

## WEST PLAINS EXTENSION DISTRICT

# NEWSLETTER

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**FINNEY CO 4-H BOWLING Party**

**GARDEN CITY LANES**  
Tuesday, December 23  
Starts at 11am through 1pm  
Pizza & Pop included with 2 games  
1501 N Taylor Ave, Garden City, KS

RSVP with Jessica,  
620-272-3670 by December 15

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**SCOTT CO 4-H BOWLING Party**

**GARDEN CITY LANES**  
Monday, December 22  
Starts at 11am through 1pm  
Pizza & Pop included with 2 games  
1501 N Taylor Ave, Garden City, KS

RSVP with Cozetta,  
620-872-2930 by December 15

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**Beyond Ready**

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
MONDAY - FRIDAY | 8 AM - 5 PM

**FINNEY COUNTY OFFICE:**  
620-272-3670

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620-872-2930

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## UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

FALL  
2025

Print or screenshot this page to keep up to date with all of our upcoming activities!  
(\* indicates a pre-registration is required.)

### October

- 10/1 - State 4-H Applications due
- 10/3 - 10/5 - KJLS
- 10/5 - 10/11 - National 4-H week
- 10/7 - WP4-HYLA Graduation Dinner 6pm Finney County 4-h Building
- 10/10 - 4-H Ambassador Applications Due
- 10/10 - Finney County Record Books Due
- 10/11 - 10/12 - 48Hrs of 4-H Community Service
- 10/ 12- 4-H Pancake Feed
- 10/13 - West Plains Extension Office Closed for Columbus Day
- 10/13 - 4-H Ambassador Interviews, Scott County Extension Office
- 10/16 - 4-h Ambassador Interviews, Finney County Extension Office
- 10/26 - 4-H Achievement Banquet, 12:30pm, WM Carpenter 4-H Building
- 10/27 - 4-H Council & Ambassador Mtgs, WM Carpenter 4-H Building

### November

- 11/ 3 - Sweets for Success Baking Workshop
- 11/ 8 - Live Well, Lead Well Workshop, Garden City
- 11/ 9 - Finney Co Achievement Banquet, 12:30pm, 4-H Building.
- 11/ 10 - 4-H PDC Needs Assessment Committee Zoom, 6pm
- 11/ 13 - Finney Co 4-H Project Fair
- 11/ 15 - West Plains 4-H Community Service Project - Kids Care Cancer Bags
- 11/16 - Finney Co 4-H Ambassador Mtg, 4:30pm, Fi Co Ext Office
- 11/17 - Finney Co 4-H Council, 7pm, Finney Co 4-H Building
- 11/ 22-23 - KYLF, Rock Springs
- 11/ 24-26 - Wm Carpenter Foundation Educational Trip

Tuesday,  
November  
4th



Sheep 4-H Project Meeting  
Speaker: Ted VanHorn

Lamb Selection and Basic Care  
Chili and Snacks will be served

For More Information contact Lynn307-575-7529

6:00pm at the Rush Co Extension  
Office, 702 Main, LaCrosse

Save the Date

2026  
K-STATE JUNIOR  
PRODUCER DAYS

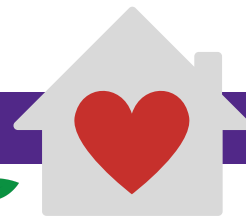


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## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR



Keep eating those Fruits and Veggies even in the off season.

Do you ever get tired of hearing, “You need to eat more fruits and vegetables”? If broccoli or eggplant don’t exactly excite you, you’re not alone. The good news is there are plenty of ways to enjoy more produce—sometimes it just takes a little creativity.

