

McPherson County

K-STATE EXTENSION NEWS

February 2026



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McPherson County



Shad Marston, Agriculture & Natural Resources, County Agent

As we start the second month of the new year, I'm reminded why Extension work matters so much to our communities. The past year brought its share of challenges—weather extremes, market uncertainty, and the constant pressure to do more with less—but it also highlighted the strength, resilience, and innovation of the people we serve in our small communities. As an agriculture Extension agent, it's exciting to work with producers, families, youth, and community leaders, providing research-based information and practical tools to help them succeed.

Here at the office, our Extension team is preparing a full slate of programs designed to meet local needs and anticipate emerging issues. In Agriculture and Natural Resources, we'll continue offering programs on crop production, soil health, nutrient management, and integrated pest management. Livestock producers can expect programming focused on herd health, nutrition, grazing management, forage production, and risk management. With weather variability becoming the norm, we'll also emphasize drought planning, pasture resilience, and decision-making tools that help producers adapt with confidence.

I would like to personally invite everyone to our Annual McPherson County Cow/Calf School with a steak supper meal. This educational program will be held on Feb. 19, 2026 at the 4-H Building in McPherson. We will start the night off with a \$15 KC Strip Steak meal, with the steaks coming from Joe Allen of Canton Lockers and cooked by our good friends at Mid Kansas Coop. This program has had a long tradition as being one of the top KSE programs in the state. Please RSVP for the 2026 MP County Cow Calf School.

-Shad



K-State Research & Extension ANNUAL COW-CALF SCHOOL

Thursday, February 19, 2026

4-H Building, 710 West Woodside, McPherson

RSVP **FEBRUARY 13** by contacting our office at 620-241-1523, emailing tregehr@ksu.edu

or going to <https://tinyurl.com/CowCalf2026>

PROGRAM:

6:00 p.m. **Steak Dinner - \$15.00**

7:00 p.m. **Dr. Derrel Peel**
OSU Extension Specialist for Livestock Marketing

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Livestock News

The Importance of Colostrum

Source: Mark Z. Johnson, Oklahoma State University Extension Beef Cattle Breeding Specialist

Being ready and prepared before the start of calving season can make life much easier for cow-calf producers and potentially save a calf. By the time calving season starts, you need everything on hand that might be necessary and all equipment and facilities in working order. Operators need several doses of colostrum or colostrum replacer on inventory before the start of spring-calving season.

Adequate colostrum intake is extremely crucial for newborn calves in order to gain passive immunity. Calves born after a prolonged delivery through the pelvic canal can suffer from severe respiratory acidosis. Such calves are less efficient at absorbing colostral immunoglobulins or antibodies even if artificially fed colostrum. The only disease protection baby calves will receive is from the passive transfer of antibodies from the colostrum they ingest. Colostrum also contains ingredients that restricts bacterial growth. These factors, together with immunoglobulins, help limit growth of bacteria in the gut.

Colostrum or colostrum replacer will need to be administered by bottle suckling or tube feeding within a few hours of birth for maximal absorption of immunoglobulins. The general rule of thumb is the sooner colostrum is ingested the better and calves will typically stand, walk and nurse within one hour after birth. Bottomline: if there is any question of if a calf has received adequate colostrum, then colostrum should be administered immediately to the newborn. Calves that miss getting timely colostrum ingestion are much more likely to suffer from calf scours, which can have lifelong effects on general hardiness and disease resistance.

Previously obtained colostrum must be kept frozen to protect the integrity of the large protein molecules that make up the various immunoglobulins. Fresh colostrum can be stored in one-quart doses by putting that much in a gallon-size Ziploc bag. Lay the bags flat to freeze in the freezer. When the time comes to thaw the colostrum and feed it to the newborn calf, the “best practice” is to thaw in a warm water bath at 122 degrees Fahrenheit for one hour. Avoid thawing at room temperature or in a microwave oven.

The amount of immunoglobulin ingested is a major factor in final blood immunoglobulin concentration and disease protection. A practical rule-of-thumb is to feed 5% to 6% of the calf's body weight within the first six hours and repeat the feeding when the calf is about 12 hours old. For an 80-pound calf, this will equate to about 2 quarts of colostrum per feeding.

Commercial colostrum replacers contain more than 100 grams of immunoglobulin per dose. Always read the label before purchasing. It is important not to confuse supplements and replacers. Supplements are used to boost antibody protection a calf gets from nursing and contain 40 to 60 grams of immunoglobulins, which is not enough to provide protection in a calf that has not nursed.

