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Serving on a program development committee is an opportunity for individuals who have an interest in helping their local communities. Come check it out!

Program Development Committee **PDC MEETING & MEAL**

November 7th 6:00 PM

Commercial Building
Wakeeney, KS

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to RSVP or for more information

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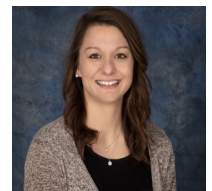
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4-H State, Regional, & District Events

Upcoming Events

- **November 1:** Club Treasurer Audit Due
- **November 5:** Western KS Leadership Forum, Scott City
- **November 14:** Gove Officer Training
- **November 19-20:** KYLF & KVLF, Rock Springs Ranch
- **November 20:** Logan Officer Training
- **November 30:** Returning Members Enrollment Due
- **December 4:** Trego Officer Training

For a full list of statewide events please visit the [Kansas 4-H website](#).

SAVE THE DATE

**2022-2023
4-H ONLINE
ENROLLMENT**

**OPENS
OCTOBER 1**

ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO SEE WHAT
ALL 4-H HAS TO OFFER!



Join 4-H Today!!!

As members of 4-H, we recognize the value in the program. The growth our kids gain in the many experiences and opportunities are needed in today's culture. Encourage others to join 4-H today. There is a spot for every youth with every interest.

Club Leader Corner

Be sure to check out the Kansas 4H Club Corner for all their resources to help your clubs achieve their goals!

[HERE](#)

The recorded ZOOM Training from our September meeting will be sent out via email to all. Look for it soon! Submit any questions to your local office.

**Deadline for Volunteer Enrollment & Updates—
November 30th**



4-H State, Regional, & District Events

YQCA

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a **required** certification for all Golden Prairie Extension District 4-H members that plan to exhibit livestock at the county fairs during the summer. Online modules are a great option for those who cannot attend in-person. **Certification must be complete by May 1.**
\$12/Online

Project Areas include: Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Bucket Calf, Dairy Cattle, Market Swine, Breeding Swine, Market Sheep, Breeding Ewe, Dairy Goat, Market Goat, Breeding Goat, Market Rabbit, & Poultry. (This does not include Pet Rabbits or Horses)

In the Spring of 2022, YQCA changed web platforms. Everyone will need to visit the new site for the next program year.

To register, visit: [YQCA](#), create new logins and complete the training module with your 4-H Age.

YQCA opens up for new certification in mid-October. Golden Prairie District plans to have in-person training opportunities throughout the year. We will notify families when the new year opens and the dates for trainings. This can be done anytime during the 2022-2023 program year until the May 1 deadline. Please plan accordingly to complete this mandatory training for your livestock projects.



Z Suites Record Keeping

Record keeping and Project Reporting are valuable skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and Non-4-H Experience and are encouraged to summarize their experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition. Z Suites is a new addition to our Kansas 4-H Program. This online record keeping is quick and easy to use on your mobile device or computer at home. Keep track of all your events and awards as they happen!

To help you through this process, please refer to the [Z Book Resource Page](#).

For any questions please contact our office. This is new and we are learning right along with you!



4-H State, Regional, & District Events

Shutterbug Events

Shutterbug events are photography workshops put on across the state by the Kansas State 4-H Photography Action Team. Workshops are typically scheduled as a morning session and concentrate on a variety of aspects of composition. The events typically end around Noon. Examples of sessions include: Portfolio, I have a camera-now what?, Panning, Close-ups, Aperture Settings & Kaleidoscopes/Reflections.

2022 Events

Shutterbugs at Old Jefferson Town

Where: Oskaloosa, KS

When: November 5th, 2022

Registration begins at 8:30 AM



Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas State 4-H Youth Council Members will be hosting a Leadership Forum for all 4-H to enjoy. This will be held at Rock Springs Ranch along with the Kansas Volunteer Leadership Forum.

Registration information will be out soon via email. Deadline to register will be October 24th. Please let your local extension office know if you are needing transportation!

