

McPherson County

K-STATE EXTENSION NEWS

September 2025

Pre-Plant Wheat School: August 25, 2025



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Shad Marston, Agriculture & Natural Resources, County Agent

With fall just around the corner, many thoughts/plans change for the closing months of the year. No matter what form of Agriculture you are in, September is a time to start preparing for the colder months to come. Wheat producers are adapting their ground for the important fall planting of Hard Red Winter Wheat and all that it entails.

On the other hand, row crop farmers are gearing up for the fall harvest of corn, soybeans and milo. While the livestock producers start making plans to weaning spring born calves and also make all the preparation planning it takes to care for their livestock during the hard winter months.

Successful producers make sure their operations can complete fall activities of field work and replenish winter feed supplies before the unpredictable weather comes in winter. As for the others, now is the time to capitalize on the fall beauty of gardens and flower beds. Many gardeners remember to replant cool season vegetables that extend their gardening fun for a couple more months. Some flowers and trees reach their peak this time of year and can be enjoyed by all.

No matter what your projects are for the fall, K-State Extension is here to answer any of your challenges with researched based, unbiased information. Stop in our office and look through the many isles of fact sheets over endless topics of Agriculture. Remember, we are here to help you.

-Shad

Farmer's Market

Remember, the farmers market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, located on the 4H Fairgrounds in the round top, on West Woodside here in McPherson. You can check them out on Facebook at **McPherson County Farmer's Market** to get all the details. Come get your local produce with a variety of fruits and vegetables, eggs, flowers, as well as several homemade bakery items and much more. Be sure to stop by and see what they have to offer.

Farming

Manage Volunteer Wheat

Now is a good time to plan for controlling volunteer wheat. All volunteer wheat within the area should be completely dead prior to the start of the regional wheat-free window of August 25 to September 25. This will help control wheat curl mites, Hessian fly, and greenbugs in the fall. Planting wheat later in the fall also helps in the control of these problems. The most important reason to control volunteer wheat is the control of Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus and the three viruses it consists of. Unfortunately, there is no cure for WSMV, so prevention is the key. Please be a good neighbor and destroy all volunteer wheat at least 2 weeks before wheat planting time.

Lawns & Garden

Seeding Lawns

Creating a lush, vibrant lawn takes commitment, but the rewards of a successful grass seed project are worth the time and resources you invest. A beautiful lawn can improve your home's value, benefit the environment and enhance your family's quality of life.

Even if you're a first-time lawn grower, you can seed right and avoid these common mistakes:

1. Planting the wrong type of seed
2. Skipping the soil test and recommendations
3. Using lime incorrectly or unnecessarily
4. Ignoring recommended seeding rates
5. Miscalculating your lawn dimensions
6. Planting without regard for proper timing
7. Using weed treatments or weed & feed fertilizers with seed

Seeding Lawns Cont'd:

A healthy, well-balanced soil provides a solid foundation for grass growth. Our local extension office can help with testing kits and lab referrals. Again, time spent measuring your lawn prevents wasted products and labor. It can be tempting to plant seed as soon as the need arises. But proper timing has an important impact on results. Grass growth occurs in seasonal cycles, which vary according to the grass types common to different regions.

Timing your seed projects to coincide with growing cycles greatly improves your rate of success. For most of Kansas, fall is the best time to plant grass seed. This is when cool-season grasses such as Kentucky bluegrass and tall fescues peak in growth, and conditions enhance fast germination and establishment. Something to remember, weed treatments and fertilizers used too close to planting can injure seed.

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.

Livestock



Pasture Management Tip Shad Marston

Use your livestock mineral as a means of getting your cows to graze all areas of your pastures. It does not need to be placed next to water, and they will travel to get to it. It is a very easy way to help promote even grazing distribution. Give it a try!