Here are a few easy ideas to boost your fruit and vegetable intake, even for the pickiest eaters:

- Pair them with foods you already enjoy, like adding a slice of tomato to your burger or mixing mushrooms and peppers into your omelet.
- Not a fan of mushy vegetables? Try them raw, shredded, roasted, or stir-fried for a fresh twist.
- Elevate simple veggies with flavor—think olive oil and garlic, a splash of balsamic vinegar, a squeeze of lemon, or fresh herbs.
- Keep “fast food” on hand—only in the healthy sense. Cherry tomatoes, snap peas, apples, oranges, and bananas make quick, ready-to-go snacks.
- Add fruit or veggies to everyday meals, like avocado on toast or berries in cereal or oatmeal.

For quick recipes and inspiration, visit [fruitsandveggies.org](https://fruitsandveggies.org). To explore what’s in season locally, check out our Buying Guide for Kansas-Grown Fruits and Vegetables. [https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/buying-guide-for-kansas-grown-fruits-and-vegetables\\_MF2647.pdf](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/buying-guide-for-kansas-grown-fruits-and-vegetables_MF2647.pdf)

## Turkey Time

Preparing the Thanksgiving feast safely

K-State food scientist shares tips for turkey food safety

At a glance: K-State food scientist Karen Blakeslee says turkey should be cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

More information: Karen Blakeslee, 785-532-1673, [kblakesl@k-state.edu](mailto:kblakesl@k-state.edu)

Related: [K-State's Rapid Response Center for Food Science](#)

K-State Research and Extension news service

Nobody wants the gift of foodborne illness during the holidays. Kansas State University food scientist Karen Blakeslee says food safety begins with a decision on whether to purchase a fresh or frozen turkey. “If you choose fresh, be sure to place an order with your grocer or butcher shop and pick it up 1-2 days before the meal, then store it in the refrigerator,” Blakeslee said. “Frozen turkeys can be purchased any time and stored in the freezer.” Frozen turkeys are best thawed in the refrigerator or in cold water, Blakeslee adds. In the refrigerator, plan on at least 5-7 days for a 20-pound turkey. In cold water, allow about 30 minutes per pound of turkey. Make sure your refrigerator temperature is set between 35-38 degrees Fahrenheit. “When cooking the turkey, remember that 325 F is the lowest oven temperature to safely cook turkey,” Blakeslee said. “Use a food thermometer to be sure it reaches a minimum internal temperature of 165 F.” If you only have one oven, use a slow cooker for hot dishes. A tabletop roaster oven can be used like a regular oven for many items. Even electric pressure cookers can prepare dishes safely.

### Two Turkeys, One Oven

When cooking two turkeys at the same time, make sure there is enough oven space for proper heat circulation. The cooking time is determined by the weight of one bird -- not the combined weight, Blakeslee said. Use the weight of the smaller bird to determine cooking time. Use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature of the smaller bird first and then check the second bird. The internal temperature should be a minimum of 165 F. “Check the internal temperature in the innermost part of the thigh and wing and the thickest part of the breast,” Blakeslee said.

Blakeslee, who also is coordinator of [K-State's Rapid Response Center for Food Science](#), publishes a monthly newsletter called [You Asked It!](#) that provides numerous tips on food safety.

More information is also available from [local extension offices](#) in Kansas.



happy  
thanksgiving



## June is Men's Health Month,



*focused on weeds, insects and diseases in western and central Kansas*



Scan to register



Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, contact Jeanne Falk Jones, 785-462-6281.



5:00 Adjourn

**Questions? Contact Jeanne at 785-462-6281 or [jfalkjones@ksu.edu](mailto:jfalkjones@ksu.edu)**

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**Finney  
County 4-H  
Foundation**

**We have the unique opportunity to multiply  
funds given on MatchDay, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

October 24, 2025

Dear Finney County 4-H Clubs, Members and Families,

MatchDay on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, is an incredible opportunity for the Finney County 4-H Foundation. On that day, Western Kansas Community Foundation will proportionately match donations made to our organization.

Our county 4-H Foundation supports 4-Hers in Finney County in several ways, including helping with expenses for the Achievement Banquet, providing scholarships to colleges and technical schools, and this year paying the enrollment fees for those who enrolled by the end of October. We also look for opportunities to reach non-4-H youth through supplies for school enrichment programs and special circumstances, i.e. youth who need special equipment. MatchDay helps us in two ways: the funds donated to us through MatchDay is given to us to use in our programs, and the proportional match grows our endowment fund with Western Kansas Community Foundation.

