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K-State Research and Extension

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Extension Council Elections To Be Held

It is once again time to elect representatives to the Riley County Extension Council. Biographical information for all of the candidates is enclosed. Voting will take place beginning on October 30-November 3 in the Riley County Extension Office from 8 am to 5 pm each day. You may also vote at the 4-H Achievement Celebration at Pottorf Hall in CiCo Park on Sunday, November 5, 3:00-5:00 pm.

The Extension Council election gives all Riley County residents, 18 years or older, the opportunity to elect Extension Council members for a two year term. Twenty-four elected volunteers make up the Extension Council which is charged with the responsibility of working with Extension agents to develop and conduct educational programs in the areas of agriculture, 4-H youth development, economic and community development, and family and consumer sciences. Six members serve on the program development committees (PDC) for each of those areas. Extension staff and council members appreciate your support and hope you will take time to vote in the upcoming election.

Extension Council Election Candidates

Agriculture Program Development Committee

Andrea DeJesus - Andrea is a local farmer and Certified Public Accountant. She runs a farming operation, A & H Farm, just south of Manhattan and during the off season works at Sink, Gordon & Associates LLP. Andrea believes that teaching the younger generations about farming is important. She opens up her farm each year to the public to help teach them about farming and how it relates to them. She is also involved in multiple farmers' markets and currently is the President of the Downtown Farmers' Market of Manhattan. Her husband, Hugo, owns a mechanic shop in Manhattan. They have 6 children, the oldest being 17 and the youngest 7 months. Their farming operation is a family run business and you will often see most if not all of the children running

around the farm or at farmers' markets. The family is also involved in 4-H, school sports, and the First Church of Nazarene.

Bruce Kaump - Bruce lives in northern Riley County with his wife, Kristi. He is actively engaged in farming, raising wheat, corn, soybeans and hay crops. He also has a cow-calf operation. Kristi is an accountant at KSU in the Dean of Arts & Sciences office. Bruce and Kristi have one daughter, Taylor who is attending college. They are members of the Swede Creek United Methodist Church, and Bruce currently serves on the Blue Valley USD 384 school board, along with other Church and community boards. Serving on the Extension Agriculture Development PDC, he hopes to bring

new ideas and be a sounding board for other ideas that are brought up.

Anthony Meals - Anthony is a four year agricultural instructor at Blue Valley High School in Randolph, KS. He teaches eight courses ranging from Animal Science, Agricultural Mechanics, to Horticulture. He has a passion for developing authentic learning opportunities for his students whether it is growing a Poinsettia crop in the greenhouse or raising broilers in their classroom. Anthony is also involved in the Randolph PRIDE Committee and his family attends the Alert Covenant Church. Anthony is married to Annelle, who is also an agricultural instructor at Marysville High School.

Family & Consumer Sciences Program Development Committee

Andy Hutchinson - Andy is the Program Director for USD 383 Head Start & Early Head Start, which promotes the school readiness of children (ages birth to 5) from low-income families by supporting their development and delivering services in core areas of early learning, health, and family well-being. He teaches a Daddy Basics class at Via Christi and is involved in Manhattan Konza Rotary where he serves as the chairperson for their Water Matters Day project. Andy believes in the research-based approach that Extension programs use to share expertise within the community.

Cindy Donohoue - Cindy is Development Manager for Pawnee Mental Health Services. Cindy has been involved in the community helping with youth sports, high school sports, and activities. She is involved in civic organizations that promote youth, brain awareness, and support of the community. Cindy and her husband Tim, have two children Jordan who is a Bio Analyst for a drug research company in Lincoln, NE and Nicholas who is a senior at Kansas State University studying Mathematics and Physics. Tim is the purchaser for the maintenance department at Parker Hannifin and is a small business owner. Cindy is a strong believer in improving the quality of peoples life's through the Riley County Extension programming.

Almaz Rufael - Almaz is a registered dietician and the clinical nutrition manager for Manhattan's Via Christi Hospital. In this role she works with physicians and hospital staff to ensure good patient nutrition, present nutrition education programs, and participates in community nutrition activities. Almaz is an active community member who is involved in the Manhattan Breakfast Optimist Club, PEO, and the Manhattan Wellness Coalition. She has volunteered her time at the Flint Hills Community Clinic since 2006. Almaz is a strong believer in Extension programs and helped to start the Walk Kansas program which originated in Riley County.