Record Prices for our Locally Grown Calves Shad Marston

With the calf market as high as one has even dreamed, going the extra mile during weaning might add even more to your bottom line. Cow/Calf producers have never experienced the prices we are seeing today for calves of all weights at the local sale barns. Plus, with the reduced cow numbers and replacements, high prices don't seem to be slowing down anytime soon. With fall approaching, the days seem to be getting shorter and the nights colder, our thoughts of a cow/calf producer change. Weaning spring born calves is just around the corner and we need to start preparing and planning our operation for this big event. In addition, with the explosion of the calf market, cattlemen are learning new ways to increase the value of each and every calf that is raised on their operation.

Some producers might need to explore the benefits of selling right off the cow. While others that have the ability with feed and facilities to keep their calves after weaning, to add even more profits to the year's calf crop. Still weaning, without a doubt, is one of the most stressful events in the life of a calf. Anytime we, as producers, can remove stress from weaning, it can be very beneficial to the cow/calf operator and beyond.

Benefits of Xeriscaping

- Beautify your urban spaces-space with more than just lawn are more attractive.
- Spend less time maintaining your yard and more time enjoying it.
- Protects our environment- overwatering causes erosion of slopes and river banks.
- Municipalities can treat less water, saving money and chemical use.
- Conserve water-share this limited resource with others and leave some for fish and wildlife.
- Use less pesticides and fertilizers, thereby reducing the risk of polluting storm water and saving money.



Most overlook that fact that weaning is also our opportunity as cattle producers to prepare calves for the next phase of the beef production cycle. "We are trying to make a productive member of our feedlot society or a reproductive heifer coming back into our herd," says Dr. AJ Tarpoff, Beef Extension veterinarian at Kansas State University. Everyone's goal of weaning should be a have calves that can make it without their mothers, consume feed and successfully acclimate to a new environment. To do this calves need go thru the separation process, learn a new environment, get acclimated to new feedstuffs and stay healthy all at the same time. Improving on these steps can add value to your animals.



Record Prices for our Locally Grown Calves Cont'd

Important steps to follow:

- Establish a herd health program. “The solution for starting cattle does not start with a syringe and a needle” says Dr. Mark Handlin of Heartland Veterinary Clinic. When bringing in cattle, cattle source and handling, feed, water and environment (both weather and pen condition) have a greater effect. I cannot stress this enough, producers should consult with their local veterinarians and develop a herd health plan the meets a sound vaccination program as well as a treatment plan for calves if they do become sick. Planning ahead of time can save lots of money when ordering supplies and cuts back on wasted time running for this or that.
- Don't add stress during weaning. Castration, dehorning, and branding can all add stress. Plan to complete these tasks well in advance of weaning, (minimum of 3 weeks) or a month after.
- Prepare weaning pen with proper placement of feed bunks and a good water source. Clean pens to try to minimize dust and allow pens to drain during wet weather. Providing access to the weaning pens prior to weaning helps the calves adapt to their new environment. Provide fence line contact, if you can, to soften and reduce behavioral stress and minimize post-weaning weight loss of the weaned calf.
- Help calves adjust to the new feedstuffs. At the K-State Research Center in Hays, a feeding protocol for weaning calves has been developed that works well for transitioning weaned calves to a total mixed ration. It starts with high-quality grass hay and the weaning ration being offered each at 0.5% of the calves' current bodyweight, dry basis, on the day of weaning. The weaning ration should be placed on the bottom of the bunk and the hay over the top. Each day the weaning ration is increased while hay remains the same. On day 4, place the hay on the bottom of the bunk. Over a period of 7-10 days, the dry intake should be reached at approximately 2.2-2.5% of the calves' bodyweight.

