

# McPherson County

K-STATE EXTENSION NEWS

May 2026



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McPherson County



## Shad Marston, Agriculture & Natural Resources, County Agent

I'm sure everyone is hopeful for the rain and the thoughts of it helping out our farmers and ranchers all over our county. All segments of agriculture have been effected by this spring's lack of rain. Hopefully what we get now will just be a start of what is needed in terms of moisture for the summer months. The development of the Kansas wheat crop in our area is well ahead compared other years due to warmer-than-average winter and spring seasons, and the extreme drought conditions experienced this March and April.

Farmers decisions will be especially important in areas where the crop currently is stressed by drought or has a very poor stand. Our dry conditions have resulted in short native pasture growth prompting producers to consider grazing out poor wheat and delaying grazing of native pastures. Factors affecting the decision of whether to graze-out the wheat or harvest for grain include estimates of future wheat grain yield, prices of wheat and beef, stocking rate and stocker gains, weather, and grazing length during the spring. Most of these factors are field-specific and need to be customized for each producer-field situation. While some row crop farmers are waiting on a rain to plant their corn, others have planted their corn deeper to try and reach some moisture to get the corn up and going. Dryland producers have to rely on mother nature to help them in their success of their next cash crops. Please contact us here at the K-State Extension, McPherson County office to help answer any questions you might have for your operation.

*-Shad*

## Livestock News

### **Cowherd Mineral Supplement Selection Tips: Phosphorous**

by Justin Waggoner, Ph.D., Beef Systems Specialist, KSE

Cattle producers are anxiously preparing for the upcoming grazing season. Among those preparations is selecting a mineral supplement. It can be challenging to select a mineral program, as there are many different products and mineral formulations currently available. When evaluating mineral supplements, the phosphorous concentration may be used as guide to determine if the mineral fits the production stage of the herd and forage base. Phosphorous is one of the most common mineral deficiencies in grazing systems around the world and is one of the primary reasons we provide mineral supplements to grazing beef cattle. Forage phosphorous concentrations vary and are typically greatest during the spring and lowest in the winter. In Kansas, phosphorous content of native range in the spring is typically between 0.15 and 0.20%. Thus, the maintenance requirements of lactating cow could be met by a mineral with at least 8% phosphorous.



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# Fly Season is just Around the Corner

by Shad Marston

The time has arrived to plan for controlling summer fly populations. Adequate fly control programs are multi-faceted, systematic and in addition to directly enhancing cattle performance. Maybe a combination of at least two fly control strategies are needed, but one first needs to identify the problem species and the problem area. Stable flies and house flies both breed in manure, so the first step in fly control is manure management.

Without it, few measures will produce good results. Stable flies require a moist mixture of soil and organic matter between 4 and 12 inches deep in which to lay their eggs. One can find this in most winter feeding areas. Stable flies take 3 weeks to develop while house flies only take two weeks. Scraping aprons, pens and feeding areas every two weeks or less should greatly reduce fly populations. Plan now to clean these areas and it will reduce the breeding grounds for the flies.



Photo Source: Shad Marston

## Turning out on Summer Grass

by Shad Marston

Green pastures mean vaccination time for the cow calf producers. May is traditionally the time when “spring round-ups” take place. This is the time that large and small cow/calf operations schedule the “working” of the calves. As the majority of the calves reach their second month of life, it is time to castrate the male calves (if this has not already been done) and immunize all of the calves to protect them against blackleg. In some situations, calves may be vaccinated for the respiratory diseases, i.e. IBR and BVD. Check with your large animal veterinarian about these immunizations. Calves are worth way too much to not use the right vaccinations to ensure your calves with the best start possible.

