



NEWSLETTER



From the Director's Desk

The long-awaited fall season is upon us. Leaves changing colors, days and nights are getting cooler and the days are getting shorter. If you're a pumpkin spice or campfire and hoodie fan, then this is your season! For me, this is the perfect time of year...not too hot...not too cold!

With less than two months left in the year, now is a great time to think about the year ahead. What went well and what would you like to do different from this year. Where can you make changes for the next year. We can't control everything that is dealt to us. If the change to be made is within our control, then highlight what you can do to make that change and set your goals to see it come to fruition. Those items beyond on our control are best handled by the way we control our thoughts, emotions and reactions to it.

Hurricane Helene is a prime example of situations that happen beyond our control. Catastrophic beyond catastrophic spanning several states. Response is and no doubt recovery will be complicated at best. What those states do not need right now is a second disaster. Yes, another tropical system looks to deliver them a second punch, but that's not what I am referring to. I'm talking about donations. Everyone wants to help and no doubt disasters bring out amazing citizens and volunteers wanting to do everything they can to help.

Unwanted donations during a disaster are truly a second disaster and also can hamper recovery efforts. Many items are not needed nor relevant. Or there's so many items there is no where to go. Donations can also add additional financial burden to all ready strapped governments/organizations by having to dispose of them. Storage is typically a problem to keep it free from weather, bugs, provide necessary and adequate temperature control. While giving "items" is very thoughtful and kind, your best bet for meaningful donations is cash for non-profits. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a website where you can visit to get more information. <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/current/hurricane-helene>

The giving human nature is good for the heart and soul. Seeing citizens so willing to help others out can sure put a smile on your face. There will be more disasters to come; it's the nature of the beast. If you are willing to help others, make sure you are doing it in the best way possible. Help in ways that do not create additional hardships.

Until next time, enjoy the charm of October: flannel shirts, hoodies, caramel apples, pumpkin spice, pumpkin patches, hay rides, and all the fun things in between!


~Charlene

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Upcoming Events

 <h1>October</h1>						
	 New 4-H Year Begins! Enrollment Open	① Walk With Ease 9 a.m. Extension Council Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	② Garden Hour 12 p.m.	③ Walk With Ease 9 a.m.	④	⑤
⑥	⑦ 4-H Council Meeting	⑧ Walk With Ease 9 a.m.	⑨ Living Well Wednesday 12 p.m. Houseplant Care - Bradford Library 6 p.m.	⑩ Walk With Ease 9 a.m.	⑪ Mug Mingle 7:45 a.m.	⑫ 48 Hours of 4-H
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Hours

Monday - Thursday
 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


Friday
 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join Us For Our 2024 Quarterly Extension Connection

Mug Mingle



Grab a mug and mingle with your local Butler County Extension Staff
 Friday, October 11th from 7:45-9:00 a.m.

 <h1>November</h1>						
					① Christmas Tree Workshop 5 p.m.	②
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Upcoming Events



September 10th - October 17th
Every Tuesday & Thursday
for 6 weeks

9:00-10:00 a.m. @ Andover Public Library
1511 E. Central Ave, Andover, KS 67002

- Meeting at the library to walk around Andover Central Park
- Gathering in the library after the walk for educational information:
 - Understand the many benefits of walking
 - Learn how to exercise safely and comfortably
 - Cooking demonstrations

\$15

Register at the Andover Public Library
Cash or check made payable to KSRE Butler County



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Garden Hour Webinars:

- **October 2nd - Evergreens in Kansas**
- **November 6th - Rabbit, Mole, and Deer Mitigation**
- **December 4th - Home Hydroponics**

These class are offered online via Zoom at Noon. For more information on the Garden Hour series or to register visit here: <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/consumer-horticulture/garden-hour/>

Hypertension Awareness & Prevention program (HAPp) Kick-Off Meeting!