More Information can be found [HERE](#)



4-H State, Regional, & District Events

***THE GOLDEN PRAIRIE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
IS BACK TO ITS MONTHLY ROTATION.***

*Please follow this newsletter to stay up-to-date
on all the happenings in Logan County 4-H
along with Regional & State Events.*

Golden Prairie District

Officer Training

- *Learn Responsibilities Specific to Your Office Position
- *Grow & Learn From Other Members
- *Build Teamwork & Trust Through Bonding Exercises
- *Demonstrate a Successful Meeting
- *Learn Parliamentary Procedure

Join us in each county this year!

Gove County— November 14th, 7 pm

Logan County—November 20th, TBD

Trego County—December 4th, 5:30 pm



Cedar Bluff Overnight Camp

Join us for a fun 24 hour camping experience at Cedar Bluff State Park. Experience staying with friends in tents, fishing, nature hikes, swimming and much more!

When: June 2023

Registration information not yet available

4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

Registration is OPEN for 2022 4-H Camp at Rock Springs. Rock Springs Ranch is now on OPEN ENROLLMENT until spots at all camps are filled. (Open to any youth from all states, 4-H members and Non-Members)

Register here: <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>

Please direct all camp questions to Rock Springs Ranch at (785) 257-3221.



LIT & CIT Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

L.I.T Leaders In Training: Ages 15-16 (Rising HS juniors)

This program focuses on leadership and community development programming along with a service project. Each session will be a mix of hands-on leadership training with counselor/mentors, along with peer group training sessions on skills that are relatable to leadership experiences in the future. They will have opportunities to practice these skills to become a confident and reliable leader. Counselor/mentors will deliver feedback, encouragement and put them on the path to success. There will also be time to just relax, make new friends and enjoy other camp activities. This is an excellent progression if a camper thinks they may want to advance to CIT or join RSR staff in the future

C.I.T. Counselors In Training: Ages 16-17 (Rising HS seniors)

Teens ages 16 to 17-year, especially rising 12th Graders, come to camp as part of our new Counselor in Training (C.I.T.) Camp. They will be given responsibility over a group of younger campers from breakfast to bedtime. These teens will receive camper care training and counselor experience, but they will also have "camp" time with their peers built into each day.

The C.I.T. program is a fun and wonderful way to explore what it means to be a beginning leader and a mentor and is a good fit for young people who may want to explore a career in education, early childhood care or other related fields. The program also covers important skills such as learning how to give and receive feedback, set and achieve goals, resolve conflict, plan and lead activities and build confidence. Time in this program also looks good on college applications.

C.I.T. Camp is an opportunity to provide leadership to younger campers while also having their own community and camp experiences, all with the mentorship and supervision of our youth development staff



Logan County 4-H News & Events

Kansas 4-H Enrollment is OPEN!!

Helpful documents to aide in the enrollment process can be found on the

Kansas 4-H Website [HERE](#)

\$15 fee for members 4-H Age 7-18 (age as of Jan. 1, 2023)

Cloverbuds, 4-H Age 5 & 6, are Free Membership.

Visit [4-H Online](#) to enroll.

Returning 4-H families: DO NOT create a new account. Simply log in to your existing account and update your information

You're Invited!!!!

Achievement Banquet

November 6th

5 pm

Logan County 4-H Building

Qdoba meal will be served.

Dates to Remember

Please check emails to receive all information as they become available. We appreciate the flexibility of our members.

Council & Ambassador Meeting
– November 6th, at 3:30 pm.



Follow us on Social Media!



TBD

Logan County
Officer Training
November 20th,

Logan County 4-H Text Updates

4-H Families: Logan County 4-H is now offering text message updates!

Sign up for text updates here: <https://bit.ly/2020LG4Htexts>

2023 Logan County Fair

July 17-22

Oakley, KS



Gove County 4-H News & Events

**JOIN US
AT THE
GOVE
COUNTY
FAIR!!**

**July
17-20
2023**

Enroll Today!!!

**Don't forget the 2022-2023 Program Year
has started. Get you enrollment finalized
today!**

COUNTY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 5TH

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BANQUET

4H BUILDING

Thank You families, leaders, youth members, volunteers, & Fair Board for another great year in 4-H!