Winter Water Access

by Shad Marston

Water is an essential nutrient for people and animals alike. And while water consumption often increases on hot days, it is also an important nutrient in the winter, said the experts at the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute. “A cow typically drinks a gallon and a half of water per 100 pounds in the summer, but in the winter that will drop to a half gallon to three-quarters of a gallon per 100 pounds,” veterinarian Brad White said. “Still, she is drinking water and producers need to manage the water supply in the winter.” It is crucial to have easy access to water. During certain times of the year, ground around water sources can get muddy with the changing weather making it difficult for the cattle to come up and get access to the water. In the winter, producers need to make sure the water sources aren't frozen.

Cattle cannot be without water very long without having health challenges.

Photo Source: Shad Marston, KSE Agent, McPherson County



Water is the most important nutrient so in a winter event such as we experienced last week, producers need to have a plan on how they are going to get water to the cattle. If you use electricity to keep the cattle waterers open, they need to routinely check for electrical shorts in the tanks. Sometimes there will be a short that will give the cattle a bit of a shock when they drink and they will stop drinking. If the cattle aren't drinking, they will stop eating or reduce the amount of feed they consume, so that is something to watch for throughout the year. Producers will need to have a backup generator for the water pumps and heaters in a power outage.

Winter Water Access Cont'd:

For producers who routinely take water to the cattle out on pasture, the experts stressed the importance of making sure the transport tanks -- as well as the pumps and hoses -- were not used for ag chemicals. Remember to avoid hauling water in a tank that has had herbicides or insecticides in it as well as making sure the pumps and hoses weren't used for the delivery of any chemicals. When cows have toxicology problems, they aren't just sick; a lot of times they are dead.

Cold Stress: What is Cold to a Cow?

By KSE and Shad Marston

As we all know there is no typical weather pattern in Kansas. We experienced a wet summer and a dry fall this past year and thus far, winter has been interesting with warmer temperatures followed by brutally cold last couple of weeks. The downside is that we don't know what might happen in the coming spring, as we approach what are typically the coldest months of the year. Most cattle producers know and appreciate that cold weather increases nutrient requirements. However, the obvious questions that come to mind are "What is cold to a cow?" and "What increases (energy, protein etc.) and by how much? Cattle are most comfortable within the thermoneutral zone when temperatures are neither too warm nor too cold. During the winter months cattle experience cold stress anytime the effective ambient temperature, which takes into account wind chill, humidity, etc., drops below the lower critical temperature. The lower critical temperature is influenced by both environmental and animal factors including hair coat and tissue insulation (body condition). The table lists the estimated lower critical temperatures of cattle in good body condition with different hair coats. In wet conditions, cattle can begin experiencing cold stress at 59°F, which would be a relatively mild winter day.

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However, if cattle have time to develop a sufficient winter coat the estimated lower critical temperature under dry conditions is 18°F.

Agriculture Newsletter Cold stress increases maintenance energy requirements but does not impact protein, mineral, or vitamin requirements. The general rule of thumb (for a cow in good body condition, BCS = 5 or greater) is to increase the energy density of the ration by 1% for each degree (Fahrenheit) below the lower critical temperature. The classic response to cold stress in confinement situations is an increase in voluntary intake. However, it has been documented that grazing beef cows may spend less time grazing as temperatures decline below freezing, which reduces forage intake (Adams et al., 1986) and makes the challenge of meeting the cow's nutrient requirements even greater. In many cases, feeding a greater amount of low-quality hay may not provide sufficient energy. Therefore, providing additional energy by feeding a relatively higher-quality hay or grain may be required. More information on cold stress and nutrition may be found in "Beef Cow Nutrition Guide" available at the Extension Office.

Pasture News

Wildfire Awareness is for Everyone

by Shad Marston

Even though wildfires can happen during any month of the year, February is a month that can be very prone to wildfires because of the dry, dead native grass that is in abundance across northern half of McPherson County.

"Each year, wildfires endanger our firefighters, neighbors, and landscapes," said Mick McGuire, the current chair of the Kansas Interagency Wildfire Council and lead meteorologist of the National Weather Service in Wichita. "Wildfire Awareness Week reminds us that we all have a part to play in preventing wildfires and protecting our communities."

