PDC Bio's

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Andres Blanco -

About me: Former 4-H member. Works at the Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Todd Durler –

About me:

Experiences:

Goals;

Kurt Peintner – Spearville

About me: I farm and ranch south of Spearville.

Experiences: I have used K-State Extension to gain licenses to spray and to gain information on new government programs.

Goals: Help improve programs and share the information with others. Show people what a great tool extension can be.

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Community Vitality

Chelsea Deges – Dodge City

About me: I currently work for Midwest Mixer Service. I have been involved with extension in the past. I have also help with judging at the fair. I am also very involved with Dodge City Roundup.

Experiences: I have been involved with 4-H in the past.

Goals: My goals for extension would be to grow the programs and get more people involved. I like to n e involved with the community.

Karen Rader – Dodge City

About me: I was born and raised in Dodge City. I have gone to the fairs in the past, I worked for Dodge City Chamber of Commerce and worked for Boothill part time for 8 years. I have worked many places in Dodge and been involved.

Experiences: I think it is awesome what they provide. Especially for our youth.

Goals: To continue what they are doing and even better.

Heather Trent -

About me:

Experiences:

Goals:

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Family and Consumer Sciences

Sherry Askew – Dodge City

About me: I teach culinary and baking at the high school. I helped with 4-H when my children where in it. I serve on church boards.

Experiences: I helped with 4-H when my children where in 4-H. I have served on the PDC board before.

Goals: Expand programming

Julie Ellis – Bucklin

About me: Retired from Farm Service Agency. Was on PDC in previous term. Secretary for the Dodge City Community Concerts. Bible study facilitator at Bucklin Bible Fellowship Church.

Experiences: With FSA, gave customer service presentations to offices within Kansas, for the adult staff.

Goals: Reaching more young adults. It seems a lot is geared towards children and seniors.

Jean Ann Melia – Dodge City

About me: Retired farm wife. Previous PDC board member. I have helped with county fair judging.

Experiences: Previous FCE EHU member until our group disbanded.

Goals: Keeping it viable and functional for people who need help with families, home and personal growth.

Nancy Nichols – Dodge City

About me: I am a retired Surgical Technologist. I am active in church, a Gail Ministry since 2022, serving aging, sick and shut-ins. I also am the coordinator of Diaper Drivers for the DCPS.

Experiences: In school, I was active in 4-H and held the office of Secretary for my 4-H club for many years. We were a top club in Gray County. Show in open class at the Ford County Fair.

Goals: Reaching out with programs on aging, health and fitness, and nutrition.

Vickie Williamson – Dodge City

About me: I work part time after 25 years with the city. I am still involved with several organizations including Women's Chamber, Holy Cross Lutheran, City of Dodge City and Keep America Beautiful. Have been on this board previously, involved with the Ford County Fair helping grand children and check in with entries on fair day, ect.

Experiences: I was responsible for maintaining a rose garden with 125 bushes and used guidance from K-State office in Topeka for diseases that affected the bushes.

Goals: Increasing the evolvement of the community. It would be a shame to dissolve this program.

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4-H and Youth Development

Ashley Fischer – Wright

About me: I am a Veterinarian and Rancher in Ford County. For the past 2 years I have served on the 4-H PDC and extension executive boards. This past year I was elected president of the Ford County extension executive board.

Experiences: I worked with the youth as a 4-H trap and shooting sports coach this past year. I also enjoy helping kids in the community with their livestock projects.

Goals: My goals include increasing awareness about extension programs, increase the number of youth involved in 4-H and continuing to build relevant extension programs for out community.

Ruth Morton -

About me:

Experiences:

Goals:

Cassie Sanko – Spearville

About me: I have worked in Extension for 23 years, with almost 20 of those years in Ford County. I am a past 4-H member of the Happy Hustlers 4-H Club. I currently serve on the 4-H/Youth Development PDC. I also serve on the Faith Formation and am Vice President of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Spearville. I am also the past Regent and Recording Secretary for the St. Vincent de Paul daughters of Isabella Circle. I am a member of both Ford County and Edwards County Historical Societies.

Experiences: In the past, I have participated in the Master Gardener classes, attended various FCS education programs, and assisted with multiple 4-H and youth development activities; Cloverbuds, Holiday, Food Box assembly, Youth Education trips, etc. As well as taught religion classes for 10+ years, participated in library book club and church Bible study classes. I also take continuing education classes as available.

Goals: I would like to see Extension be a staple in Ford County communities that its citizens turn to for education and research-based information. I would like to see more involvement in our school systems and a stronger presence in our current social media culture. Our current Extension staff has years of knowledge and know-how that the community should see as a resource available to all.

***We will continue to update as we receive more Bio's**