GOVE COUNTY 4-H

4-H OFFICER TRAINING



JOIN US FOR A LIVE TRAINING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 7 PM
GRAINFIELD OFFICE MEETING ROOM

LEARN HOW TO:

- Fulfill Officer Duties
- Correctly Conduct Meeting
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Much more!



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**GOVE COUNTY 4-H
ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT**

11

05

22

Grainfield, KS

ATTENDANCE POLICY

In order for a 4-H member to be allowed to participate in any sales/auctions at the Gove County Fair, said 4-H member will be required to attend 5 meetings with the club they are enrolled in, as well as 1 pre-fair cleanup, and the post-fair cleanup. If these requirements cannot be met, a letter (handwritten or emailed) detailing the reasons for an exception must be submitted to the Fairboard no later than 7 days prior to the start of the fair. Any exceptions will be at the discretion of the Fairboard. Extraordinary circumstances occurring after the deadline will be handled on a case by case basis by the Fairboard. *Approved August 1, 2016



Trego County 4-H News & Events

Holiday Food Drive

November 12th @ 4:00 p.m.



4-H Members will be going door to door collecting Canned Food, Non Perishable Food Items or Monetary Donations for our Local Food Pantry!

If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office 785-743-6361



Returning 4-H Families

Re-enrollment DEADLINE

November 30, 2022



November Office Closings

11th Veteran's Day Observed

24th - 25th: Happy Thanksgiving



Tuesday, December 20th @ 6:00 p.m.

Meet @ the 4-H Building to Load the trailer. We will ride around town singing & make a stop at the Long Term Care. After Caroling we will have hot chocolate & cookies at the 4-H Building!



Officer & Record Book Training

Sunday, December 4th

Record Book Training @ 4 pm

Pizza @ 5 pm

Officer Training @ 5:30 pm

4-H Building

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Trego County 4-H Achievement Banquet

Community Leaders

Busy Kansans 4-H Club: Amanda Littlechild & Tammy Malinowsky

Ogallah 4-H Club: Crystal Parker & Courtney Berning

Trego Top Succeeders 4-H Club: Erica Hendrickson, Jennifer Pfeifer, & Stacy Louge

Wakeeney Willing Workers 4-H Club: Linda Folsom & Dawn Geist

Herdsmanship

4-H Club: WaKeeney Willing Workers 4-H Club

Beef: Chad Malinowsky

Swine: Zoey Parker

Sheep: Kristen Ruggles

Goats: Stanley Malinowsky

Cloverbuds

Claire Ashmore

Kaytlin Parke

Brooks Conness

Camlyn Ruggles

Madison Justice

Katherine Whited

Membership Achievement Pins

Member Pin: Callan Crossland, Weston Conness, MaKayla Parke,
Kamdyn Reynolds, Radley Malinowsky, & Amethyst Moses

Bronze Pin: Raylan Conness

Clover Pin: Avery Ashmore & Lily Parker

Emerald Pin: Tatum Flax, Addison Crossland, & Zoey Parker

Silver Pin: Emma Ashmore

Gold Guard Pin: Kaley Logue

Key Award: Wyatt Littlechild

Trego County 4-H Achievement Banquet

Project Record Awards

Beef: Wyatt Littlechild, Kaley Logue, Radley Malinowsky, Zoey Parker, Kamdyn Reynolds

Bucket Calf: Weston Conness

Clothing & Textiles: Callan Crossland

Foods & Nutrition: Raylan Conness

Photography: Addison Crossland

Sheep: Lily Parker

Space Tech: Amethyst Moses

Visual Arts: Emma Ashmore & Tatum Flax

Wood Working: Avery Ashmore



START COMPOSTING AT HOME THIS FALL!

BY: RYAN ENGEL

Compost is a wonderful addition to any garden beds you may have on your property. “Black gold” is a fitting way to describe this soil amendment, as compost improves soil texture, fertility, and water-holding capacity, which proves invaluable after the past few dry years we have experienced. Soils in our area tend to be composed mostly of clay particles, resulting in tight or compact soil structures. Compost additions can help to “loosen” heavy soils and support root development. Sandy soils benefit from increased water retention with additions of compost, making this amendment ideal for any soil situation.