The Beef Quality Assurance guidelines include the use of clean syringes and needles for any type of injection to reduce the risk of contamination or infection at the injection site. Correct administration of any injection is a critical control point in beef production and animal health. There is a negative relationship between meat tenderness and injection sites, including injection sites that have no visible lesion. In fact, intramuscular (IM) injections, regardless of the product injected, may create permanent damage regardless of the age of the animal at the time of injection. Tenderness is reduced in a three-inch area surrounding the injection site. Moving the injection-site area to the neck stops damage to expensive steak cuts. Therefore, cow/calf producers should make certain that their family members, and other hired labor are sufficiently trained as to the proper location of the injections before the spring calf-working begins.

Give injections according to label instructions. Subcutaneous (SQ) means under the skin, intramuscular (IM) means in the muscle. Some vaccines (according to the label instructions) allow the choice between intramuscular (IM) and subcutaneous (SQ). Always use subcutaneous (SQ) as the method of administration when permitted by the product’s label. Remember to “tent” the skin for SQ injections unless instructed otherwise by the manufacturer. Proper injection technique is just one of many components of the Beef Quality Assurance effort that has had a positive impact on the entire United States beef industry.

Another important aspect of the Beef Quality Assurance effort is keeping of accurate treatment records. Treatment records should include:

- Individual animal/group identification
- Date treated
- Product administered and manufacturer’s lot/serial number
- Dosage used
- Route and location of administration
- Earliest date animal(s) will have cleared withdrawal period
- Name of person administering the product

Treatment records for cattle should be stored and kept for a minimum of three years after the animal(s) have been sold from your operation.

Beef producers are encouraged to learn and practice Beef Quality Assurance Guidelines. You can learn more about the Beef Quality Assurance program by going to the website: <https://www.bqa.org/>

The Beef Quality Assurance Manual can be downloaded from that site. Examples of treatment records to be kept and stored are available from the Beef Quality Assurance Manual in Section VIII.

## Lawn News

### Using weed treatments or weed & feed fertilizers with seed

by Shad Marston

Why does my lawn not look like my neighbor's beautiful yard? The Extension office gets a lot of questions concerning lawns and weeds this time of year. By definition, a weed is an undesirable plant, that is growing where it is not wanted. Finding the right way to manage weeds takes time to learn the right procedures to perform this tricky task. Let's explore some terminology to get us started off on the right foot.

One of the ways weed treatments work is by preventing germinating seeds from establishing roots. But these products, known as pre-emergence, can't distinguish between harmful weed seeds and desirable grass seed you put down. Using these products too close to newly planted seed — in timing or proximity — stops grass seed in its tracks, along with the weeds.

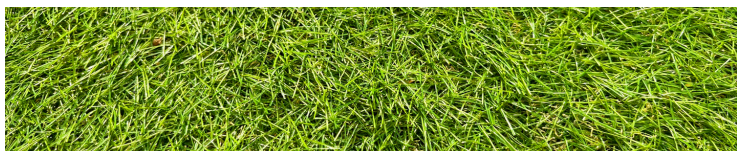


Photo Source: Canva

Post-emergent weed treatments aimed at existing broadleaf weeds can also injure immature grass seedlings. Something to remember, weed treatments and fertilizers used too close to planting can injure seed. Always read and follow herbicide and fertilizer labels, especially the instructions for use on newly seeded lawns and your grass type. As a general rule, avoid pre-emergent weed treatments at least 10 to 12 weeks before seeding — or longer for some products. After planting, reserve broad-spectrum weed treatments until new lawns have been mowed at least two to three times; for fall-planted seed, that usually means spring.

When it comes to your lawn aspirations, you can bypass common grass seed mistakes and head straight for success. Make the most of your investment of time, money and grass seed, and enjoy the exceptional results. K-State Extension is committed to helping you grow the finest lawn possible and enjoy all the benefits that a beautiful, healthy lawn holds. Look for more lawn tips in next month's newsletter.

