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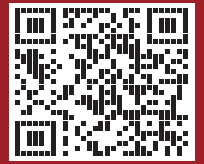
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Sales Calendar

• **Saturday, April 26, 2025— Estate Auction 10:00 a.m. located at the National Guard Armory, Concordia, KS.** Furniture, Name-brand Tools, 2001 Ford Ranger Pickup with/ 59,000 miles. Gun Reloading Supplies, Gun Powder, Die sets, Brass Ammo. Kearn Auction, 785-243-3773 or 785-614- 2082. Go to kearnauction.com for a full listing and pictures. Web site www.kearnauction.com E-mail @ kearnauction@yahoo.com

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Upcoming Events

Community Seder Meal on Friday, April 18, 2025 at 5 PM at the Fellowship Christian Church Hall next to 614 Cedar Street in Concordia. Potluck to follow. Join us in celebrating Passover in a traditional way. Experience this Jewish feast the way Jesus might have and reflect on all the blessings God has provided for thousands of years. Hosted by Hungry Hollow Ministries. Contact 785-275-2216 for more information.

3RD SATURDAY CHICKEN DINNER

• **Saturday, April 19—** Every 3rd Saturday of the Month from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **American Legion Riders, Chapter 76 Concordia—All You Can Eat Buffet Style Chicken Dinner** (2nd meat option available). Dine In or To Go Orders. American Legion, 506 Washington, Concordia. (785) 243-9834.

LAUNDRY LOVE

Free Laundry for the Community offered by OCCK Inc. and Laundry-Love.org at 1548 Lincoln St., Concordia, Kansas. Laundry Love provides free access to washers, dryers, and detergent, helping participants wash work uniforms, school clothes, and other essentials. Events held twice a month: **The first Wednesday of each month : 8:30–10:30 a.m. and the third Wednesday: 4:00–6:00 p.m.**

Enjoy the Sun & Have a Great Day!!

Extension Extra

MONICA THAYER, FAMILY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENT
K-State Research & Extension River Valley Extension District

Introduction to Estate Planning to be held in Palmer

Planning for the future just got easier. River Valley District is proud to announce a new educational program, Intro to Estate Planning, designed to help individuals and families understand the basics of managing their assets and making informed legal decisions for the future.

The free workshop will cover key topics such as wills, trusts, power of attorney, and healthcare directives. Participants will gain essential knowledge to begin the estate planning process with confidence and clarity.

"Estate planning is for everyone — not just the wealthy," said Monica Thayer, Family Resource Management Extension Agent with the River Valley District. "This program is about educating on estate planning options to protect loved ones and ensure wishes are honored."

The event will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 6 pm, at St. Paul Lutheran Church Parish Hall at 325 W 3rd Street in Palmer, Kansas 66962. Light refreshments will be served.

Please register to attend this free program by calling the River Valley District – Washington Extension Office at 785-325-2121. Contact Monica Thayer at 785-527-5084 or via email at mthayer@ksu.edu with any questions.

KELSEY HATESOHL, HORTICULTURE EXTENSION AGENT
K-State Research & Extension River Valley Extension District

Raised Bed & Container Gardening Workshop

Have you always wanted to have a garden but you don't have the room for a traditional in-ground garden? Is your soil not good enough to plant in? Well then, this workshop is for you! Join Kelsey Hatesohl, River Valley District Horticulture Agent to learn how to take advantage of your space by using raised beds and/or container gardens. We will be talking about growing vegetables and flowers in both raised beds and containers.

This workshop will be on Wednesday, April 30th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. It will be held at FNB Washington, Basement Meeting Room, 101 C Street Washington, KS 66968. Participants are asked to RSVP to the Washington Extension Office at 785-325-2121 or by emailing Kelsey Hatesohl at khatesohl@ksu.edu.

BELLEVILLE EVENTS

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• **Cornerstone Cafe, a Tabernacle Ministry** run by volunteers is located at the corner of M and 18th St., in Belleville, Kansas. Breakfast is served Mondays & Saturdays from 7am-10am. Smashburger Nights every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 5pm-8pm.



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The training program will run from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM and will include activities such as driving a tractor through a closed course, performing gauge and fluid checks, attaching implements, and identifying hazards associated with agricultural jobs. Lunch will be provided for participants. To complete the remaining certification requirements, participants are encouraged to coordinate with prospective farm employers to provide on-the-job training as well.

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/tractorsafety2025>, or contact your local extension agent with the contact information below. Once you sign up, make sure to pick up your training manual at your local extension office. The cost of the manual is \$15. We hope you’ll join us for this opportunity to develop your skills in agricultural jobs and earn your certification to be a young adult farm employee.