Community Development Program Development Committee

Kristin Holt - Kristin is a lifelong resident of Riley County. She has a passion for community service and serves on the Board of Directors of the Friends of Sunset Zoo and Purple Power Play, and the Riley County Extension Council Executive Board. Kristin and her husband, Aaron, are involved as parents at Riley County Grade School and active with their daughter in the Wildcat 4-H Club. Kristin works in the President's Office at K-State where she assists with advocacy efforts on behalf of the university. She believes Extension programs and information are vital to the area, and feels it is important to further promote these valuable resources to continue making a positive impact in the quality of life for the citizens of Riley County.

Chandra Ruthstrom - Chandra is the Program/Project Coordinator for operations at K-State's Center for Engagement and Community Development, the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy and the Rural Grocery Initiative. She is responsible for special event coordination, maintaining and monitoring fiscal operations, serving as the liaison with university departments, Kansas communities, and national stakeholders, and is the grant manager and administrator. She enjoys living in the country with her husband Terry and is proud to represent her small hometown as a member of Leonardville PRIDE. Rural by Choice!

Marcia Rozell - Marcia loves promoting and marketing Manhattan to our visitors. As the Tourism Sales Manager for Visit Manhattan, she has a keen understanding of the community and region she has called home for more than 20 years. As an avid adventurer herself, she thrives on broadening her horizons and meeting new people around Kansas and the world. Marcia currently serves on the USD 383 School Board and is President of the Flint Hills Tourism Coalition. With her passion for the water and concern about the environment, Marcia is secretary of the Kansas Canoe and Kayak Association and serves on the Friends of the Kaw Board. Her husband, Tim is a professor in Animal Science and shares their passion of cycling and being outdoors. Their grown children have left the nest and upon upcoming graduations, look to fly to new opportunities around the US and overseas.

Extension Council Election Candidates

4-H Youth Development Program Development Committee

Doug Jardine - Doug has been an extension specialist in the Department of Plant Pathology at K-State for more than 30 years. He has extensive experience with 4-H at all levels. He started his career as the Extension 4-H Youth Agent for Branch County, Michigan. He and wife Anne were community leaders for the CiCo Shamrocks and all four children participated in 4-H through high school graduation. Doug has served on several state 4-H committees. He created "Kitchen Sink Science" day camp program which he has performed for county 4-H programs around the state. He is committed to the 4-H goals of developing better citizens, better leaders, and the learning of life skills. Doug is also active in the community as a member of the Manhattan Breakfast Optimist Club and the St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus.

Meghan Loverude - Meghan is a Paraprofessional at Northview Elementary. Meghan is a former 4-H member. Her dad was the Greenwood County 4-H Agent. As a 4-H'er Meghan was involved in nearly every 4-H project. After high school Meghan attended Oklahoma State University and served as an instructor at a therapeutic horseback riding ranch. She also volunteered with Special Olympics Equestrian. After graduating from OSU she was the 4-H Agent in Cherokee County, Kansas for 5 years, and enjoyed working with the youth. Her husband Erik was hired by the Manhattan Fire Department in June of 2015. Meghan and Erik are excited to call Manhattan their home. When Meghan isn't working she likes to spend her free time remodeling her home, being involved in her church and the community.

Holly McHugh - Holly is an Admissions Evaluator in the Admission's office at K-State. She is a former 4-H'er from Riley County where she was a 10 year member of the CiCo Shamrocks 4-H club. Holly's husband, Kevin, works for Union Pacific railroad and they have a 10 year old son Caden in the 5th grade. Holly is involved as a parent in the Pillsbury 4-H club and a member of the 4-H Foundation Board. Holly believes 4-H is important in developing positive relationships, building character and confidence. 4-H is significant for our youth in developing lifelong skills in leadership and community involvement.

Tune in for Extension Radio Programs

KHCA Angel 95's Morning Magazine — 2nd, 4th & 5th Thursdays at 9:15 a.m.

KMAN's In-Focus — 1st & 3rd Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

KMAN — Each Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Tune in for the latest news and upcoming program announcements from local Extension Agents.

Education Fund Established with Community Foundation

Riley County Extension has recently established an Extension Education Fund with the Manhattan Community Foundation. This fund will provide an avenue for community members to make tax deductible donations to support Extension education programs. If you are interested in making a donation or bequest, contact County Extension Director Jennifer Wilson at jrwilson@ksu.edu or 785-537-6350.



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