## Ag News

### Six Options for Agricultural Drones

by Shad Marston

Drone technology has given the agriculture industry a high-technology makeover, with planning and strategy based on real-time data gathering and processing. Some estimate the market for drone-powered solutions in agriculture at \$32.4 billion. Here are six ways aerial and ground-based drones can be used throughout the crop cycle:

- 1. Soil and field analysis:** Drones can be instrumental at the start of the crop cycle. They produce precise 3-D maps for early soil analysis, useful in planning seed planting patterns. After planting, drone-driven soil analysis provides data for irrigation and nitrogen-level management.
- 2. Planting:** Startups have created drone-planting systems that achieve an uptake rate of 75 percent and decrease planting costs by 85 percent. These systems shoot pods with seeds and plant nutrients into the soil, providing the plant all the nutrients necessary to sustain life.
- 3. Crop spraying:** Distance-measuring equipment—ultrasonic echoing and lasers such as those used in the light-detection and ranging, or LiDAR, method—enables a drone to adjust altitude as the topography and geography vary, and thus avoid collisions.

Consequently, drones can scan the ground and spray the correct amount of liquid, modulating distance from the ground and spraying in real time for even coverage. The result: increased efficiency with a reduction of in the amount of chemicals penetrating into groundwater. In fact, experts estimate that aerial spraying can be completed up to five times faster with drones than with traditional machinery.

- 4. Crop monitoring:** Vast fields and low efficiency in crop monitoring together create farming's largest obstacle. Monitoring challenges are exacerbated by increasingly unpredictable weather conditions, which drive risk and field maintenance costs. Previously, satellite imagery offered the most advanced form of monitoring. But there were drawbacks. Images had to be ordered in advance, could be taken only once a day, and were imprecise. Further, services were extremely costly and the images' quality typically suffered on certain days. Today, time-series animations can show the precise development of a crop and reveal production inefficiencies, enabling better crop management.

**5. Irrigation:** Drones with hyperspectral, multispectral, or thermal sensors can identify which parts of a field are dry or need improvements. Additionally, once the crop is growing, drones allow the calculation of the vegetation index, which describes the relative density and health of the crop, and show the heat signature, the amount of energy or heat the crop emits.

**6. Health assessment:** It's essential to assess crop health and spot bacterial or fungal infections on trees. By scanning a crop using both visible and near-infrared light, drone-carried devices can identify which plants reflect different amounts of green light and NIR light. This information can produce multispectral images that track changes in plants and indicate their health. A speedy response can save an entire orchard. In addition, as soon as a sickness is discovered, farmers can apply and monitor remedies more precisely. These two possibilities increase a plant's ability to overcome disease. And in the case of crop failure, the farmer will be able to document losses more efficiently for insurance claims.



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## Upcoming Events

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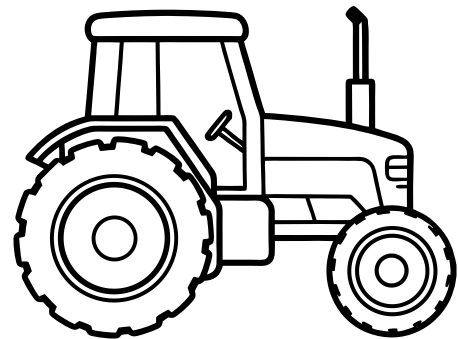
# ANNUAL WHEAT PLOT TOUR

<p><b>SPEAKERS</b></p> <p><b>Romulo Lollato</b> <i>Asst. Professor Extension Specialist Wheat &amp; Forages</i></p> <p><b>Tina Sullivan</b> <i>Asst. Professor NE Research Extension Center</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Kelsey Andersen Onofre</b> <i>Asst. Professor Plant Pathology</i></p>	<p>◆ 11:30 a.m. <b>LUNCH</b></p> <p>A free lunch sponsored by MKC will be held at MKC Learning Center, 221 W. Hirschler Street, Moundridge KS</p> <p>◆ 1:00 p.m. <b>GALLE PLOT</b> - Moundridge 1/4 mile north of the intersection of 23<sup>d</sup> and Cheyenne Road</p> <p>◆ 3:30 p.m. <b>SCHROEDER PLOT</b> - Inman 1/4 mile east of the intersection of 4<sup>n</sup> and Cheyenne Road</p>
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\*\* Drinks provided by Kansas Wheat Alliance \*\*

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K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Program information may be available in languages other than English. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means for communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audio tape, and American Sign Language) may be requested by contacting the event contact Shad Marston two weeks prior to the start of the event May 1 at 620-241-1523 or smarston@ksu.edu Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request.