If you have any questions, please contact River Valley Extension District Agents Luke Byers (Agriculture & Natural Resources) at 785-632-5335 or by email at lsbyers@ksu.edu, or Kaitlyn Nelson (Livestock Production) at 785-325-2121 or by email at khildebrand@ksu.edu.

MONICA THAYER, FAMILY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENT
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“PIZZA” the Fun at Bonding Thru Board Games

Clyde, Kansas — Get ready to roll the dice and grab a slice! River Valley Extension District is thrilled to have partnered with Clifton-Clyde FCCLA to host “PIZZA” the Fun at Bonding Thru Board Games on Sunday, April 27 at the Clifton-Clyde High School at 616 N. High Street in Clyde.

From 4 – 5 p.m., everyone, including family, friends, and neighbors, are invited to participate in Bonding Thru Board Games, a K-State Research and Extension program that encourages nurturing and maintaining close relationships, whether with family, friends, or other loved ones, through board games. Households will be given a board game to take home to continue the bonding process.

From 4:45 – 5:30 p.m., households can create a take-and-bake pizza so that dinner will be ready to pop into the oven when you get home. Pizzas are \$2 each with each household also receiving a side salad and fruit. Please register for your pizza(s) online by Friday, April 18 at <https://bit.ly/pizzathefun>.

Let’s make it an afternoon of bonding, laughter, and plenty of pizza. Everyone is welcome to participate!

For more information or to RSVP, contact the River Valley District-Belleville Office at 785-527-5084. For any questions, contact Monica at the same number or via email at mthayer@ksu.edu.

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By Annie Bergmann, Chamber Director

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See details on Concordia Kansas Chamber Facebook page.


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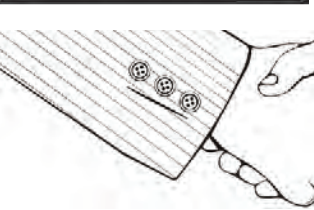
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Isolation, loneliness impacts personal health, says K-State expert

Johannes touts benefits of social connection

BY PAT MELGARES, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Kansas State University health professional Elaine Johannes says that a recent report indicating that about one-in-six Americans feels lonely or socially isolated is an important reminder of the value of social connections.

The Pew Research Center released findings earlier this year on the report, ‘Men, Women and Social Connections,’ indicating that roughly equal shares of American men and women say they’re often lonely.

But the nonpartisan research group also reports that women are more likely than men to reach out to a wider network for emotional support.

Johannes, the Kansas Health Foundation’s Distinguished Professor of Community Health at Kansas State University, said awareness of social isolation and loneliness among Americans became

a greater focus during the latter part of the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

“We started to understand what the pandemic led to when we became socially isolated and we felt the loneliness of being isolated,” she said.

Health experts – including the U.S. Surgeon General – have since reported negative impacts to personal health as a result of social isolation and loneliness.

Social isolation is not having relationships, contact with, or support from others. Johannes notes a 2024 study from Harvard university that indicates those who are socially isolated have a 32% increase in earlier death.

Loneliness is the feeling of being alone, disconnected, or not close to others. That group, according to the 2024 study, has a 14% increase in early death.

“If you are socially isolated and also lonely... my goodness,” Johannes said. “It is no wonder our

lifespan in the United States seems to be shorter than it once was.”

According to the Pew report, men and women most commonly rely on a spouse or partner for social connection. But women are far more likely than men to spread their support network, including parents, friends, family members, mental health counselors or online platforms and communities.

Perhaps a surprise finding, older Americans – over the age of 50 -- are less likely to feel socially isolated or lonely compared to younger Americans. Johannes says many in the older generation “were raised in a time where institutions were prevalent.”

“We were connected to a workplace, a business, a school, a faith community, and other places,” she said.

Johannes said today’s youth are more likely to participate in some sort of remote learning, or as they age, work remotely. They

are much more connected to technology, though some of the current tools do provide social connection.

“Some research does show that texting still provides a social connection,” Johannes said. “When the person is socially connected, they have an identity, or they have a group they can affiliate with, and thus they are less likely to feel emotionally lonely.”

Johannes touted the importance of the state’s extension network, which provides numerous local programs for residents that include physical activity, leadership, health, nutrition and more.

“If the psychological effects of understanding that you’re disconnected and then feeling some discomfort about that lasts for 6-8 weeks persistently, then the person may be feeling depressed,” she said. “That’s when the person needs to have a provider who could support them.”

She adds: “In our society, there’s a malaise. Our society, as a whole, does not know that being lonely is not typical. If people are persistently socially isolated, feel lonely and tend to think that this is the way life is, then we need to reach out and support them.”

Johannes said online behavioral health providers can be an effective way to address issues of isolation or loneliness. She also encourages Kansans to contact their local community mental health center or local extension office to learn of programs and resources available in their geographic area.

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