Horticulture

March means spring is just around the corner. Time to get that garden soil tilled, but be sure it isn’t wet when you do it. All of our cool-season vegetables can be planted in March.

Early March is a great time to plant peas. Mid to late March is when we put potatoes, onions, celery, lettuce, spinach, beets, carrots and any other greens in the ground.

Don’t get in a hurry for tomatoes or peppers yet, we are still over a month away. Keep an eye out for a gardeners seed exchange coming in mid-March to the Community Bldg.

Agriculture

Kansas State University’s 107th annual Cattlemen’s Day is scheduled for Friday, March 6th. Pre-registration for this year’s event is $25 if paid by Feb. 28th, or $35 at the door. Interested persons may register by contacting Lois Schreiner at 785-532-1267 or lschrein@ksu.edu or Online registration is available at https://commerce.cashnet.com/cashneti/selfserve/BrowseCatalog.aspx. The afternoon sessions will feature K-State faculty and industry presentations in Weber Hall and at the Beef Stocker Unit discussing an array of topics, including:

- Factors Influencing Sale Price of Calves
- Update on Insemination Timing with Sexed Semen, Split-Time AI and Embryonic Loss
- Question-and-Answer Session: All Things Reproduction

Family Consumer Sciences

Walk Kansas is BACK! With spring getting closer, Walk Kansas is a great way to be more active and to make lifestyle choices that support healthy living. And you can have fun, while supporting friends, family, neighbors or co-workers – anyone who makes up your team.

Registration begins NOW…. ends Friday, March 13th, 4:00 p.m.

Program Dates: March 15 through May 9

Program Cost: $10 per person, which includes access to the online tracker, a weekly newsletter with tips and recipes, program resources.

T-shirts are available for $10.21 (tax included) in 2 colors: Heather Sea Green or Storm.

To register online, recruit 5 team members and know their emails. Go to www.walkkansas.org and Click on My Walk Kansas to get started. Paper packets are also available! Come by the Butler County Extension Office. We’ll print the Captain’s Packet for you while you wait. Or print the packet yourself from www.butler.ksu.edu

Contact Barb Roths for more information: 321.9660 or broths@ksu.edu

4-H & Youth Development

Ignite your SPARK! We often talk about our interests and hopes for the future, but included in that conversation is a SPARK! But how do we identify it? The 2020 4-H Program Rally was last week and 4-H/Youth Development agents from all around the state met to discuss the SPARK in the youth of our communities. As a 4-H/Youth Development agent, my goal is to help Butler County youth find their SPARK! What project area are they truly interested in and do they have a passion for? How can we help that young person grow in their desire for knowledge and skill? Tonight at the dinner table or driving to different activities, I encourage you to ask your child about their SPARK and what they want to accomplish! Once the SPARK is identified, make goals to help them discover more about the topic. 4-H can help provide direction and opportunities for growing a SPARK in the minds of youth!

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