## Farm Safety Day Camp

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Ages 8-12

8:30-8:45: Sign In At 4-H Building

8:45-2:00: Day Camp

2:00-2:15: Leave For Home

Deadline: Friday, May 22nd

Coordinated By:

- McPherson County Farm Bureau Association
  - McPherson County 4-H Juior Leaders
  - Mid Kansas Coop
- in cooperation with K-State Extension-McPherson County



[tinyurl.com/FSDC2026](https://tinyurl.com/FSDC2026)



# Clover Corner



Laura Savage  
4-H Youth Development Extension Agent

## Laura's Letter

It is officially the last month where school is in session until August-wow, this year has gone by quickly! Though the fair seems far away, it will sneak up on all of us! Please continue to check your emails for my "Weekly Wednesday" communication. I will be sending out important deadline reminders for state livestock nomination, McPherson County 4-H Fair deadlines for all project areas, and upcoming events! While Explorations classes will not be offered throughout the summer, the Extension Office will be offering several classes throughout the summer including our annual Farm Safety Day Camp and two cooking classes (more will be scheduled shortly).

-Laura

## Stay in the Know!

**Want to stay updated with McPherson County**

**4-H and other Extension Programs?**

Follow us on Facebook!

**Want to receive text message notifications?**

**TEXT "ALERT" to 22300**



**One Call Now--Text "ALERT" to 22300**



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**McPherson County 4-H**

## Schedule of Events

- May 1 Project Enrollment Deadline
- May 1 Beef State Nomination Deadline
- May 8 Discovery Days Registration Closes**
- May 15 Geology Trip Registration Closes
- June 3 Farm Safety Day
- June 3-5 Discovery Days**
- June 5 DNA Envelopes Ordered  
\*for small livestock\*

## New Building

### What improvements do you want to see in the new 4-H building?

Please share your opinions and feedback on what you want to see included in our new 4-H building. Fill out this survey: [tinyurl.com/MPCrossroadsProject](https://tinyurl.com/MPCrossroadsProject)



## McPherson County Fair

Attention all clubs who attend the McPherson County Fair in Canton!

In order for your club to receive club premium money this year, a minimum of half of your club (that exhibits in the McPherson County Fair) must assist with one of the following items: fair set-up, superintendent duties, taking tickets, or clean-up.

*Working in the concession stand as a part of the your club's fundraiser does not count.*

## Livestock News

### Have questions about state livestock nomination? Who doesn't?

Check out this comprehensive "rookie guide" for all things state livestock nomination: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/2026%20Rookie%20Guide.pdf>

Also, if you have not been receiving emails from Lexie Hayes, please contact me!

## Wildhorse Camp

If you have a 4-H member that is interested in attending the Wildhorse 4-H Camp in Kingman this June, please reach out to me! There is an application process for campers who are wanting to attend that will need to be filled out!

# VetMed Scholarships

Due to a generous grant from the Bill House Ag Grant through the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas, 4-H members are able to apply for scholarships to reimburse families for the cost of attending the VetMed Rocks camps this July! Contact Laura for more details!

# Discovery Days

June 3-5, 2026

Register by May 8<sup>th</sup>!

Join fellow 4-H members from across Kansas this June in Manhattan for Discovery Days!

# State Geology Trip

June 12-14, 2026

Register by May 15<sup>th</sup>!

Geology members will gather in Parsons, KS for a weekend of learning and specimen collection!



A promotional graphic for Discovery Days. It features a young man in a purple t-shirt wearing VR goggles. The text 'REGISTRATION TODAY' is written vertically on the right. Below the photo, it says 'DISCOVERY DAYS JUNE 3-5' and 'Register Here!' with a QR code. At the bottom, it includes the K-STATE Research and Extension logo and the text 'Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service. K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.'

