

## NEWSLETTER



### From the Director's Desk

Hello September! Pumpkin lattes, bonfires, Friday night lights, pumpkin patch trips, and hoodies are just a few of my favorite things about fall! As September arrives, I'm hopeful the summer heat will begin to give way to cooler fall temperatures, making it more enjoyable to spend time outdoors and participate in the activities this season brings.

In the busyness of life, with projects, tasks, and responsibilities pulling us in many different directions, I challenge you to be intentional about spending quality time with the people who matter most.

I recently entered the empty-nester era, with all of my children now in college. It has been a stark reminder that time does not stand still. Whether it is time with our children, spouse, significant other, family members, or friends, we never know how quickly an opportunity to spend time together may pass.

Quality time isn't necessarily about sitting on the couch or at the table while everyone is focused on their phones or other electronic devices. It is about being present and doing things together. Family game nights, visiting a local attraction, taking a family walk, sharing a meal without electronic devices, or even backyard camping can create meaningful memories. Be intentional about making time for one another, and try not to overbook yourself or your family. You will never regret making time for the people you love. You may, however, regret the moments you missed when time has passed, and the opportunity is no longer there.

As fall knocks on our door, I encourage you to be committed—committed to being intentional about spending time with your family, making a difference in the lives of others, and embracing all the ups and downs that a new season brings. Embrace September with open arms, make time for what matters most, and enjoy the beauty of the season!

~Charlene

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# Calendar

## September

- September 1: Extension Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- September 7: Office Closed - Labor Day
- September 8: 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- September 9: Lunch & Learn Andover Library at 12:15 p.m.
- September 9-10: Cow Camp, Hays
- September 10: FCS Job Applications Close
- September 11-20: Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson

## October

- October 1: New 4-H Year Starts/4-H Enrollment Opens
- October 2-4: KS Jr. Livestock Show, Hutchinson
- October 6: Extension Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- October 12: 4-H Open House
- October 13: Extension Council Elections
- October 13: 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- October 14: Lunch & Learn, Andover Library, 12:15 p.m.
- October 31: 4-H Achievement Celebration, 10 a.m.



**Beyond Ready**

# OPEN HOUSE

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12**

Booths Open  
**6:00 - 7:30 P.M.**

New Family Meeting  
**6:30 - 7:00 P.M.**

Learn about our 4-H Clubs, different 4-H Projects, and attend the New Family Meeting!

Butler County Community Building  
200 N Griffith St.  
El Dorado, KS 67042

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**More information on these events can be found in the newsletter!**

# Need A Speaker?

Our agents serve as knowledgeable speakers across the county, supporting a wide range of programs and community initiatives. Through strong partnerships and collaborative efforts, they help extend the reach and impact of our services. By delivering high-quality, research-based information, our agents ensure residents have access to trusted knowledge that supports informed decision-making and enhances overall community well-being.

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Extension Director & Agriculture Agent



- Overview of Extension and Resources Available
- Agriculture Programming
- Forage and Soil Testing
- Agriculture Lease Overview
- Youth Livestock

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- Vegetable Gardening
- Growing Beautiful Flowers
- General Horticultural Topics
- Youth Gardening Education
- Houseplant Care
- Organic Gardening

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- Youth Enrichment
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# Available Resources

## Private Pesticide License

We offer private pesticide testing for agricultural producers and farmers looking to obtain their license. This license allows them to purchase and use restricted-use pesticides on land they own, rent, or trade services for. This program is administered alongside the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Certifications are valid for 5 years and require renewal if you wish to recertify.



## Soil Testing



Whether you are preparing your garden for spring planting or want to make sure your fields are ready to produce a bumper crop, we can help. Bring your soil into the K-State Extension - Butler County Office today, and we will ship it to K-State Soil Labs for testing. Each test comes with personal recommendations from our Agriculture and Horticulture Professionals. Cost will vary depending on the tests requested.

For more information on Horticulture Soil Testing, visit our website:  
<https://www.butler.k-state.edu/horticulture/Soil%20Tests.html>

For more information on Agriculture Soil Testing, visit our website:  
<https://www.butler.k-state.edu/agriculture/soiltest/untitled.html>

## Pressure Canner Gauge Testing

Are you enjoying the summer, preserving homegrown crops? Have you tested your dial to make sure it is performing correctly? We have the resources to test your dial!