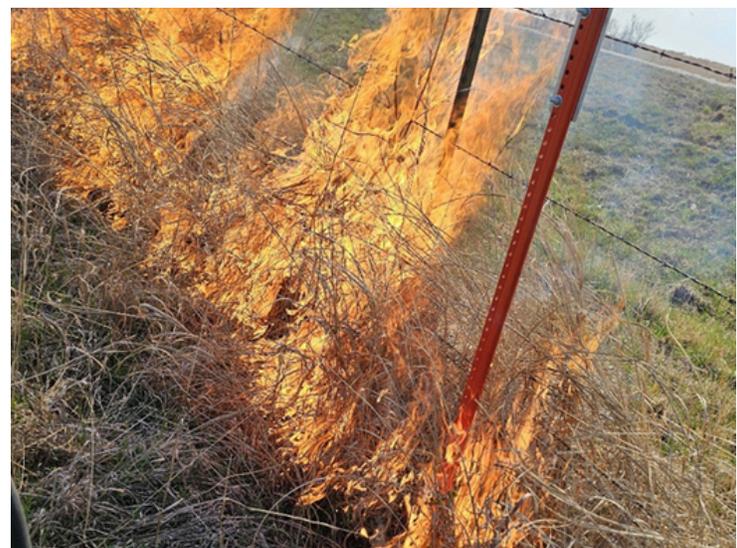


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March 2025 Spring Burn

Wildfire Awareness is for Everyone Cont'd:

While some wildland fires can't be prevented because they spring from lightning strikes or other natural causes, many are avoidable by carefully observing basic precautions when using fires outdoors.

The Kansas Interagency Wildfire Council and partner agencies suggest the following to mitigate the risk of wildfire and reduce potential impacts if a wildfire does occur:

- Create defensible space around homes by removing leaves and other plant debris and flammable material that could catch embers. Replace or repair loose or missing shingles. Provide adequate space between the home and trees or other landscaping.
- Establish a community or neighborhood group to participate in or be a part of creating a wildfire mitigation and response plan.
- Prevent wildfires from starting by avoiding activities that can spark fires near buildings and potential fuel sources.
- Write and follow your burn plan for prescribed fire including checking the weather forecast, and continue to monitor the burn area to make sure it hasn't reignited.
- Consider volunteering with your local fire department. Quick responses by local fire departments prevent what could become a devastating wildfire.

With Wildfire Awareness, the Kansas Interagency Wildfire Council and partner agencies including the National Weather Service Office, Kansas Division of Emergency Management, Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Kansas Forest Service, and others will remind Kansans of the dangers posed by wildfires and easy to implement practices to prevent and mitigate the risk of wildfires. The Kansas Forest Service is the nation's fifth oldest state forestry agency, created by legislative act in 1887. The agency serves rural landowners, communities, rural fire districts, forest and arboriculture industries, and citizens of the state. The agency receives its direction from its mission statement, Sustaining and enhancing natural resources and communities through forestry and wildland fire management.

For over 50 years, the Kansas Forest Service Fire Management Program has provided support to fire departments to enhance their fire suppression capacity. The mission of the Fire Management Program is Empowering fire departments to provide better service to Kansans through training, equipment, and financial assistance.

The Kansas Forest Service is housed as an independent agency within K-State Extension.

Garden News

Don't forget to order conservations trees from the Kansas Forest Service

The Kansas Forest Service offers low-cost tree and shrub seedlings for use in conservation plantings. Plants are one to two years old and sizes vary from 5 to 18 inches, depending on species. Orders are accepted from now through April 30 this year, but order early to insure receiving the items you want. Orders are shipped from the second week of March through May. Approved uses for these plants include windbreaks, wood lots, riparian plantings, wildlife habitat, and Christmas trees. They may not be used for landscape (ornamental) plantings or grown for resale. All items are sold in units. Each single species unit consists of 25 plants.

For example, a unit of Eastern red cedar has 25 trees per unit. Though a single species unit is most commonly purchased, four special bundles are also available. If you want to order, it has to be done online, at kansasforests.org



Master Gardener Spring meeting is set for Feb 19 6:30 PM: Meeting - 7:00 PM: Program at the MP County Extension Office.

Come and learn something new about gardening!