# Summer Cooking Classes



**Enrolled in the Foods & Nutrition Project? Check out these summer cooking classes:**

**Taste Buddies, June 22-26**

9:30-11:00AM OR 1:30-3:00PM

Ages 10-14

**Fill out this survey for the middle and high school cooking classes:**

<https://forms.gle/DNyp4q9xrTMmbX2V9>

**Middle and High School Cooking:**

June 1, 8, 15

Youth entering middle or high school



## Walk Kansas 2026: Let's Finish Strong!

Walk Kansas 2026 is heading into the final stretch, with the program wrapping up on May 16. As the finish line approaches, now is the perfect time to stay motivated, support your teammates, and make the most of these last few weeks.

Whether you've been active since day one or recently joined, every minute of movement matters. Walk Kansas is about building healthy habits, and finishing strong helps reinforce routines you can carry forward all year.

### Simple ways to stay engaged:

- Set a personal goal for the final days (minutes, steps, or active days)
- Add extra movement into your routine—walk during breaks, take the stairs, or enjoy time outdoors
- Try new activities like biking, gardening, or stretching
- Encourage teammates with messages or friendly challenges

### Don't Forget the Walk Kansas Photo Challenge!

A fun highlight of Walk Kansas is the weekly Photo Challenge. Participants can submit one photo each week for a chance to be named "Photo of the Week."

### Here's how it works:

- Submit one photo per participant each week
- Photos are reviewed every Friday
- Winners are featured on social media and receive free Walk Kansas registration for 2027

At the end of the program, all weekly winners will be entered into a final vote for the grand prize:

- A t-shirt for the participant who submitted the photo
- Free 2027 Walk Kansas registration for everyone in the winning photo

### How to submit:

Email your photo to Kirsten Conard at [kconard@k-state.edu](mailto:kconard@k-state.edu). Photos submitted through other methods (direct message or different email addresses) will not be considered.

### Make it fun:

Capture your team in action—walking, being active, or showing off your creativity. It's a great way to celebrate your progress and stay motivated through the finish.

As May 16 approaches, keep moving, stay connected, and finish strong. Every step counts!



## Digital Declutter for a Healthier, More Focused Life

In today's connected world, it's easy for digital clutter to build up without us even noticing. Emails pile up, notifications constantly buzz, and screens fill our downtime. While technology offers many benefits, too much digital noise can lead to distraction, stress, and difficulty focusing. That's why the idea of a digital declutter is gaining traction—it's a simple, practical way to create healthier habits and regain control of your time and attention.

A digital declutter doesn't mean giving up your devices. Instead, it's about using them with intention. By making small, manageable changes, individuals and families can reduce overwhelm and create space for more meaningful activities.

### Start with small, manageable steps:

- Turn off non-essential notifications. Keep alerts for important calls or messages, but silence social media or app notifications that interrupt your day.

- Clean up your inbox. Unsubscribe from emails you no longer read and create folders to organize what matters.
- Limit app overload. Delete apps you haven't used in the past month. Fewer apps can mean fewer distractions.
- Set screen-free times. Try unplugging during meals, before bedtime, or during family time.

### Fun and practical ideas for all ages:

#### *For Youth:*

- Create a "tech-free challenge" where kids earn points for time spent playing outside, reading, or helping at home
- Use a timer to balance screen time with active play (e.g., 30 minutes on, 30 minutes off)
- Encourage creative alternatives like drawing, building, or cooking

## Digital Declutter for a Healthier, More Focused Life Cont'd

### *For Teens:*

- Do a 24-hour social media break with friends and compare how it feels
- Organize photos and delete duplicates to free up space
- Move distracting apps off the home screen or into folders

### *For Adults:*

- Schedule “email check times” instead of constantly checking
- Charge phones outside the bedroom to improve sleep
- Use calendar blocks for focused work time without digital interruptions

