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 26-30 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 1, 3:30-5:00 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 very 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 13 and the youngest 1. 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 a freshman at Washburn University. 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 two-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 Annette, who is also an agricultural instructor at Marysville High School.
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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 Before/After School Program Coordinator 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 4 years, and enjoyed working with the youth. Her husband Erik was hired by the Manhattan Fire Department in June of 2015 and 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 administrative specialist 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 as a conductor and they have an 8 year old son Caden in the 3rd grade. Holly started and led the first year of the CiCo Shamrocks Cloverbud’s group. 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.

Education Fund Established with Community Foundation

Riley County Extension has 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.

Education Publications Available Near You

K-State Research and Extension has a wide variety of educational materials available to the public with topics ranging from gardening to parenting, and nutrition to pest management. Search the KSRE Bookstore online at www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore. Most publications are available for free download in PDF format. Copies of publications are available in the Extension Office. A selection of seasonal publications are also available at various locations throughout the county including: Manhattan Public Library, Ogden Community Center, Pottorf Hall, Riley Post Office, Mitch’s Qwik Shop in Leonardville, the Riley Food Pantry and the Flint Hills Breadbasket.
Community Development Program Development Committee

Rod Harms—Rod is self employed and has operated his own companies since 1987. He is a real estate development professional with interests ranging from creating community developments where people live and work to revitalizing small town Kansas Main Streets. He recently completed a one year stint as Executive Director of Aggieville and is now helping launch Green Apple Bikes. He is married to Stephanie Rolley, Professor and Head of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional/Community Planning at K-State. Stephanie and Rod have two daughters. Lauren is a graduate of Syracuse University, lives in New York City and is a book cover designer for Little Brown Publishing. Sophia graduated from MHS, attended KSU for one year, studied at the Sorbonne in Paris one year, and is now at McGill University in Montreal pursuing a degree in international development. Rod is a member of Konza Rotary, the Micah Society, and the facilitator for the Wildcat Creek Watershed Council. The Harms Family's 4-H experience was with Cico Shamrocks. Rod was a CWF parent chaperone in 2010.

Marcia Hornung—Marcia is the Coordinator of Partnerships and an Instructor at the Staley School of Leadership Studies at K-State. Currently, she teaches undergraduate leadership classes and coordinates programs such as Leadership Manhattan, a partnership between the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce and K-State. She has also worked at the K-State College of Business Administration, and spent nearly 10 years coordinating noncredit programs at UFM Community Learning Center. Marcia is familiar with Extension’s work from her various roles on campus and through work in the community during her time at UFM. While there, UFM served as a host site for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA). She currently serves on the Community Development Program Development Committee. Marcia earned her BA in Psychology and Master’s degree in Public Administration at K-State. Marcia and her husband Shawn have lived in Manhattan since 1996. They have a 10-year-old daughter, Ava, a fifth grader at Manhattan Catholic Schools. Marcia will bring enthusiasm and a passion for service to our community.

Kristin Holt—Kristin is a lifelong resident of Riley County. She has a passion for community service and serves on the Friends of Sunset Zoo, Purple Power Play and Oak Grove School boards. Kristin is also involved as a parent at Riley County Grade School and the Wildcat 4-H Club. Prior to her current position in the Kansas State University President’s Office, Kristin worked at the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce where she coordinated seminars and events on issues relative to the business community. 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.

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(1350 AM or 93.3 FM) — Each Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Tune in for the latest news and upcoming program announcements from local Extension Agents.
Family & Consumer Sciences Committee

Scott Archdekin—Scott is a military veteran of 8 years, has worked with the Ogden Friendship House for four years and is in his last semester at Manhattan Christian College. He also works part-time at Christian Books and Gifts in Manhattan. Through his work with the Ogden Friendship House, he has helped in the coordination of many events, such as a very popular nutrition and cooking class (taught by the Extension Office), raised funds and purchased an AED machine that is now accessible to the community. With that he also had to coordinate with Mercy Regional to conduct training for CPR, AED, and First Aid; coordinated a Safe Sitter course for children wanting to babysit. Scott and his wife Tammy have been married for 4 years. They have been foster parents for over two years. Tammy is a Registered Nurse working on Fort Riley. They are both members of Zeandale Community Church. He believes that bringing programs that are relevant and educational to people of all ages, professions, and income levels will help elevate any community.

Cindy Donohoe—Cindy has been the Development Director at Manhattan Catholic Schools for the past 10 years. Some of the key responsibilities are to raise money and develop relationships between alumni, parishioners of the churches, businesses, and families of the school. Last year a capital campaign for the school and church was started to raise money to remodel and update both the Seven Dolors Catholic Church and Manhattan Catholic Schools. Cindy was instrumental in working with the Development Committee and helped organize events for the campaign and provided leadership to the committee. Cindy and her husband, Tim have two children, Jordan who is the Assistant Women's Soccer Coach for Concordia University in Seward, NE and Nicholas who is a Junior 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 has been active in the community helping with youth sports, high school sports and activities and in Civic organizations that promote youth, brain awareness, and support of the community.

Almaz Rufael—Almaz is a registered dietitian 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.

Riley County Extension Agents

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County Extension Director

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Family & Consumer Science Agent

Greg McClure
Agriculture Agent

John Jobe
4-H Youth Development Agent

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Horticulture Agent