Clover Corner



Laura Savage
4-H Youth Development Extension Agent

Laura's Letter

Happy New Year! We are well on our way to another 4-H Year! From multicounty club days to exploration classes, there is always something to be involved in! Please make sure to check out the upcoming schedule of events highlighted on this front page along with the McPherson County 4-H Master Calendar included in the previous newsletter. I want to highlight a new event that the Ambassadors are planning over Spring Break: the 4-H Showcase Day! More information will become available as the date draws near, but this will be a morning filled with project-area stations for both 4-H and non-4-H members to check out different project areas and learn from fellow McPherson County 4-Hers!

-Laura

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McPherson County Extension Office



McPherson County 4-H

Schedule of Events

- Feb. 3 Visual Arts Explorations
- Feb. 5 **4-H Council Meeting, 7:00PM**
- Feb. 10 Visual Arts Explorations
- Feb. 15-16 **Citizenship In Action**
- Feb. 17 Visual Arts Explorations
- Feb. 21 **Multicounty Club Days**
- Mar. 7 **Beef Weigh Day**
- Mar. 7 K-State Junior Beef Producer Day
- Mar. 16 4-H Showcase Day
- Mar. 16 **YQCA Training @ 1:30 PM**

Club Screening Committees

Be on the lookout for information on Club Screening Committees!

- All clubs will need to create a club screening committee to review record books, pin applications, and scholarships.
- A letter and training videos will be available shortly with additional details!

Pen Pal Program

Want to travel across the world without leaving your home?

Join 4-H International Exchange Pen Pal program from April 1-June 1!

Youth 9-18 years old as of April 1 are invited to join! Youth will be committing to writing a letter once a week.

Pen Pals are required to be registered by March 20th, a \$10 registration fee will apply.

Day with the Wildcats

4-H Day with Wildcat Women is on March 1!

Registration for the 4-H Day with Wildcat Women is open! **Register here:**
<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/sk8tcw7> by February 8th!



Scholarships

There are several opportunities for scholarships through 4-H! Check the Weekly Wednesday correspondence from January 14th for more information!

Scholarships available:

McPherson County 4-H Scholarship

Sunflower Livestock Showdown Scholarship

YQCA National Scholarship

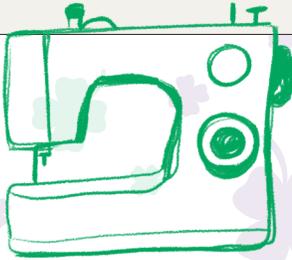
Event Spotlights



Alexis, Ryan, Ariella, & Brynn



Kellen, Sharon, Kaylee



Explorations RECAP

December: STEAM Explorations

January: Fiber Arts Explorations

February: Visual Arts Explorations

Registration closed on Jan. 20

March: Rocketry Explorations

Have an idea for an upcoming workshop? Are you a junior leader and would like to lead/help?

Contact Laura!

visual arts explorations

TUESDAY NIGHTS
FEBRUARY 3RD, 10TH, 17TH
6:00-7:00 PM

NIGHT 1: CERAMIC CREATIONS
NIGHT 2: PAINTING
NIGHT 3: CARD MAKING

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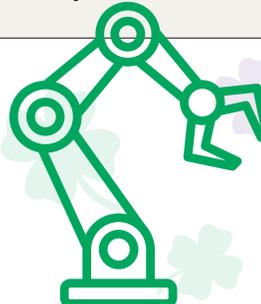
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Your Story Is the Impact of Extension

K-State Extension programs touch lives in many ways—sometimes in small, everyday decisions and sometimes in life-changing moments. Whether you attended a food preservation workshop, participated in a 4-H project, joined a crop production meeting, learned about financial management, or took part in a community development program, your experience matters. We are inviting community members who have attended a K-State Extension program to share their stories and reflect on the impact Extension has had on their lives. These stories help us tell the true story of Extension—not just what we do, but why it matters...

Impact can look different for everyone. Maybe you changed the way you shop for groceries after learning how to read nutrition labels. Perhaps you adopted a new farming practice that improved efficiency or soil health. It might be that a youth program helped build confidence, leadership, or communication skills. Or maybe an Extension class connected you with neighbors and strengthened your sense of community. Big or small, these changes are meaningful.

Why do we ask for impact stories? Because Extension is built on relationships and real-world outcomes. While numbers and attendance counts are important, stories help show how education leads to action. They help community leaders, funders, and partners understand the value of Extension programming and how it supports families, farms, businesses, and communities across Kansas.

