welcome Tracy, who was voted in and has accepted membership in his place. Tracy, our thoughts and prayers remain with you during this difficult time.

