

DONIPHAN COUNTY WOMEN IN AG MEETING AUGUST 23rd

The Eighth Annual Women in Ag Program is fast approaching! Please make plans to join us for this fun, educational night for women in agriculture from Doniphan County and surrounding areas. If you’re an absentee landowner, farm helper, or active operator, this night is for you! Our program this year is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd, beginning at 6:00 pm at the Troy Community Center. Registration deadline is August 18th!

Our speaker this year is Mykel Taylor, an Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. Dr. Taylor’s research and extension programs are focused in the area of farm management. She attended Montana State University majoring in Agribusiness Management. Her PhD in Economics is from North Carolina State University. She has worked in extension positions at both Kansas State University and Washington State University. Some of her current research areas include measuring basis risk for commodity grains, and analyzing trends in Kansas agricultural land values, rental rates, evaluation of commodity programs in the 2014 Farm Bill, and leasing arrangements.

Also presenting this year is Jackie Allenbrand, Founder and Director of PHARM Dog USA. Jackie, who operates a farm in Northwest Missouri alongside her husband Chris, trains and places service dogs with farmers or farm family members with disabilities. Dogs may be trained to do a variety of helpful tasks such as retrieving or picking up dropped tools, opening a latch gate system, carrying buckets as well as standing and bracing a farmer or going for help. Herding dogs are placed with farms to help manage their livestock.

Registration will start at 5:30 pm with a light dinner starting at 6:00 pm. The presentations will begin at 6:45 pm.

This year we will be participating in the Feds Feed Families Food Drive. We are asking that each guest bring a canned food item to be donated to the local food pantry.

If you are interested in attending the 8th Annual Women in Ag Program or have any questions, please call the Doniphan County Conservation District at 785-985-2221 x. 3 to register by August 18th. Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Sarah Falk, CED, Doniphan County FSA, at 785-985-2221 x. 2, or sarah.falk@ks.usda.gov by August 18, 2017.

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