Your feedback also helps guide our work. When you share what you found helpful—or how you applied what you learned—it allows us to strengthen existing programs and develop new ones that meet local needs. Extension has always been community-driven, and your voice plays an important role in shaping what comes next.

You do not need to write a long essay or have a “perfect” story. A few sentences about what you learned, what changed, or how a program helped you is enough. Examples might include:

- A skill you gained and now use regularly
- A habit you changed because of an Extension class
- Knowledge that helped you make a decision
- A youth experience that built confidence or leadership
- A program that brought people together or improved your community

If you have attended a K-State Extension program, we encourage you to take a moment to share your experience. Your story helps us demonstrate the value of Extension education and ensures these programs continue to reach others who can benefit.

Thank you for being part of K-State Extension and for helping us share the impact of Extension in our community.

Use this link to share your impact: <https://forms.gle/7avztmpz2y6VtRhW6>

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Teach & Taste

Photo Source: Robin Johnson



Cow Calf School



Fiber Arts Explorations

February is American Heart Month

February is American Heart Month, a perfect time to focus on habits that support a healthy heart—for ourselves and for our families. Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in the United States, but many risk factors are manageable through everyday choices.

Simple changes can make a meaningful impact. Aim to include more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins in meals. Reducing sodium and added sugars helps control blood pressure, while staying active—even a brisk 10-minute walk—supports heart function. Managing stress and getting adequate sleep are also key components of heart health.

Power Outage Food Safety Tips

by Karen Blakeslee

Monitor temperatures with an appliance thermometer in the refrigerator and freezer.

Winter is in full control, which can lead to power outages from storms. Knowing how to determine whether food is safe and how to keep it safe will help minimize food loss and reduce the risk of foodborne illness.

Always keep meat, poultry, fish, and eggs refrigerated at or below 40 °F and frozen food at or below 0 °F. This may be difficult when the power is out.

Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. An unopened refrigerator will keep food safely cold for about 4 hours. A full freezer will hold the temperature for approximately 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed. Obtain dry or block ice to keep your refrigerator as cold as possible if power will be out for a prolonged period. Fifty pounds of dry ice should hold an 18-cubic-foot full freezer for 2 days. Plan ahead and know where dry ice and block ice can be purchased.

Food thermometers and appliance thermometers will help you know if the food is at a safe temperature. Always keep appliance thermometers in the refrigerator and freezer.

Families can make heart health a shared goal by cooking meals together, walking after dinner, or checking nutrition labels as a team. For those living in rural communities, heart-healthy habits don't require a gym—movement around the home, farm, or neighborhood counts.

Extension resources are available to help residents learn more about nutrition, physical activity, and chronic disease prevention. Taking small steps today can lead to a healthier tomorrow.

Prepare one meal at a time so there are no leftovers. Don't leave food at room temperature or in warm environments for more than 2 hours, as this can promote bacterial growth.

There are options to cook food. A fireplace is handy, but do not use charcoal in a fireplace as it can emit carbon monoxide. Use a camp stove, charcoal grill, or gas grill in an outdoor space with plenty of ventilation.

Stock up on foods that do not require any cooking or refrigeration. Examples include peanut butter, canned meats, whole grain chips or crackers, fresh fruit, canned fruit, dried fruit, and many others. Don't forget your pets! They also need nourishment in an emergency.

Handwashing is still important! Use bottled water and soap if running water is not available. Use disposable utensils and plates for easy cleanup. Heat water on the outdoor grill to wash other items.

Staying Well Through Winter: Mental Health Matters

Caring for Emotional Wellness During Shorter Days

Winter months can bring challenges to emotional well-being, including increased stress, isolation, and seasonal mood changes. Shorter daylight hours and colder temperatures may limit social interaction and outdoor activity, making February an important time to check in on mental health.

Maintaining a routine, staying connected with others, and engaging in enjoyable activities can help protect emotional wellness. Simple practices such as journaling, practicing gratitude, or spending time in natural light can improve mood and energy levels. Reaching out to friends, neighbors, or community groups can reduce feelings of isolation.

It's also important to recognize when additional support is needed. If feelings of sadness, anxiety, or fatigue persist, professional help is available. Seeking assistance is a sign of strength and an important step toward overall health.

Strong communities support mental wellness by fostering connection and compassion. Looking out for one another during winter months helps build resilience that lasts year-round.

