

No Question

Our office gets a variety of questions. “What can I do about army worms?”, “Is a turkey in my freezer still safe?”, “How do I test my soil?” are examples. K-State Research and Extension Cowley County is part of a statewide network of educators available to share unbiased, research-based information and expertise on issues important to Kansas.

Before the internet, people came to our office to find printed bulletins about trees, plants, family relationships, farm management, etc. Extension resources are available on the internet for free download from the KSRE bookstore (bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu).

Although written information can be helpful, we continue to offer hands-on classes and workshops to help community members build competence and confidence. We do this in a variety of ways through 4-H youth development programs, specialty classes like Dining with Diabetes or Walk with Ease, or workshops featuring subject matter specialists.

There is no question that Extension is dedicated to a safe, sustainable, competitive food and fiber system. We are also committed to build strong, healthy communities, families and youth.

So my question for you as a reader - have you utilized your local Extension service? Call or stop by our office at the Cowley County Courthouse, 311 E 9th in Winfield. You can also visit our website cowley.k-state.edu or call 620-221-5450 or 620-441-4565 to learn more. We provide information and services related to help Kansans with food systems, water, health, developing tomorrow’s leaders and community vitality.

We utilize a variety of volunteers to help develop and deliver our programs. We are always recruiting 4-H volunteers willing to teach youth new skills and we relaunched the local Extension Master Gardener program in 2020. We have volunteer program development committees that help us prioritize our work.

Due to financial cutbacks at the state and local level, our local Extension program has had funding decreases. In 2015, local advocates formed a Friends of Extension Committee to raise funds and support for Cowley County Extension. Final details are now being made for the 6th Annual Fall for Extension fundraiser on Saturday, November 20. The event is open to the public and includes a prime rib dinner (with grilled chicken as an option), raffle drawing and live and silent auction. Tickets go on sale October 1.

If you’ve utilized Extension in the past, we value you as a patron, especially since your tax dollars support our work. We encourage you to visit with us to learn about new programs and offerings that may be of interest. We are your “knowledge for life” headquarters and value your support. There is no question -- K-State Research and Extension is dedicated to Cowley County and Kansas.

Upcoming K-State Research and Extension Events

Dining with Diabetes, Tuesdays, November 2, 9, 16, & 30; 4:45-6:45 p.m. Arkansas City, \$25, scholarships available; call 221-5450 or 441-4565 to register. Limited space available.

Extension Council Election, Baden Square, 700 Gary Street, Winfield (residents of Cowley County 18 and older are eligible to vote between 4:30-6:30 p.m.)

Fall for Extension - Dinner, Live & Silent Auction, Raffle Drawing - 6 p.m. Baden Square, 700 Gary Street, Winfield, call to reserve seat (\$30) or table for 8 (\$220), 620-221-5450.

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