If you have a National, Magic Seal, Maid of Honor, or Presto brand canning gauge, give us a call and we will be happy to test your gauge free of charge!



# Ag Talk

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## Weedy Brome Fields

Watch the latest Fall Armyworm Webinar on [K-State Extension Butler County Youtube Channel](#)

Fall Armyworms certainly wreaked some havoc on smooth brome fields this past year. Producers who caught the FAWs early and treated them saved their fields from a complete loss. Some fields fared better than others, and even those treated still sustained damage. I have received several calls from producers regarding weedy brome fields. I have been out on a few site visits and have observed damage ranging from minor to significant loss.

The common question I have been asked is, "What do I do now?"

Many producers want to remain in brome, and that is understandable. Brome offers a high-protein and highly palatable product for livestock. FAWs also seem to like the delicacy of brome! If you plan to return your current field to smooth brome, now, through around September 20th, is the best time to reseed it. Winter and spring are not recommended times for reseeding or planting to establish your brome field. The NRCS Office in El Dorado has a drill you can lease if you do not have access to one.

Another option if you are not sure you want to replant brome is to go back with a native grass mixture. Native grasses are best established in our county between Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, with the most ideal time between March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>.

One thing is for certain. Fall armyworms are not going anywhere anytime soon. I encourage you to take into consideration your ideal crop, management style, and goals, along with considering the risks you are willing to take as you move forward.



# Ag Talk

## Trees and Small Acres



At first glance, a cedar tree may seem like a welcome addition to the Kansas landscape. Eastern redcedar is native to Kansas, provides cover for some wildlife, and has historically been valued for products such as fence posts and lumber. The problem occurs when these trees move beyond the areas where they naturally belong and begin taking over native prairie and rangeland.

Eastern redcedar is not a non-native tree. It has always been part of the Kansas landscape. Historically, however, it was generally found in areas such as rocky bluffs, ridges, and steep slopes where prairie fires were less likely to reach it. Regular fire helped maintain Kansas grasslands by suppressing woody plants and allowing native grasses and forbs to dominate.

As prescribed fire has become less frequent and trees have been planted in windbreaks and other areas, eastern redcedar has spread into grasslands throughout Kansas. Birds also consume the tree's berries and can spread the seed to new locations.

This process is known as woody encroachment, and it can dramatically change a native prairie ecosystem.

Native plants are displaced. As cedar trees become established, they compete with native grasses and forbs for sunlight, water, and other resources. Dense cedar stands can eventually shade out much of the vegetation beneath them, reducing plant diversity.

Wildlife habitat changes. Native Kansas grasslands provide important nesting, brood-rearing, and feeding habitat for grassland-dependent wildlife. When trees replace open prairie, that habitat is lost or altered. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks notes that unchecked invasive woody vegetation can result in the loss of nesting and brood-rearing habitat.

Forage production declines. For livestock producers, every cedar that replaces productive grassland represents forage that is no longer available for grazing. As woody plants spread, pasture carrying capacity can decline. K-State Extension emphasizes that controlling woody plants while they are small can help maintain forage production and reduce future management costs.

Water resources are affected. Cedar trees intercept rainfall and use water that otherwise would be available to grasses and other vegetation. K-State Extension has identified water use as one of the concerns associated with increasing cedar populations on rangeland.

Wildfire risk increases. A healthy Kansas prairie is adapted to fire, but dense stands of eastern redcedar can change the behavior of a wildfire. Cedar trees provide additional fuel and can allow fire to move from the ground into the tree canopy, creating more intense and difficult-to-control fires and safety concerns for firefighters.

# Ag Talk

## Safe Road Procedures



**Be Aware of Slow-Moving Vehicles!**



### Phones Down and Eyes Up!

Scan the road ahead of you and be watching for indicators of -

1. Flashing Lights 🚧
2. Slow Moving Vehicle Emblem



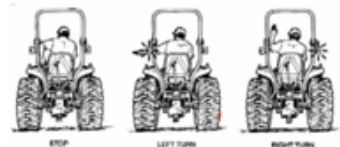
### Slow Down and Watch For Oncoming Traffic Before Attempting to Pass!