#### **How to donate:**

- **Online:** WKCF is encouraging electronic donations at [matchday.wkcf.org](https://matchday.wkcf.org) to help streamline the event and gift processing. However, if donors prefer to pay by check, they can be mailed to WKCF at 402 N. Main, Garden City, KS 67846.
- **In-person:** From 7am to 7pm on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 ("Giving Tuesday"), at the First United Methodist Church, 1106 N. Main, Garden City, KS, in the fellowship hall. **Look for our booth there!**
- **Checks:** To be eligible for a match, checks must be made out to WKCF with a giving form designating the benefitting organizations, complete contact information, and anonymity preferences. Checks must be dated and postmarked between November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> in order to qualify for the match. \*
- The 2025 match pool is \$150,000, and it will be divided among participating organizations in proportion to the total amount raised.
- Surprise Supporter prizes will be awarded in the form of gift certificates to 2 donors, one online donor and one in-person donor, whose names will be drawn at the end of the event. We can also earn prize grants if our donations this year exceed a designated threshold over our previous year.



- Donations \$20-\$2,000\* per donor, per organization are eligible for a match. Credit cards, debit cards and ACH payments will be accepted online, cash, cashier's checks, money orders and checks will be accepted by mail or in person.  
\*Only amounts between \$20 and \$2,000 will be matched, however all donations will be accepted.
- Donations are tax deductible and can be divided among multiple organizations. Receipts will be issued to each person making a donation.
- Contributions to multiple organizations can be processed in one check/payment with the specific designations for each organization noted on a giving form.

Our Foundation works to support 4-Hers and ALL youth in Finney County throughout the year and we are looking to continue to provide for the future. MatchDay is a unique opportunity to benefit both of those needs, and to grow our endowment exponentially, so that we can enrich our people and programs for years to come.

Sincerely,

Mary Buchele  
MatchDay Coordinator for Finney County 4-H Foundation



**2025 Scott County 4-H Achievement Award Ceremony**

October 26, 2025  
Wm Carpenter 4-H Building

**4-H CAMP COUNSELORS RECOGNITION**

Camp Lakeside & Camp Wild Adventure  
Addison Noll  
Marin Kerr  
Avery Radke  
Renee Beeson  
Kenzi Martinez  
Aaren Radke  
Waylon Ricker  
Isaiah Rogers

**4-H Electrical Project Awards – sponsored by Randy Rogers, Wheatland Electric**

Reed Batterton, Senior  
Drylan Beaton, Junior  
Landry Beaton, Intermediate  
Trace Jessup, Junior

**4-H State Competitions & Other National Youth Recognition**

State Meats Judging Team  
Grady Vance, Country Cousins  
Coaches: Skyler Glenn

**State Livestock Judging Team**

Grady Vance, Country Cousins  
Kamryn Meyer, Country Cousins  
Brayson Mayo, Lake Wide Awake  
Coaches: Brandon and Cade Anderson

**State Fashion Revue**

Kamryn Meyer, Country Cousins  
Marin Kerr, New Horizons  
Zoey O'Dea, Lake Wide Awake  
Tayler Koehn, Country Cousins  
Shalyn Radke, Lake Wide Awake

**State Photography Judging – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Intermediate Team**

Bryn Crisler  
Piper Jessup  
Trace Jessup – 3<sup>rd</sup> High Individual

State Shooting Sports  
Bentley Inguanza – Shotgun  
Bryce Mohler – Shotgun  
Dominic Allen – Shotgun  
Kaler Fisher – Shotgun  
Rylan Wilkinson – Shotgun  
Waylon Ricker – Shotgun  
Derick McKinney – Shotgun  
Noah McKinney – Shotgun  
Bryn Crisler – BB Gun  
Tayler Koehn – Air Rifle  
Brice Koehn – Air Rifle  
Isaiah Rogers – BB Gun

