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. Ethel does a good job.

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 -

About me:

Experiences:

Goals:

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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**