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Candis Meerpohl, County Extension Director (Ext. 110)

Program Areas: *Community Vitality* - Leadership to the community-based PRIDE programs and Shawnee StartUps of Shawnee County, which encourages entrepreneurship through education and loan financing. Available to assist community groups with facilitation of discussions and training for new board members. Answers calls related to *Indoor Air Quality* (Radon).

Susan Fangman, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent (Ext. 103)

Program Areas: *Food, Nutrition, Health & Safety* – Provides nutrition education and food safety programs to the general public. *Financial Management* – Senior Health Insurance Counseling for persons new to Medicare or comparing Medicare Prescription Drug plans during the annual election period. Adviser to the *Family & Community Education* organization in Shawnee County.

Lane Wiens, Horticulture Agent (Ext. 104)

Program Areas: *Horticulture* - Horticultural Educational Programs for Homeowners and Industry Professionals. Supervises the Master Gardener Program which includes: Response Line (April -October), Library Education Series, Gardening Educational programs, and Demonstration Gardens.

Lisa Martin, Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) Agent (Ext. 119)

Program Areas: *Health* - EFNEP provides nutrition education for limited resource families, individuals and youth teaching basic nutrition, food preparation and food safety skills training. Community Garden training in partnership with horticulture is open to individuals, agencies and other interested community partners.

Grace Wiens, 4-H Youth Development Agent (Ext. 120)

Program Areas: *4-H & Youth Development* - 4-H Program Management, Volunteer Development, School Enrichment Programs, and short-term youth development opportunities. Shawnee County 4-H program focuses on the development of Leadership, Service, Communication, Career Readiness and Project Mastery skills.

Leroy Russell, Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent (Ext 108)

Programs Areas: *Crop Production* - Assist in crop production decisions, weed control, planting methods, disease control. *Livestock Production* – Answer feed, disease and economics questions. *Indoor Pests* - Identify pests and provide recommendations for control. *Farm and Ranch Economics/ Farm Transition* - Assist in completing cash flow sheets to keep farms profitable. *Farm/Livestock/Crop Emergency Management* - Help the agriculture community make an emergency plan for weather or disease issues.



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