**Citizen Washington Focus Trip**

Isaiah Rogers

**4-H Graduating Seniors Recognition**

Brody Strine	Logan Stoppel
Tayler Koehn	Megan Trout
Jace Miller	Baylor Vasquez
	Waylon Ricker
	Hailey Shapland

**Member Pin Awards**

**Membership Pin**

Callaway Conine  
Brynlee Dare  
Liam Eikelberger  
Adaline Jennison  
Hope Jessup  
Sawyer Koons  
Reid Zimmerman

**Bronze Pin**

Chloe Baker  
Paisley Baker  
Micah Dreiling  
Maya Vance



## Clover Pin

Drylan Beaton  
Daniel Botello  
Harper Conine  
Gage Crisler  
Devon Dreiling  
Charlotte Frank  
Graham Frank  
Trenton Frank  
Jackson Jennison  
Liam O'Dea  
Kashen Palkowitsh

## Emerald Pin

Landon Cramer  
Bryn Crisler  
Keri Crisler  
Brooke Fisher  
Paige Fisher  
Trace Jessup  
Bowen Kerr  
Presley Koons  
Zoey O'Dea  
Rylee Zimmerman

## Silver Pin

Addison Dearden  
Chase Dearden  
Statler Kerr  
Shalyn Radke  
Ella Stevens

## Silver Guard Pin

Landry Beaton  
Hayzen Kerr  
Kamryn Meyer

## Leadership Pin

Baily Cramer  
Piper Jessup  
Brayson Mayo  
Grady Vance

## Gold Pin

### Reed Batterton

Marin Kerr  
Kenzi Martinez

### Gold Guard Pin

Marly Cramer  
Avery Radke

### 10 Year Pin

Marly  
Cramer  
Aubrey  
Grothusen  
Maggie  
Hineman  
Kenzi  
Martinez  
Addison  
Noll  
Belle  
Trout

### Community Service Award

Lake Wide Awake 4-H Club  
Manning Jayhawkers 4-H Club  
Marly Cramer  
Aubrey Grothusen  
Avery Radke

### Key Awards – sponsored by American Ag Credit

Marly Cramer  
Addi Noll  
Avery Radke

### I Dare You Award

Avery Radke

### Larry Hendrix Award of Excellence

Marly Cramer  
Avery Radke

## 2025 West Plains 4-H Youth Leadership Academy Participants

Landry Beaton      Brayson Mayo      Grady Vance

### First Year Horse Awards

Sawyer Koons  
Reid Zimmerman

### County Medal Awards

Chloe Baker – Goats  
Paisley Baker – Goats  
Reed Batterton – Photography (Res County Champion)  
Drylan Beaton – Foods & Nutrition (Res County Champion)  
Landry Beaton – Goats (County Champion)  
Sarina Bose – Photography  
Daniel Botello – Shooting Sports  
Baily Cramer – Photography, Sheep (County Champion)  
Cally Cramer – Shopping In Style (County Champion)  
Landon Cramer – Woodworking  
Marly Cramer – Sheep (Res County Champion), Foods & Nutrition, Leadership (County Champion), Beef (County Champion)  
Bryn Crisler – Shooting Sports (Res County Champion)  
Gage Crisler – Fiber Arts  
Keri Crisler – Visual Arts  
Callaway Conine – Foods & Nutrition  
Harper Conine – Foods & Nutrition  
Brynlee Dare - Photography  
Addison Dearden – Foods & Nutrition  
Chase Dearden – Space Tech (County Champion)  
Maddyn Dirks – Shopping In Style  
Devon Dreiling – Shopping in Style  
Micah Dreiling – Shopping In Style  
Liam Eikelberger – Visual Arts  
Charlotte Frank – Foods & Nutrition  
Ella Frank – Shopping In Style  
Graham Frank – Foods & Nutrition (County Champion)  
Trenton Frank – Foods & Nutrition  
Aubrey Grothusen – Civic Engagement  
Adaline Jennison – Foods & Nutrition, Visual Arts  
Jackson Jennison – Beef, Foods & Nutrition, Visual Arts