Join us for the HAPp Kick-Off Meeting! You will meet your coach and learn how the program can help you manage and lower your blood pressure.



Event Details:

DATE: Tuesday, October 29th
TIME: 11:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Douglass Senior Center
124 W 4th St
Douglass, KS 67039

What to Expect:

- Learn more about the program.
- Connect with other HAPp participants.
- Meet your coach.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR LIVING WELL WEDNESDAY'S FALL 2024 LINE UP!

October 9th - Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate

November 13th - Fall Proof Your Life: A Guide to Better Balance

December 11th - Simplifying Your Space: A Guide to Downsizing and Decluttering

12:10 - 1:00 CST



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Scan the QR code or use the link below to register:
bit.ly/3zvWWGQ

Upcoming Events



NOSTALGIC CHRISTMAS TREE WORKSHOP



Butler County



Paint, Wire, and Light-Up Your Very Own Nostalgic Christmas Tree!

\$60

Registration and Payment Due Prior to Start of Workshop.

- Glaze colors: White, Dark Green, or Pink
- Peg light colors; crystal (clear) or multi colored lights
- Topper colors; crystal or red
- Ask about other color options when you register!

Friday, November 1st & 8th
Beginning at 5 p.m.

Butler County Community/4-H Building
200 N. Griffith
El Dorado, KS

For more information or to register, contact Calla at callae@ksu.edu or call 316-321-9660

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Ag Talk

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Fall Soil Testing of Hayfields and Pastures



Knowing the soil nutrients is a requirement to establish an adequate soil fertility program for forages. Soil testing can be done in either spring or fall on hayfields and pastures. Given a choice, fall would be the preferred time because it allows more time for any needed lime applications to have an effect before the main growing season begins, and it gives the producer some flexibility for planning nutrient applications.

Soil sampling is typically recommended at least every 3-4 years, but more frequent sampling (every 2 years) can keep you from applying

excessive and unnecessary amounts of fertilizer or manure, and can increase yields by revealing exactly which soil nutrients are too low for optimum productivity, this is particularly important given the high fertilizer prices.

Tips for collecting a representative soil sample

It is best to use a soil probe to take accurate soil samples. You can borrow a probe from many county extension or NRCS offices. A shovel or spade can be used, but make sure to dig a hole first and then take a nice, even slice to the correct depth. A shovel or spade that angles to a point at the bottom can easily result in misleading soil test results because the sample is biased by having more soil from the surface and less from lower depths.

When taking soil samples, it is important to have a representative composite soil sample from the field by combining several soil cores (in a clean container, avoiding contamination) and mixing thoroughly. Ideally, one composite soil sample should represent a uniform and treatable area, not exceed 40 acres, and for more variable fields, no more than 10 acres. On these areas, take 15 to 20 cores or subsamples to make up your representative composite sample. If the field has areas where different forages or crops have been grown or has different soil types, then soil sampling from these areas should be done separately.

Fall Soil Testing of Hayfields and Pastures Cont.

Sampling depth for pastures and hayfields should be 3 to 4 inches for pH evaluation. For phosphorus and potassium, a 6-inch depth is preferred when submitting samples to the K-State Soil Testing Laboratory since that is the depth we have used to calibrate recommendations.

Soil pH is important

One key soil property for forage production, especially with legumes, is soil pH. The optimal pH level is 6 to 7, depending on the forage species. Grasses such as brome or fescue do well at lower pH than legumes, especially alfalfa which requires a near-neutral pH (~pH 7). If the soil pH is too low or too high, nutrient uptake can be reduced. Especially important for legumes such as alfalfa and clover is the impact of pH on nodulation and nitrogen fixation. At low soil pH, aluminum toxicity can also be an issue.

When you lime a new pasture, it is important to apply the lime 6 to 12 months before planting. If you want to get a more rapid response from liming, use fine-ground liming materials with a high effective calcium carbonate (ECC). Fields that will be planted to alfalfa next spring should also be evaluated for phosphorus and potassium levels and make corrections before planting. Sulfur and boron may also be a limiting nutrient for legumes, especially in eastern Kansas.