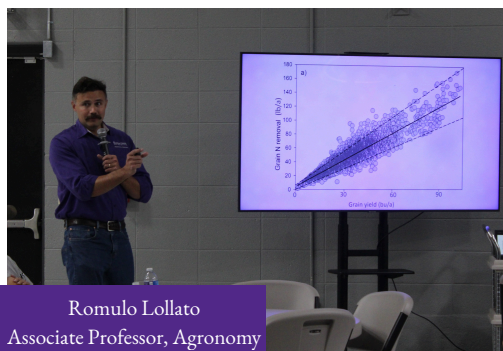
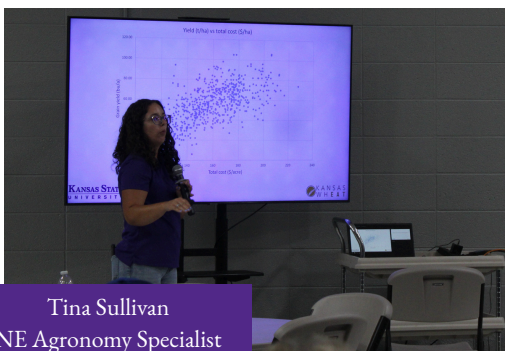
Simply by pre-conditioning, producers are trying to maximize health and well-being of the animals prior to and at weaning, not just post-weaning. Remember, no two groups of cattle are the same and using a one herd health plan that fits all phases of your operation might not work in all situations. Establish a health/vaccination plan that fits your operation by consulting with your veterinarian. Try to reduce stress of weaning as much of possible, along with preparing your weaning pen ahead of time. Getting your weaning calves up to the bunk and eating should be a top priority.

With feed prices low and calf prices high, cattlemen should be able to add to their profitability. Remember, when prices are this high, they will come down. Getting the most out of our calves today, plays an important role in the success of any operation. The successfulness of weaning and keeping calves headed in the right direction will be an important factor in their next phase of the cattle industry.

2025

Pre-Plant Wheat School

Thank you **Speakers!**



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Clover Corner



McPherson
County

Laura Savage

4-H Youth Development Extension Agent

Laura's Letter

It is September! As summer draws to a close, I want to thank everyone for a great fair! I thoroughly enjoyed seeing everyone and watching our 4-H members compete and develop as young leaders! With that being said, fair season is not over yet. I would encourage everyone to attend the Kansas State Fair to not only experience the wide range of attractions but to support our McPherson County 4-H members! Good luck to all who are competing-I know you will do amazing! In addition to the State Fair this month, September brings a variety of "due dates"! Record books, ambassador applications, and pin applications are all due at the beginning of October! As always if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

-Laura

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McPherson County Extension Office



McPherson County 4-H

Schedule of Events

- Sept. 1 Closed - Have a great Labor Day!
- Sept. 3 State Fair Entries to Hutchinson
Must be dropped off by 8:30 AM!
- Sept. 13 **Art in the Park @ Memorial Park**
Purchase 4-H Projects!
- Sept. 5-14 **Kansas State Fair!**
- Sept. 16 Pick up State Fair Exhibits from Office
- Oct 1. Pin Applications, Record Books, &
Ambassador Applications DUE
- Oct. 5-11 **National 4-H Week!**
- Nov. 1 Treasurer's Reports Due for Each Club

September is National Fishing Month!
Enjoy the last days of "summer"!

Be an Ambassador!

Love 4-H?

Do you have a passion for a project area?

Want to develop your leadership skills?

Apply to be a 4-H Ambassador!

Becoming a 4-H Ambassador is a great opportunity for 4-H members to further grow as leaders, promote 4-H, and spend more time in a project area they enjoy! 4-H members in grades 8-12 are invited to apply for this amazing experience! Applications can be found on our website and are due to the office by **October 1st!**

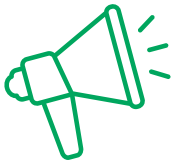
Achievement Banquet

Save the date of November 2nd for this
year's Achievement Banquet!

Get Published!

Have news, highlights, or events you would
like included in the October Clover
Corner?

Submit them to Lauralee at
lhelm@ksu.edu
by October 20th!



Record Books

What do I need? To complete a record book, you must have a personal information page, Kansas 4-H Project Report (one report per project), and a permanent record in a 3 ring notebook!

How do I complete these forms? Forms can either be completed through PDF Forms or Zbooks. Contact Laura if you have any questions!