### *For Older Adults:*

- Simplify devices by removing unused apps or organizing screens
- Learn to use “Do Not Disturb” settings for quiet time
- Balance screen use with hobbies like gardening, walking, or visiting with others

### Make it a household effort:

- Families can set shared goals such as one screen-free evening per week or a weekend “digital reset.” Consider installing a central charging station where devices can charge overnight to encourage better sleep habits.
- Even dedicating 10–15 minutes a day to digital cleanup, organizing files, deleting old photos, or reviewing subscriptions can make a noticeable difference.
- The goal isn’t perfection. It’s about creating habits that support focus, reduce stress, and allow more time for relationships, physical activity, and rest.
- By taking control of your digital environment, you can create a healthier balance, one small step at a time.

## Anti-Bullying Awareness: Building Respectful Communities Together

Preventing bullying requires a community-wide effort. Whether in schools, online spaces, or neighborhoods, creating a culture of respect starts with awareness and action from both youth and adults.

### *For Youth: Be Part of the Solution*

Young people have a powerful role in shaping positive environments.

#### **What youth can do:**

- Speak up when they see bullying or report it to a trusted adult
- Include others who may feel left out during activities or social situations
- Pause before posting or commenting on online words matter
- Practice empathy by considering how others feel

Even small actions, like inviting someone to join a group or offering encouragement, can make a big impact.

### *For Adults: Support, Model, and Respond*

Adults help set expectations and provide support when issues arise.

#### **What adults can do:**

- Encourage open conversations and listen without judgment
- Watch for signs such as withdrawal, mood changes, or avoidance
- Model respectful communication in everyday interactions
- Address concerns promptly and consistently

#### **Real-life application:**

Families can role-play scenarios to practice responding to bullying, while schools and community groups can reinforce clear expectations for behavior.

Creating safe, respectful environments takes consistent effort. By working together, we can reduce bullying and ensure all individuals feel valued and supported.

## Military Appreciation Month: Recognizing Service and Supporting Families

May is Military Appreciation Month, a time to honor those who serve and have served in the armed forces, along with their families who support them.

Service members make significant sacrifices, including time away from loved ones, frequent relocations, and demanding responsibilities. Recognizing these contributions helps strengthen community connections and show gratitude.

## Military Appreciation Month Cont'd

### Ways individuals and communities can show support:

- Offer a simple “thank you” to veterans or active-duty members
- Attend or promote local recognition events or ceremonies
- Support organizations that provide services to military families
- Display flags or messages of appreciation at homes or community spaces

### Practical applications:

- Schools and youth groups can write letters or create thank-you cards
- Community organizations can host appreciation meals or events
- Families can take time to learn about military service and discuss its impact

It's also important to recognize the needs of military families, including transitions back to civilian life and access to community resources. Offering support, inclusion, and understanding can make a meaningful difference.

Military Appreciation Month reminds us that honoring service goes beyond words; it includes actions that demonstrate respect, gratitude, and support throughout the year.

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## Senior Health & Fitness Day: Encouraging Active and Healthy Aging

National Senior Health & Fitness Day highlights the importance of maintaining physical activity and overall wellness as we age. Staying active supports independence, reduces the risk of chronic disease, and improves quality of life.

Physical activity does not have to be intense to be effective. Consistency and variety are key.

### Practical ways older adults can stay active:

- Take daily walks around the neighborhood or local parks
- Participate in chair exercises or low-impact fitness classes
- Use resistance bands or light weights to maintain strength
- Practice stretching or yoga to improve flexibility and balance



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Stay Strong, Stay Healthy, McPherson Senior Center

### Additional wellness tips:

- Stay socially connected through group activities or clubs
- Maintain a balanced diet with fruits, vegetables, and whole grains
- Prioritize regular health check-ups and screenings

### Real-life applications:

- Join a walking group with friends or neighbors
- Set a daily movement goal, such as 20–30 minutes of activity
- Incorporate movement into routine tasks like gardening or housework

Even small increases in activity can lead to meaningful health improvements. Encouraging older adults to stay engaged physically and socially supports both physical and mental well-being.