For more information on soil sampling visit the K-State Research and Extension Butler County Extension Office website. www.butler.ksu.edu//agriculture/soiltest/untitled.html

The above timely information was released in the October 13th, 2022 Agronomy eUpdate. Information found below is provided by: Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, Nutrient Management Specialist and Bruno C. Pedreira, Area Agronomist, Southeast Research-Extension Center.

Ag Talk

KSU Swine Day to be Hosted November 21

Registration is now open for KSU Swine Day, to be hosted at the K-State Alumni Center in Manhattan, Kansas, on Thursday, November 21. The trade show, with more than 30 exhibitors, will begin at 8 a.m., followed by a great program with updates on K-State Applied Swine Nutrition Research, and featuring a presentation from PJ Corns and Kyle Coble with JBS on “Creating Opportunities in a Large Production System.”

The schedule is as follows:

- 8:00 am** Technology Trade Show
The trade show will conclude at 4 pm
- 9:15 am** Welcome - Dr. Mike Day, K-State
- 9:30 am** Innovation Update - Dr. Marshall Stewart, K-State
Senior VP Executive Affairs and Chief of Staff
- 9:45 am** Latest Update on K-State Applied Swine Nutrition Research
- 11:30 am** Lunch with Technology Trade Show
- 1:30 pm** Latest Update on K-State Applied Swine Nutrition Research
- 2:30 pm** Creating Opportunities in a Large Production System
Dr. Kyle Coble and PJ Corns, JBS Live Pork LLC
- 3:15 pm** Question-and-Answer Session
- 3:30 pm** Reception with K-State Call Hall Ice Cream

Pre-registration is \$25 per participant and due by November 13. On-site registration is \$50 per participant. There is no charge for any students if they are pre-registered. The complete schedule and online registration information can be found at KSUswine.org. For more information, contact Katie Smith (katiesmith@ksu.edu or 785-532-1267).



A purple poster for the KSU Swine Day event. At the top is the Kansas State University Swine Industry Day logo, which features a pig silhouette inside an oval with the text "KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY" and "SWINE INDUSTRY DAY". Below the logo, the text reads "KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SWINE DAY" in large white letters, followed by "THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024" and "K-STATE ALUMNI CENTER 1720 Anderson Ave, Manhattan, KS". At the bottom, there are two logos: the "K-STATE Research and Extension" logo and the "K" logo for Kansas State University.

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K-State Agricultural Economics presents

Finances and the Farm: An online class to enhance your farm management skills

An applied approach to developing and using farm financial statements for management decision-making for farmers and ranchers of all types

This is a self-paced course you can take when it is convenient for you!

This course can be taken for education only or to fulfill FSA borrower's requirements.

Seven Lessons: Recordkeeping, Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Enterprise Budgets, Cash Flow, Goal Setting and Managing Family Living Expenses

Participants will:

- Understand the structure of a balance sheet, income statement, enterprise budgets, and cash flow
- Choose either Cattle & Crops or CSA & Farmers Market case farm to complete quizzes to check understanding and practice using these financial statements in a real-world setting
- Be prepared to use financial management techniques for their own operation
- Set goals for their operation

- Learn how to make changes to avoid financial difficulties

Registration Fee:

- \$300 for FSA credit class
- \$100 for education only



Approved for FSA Borrower's
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Taught by Robin Reid, K-State Extension Farm Economist, and LaVell Winsor, K-State Farm Analyst

Register online for FSA Credit or Education Only:
www.AgManager.info/Events

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K-State Agricultural Economics Presents: Risk Management on the Farm

Online, on-demand course to take when it is convenient for you.
Taught by Robin Reid, Extension Farm Economist, and LaVell Winsor, K-State Farm Analyst