Do not pass illegally, on hills, curves or near intersections.



### Watch For Hand Signals!

Farmers may use hand signals to alert you to their direction of travel/turns



### Beware of Wide Loads!

Some equipment moving down the road will be wide. Share the road and drive carefully and respectfully



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## Rethink Your Energy Boost

Brightly colored cans and bold marketing in energy drinks are aimed at teens. While this may seem harmless, the sugar and caffeine content tell a much less flashy story. Energy drinks are not safe for children and teens. A single can often holds 100 to 300 mg of caffeine, easily breaking the safe daily limit of 100 mg for ages 12 to 18. They also add heavy sugar and hidden stimulants like guarana. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) notes that high levels of caffeine and stimulants in these drinks can harm the nervous and cardiovascular systems of teens.

Drinks like these can create a number of problems for teens, including, but not limited too:

- Sleep and Mood issues
- Heart strain - elevated blood pressure, rapid heart beat, irregular heart beat
- Caffeine crashes
- Medication conflicts
- Dehydration

Sports drinks are a better alternative than energy drink, but the amount consumed should still be taken into consideration and sugar content checked. Other alternative drinks include:

- Diluted 100% fruit juice
- Lowfat Milk
- Unsweetened coconut water

If your child needs electrolytes after sports practice, you can make your own sports drink. Mix 1/3 cup of 100% fruit juice with 2/3 cups of water and add a dash of salt. This offers a good combination of electrolytes without the added sugar.

We encourage you to visit with your teen to ensure they are consuming heart-healthy options for their drinks.

# Family & Consumer Sciences

## K-State aging expert shares tips for preventing falls

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Included in the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's sobering statistics on injuries and death in older adults due to falls are four very important words.

Falls can be prevented.

In fact, Kansas State University aging specialist Erin Martinez says that the Sunflower State's extension service invests a great deal of its resources on programs that help older adults increase their confidence in staying upright.

"Preventing falls is something that we want to be talking about routinely and raising awareness because statistics show that 1 in 4 older adults report falling each year," Martinez said. "In Kansas, it's even higher – 29.9% of adults experience at least one fall every single year."

National statistics bear out the fact that an older adult is seen in an emergency room every 11 seconds due to a fall. "It's just mind boggling the (number) of falls that we experience in this country," Martinez said.

The National Council on Aging recognizes September as National Falls Prevention month in the United States, including Sept. 22 as a single day to raise awareness, and Sept. 21-25 as an entire week to do so.

Martinez said that 1 in 5 older adults who fall will experience a serious injury, such as broken bones or a traumatic brain injury. She notes that 88% of emergency room visits for hip fractures are due to a fall.

"Often, we are seeing things contributing to falls that we can address ourselves," Martinez said.

"If we're feeling dizzy or not right, then we need to go to the doctor and perhaps review our medications and possible side effects. Or maybe we're losing body strength or balance, and then there are things around your house that you can change."

Around the home, Martinez says older adults and their loved ones should consider such tripping hazards as throw rugs, furniture, dark areas around the yard, uneven cement, extension cords and more.

"It's a good idea to do a home safety checklist," she said. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a list available online, as do other organizations.

Martinez said grip bars to aid in getting in and out of the shower are among the assistive equipment available. Solar-powered lighting in the yard is also a benefit when needing to be outside after dark.

But, she adds, one of the best fall prevention ideas is a good balance and exercise program.

"K-State Extension offers many classes around the state," Martinez said. "One of the key programs is called A Matter of Balance, which looks at fall prevention and teaches the participants exercises, tips and tricks on how not to fall around your home and community."

Two other programs, she notes, are the Stay Strong, Stay Healthy program, and Walk With Ease.

"There are a lot of options for education and engagement in Kansas, as well as beyond our state," Martinez said.

Timely publications and more information on programs available from K-State Extension are available at local extension offices.

# Garden Gossip

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## Butler County Seed Library Update

Good news for Butler County gardeners! One of our most popular projects, the Butler County Extension Seed Libraries, will be returning in 2027, with seed libraries available in communities throughout the county. Our goal is to make gardening more accessible by providing free vegetable, flower, and herb seeds for local gardeners to grow and enjoy. Whether you're an experienced gardener or planting your first seed, we hope you'll stop by a Seed Library in 2027, pick up some seeds, and see what you can grow!