When are record books due? Record books are due to the Extension Office by October 1st along with Pin Applications! Please have a club leader look through your record book *before* submitting it to the office!

Financial Review

**End-of-Year Financial Review Paperwork is
due by November 1st!**

All Club Treasurers must complete the
Financial Review Checklist & the Annual
Financial Report!

It is recommended that a "Financial Review
Committee" is formed for each club and the
4-H Council, consisting of two members and
two adults.

Link to the Treasurer's Notebook:

https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4-h-treasurers-record-book_4H474.pdf

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Event Spotlights



**Go support McPherson County 4-H members
as they compete in the Kansas State Fair!**

**Project Areas: Agronomy, Photography,
Geography, Foods, Arts & Crafts, Fashion Revue, Talks &
Demonstrations, Livestock, & More!**

Sell Your Projects!

September 13th from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

@ Memorial Park

4-H Members will be selling their projects!

Want to sell yours?

Please let Laura know ASAP!



Livestock Sweepstakes

The livestock judging team of Brynn, Karly, Quentin, Rustin, & individual contestant, Evan, competed in Manhattan in August, placing in the top 20 out of over 80 teams! Congratulations!

Wildlife Explorations

**Wildlife Explorations - October 11th, 13th, 20th, & 27th
Register by October 1st for \$10!**

Want to learn more about wildlife native to Central Kansas?

Sign-up for Wildlife Explorations! Tour Maxwell Wildlife Refuge, create a food web, build a bird feeder, and more! This is a 4-week "course" meeting open to 4-H and non-4-H members!

<https://tinyurl.com/OctWildlifeExplorations>

WILDLIFE EXPLORATIONS

OCTOBER

Want to learn more about wildlife in Central Kansas? Join our 4-Week "Explorations" Class! Explorations will meet once weekly for approximately one hour (excluding the Maxwell Wildlife Refuge Tour). Meetings will consist of a wildlife learning opportunity, an activity, and a snack! This is open to all youth, ages 6 and up!

Register by: October 1st Cost: \$10



MAXWELL WILDLIFE REFUGE

October 11th 9:00AM-1:00 PM

An educational tour and hiking opportunity!

ANIMAL APPETITES

October 13th 6:00-7:00 PM

Learn more about the food preferences of animals in Maxwell & create a Food Web!

BIRD CAFE

October 20th 6:00-7:00 PM

How do birds survive the winter?
Create a birdfeeder to hang in your yard!

LEAF AN IMPRESSION

October 27th 6:00-7:00 PM

Master the ability to identify types of leaves & participate in a leaf-themed craft!



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National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week: October 5th - 11th!

"Beyond Ready"

National 4-H Week is quickly approaching! Celebrate 4-H this week through participating in the activities below:

Daily Social Media Challenges

Club Competition: Food Drive Between Clubs

Project Displays in McPherson County Courthouse & McPherson Public Library!

Social Media Challenges

Go Green Monday

Throwback Tuesday

Wellness Wednesday

4-H For Good Thursday

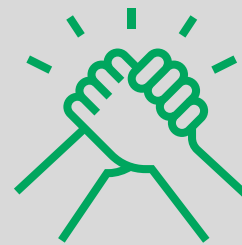
Friend Friday

Service Saturday

Support Sunday

Email photos to Laura at savaglau@ksu.edu or tag our McPherson County 4-H Facebook page! A winner will be selected each day!

4-H For Good



On Thursday of National 4-H Week, help us shine a light on all the good that 4-H does! A day to recognize all the 4-H'ers who are doing good and making positive impact by helping their communities and beyond.

Share your own story or celebrate someone who is making a difference - another 4-H'er, volunteer or educator We want to know, **Thursday, October 9!** Share your '4-H For Good' story on social, tag others in your 4-H community, tag National 4-H and use:

#4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek

48 Hours of 4-H

48 Hours of 4-H – Expanding ALL of National 4-H Week!!
Compete in the Club vs. Club Food Drive!



McPherson County 4-H clubs are challenged to bring in as many items as they can to their club's drop off location (check with your club leader) from **October 5th - 12th!** The club with the highest average number of items donated per club member will WIN bragging rights and a prize sponsored by 4-H Council!