Compost is generated by the decomposition of organic materials, such as leaves, grass clippings, or food scraps. Not only is this process beneficial for your garden, but it also is an extremely sustainable and responsible way of handling waste your household generates. Throwing food scraps in the garbage contributes to increased methane emissions and fills our landfills. This fall, consider turning your lawn waste products and food scraps into a landscape enhancement!

Your compost pile or bin can be as sophisticated or rudimentary as you desire. The size generally needs to be about five feet wide by five feet long or a circular pile about five feet in diameter. An enclosure for the compost is desired to contain the pile but isn’t required. Cement blocks, woven wire, or scrap lumber can be used for constructing the enclosure. A quick Google search will give you different ideas for compost pile designs. Many different “organic” materials can be used in the pile such as leaves, grass clippings, weeds (that haven’t gone to seed), garden refuse, fine hedge clippings, and kitchen scraps such as fruits and vegetables, egg shells, and coffee grounds. Avoid using meat scraps, bones, pet waste, and any dairy or oils.

A three to one (“brown” to “green”) ratio is desired for efficient decomposition. Utilize leaves from your yard this fall or straw to acquire your “browns” and any lawn clippings or food scraps for your “greens.” If the pile smells you should add more “brown” material. Keep the material moist but not wet and let it sit over winter. Next spring, begin turning weekly and apply your fresh compost where its needed in the garden!



To learn more, see the following K-State Research and Extension Publications!

- [Making and Using Compost at Home](#)
- [Making Compost a Beginners Guide](#)
- [Kansas Garden Guide](#)
- [Quick Composting](#)



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Live Well: Taylor Ziegelmeier

Know Yourself, Understand Others, Improve Your Relationships

Debra J. Bolton, Ph. D. Extension Specialist, Family and Consumer Sciences

Human cultural patterns are shaped by five questions related to value orientations:



1. What is the character of human nature?
2. What is the relationship of human kind to nature?
3. What is the orientation toward time?
4. What is the value placed on activity?
5. What is the relationship of people to each other?

Understanding cultural patterns clarifies why humans have cultural biases, which lays a foundation for learning that another culture is not wrong, lesser, or better if it is divergent from your own background or experience.

Human Nature

Basically evil: Humans are intrinsically evil — Puritan society
Mixture of good/evil: Evil is part of the world and cannot be eliminated — requires a dual approach to human nature.
Basically good: “People are good, but society makes them evil.”

Humans and Nature

Subordinate: Powerful forces outside human control — must accept and yield to.
Harmony: Part of life — all things connect — not a hostile force.
Master of Nature: Direct to human advantage, dominate — “Tame it.” Structuring of markets and buyer influence.

Time Orientation

Past: History, traditions and religion are important. Value ancestral wisdom — “Look to the past to guide the future.”
Present: Future is vague-“real” exists here and now— situation-bound.
Future: U. S. dominant, goal-bound. Focus on “What is going to happen?” — control the future.

Activity Orientation

Being: People, events, and ideas “flow” -“Simple act of conversation.”
Being-in-becoming: Development, growth, spiritual life, and emotional vitality are key.
Doing: Activity and action, accomplishments measured — a dominant approach in the United States. No time to “sit and talk” - life in constant motion.

Social Orientation

Authoritarian (Linear): “Born to lead” -others must follow, with the perception that this is the “norm.”
Collective: Group most important -can be passive - “Don’t draw attention to oneself.”
Individual: U.S. Constitution -values individual autonomy. Control over one’s destiny -“All else “violates the will of God.”



Consider difference and similarity across cultures. See if you can identify your own cultural pattern in the lists above. Each cultural pattern is divided into five orientations: human nature, humans and nature, time orientation, activity orientation, and social orientation. Each of those categories can be divided into three sets of cultural tendencies.