Strengthening Communities Through Volunteerism

Why Giving Time Matters—Especially in Winter

Volunteers play a vital role in keeping communities strong, and winter is an especially important time to lend a helping hand. Whether assisting at community events, supporting youth programs, or helping neighbors with everyday tasks, volunteers help fill gaps and build connections.

Volunteering benefits not only the community but also the individual. Research shows that giving time can improve mental health, reduce stress, and create a sense of purpose. For families, volunteering together provides valuable opportunities to model service and civic responsibility for youth.

Local organizations, Extension programs, and community groups often rely on volunteers year-round. February is a great time to explore opportunities that match personal interests and schedules.

Community vitality grows when residents are engaged and invested. Even small acts of service can make a meaningful difference.



Photo Source: Canva

Bake for Family Fun Month

by Karen Blakeslee

When it's cold outside, warm up your home by baking some tasty treats! The Home Baking Association designates February as Bake for Family Fun Month.

Baking brings people together at home, in the classroom, or other community programs such as Teach & Taste. The Home Baking Association has designed a 4-week lesson plan to help plan activities.

Week One – Learn the baking fundamentals. This helps build confidence and helps ensure a successful outcome in the weeks to come.

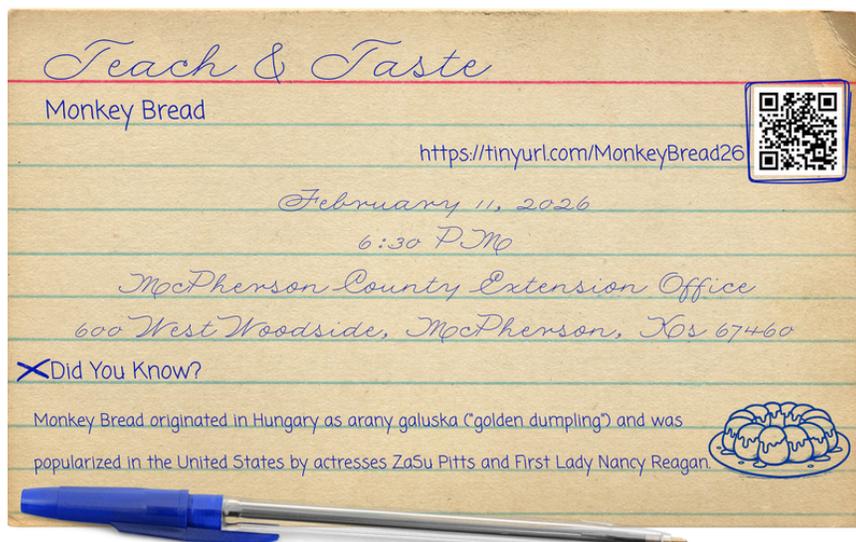
Week Two – Celebrate your favorite Valentine by baking a favorite treat such as heart-shaped cookies.

Week Three – Baking can honor generations of recipes and cultural traditions. You can explore your own family baking traditions along the way.

Week Four – Spread the joy of baking by sharing your treats with family, friends, neighbors, or those in need.

Join us February 11th and take part in Bake for Family Fun Month!

Children are always welcome!



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Upcoming Events

February 4 Garden Hour:

Honey bee behavior is influenced by the seasons and the availability of flowering plants. Beekeepers must perform various tasks throughout the year to raise healthy and productive colonies. Join Ryan Engel, Golden Prairie District Horticulture Agent, to learn more about standard beekeeping management practices and essential food sources for honey bees in Kansas.

https://events.k-state.edu/event/k-state-garden-hour-webinar-honey-bee-colony-management-and-key-floral-resources-in-kansas?utm_campaign=widget&utm_medium=widget&utm_source=Kansas+State+University+Events

March 4 Garden Hour:

Learn how Kansans perceive and implement a naturalistic landscape design style. Join Dr. Cheryl Boyer, Horticulture Extension Specialist, as she highlights flexible approaches to blending native and modern plants, applying landscape design principles that work for any size garden. Gain inspiration and actionable ideas for overcoming the common challenges of creating resilient, beautiful, naturalistic landscapes.

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Teach & Taste
 Monkey Bread

<https://tinyurl.com/MonkeyBread26>

February 11, 2026
6:30 PM

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600 West Woodside, McPherson, KS 67460

Did You Know?
 Monkey Bread originated in Hungary as arany galuska (golden dumpling) and was popularized in the United States by actresses ZaSu Pitts and First Lady Nancy Reagan.

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