Five Lessons: Determining Cost of Production, Crop Insurance, Crop Marketing, Farm Programs (ARC/PLC), and Beef Cow/Calf Risk Management

Register online by using the link below:

www.AgManager.info/Events

Course Description:

- Learn principles of determining cost of production, developing a marketing plan, evaluating crop insurance options, and participating in farm programs (ARC/PLC)
- Participants will work with a case farm to apply these topics to a real-world farming operation through hands-on activities.
- The goal of this class is to acquire risk management skills that can be applied directly to a farming operation.
- The bulk of the course focuses on risk management for row-crop farming operations but also includes principles for beef cow/calf operations.

Special Topics:

- Managing stress and being resilient in tough times
- Communicating effectively with family members

Registration Fees:

- \$100 education only

Other information:

- Have 6 months from registration to complete
- This course is a replica of the 5-part Risk Management Series delivered by KSRE in 28 locations across the state from January-February 2022 in which 340 producers participated in-person

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The Science of Family Meal Time



Why focus on family meal time? There are multiple reasons to focus on family meals!

- Family meals are linked to children having better eating habits across their lifespans.
- Family meals occurring more often (more than five times per week) are linked to better mood and better mental health from ages 6 to 10.
- Teens who regularly have meals with their families are less likely to get into fights, think about suicide, smoke, drink, and use drugs. They are also more likely to delay sexual activity and have higher academic achievement than adolescents who do not.
- For teens, frequent family meals predict lower substance use rates, fewer depressive symptoms, fewer suicidal thoughts, and better grades.
- Children under 13 also have fewer behavioral problems, and fewer emotional outbursts when they have more frequent family meals.
- Adolescents – especially girls – who had frequent and structured family meals and a positive atmosphere at family meals were shown to be less likely to have disordered eating.
- Adults engaged in the family meal times also receive the benefits in terms of social and emotional well-being.

In short, there is a tremendous and wide-ranging body of knowledge supporting the importance of family meal times as beneficial for all involved.

Just the FACS

Living Well Wednesday Webinar Series

Living Well Wednesday is a virtual learning series hosted by K-State Research and Extension, Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) professionals from across the state of Kansas. The Fall 2024 series kicks off in October and we invite you to join us!

Webinars will be offered the second Wednesday of each month, from 12:10-1 pm. There is no charge to participate, however, registration is required. All webinars will be recorded and posted below along with supporting resources.

Register for all webinars in this series here: bit.ly/3zvWWGQ

2024 Fall Series

October 9, 2024

Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?

Speakers – Melinda Daily, KSRE Extension Agent, Sunflower Extension District; Teresa Hatfield, KSRE Extension Agent, Meadowlark Extension District

While it may seem simple, decisions about who gets non-titled personal property may appear minor and easy, but in reality it can be very difficult and can lead to serious family conflicts. This program provides research-informed practical strategies to protect your family relationships when passing on personal possessions.

November 13, 2024

Fall Proof Your Life: A Guide to Better Balance

Speaker: Erin Martinez, PhD; KSRE Extension Specialist and Associate Professor, Adult Development and Aging

Discover practical tips and exercises to improve your balance, reduce your risk of falls, and live a more independent and active life.

December 11, 2024

Simplify Your Space: A Guide to Downsizing and Decluttering

Speaker: Carol Ann Crouch, KSRE Extension Agent/Director, West Plains Extension District

Learn practical strategies for sorting through your belongings, making informed decisions about what to keep, and creating a more organized and peaceful living environment.

Garden Gossip

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Reblooming Holiday Plants

Holiday cacti and poinsettias are relatively easy to help rebloom every year and holiday cacti will often bloom twice a year if conditions are right. It's time to provide these plants with the needed conditions to get beautiful blooms this winter.