Clear communication among humans can be affected or influenced by differing cultural patterns, by semantics (meaning of words as they relate to sense, reference, implication, and logical aspects), and by regional, social, educational, and ethnic backgrounds. Other influences on communications include geographical locations, gender, native language, job, and family. Make sure you know what constitutes a culture. Think of: • Family systems/structures • Ways of knowing • Legacies/heritage • Ethnicities • Belief systems • Regionalisms • Folkways • Socio-economic placements • Historical Allegiances. We will talk more about communication and relationships across cultures next month.



Check out Taylor’s Family and Consumer Sciences Page on Facebook!
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Safely Constructing Firebreaks

By: Kelsi Wertz, Golden Prairie Extension Livestock Agent

With the increased dryness we are facing in this drought condition the risk of fire is more prevalent than ever. Firebreaks, or fire lines, are used by emergency and ag professionals to control the location, distance, and spread of a fire. Some fire lines are created by exposing bare soil and removing flammable material to keep the fire within a prescribed boundary. Constructed firebreaks can be created by scraping the ground using a bulldozer or road grader to remove the fine fuels that could catch fire. Prescribed or controlled burns are often created to reduce competing vegetation and increase the resiliency of forests to insects and disease while burning down weeds and other vegetation to help new plants grow.

Prescribed Burns

When preparing for a prescribed burn, edges of a farm field should be mowed down, watered, or plowed to leave a bare strip of dirt that is harder to burn. Some farmers also use disking to turn and loosen the soil. It's best to mow the area first, then disk the area, removing fine fuels that could catch fire. However, before starting any work, farmers should contact 811 to ensure utilities are marked and operators are made aware of the location and duration of the project to help keep everyone safe.

Wildfires

In an emergency, as firefighters work to reduce the impacts of a wildfire, it's common for a firebreak to take place around a right-of-way, as there tends to be limited obstructions in that area. A right-of-way is a section of land that can vary in width and may include multiple utilities. Right-of-ways can be identified by pipeline markers on railways, roads, and other distances along the path. Sometimes these markers are destroyed by encroaching fires, so it's important for farmers to be aware of their location and situation at all times. When pipeline markers are present, they should never be used to designate the exact location of a buried utility.

If you would like more information on creating a safe fire break or how you can help your operation prevent wildfires in these tough conditions, Kelsi Wertz is happy to help where she can. You can reach her in the Grainfield Office at 785-673-4805 or by emailing her at kjwertz@ksu.edu.



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SAVE THE DATE!



CROP PEST MANAGEMENT SCHOOLS

Join us at one of our two locations!

Wednesday, November 30th:

Beloit First United Methodist Church
801 N. Bell St., Beloit, KS 67420

Thursday, December 1st:

St. Agnes Catholic Church
242 Cedar St., Grainfield, KS 67737

Cost is \$50 if registered by November 22.

After Nov. 22 & at the door, cost is \$75

Register at: www.sunflower.ksu.edu/agronomy

Credits:

1A Commercial Applicators: 7 credits and 1 core hour have been applied for

Certified Crop Advisors: 8 pest management credits have been applied for

Schedules for each school: www.sunflower.ksu.edu/agronomy

For any questions please contact your local Extension Agent



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ANNUAL PDC MEETING 2022

Please Join Us

7 NOV 6PM

Trego County Fairground
Commercial Bldg
N. 13th St., WaKeeney, KS 67672

**Serving on a Program Development
Committee (PDC) is an opportunity for
individuals who have an interest in
helping their local communities.**

There will be a free meal for
all of the attendees

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ANUAL REUNIÓN CDP 2022

Por favor únete a nosotros

7 NOV 6PM

Trego County Fairground
Commercial Bldg
N. 13th St., WaKeeney, KS 67672

Servir en un Comité de Desarrollo de Programas (PDC) es una oportunidad para las personas que tienen interés en ayudar a sus comunidades locales.

Habrá comida gratis para todos los asistentes

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*From The Golden Prairie Extension Staff!!
Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving*





Veterans DAY

**Our Office's will be closed on Friday November 11th,
2022 in observance of Veteran's Day**



**Our Office's will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November
24th & 25th in observance of Thanksgiving Day**

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November, 2022

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