This program would not be possible without the generous support of our 2027 seed donors and sponsors. A special thank you to Sutherlands, FedCo Seeds, San Diego Seed Company, Burpee, and Sow Right Seeds, as well as the many local gardeners who have donated seeds to help keep our community growing. If you have flower or vegetable seeds that you would be interested in donating, please contact our extension office to arrange for someone to stop by and pick them up. We would also accept monetary donations to help keep this project going for years to come. Our Master Gardeners are currently working to divide the seeds into the smaller packets that we provide in our locations. Keep an eye out for announcements about Seed Library locations coming in 2027! For more information on our seed libraries, please visit our website at: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/horticulture/gardener-resources/seed-libraries/> Happy Growing!

# Garden Gossip

## Fall Lawn Care



Fall is one of the most important times of the year for your cool-season lawn. It's especially important this fall, given the impact armyworms have had across the county. With cooler daytime and nighttime temperatures, the grass has started to grow after a period of semi-dormancy during the summer heat. For a cool-season lawn, September is the most important month for fertilizer. Nitrogen applied during September helps thicken the stand and encourages the development of a healthy root system.

A November application (around the time of the season's final mowing) helps the turf build food reserves. This enables the lawn to green up earlier in the spring without the excessive shoot growth often associated with early-spring N applications. Most tall fescue lawns need approximately 1 pound of nitrogen per application in September or November. The best type of fertilizer for the September application is a mix of quick and slow-release nitrogen sources. Mulching grass clippings is also an excellent way to add nitrogen to the soil and can reduce your need for nitrogen by up to 25%.

Fall is an excellent time to control weeds in your lawn. Next year's dandelions have germinated, and right now, all weeds are moving nutrients into their roots to help them make it through the long winter, which means broadleaf herbicides will also be taken to the roots. These young plants are small and easily controlled with herbicides such as 2,4-D or combination products (Trimec, Weed-B-Gon, Weed-Out) that contain 2,4-D, MCPP, and Dicamba. The best way to prevent weeds in your lawn is to have a thick, healthy stand of grass, but that is a conversation for a different time. It is impossible to control 100% of lawn weeds, which is OK!

This fall, as we prepare to mow the yard for what is hopefully one of the last times of the year, it's time to think about preparing your lawn mower ready for its long winter break. Be sure to drain the gasoline from gas-powered engines, or use a gasoline stabilizer to prevent it from becoming thick and gummy. Check your spark plug or replace it so you are ready to mow in the spring. If you have a riding lawn mower or a battery-powered one, remove the battery and clean the terminals to prevent corrosion. Once you have serviced the engine, be sure to check the blades. Dull blades can damage the grass when you cut it, leaving a "feathered" look at the ends.

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## Fall Lawn Care Cont.



As you sharpen the blades, check for damage. If you can't smooth it out, the blades must be replaced. Grind or file the edge of the blade until it is about 1/32 inch thick, as a razor-sharp edge can lead to a poor cut. Clean the blades and the underside of the mower to remove any matted grass. If you seeded your yard this fall, continue watering it to keep the seedlings growing and increase their chances of surviving the winter. I recommend watering your lawn every couple of weeks.

### Take Away:

- Apply lawn herbicides as little as possible each year.
- A one-time fall application will most effectively control perennial weeds.
- Spraying: Wear Boots! Wear Long Sleeves! Wear Gloves! Back AWAY from the application area – DON'T WALK INTO the sprayed area! READ THE LABEL! UNDERSTAND THE LABEL.
- Be sure to service your lawn mower so it's ready to go in the spring.
- Water your lawn as needed so the soil is moist in winter.



## Video of the Month- Gardening in Shade

The Kansas landscape is full of sunny, wide-open prairie spaces, but gardening in the shade offers many opportunities. Though limited light and tree root competition pose unique challenges, there are still many ways to be successful. Learn how to address these concerns, what plants will grow best, and how you can find success in the shade. Watch this video on the [K-State Garden Hour YouTube channel](#).