Poinsettias and holiday cacti are short-day plants and require long nights to bloom. To get them to bloom you need to provide them with 13 hours of darkness over 6-8 weeks for the blooms to initiate. If you want your holiday plants to bloom for Thanksgiving or Christmas start providing those hours of darkness in late September or early October to encourage blooms. An easy way to do this is to use a cardboard box or black plastic trash bag over the top of the plants. Unlike poinsettias, there is another way to get holiday cacti to bloom. If holiday cacti have 6-8 weeks of cool night temperatures (55-65 degrees F) that will also encourage our cacti to initiate bloom buds. A cool garage, outside on a covered porch (be sure the temperatures don't get too cold) or a basement can provide the needed temperatures to encourage bloom buds.

Once you have bloom buds initiated be careful not to "shock" your plants as cool drafts, getting too dry, or too little humidity can cause the plant to drop their buds. The buds will last longer if kept in cooler temperatures; however, they will still provide a beautiful display under most home conditions.

Poinsettias and tropical cacti can be kept for decades, I have one Christmas cactus in my home that is well over 100 years old, and can provide a beautiful bloom display year after year. Once they are done blooming, treat them like a houseplant with bright indirect light and water when the top few inches of the soil dry out. Once our temperatures warm up in the spring, move the plants outside to an area that gets partial sun (3-6 hours of sunlight) and fertilize regularly.

Garden Gossip

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Why do Leaves Turn Colors?



Fall is one of the most beautiful seasons as the leaves turn brilliant colors and the trees start to shed their leaves for the growing season. Have you ever wondered why leaves change color in the fall? Let's find out!

Most of the year the leaves on trees are green because of the green pigment in chlorophyll. This pigment allows the trees to produce the energy that they need to grow, bloom, and produce fruit.

The other colors, except red and purple, needed for leaves to color in the fall are in the leaves already, masked by chlorophyll. The red and purple pigments are produced after the chlorophyll is destroyed. As fall progresses and certain weather conditions are met the leaves will develop an abscission layer at the base of the petiole, where the leaf attaches to the stem, which prevents sugars from being transported down the trunk to the roots for storage. As the sugars accumulate in the leaves the high concentration causes



more intense colors. Certain trees, such as oaks and maples, naturally have more fall color than others and these types of trees tend to be more common in Michigan, New England, and other parts of the country than in Kansas. This makes it appear our native trees do not color as well however they simply have a different range of colors.

Weather does play a role in how well a tree colors in the fall. In years where we have cooler summers with adequate moisture, we have better fall color than in years with hot dry summers. Other weather conditions such as cloudy days and warm nights, heavy rains in the spring or fall, and frosts will also impact the amount of fall color we have and how long it hangs around.

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October Gardening Calendar

Vegetables and Fruits

- Plant garlic cloves for next summer's harvest
- After a light frost, dig sweet potatoes and cure for two weeks in a warm location. Store in a cool dry location for longer keeping.
- Harvest peanuts and roast for a homegrown snack
- Pick pumpkins and winter squash. Keep in a warm area for a couple of weeks then store in a cool dry location
- Till the garden at the end of the season and add organic matter such as compost or manure
- Make notes of successes and failures in the garden for next year
- Continue to harvest apples
- Remove hulls from black walnuts to retain the color of the kernels
- Pick up and discard fallen fruit to reduce disease next year.



Flowers

- Plant spring flowering bulbs, tulips, daffodils, and others
- Remove dead annuals from the garden
- Trim perennial stalks to tidy the garden for winter
- Pot bulbs for indoor forcing
- Clean up the dead iris and peony foliage and destroy to decrease the spread of disease
- After a light frost, dig canna, gladiolus, dahlias, and other tender bulbs for winter storage

Garden Gossip

October Gardening Calendar Cont.