Healthy aging is achievable at any stage, and it begins with simple, consistent choices.

To schedule time with Chuck follow the link below or scan the QR code.

<https://calendly.com/claughlin-ksu/meeting-with-chuck>



Sign up for our newsletter to stay informed about upcoming events, calendar updates, and exciting webinars happening in your area. See a selection of upcoming grants, discover senior and military discounts, access important county resource phone numbers, and never miss out on local happenings. If you don't see your event listed, use the link provided to add it to the county-wide calendar. Stay engaged and connected—subscribe today! To add events to the community calendar visit: <https://tinyurl.com/MCAddEvent>



<http://eepurl.com/iicSFn>

# Upcoming Events

## K-State Garden Hour

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at noon to 1 p.m.

Webinar: Natives vs. Cultivars--Making Informed Choices for Your Landscape

## First Friday e-Call

Friday, May 7, 2026 9:30am to 10:30am

## Remote Work Wednesday

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 12:00 PM



T.A.C.O.L. Budget Bites - Southwestern Enchiladas

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM (recurring monthly through September 2026)

Covenant Church, 102 S. Washington St., Lindsborg, KS

FREE - RSVP <https://tinyurl.com/BudgetBites2026> or 620-241-1523

*Teach & Taste*  
Southwest Enchiladas

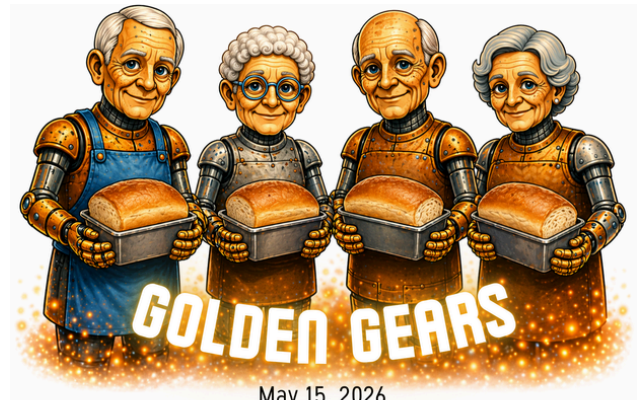
<https://tinyurl.com/SVVENchiladas26>

*May 13, 2026*  
*6:30 PM*

*McPherson County Extension Office*  
*600 West Woodside, McPherson, KS 67460*

✕ Did You Know?

Southwest enchiladas are a regional adaptation of an ancient Aztec dish, featuring corn tortillas rolled around fillings (meat, cheese, beans) and smothered in chili sauce.



May 15, 2026

Bread in a Bag

10:30 AM - Noon

Wellness Center At Pine Village  
86 22nd Ave, Moundridge, KS 67107

This class is FREE!

<https://tinyurl.com/GoldenGears2026>

## GROW WITH THE FLOW

Plants Put the "FUN" in Fundamentals!

**A FREE, HANDS-ON Beginner Friendly Houseplant Care Class**

McPherson County Extension Office  
600 W. Woodside  
McPherson, KS 67460

**Session 1: Intro to Houseplants & Plant Care Fundamentals**  
May 15, 2026  
6 PM - 7PM

**Session 2: Light, Water & Soil**  
May 22, 2026  
6 PM - 7PM

**Session 3: Keeping Plants Healthy**  
May 29, 2026  
6 PM - 7PM

**Session 4: Growing Your Collection**  
June 5, 2026  
6 PM - 7PM

[tinyurl.com/GrowWithTheFlow2026](https://tinyurl.com/GrowWithTheFlow2026)

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## Keep an eye out for these kid's classes coming in June!