# Garden Gossip

## Season Extension in the Garden



We had some beautiful, almost fall-feeling weather a week ago. Unfortunately, the heat soon returned, but it was a friendly reminder that fall is coming. If you decided to plant a fall garden this year (it's time to plant leaf lettuce if you haven't already), you might want to look into ways to extend your gardening season. Our first frost of the year typically arrives sometime in October, but often we will have some beautiful

growing conditions afterward if we can keep the vegetables alive through that first cold snap. There are several ways to keep those vegetables going longer into the fall. Let's take a look at some options to extend your gardening season.

One of the easiest methods is to use floating row covers over the plants, as shown in the photo above. Floating row covers are spun-bonded polyester or polypropylene fabric that comes in various thicknesses depending on what you plan to use it for. Floating row covers will help keep cool-season crops warm during frosts and even under snow; however, there are limits to how cold they can keep plants. The thinner fabrics can also be used to exclude unwanted insects, such as cabbage moths, from plants during the growing season and into the fall.

Cold frames are another option for extending the growing season by starting plants in spring and allowing you to grow cold-hardy vegetables late into winter. Cold frames are typically low wooden boxes or frames with glass (often old storm windows), polycarbonate, or polyethylene film covers, which are set in the soil or over beds in the garden. Cold frames are usually constructed with a sloping top and set facing the south to capture as much sun as possible.



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## Season Extension in the Garden cont.



Low tunnels are hoop-supported row covers that are too low to walk in. Tunnels high enough to walk in are called high tunnels. Low tunnels may be covered with polyethylene film or floating row cover and may vary in width to span a single row or multiple beds in the garden. Floating row covers of varying weights can be used during much of the year and replaced by

Polyethylene film during the winter. Lighter row cover fabric can be used in spring and summer, while heavier row covers can be used in early and late winter for freeze protection. Greenhouse polyethylene is the preferred plastic covering in winter because it can be saved and reused from year to year, but standard six-mil polyethylene may be easier to obtain.

Fresh vegetables are a staple in many households, and there are many ways to extend the growing season well past the first frost, into winter. In Kansas, there are many years when you could harvest fresh produce until Thanksgiving or later using some form of season extension. Last winter, I had a broccoli plant that survived all winter under leaves to be eaten in the spring. Try one of these season extension ideas this fall in your garden today.



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## September Gardening Calendar

### Vegetables and Fruits

- Continue to harvest vegetables
- Pick apples and pears to store in a cool place
- Harvest pumpkins when the flesh is completely orange, and avoid carrying by the stem
- Harvest winter squash when the rind is hard enough that you can't puncture it with a fingernail
- Plant lettuce, spinach, and radishes
- Remove weeds from garden plantings before going to seed
- Herbs can be dug from the garden into pots for indoor use
- Remove small tomatoes from their vines to increase the late development of more mature fruits



### Flowers



- Plant spring-flowering bulbs
- Dig, divide, or plant peonies
- Divide perennials, especially spring bloomers
- Remove seed heads from perennials to prevent reseeding in the garden
- Plant chrysanthemums or asters for fall color
- Dig gladiolus as the foliage begins to yellow and air dry before storing for winter
- Clean up garden areas to reduce insects and disease as plants die back for winter
- Enrich the soil by adding organic matter such as peat moss or compost

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## September Gardening Calendar Cont.

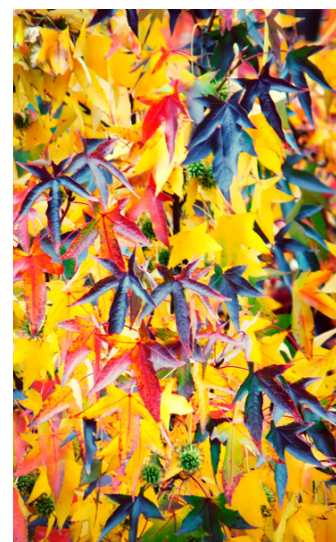


### Lawns

- Plant or sod new tall fescue lawns
- Renovate tall fescue lawns by verticutting
- Core aerate cool-season turf
- Fertilize cool-season grasses with high-nitrogen sources of fertilizer
- Mow the turf at 2 to 3 inches and sharpen the blade for a clean cut