Lawns

- Continue to mow the lawn if necessary
- Core aerate tuft to reduce soil compaction, improve drainage, break up thatch and help nutrients move into the soil
- Control dandelions, henbit, and chickweed with a broadleaf herbicide when seedlings are young
- Sharpen the mower blade for a clean cut
- Check the oil level in your mower
- Keep fallen leaves removed from the lawn to prevent shading and dieback of grass



Trees and Shrubs

- Plant trees and shrubs, deciduous and evergreen and keep them watered
- Once the leaves have fallen, transplant trees and shrubs
- Trim dead, broken, or diseased branches from trees and shrubs
- Enjoy fall leaf color which normally hits peak about the third week of October

Miscellaneous

- Drain and store garden hoses and sprinklers for winter
- Prepare the compost for winter. Add new materials and turn
- Store unused seeds in a cool, dry location



4-H


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The new 4-H year will begin on October 1st, 2024! From hands-on exploration to project-based skill building, young people thrive through participation in 4-H and find their way to success in life and future careers. We are excited to offer over 35 projects, ranging from Foods and Nutrition, to Robotics and Geology, to Livestock. There truly is something for everyone! We focus on exploration, learning, and experiencing the world around us through hands-on activities lead by our qualified volunteers and mentors. Any Butler County youth ages 7 to 18 is eligible to join 4-H! Our learning pathways support 21st century learning skills to help our youth grow and develop into productive citizens within their community! I encourage you to visit our website: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/> to learn how to enroll in 4-H!

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4-H Online Enrollment Opens October 1st!

4-H's Long-reaching Effects
Compared to other youth, 4-Her's are:


- 4x** more likely to contribute to their communities
- 2x** more likely to be civically active
- 2x** more likely to make healthier lifestyle choices

4-H 

The Top 5 Project Areas in Butler County:

1. Photography
2. Visual Arts
3. Foods & Nutrition
4. Clothing & Textiles
5. Floriculture & Horticulture

Find more information here:



What does Butler County 4-H have to offer?

- 9 Community 4-H Clubs across the County
- Butler County 4-H Shooting Sports
- Over 70 Projects
- Cloverbud Program for ages 5-6 yrs.

Visit Our Website
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BUTLER COUNTY 4-H Kansas State Fair Results



Static Projects

- Grace - Res. Champion Senior Shopping in Style Fashion Review

Open Class

- Brenna - 1st in Class, Photography
- Kenzie - Division Champion, Foods
- Jackson - Dairy Goats, Champion Sr. Showman, Best in Show Youth Division

Judging Contests

- Int. Photography Judging - 2nd Place
- River - 1st Indiv.
- Ella - 18th Indiv.
- Lorelai - 21st Indiv.
- Sen. Photography Judging - 16th Place
- Mikalyn - 35th Indiv.
- Taylor - 57th Indiv.
- Kaleb - 71st Indiv.
- Int. FCS Judging - 1st Place
- Ella
- River
- Allison
- Valerie
- Sen. FCS Judging - 9th Place
- Kendra
- Jadon
- Grace
- Rabbit Judging
- Madelynn - Blue
- Lane - Blue
- Cole - Blue

Chosen for Display

- Madelynn - Photo selected for State 4-H Office
- Brenna - Photo selected for Rock Springs Ranch
- Madison - Photo selected for Director of Extension
- Madison - Fine Arts selected for Kansas 4-H Foundation

Livestock

- Addison - Rabbits, Best of Breed Senior Buck
- Janelle - Horse Show, Champion Stock Type Mare
- Cally - Market Meat Goat, Res. Division II

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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



4-H PROUD, 4-H GROWN!

OCTOBER 6-12, 2024

Sunday

Selfie Sunday

Monday

Monday Motivation

Tuesday

Tuesday Trivia

Wednesday

4-H Spirit Day!

Thursday

Throwback Thursday

Friday

Friday Night Lights

Saturday

Saturday Service- #484H



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SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

LESSON TOPICS!

- Farm to Plate
- STEM
- Financial Literacy
- Choose Health: Food, Fun, and Fitness
- Team Building and Bonding
- Robotics

K-12

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