Items will be collected on October 13th and distributed to local food banks!



Call for Events: 2026 My Hometown Calendar

Planning for the 2026 My Hometown Calendar is already underway, and we need your help to make it a true reflection of McPherson County life! Each year, the calendar highlights the many events that bring our communities together, from annual festivals and county fairs to school fundraisers, concerts, parades, celebrations, and more.

If your organization, club, or group has an event that is open to the public and would be of interest across McPherson County, we invite you to submit it for consideration. Having your event included in the printed calendar not only increases visibility but also helps residents and visitors discover the wide variety of opportunities our county has to offer.

Submitting your event is quick and simple. Just go to tinyurl.com/MPAddEvent and complete the form with your event details. If you don't have a flyer yet, please upload a general logo so it can be displayed in the online version of the calendar—this can always be updated later when flyers or finalized promotional materials are ready.

The earlier you submit, the better chance your event has of being included in the printed edition of the calendar. Events are also added to the online version throughout the year, providing even more visibility for your organization.

The My Hometown Calendar is a go-to planning tool for families across McPherson County, helping people coordinate schedules, support local organizations, and take part in the activities that keep our communities strong. Don't miss the chance to showcase your event and be part of what makes our hometowns vibrant!

September is National Coupon Month: Smart Savings for Families

September is officially recognized as National Coupon Month, making it the perfect time to highlight simple ways to stretch your family's budget. Coupons have long been a trusted tool for saving money, but today they are more versatile and accessible than ever, helping households lower grocery bills, access healthier food options, and plan family budgets more effectively.

Coupons are no longer just newspaper clippings. Many stores now offer digital coupons through loyalty programs or apps, making it easy to save right from your phone. Pairing these savings with weekly sales or store promotions can double your impact. For example, combining a coupon for fresh produce with a store discount not only cuts costs but also encourages healthier eating habits.

One of the smartest strategies is to "shop your pantry first." Before heading to the store, look at what you already have on hand. Then, use coupons to fill in the gaps rather than buying duplicates. This reduces waste and makes meal planning easier.

To make couponing even simpler, here are five of today's highest-rated coupon and savings apps:

- **Ibotta** – Earn cashback on groceries, household items, and even online shopping.
- **Rakuten** – Great for online purchases, with automatic cash back at thousands of retailers.
- **Flipp** – Helps you compare weekly store ads and clip digital coupons all in one place.
- **Coupons.com** – Offers both printable and digital coupons that link to store loyalty cards.
- **Upside** – Earn cashback on fuel, convenience store items, and limited restaurants.

National Coupon Month is also a great reminder to get the whole family involved. Challenge youth to help search for coupons online or in circulars. Teaching children how to find deals not only saves money but also builds important financial literacy skills.

This September, try setting a weekly coupon challenge. Even saving \$5–10 a week adds up to hundreds of dollars a year, money that can be redirected to family activities, savings goals, or healthier food choices.

Smart shopping doesn't mean cutting back on quality; it means making the most of every dollar.



Stay Connected with Teach & Taste Reminders

We're excited to announce the beta test of our new Remind text system for the upcoming Teach & Taste class! Staying on top of class times and updates is now easier than ever.

Participants can sign up to receive quick reminders and important announcements right on their phones. To join, simply text @teachtaste to 81010 (this notification is only for the Teach & Taste program at this time). Once enrolled, you'll get friendly reminders about class dates, times, and any special instructions, so you don't miss any of the fun. This system is completely free and easy to use (standard messaging and data rates may apply). You can unsubscribe at any time, but we hope you'll find it a helpful way to stay connected and never miss out on the fun of Teach & Taste!