**TASTE BUDDIES 3.0**

**EULINARY CIRCUITS**



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7:40 AM-98.9 FM KMCP  
7:40 AM-95.5 FM KLBG  
Ad Astra Radio Station

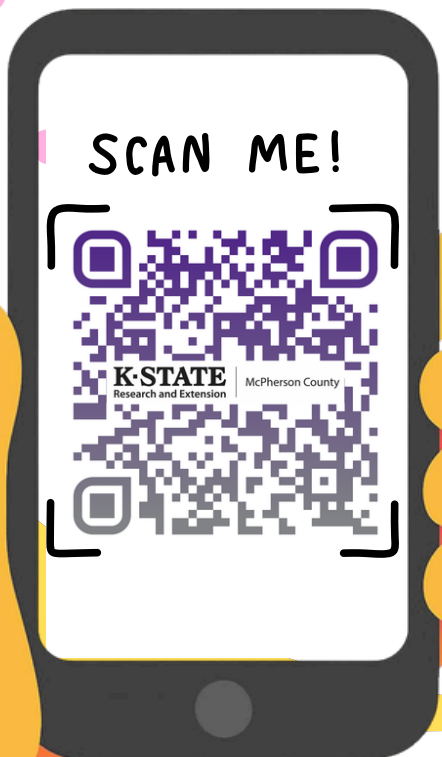
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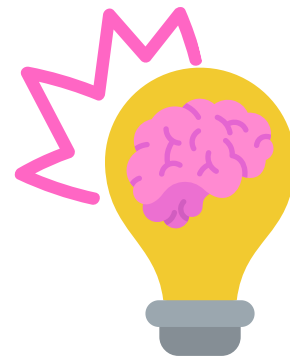
We **NEED YOUR** help  
reimagining our community space!



[tinyurl.com/MPCrossroadsProject](https://tinyurl.com/MPCrossroadsProject)



Take a quick survey  
-all or some of it!

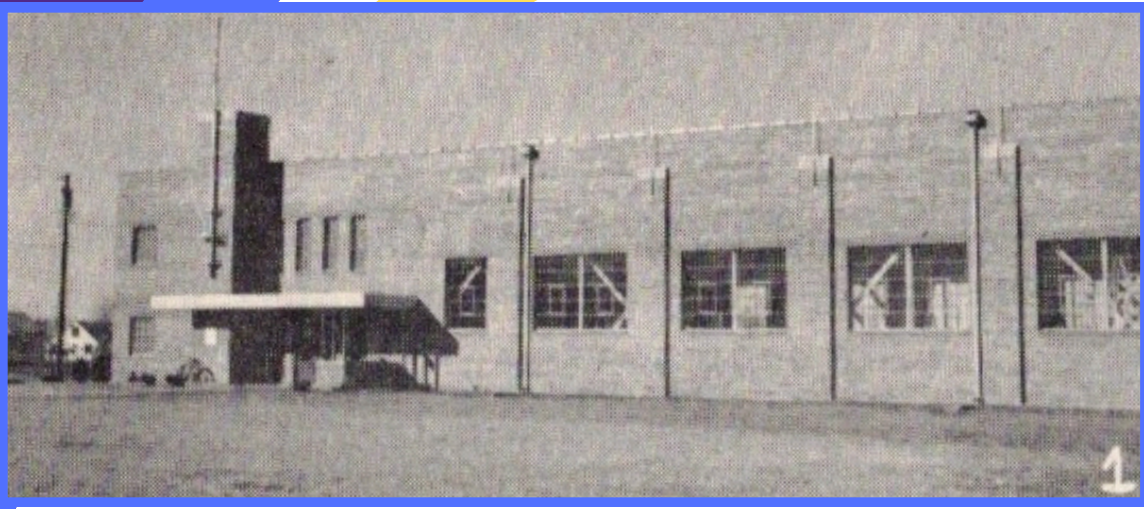


Submit more ideas  
as they come to you.



Help design a vibrant  
hub for learning,  
innovation & connection.

Groundbreaking Ideas, Rooted in  
Community, Built for the Future.



The 4-H Building, completed in 1952



The 4-H Building in 2026

The 4-H Building of the future...



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