### Trees and Shrubs

- Plant trees and shrubs, deciduous and evergreen
- Rake up fallen leaves and compost
- Prune broken and dead branches from trees
- Avoid pruning spring flowering shrubs such as lilac and forsythia to ensure spring flowers
- Hand-pick bagworms to reduce problems in the future



### Houseplants



- Bring plants in before temperatures drop into the fifties
- Apply systemic at the beginning of the month to prevent future insect infestations
- Clean, wash, and treat plants before moving indoors to reduce insect issues
- Fertilize before winter conditions arrive and growth slows
- Poinsettias can be forced into Christmas bloom by starting dark treatment of short days

# 4-H

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## **A Minute with Madeline**

### **It Takes a 4-H Family**

As another 4-H year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to say something simple but important: thank you.

Behind every 4-H member who walks into the show ring, gives a presentation, completes a project, or displays an exhibit is a family and support system helping make it possible. From early mornings and late nights to countless trips to meetings, practices, workshops, and the fairgrounds, 4-H is truly a family effort.

Thank you to the parents and guardians who help members meet deadlines, gather supplies, practice presentations, care for animals, and get where they need to be. Your time, encouragement, and willingness to support your 4-H member create opportunities for them to learn and grow.

Thank you to the siblings, grandparents, extended family, and friends who cheer from the sidelines, attend events, and celebrate accomplishments. Those little moments of encouragement mean more than you may realize.

And a special thank you to our 4-H volunteers. Your willingness to lead clubs, teach projects, organize activities, mentor members, and lend a helping hand makes Butler County 4-H possible. You provide young people with opportunities to belong, lead, learn, and become Beyond Ready for whatever comes next.

Thank you, 4-H families, for being such an important part of the Butler County 4-H family. We are proud of what our members accomplished this year and excited to see where their skills and confidence take them next!

# Job Openings

Apply Now



**Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent**

Closes September 10th

Apply Now!

# Upcoming Events



## LUNCH & LEARN

Bring your lunch and join Horticulture Agent, Calla Edwards, over the lunch hour during our monthly Lunch & Learn Program. This will be held over the lunch hour and will cover a variety of horticulture topics.

**September 9th  
12:15-12:45 p.m.**

**Andover Public Library  
1511 E Central Ave  
Andover, KS**

**September Topic:  
No-Till Gardening**

Are you unhappy with the soil quality of your garden. One way to improve soil quality is moving toward a no-till or lasagna gardening. This method of gardening involves little to no tillage of the soil and rather uses layers of organic "cold compost". Learn more about No-Till Gardening and how to get started at this month's Lunch and Learn.

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## 4-H ENROLLMENT OPENS OCTOBER 1!



**Beyond  
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**BUILDING A READY GENERATION**

**3x** MORE LIKELY TO  
PARTICIPATE IN  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICE

**2x** MORE LIKELY TO REPORT  
LIVING LIFE WITH PURPOSE

**2x** MORE LIKELY TO HAVE  
THE GOAL OF BEING A  
LEADER



### Over 40 Projects Offered In:

- Animal Science
- Communication & Expressive Arts
- Engineering & Technology
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Leadership & Personal Development
- Natural Resources
- Plant Sciences



### About 4-H in Butler County:

- Nine Community Clubs across the county
- One Shooting Sports Project Club
- Youth Membership for ages 7-18
- Cloverbud Program for ages 5-6

### Want More Information?

- Scan the QR Code above, or
- Contact our 4-H Agent, Madeline Adams
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  - 316-321-9660

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# Upcoming Events

A Halloween-themed poster for an event at Kansas State University Extension Butler County. The background is orange. It features various Halloween icons: a green spiderweb, a purple bat, a black spider, a white ghost with a green smile, a black witch hat with yellow dots, a yellow broom, a black four-leaf clover with white 'H' symbols, and a white ghost with a green mouth. The text is centered and reads: "KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension Butler County", "GHOULS, GOBLINS, & GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS", "ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION 2026", "OCTOBER 31", "10:00 AM", "200 N GRIFFITH ST EL DORADO, KS", and "REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED". At the bottom, there is a small paragraph of text about equal opportunity and language access services.

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**GHOULS, GOBLINS, & GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS**

ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION  
2026

**OCTOBER 31**

10:00 AM

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