Senior Scam Alert: Stay Aware, Stay Safe

Scams targeting older adults are on the rise, and criminals are constantly finding new ways to trick people out of their money or personal information. McPherson County Extension is committed to keeping our community informed. Below are three of the most common scams currently targeting seniors—plus tips to protect yourself and loved ones.

Social Security Scam Calls

Scammers claim to be from the Social Security Administration, warning of suspended benefits or suspicious activity. They may demand immediate payment or ask for personal details.

Red Flags:

- Caller demands payment via gift cards or wire transfer.
- Caller pressures you to act immediately.
- Caller ID may be “spoofed” to look official.

What To Do:

Hang up. Call the SSA directly at **1-800-772-1213** if you need to confirm. Report suspicious calls at oig.ssa.gov.

The “Grandparent Scam”

In this emotional scam, fraudsters call pretending to be a grandchild in trouble—or someone calling on their behalf (like a lawyer or police officer). They beg for urgent money to pay bail, hospital bills, or travel expenses.

Red Flags:

- Caller begs you not to tell other family members.
- Request for urgent wire transfer or gift card payment.
- Distressed voice or background noise to increase panic.

Protective Measures

- **Establish a secure “safety code” with family** — a predetermined word or phrase that confirms calls are legitimate.
- **Discuss the risk openly** — seniors should know it’s not embarrassing to question or refuse urgent-sounding requests.
- **Decline unsolicited calls** — especially those demanding payments or personal info.

What To Do:

Pause. Hang up and call your grandchild or another trusted family member directly. Never rush into sending money.

September Safety Spotlight: Emergency Preparedness

September is National Preparedness Month, and it’s a reminder of the importance of being ready for emergencies before they happen. Whether it’s a severe storm, power outage, or unexpected situation, a little preparation goes a long way in protecting your family. Start with a family communication plan. Know how you will connect if phone service is interrupted. Designate a local meeting place and make sure children understand what to do if separated.

Supplies are another key piece. Stock up on bottled water, nonperishable food, flashlights, and batteries. Experts recommend having at least a three-day supply of essentials. Don’t forget to include necessary medications, pet supplies, and important documents stored in a waterproof container.

Take time to check smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms, and fire extinguishers to ensure they are in working order. It’s also wise to review evacuation routes and practice them as a family.

Preparedness isn’t about expecting the worst, it’s about giving yourself peace of mind and the ability to respond confidently if an emergency does occur. This September, take small steps toward readiness, and you’ll be investing in your family’s safety and resilience.

Tech Support Scams

Criminals pose as Microsoft, Apple, or internet providers, claiming your computer is infected. They ask you to download software or grant remote access, giving them control of your device.

Red Flags:

- Unsolicited calls about viruses.
- Pop-ups directing you to “call support.”
- Requests for remote access or unusual payment methods.

What To Do:

Never call numbers from pop-ups or emails. Don’t allow remote access unless you contact a verified provider yourself. Report scams at reportfraud.ftc.gov.

Quick Tips to Outsmart Scammers

- Don’t share personal information over the phone.
- Don’t pay with gift cards, cryptocurrency, or wire transfers.
- Hang up if pressured to act immediately.
- Verify independently before sending money.
- Report scams quickly to protect yourself and others.

Remember: If it feels urgent, frightening, or secretive—it’s probably a scam. Slow down, verify, and stay safe.



Community Connection Corner: Fall Engagement Ideas

One of the greatest strengths of McPherson County is the way neighbors come together. As the season shifts into fall, opportunities abound to strengthen community ties while also supporting local initiatives.

Consider volunteering at local events or programs. Many community organizations rely on fall fundraisers, library programs, or school events that could use an extra set of hands. Volunteering not only supports the community but also builds relationships with others who share your interests.

Fall is also harvest season—perfect for helping at a community garden. Gathering produce alongside others fosters connection while promoting access to fresh, healthy foods. For those who prefer smaller gatherings, hosting a simple neighborhood potluck or backyard bonfire can bring people together for food, stories, and laughter.

