

## Local input matters

The election just finished, but I'm inviting you to participate in another election that will directly impact Cowley County. Local citizens will be elected to serve as Program Development Committee members to guide our Cowley County Extension programs on Saturday, November 20.

The local extension program is a partnership of K-State Research and Extension and residents of Cowley County. Residents can become active partners by serving as members of a program development committee, or PDC.

Kansas extension county law requires four program development committees, with six or more members serving on each committee. In counties, members of the committees are elected, and additional members may be appointed.

Program development committees focus on four core areas: Agriculture and Natural Resources, Community Development, Family and Consumer Science, and 4-H Youth Development. Other committees may be appointed in areas such as horticulture, livestock production, nutrition, or family resource management. Program development committees are advisory in nature.

The 24 members of the four various program development committees make up the Cowley County Extension Council from which nine members are elected to serve as Extension Council Executive Board Members. Each PDC must be represented on the board and reports the group's work to board members.

Names of the current PDC members and information about candidates are posted on the Cowley County Extension website at [www.cowley.k-state.edu](http://www.cowley.k-state.edu) under the "About - Extension Council" side tab. The election for the new PDC members will be held Saturday, November 20 at Baden Square Community Center, 700 Gary Street in Winfield. Polls will be open from 4:30-6:30 p.m. (use the north entrance.) Voting is open to Cowley County residents age 18 and older.

Twelve people will be elected on November 20 to serve a two year term. Members can serve two consecutive terms before transitioning off for at least one year.

If you have ideas to help improve K-State Research and Extension Cowley County, contact our office at 221-5450 or one of your neighbors who serves as a Program Development Committee member. We want to continue to make a difference by sharing knowledge for life.

Source: [www.k-state.edu/boardleadership](http://www.k-state.edu/boardleadership)

### ***Upcoming K-State Research and Extension Events***

Programs listed below are free unless otherwise noted and open to anyone; call 620.221.5450 for more information:  
November 16 - Dining with Diabetes, Burford Theatre, Kitchen, 118 S Summit, Arkansas City, \$7 payable at the door

November 20 - Cowley County Extension Council Election 4:30-6:30 p.m. Baden Square Community Center, 700 Gary, Winfield; Fall for Extension fundraising event

November 30 - Dining with Diabetes, Burford Theatre, 118 S Summit, Arkansas City, \$7 payable at the door

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