Don't forget about farmers' markets. September brings an abundance of apples, squash, pumpkins, and other seasonal produce. Shopping local supports area growers while encouraging healthy eating. Markets are also natural gathering spaces where residents can connect informally.

When we engage with our community, even in small ways, we help create a more resilient and connected place to live. This fall, look for ways—big or small—to show up, pitch in, and connect with your neighbors.

Share Your Photos for the 2026 My Hometown Calendar!

Do you enjoy capturing the beauty and spirit of McPherson County through photography? We're inviting community members to submit their best photos for the 2026 My Hometown Calendar!

For 2026, our calendar theme will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States, highlighting both patriotism and the unique charm of life in our hometown communities. One month each quarter will feature a photo taken by a local resident, giving you the chance to showcase your work in a widely distributed calendar.

Are you a shutterbug with an eye for amazing moments? Whether it's a scenic Kansas sunset, a slice of community life, or a photo that reflects our American spirit, we'd love to see it.

Submitting is simple! Just scan the QR code to enter your photo into the contest for consideration.

This is your opportunity to celebrate both our nation's milestone and our county's local pride—one picture at a time.



Back-to-School Wellness: Helping Families Thrive

September is a month of transitions as families settle into back-to-school routines, fall sports, and community activities. With busier schedules, wellness often gets pushed aside. Establishing small, intentional habits can make the shift easier for both children and adults.

Meal planning is one of the best tools. A simple weekly plan saves money, cuts stress, and ensures kids have balanced lunches and snacks. Prepping grab-and-go items like fresh fruit, veggie sticks, and cheese sticks keeps everyone fueled between school and activities.

Sleep is another essential piece. Consistent bedtimes help children stay focused and energized. A good guideline is to turn off screens at least 30 minutes before bed and replace them with calming routines like reading or quiet conversation.

Don't underestimate the power of connection. Busy families can still create meaningful moments with small rituals. Try a daily check-in during dinner or car rides, asking each family member to share a high and a low from their day. These conversations help kids feel heard while giving parents insight into their child's school experience.

By focusing on balanced meals, regular sleep, and family connection, you'll help your household not just survive the fall rush—but thrive in it.



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!



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Upcoming Events



Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at noon to 1 p.m.

K-State Garden Hour: Shrubs That Thrive in Kansas

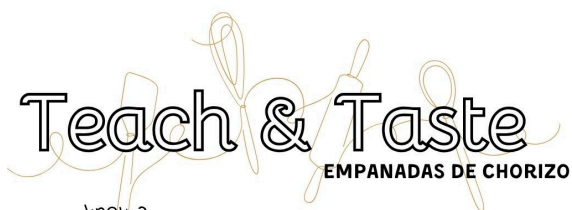
Picking the right plant for the right place is crucial to have plants that will last in our challenging Kansas climate. Learn the best shrub varieties suited for the state's unique climate challenges, including heat and drought tolerance. Join Dr. Jason Griffin, Woody Ornamentals Horticulture Extension Specialist and Director of the John C. Pair Horticulture Center, as he highlights some great shrubs to incorporate into your landscape.

Friday, September 5, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

First Friday e-Call- Employee Benefits for Small Businesses

KSRE Community Vitality Department

Presenter: Brandy Willett, Regional Director, Wichita SBDC



EMPANADAS MADE THEIR FIRST APPEARANCE DURING THE MOORISH INVASIONS IN MEDIEVAL IBERIA. IN FACT, IN 1520, A COOKBOOK IN CATALAN DESCRIBING REGIONAL CATALAN, FRENCH, ITALIAN AND ARABIAN FOOD MENTIONS EMPANADAS BY NAME!

September 10, 2025

6:30 PM

McPherson County

Extension Office

600 West Woodside

McPherson, KS 67460



Class is ALWAYS Free
and Hands-On!

Register by scanning the QR code or visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/EmpanadasDeChorizo>



Remote Work Wednesdays

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 12pm to 1pm

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