## County Medal Awards

Hope Jessup – Photography (County Champion), Sewing & Textiles (Res County Champion), Foods & Nutrition  
 Piper Jessup – Space Tech (Res County Champion), Leadership, Sewing & Textiles  
 Trace Jessup – Electricity (County Champion), Photography, Shooting Sports, Woodworking (Res County Champion)  
 Bowen Kerr – Goat  
 Hayzen Kerr – Swine (Res County Champion)  
 Marin Kerr – Horse  
 Statler Kerr – Beef  
 Tayler Koehn – Shooting Sports  
 Presley Koons – Goat  
 Sawyer Koons – Beef  
 Kenzi Martinez – Swine (County Champion)  
 Brayson Mayo – Beef (Res County Champion)  
 Kamryn Meyer – Leadership (Res County Champion)  
 Maylee Miller – Swine  
 Addison Noll – Visual Arts (County Champion)  
 Liam O'Dea – Pets  
 Zoey O'Dea – Pets (Res County Champion)  
 Kashen Palkowitsh – Swine, Woodworking  
 Brant Powelson – Foods & Nutrition  
 Aaren Radke – Civic Engagement (County Champion), Leadership, Goat, Visual Arts  
 Avery Radke – Citizenship (Res County Champion), Leadership, Visual Arts, Woodworking (County Champion), Goat  
 Shalyn Radke – Sewing & Textiles (County Champion), Pets (County Champion), Fiber Arts (Res County Champion), Visual Arts (Res County Champion), Goat (Res County Champion), Shopping In Style (County Champion)  
 Waylon Ricker – Shooting Sports (County Champion)  
 Isaiah Rogers – Shooting Sports  
 Ella Stevens – Dog, Foods (County Champion) & Nutrition (County Champion)  
 Harper Stoppel – Foods & Nutrition  
 Brody Strine – Beef  
 Belle Trout – Sewing & Textiles  
 Garin Trout – Entomology (County Champion)  
 Megan Trout – Leadership  
 Phebe Trout – Rabbit (County Champion)  
 Gabriella Tucker – Swine  
 Grady Vance – Performing Arts (County Champion)  
 Maya Vance – Shopping In Style (Res County Champion)  
 Reid Zimmerman – Horse (Res County Champion), Foods & Nutrition, Sheep, Swine  
 Rylee Zimmerman – Horse (County Champion), Swine, Foods & Nutrition

## Blue Ribbon Record Book Awards

Receiving Blue Awards are:

Chloe Baker  
 Paisley Baker  
 Drylan Beaton  
 Landry Beaton  
 Daniel Botello  
 Sarina Bose  
 Bailly Cramer  
 Landon Cramer  
 Bryn Crisler  
 Gage Crisler  
 Callaway Conine  
 Harper Conine  
 Brynlee Dare  
 Addison Dearden  
 Chase Dearden  
 Devon Dreiling  
 Micah Dreiling  
 Maddyn Dirks  
 Liam Eikelberger  
 Charlotte Frank  
 Graham Frank  
 Adaline Jennison  
 Jackson Jennison  
 Piper Jessup  
 Hope Jessup  
 Trace Jessup  
 Bowen Kerr  
 Hayzen Kerr  
 Statler Kerr  
 Presley Koons  
 Sawyer Koons  
 Brayson Mayo  
 Zoey O'Dea  
 Liam O'Dea  
 Kashen Palkowitsh  
 Shalyn Radke  
 Ella Stevens  
 Garin Trout  
 Phebe Trout  
 Grady Vance  
 Maya Vance  
 Reid Zimmerman  
 Rylee Zimmerman



## **Club Recordkeeping Awards**

### **Secretary Awards**

Champion      New Horizons      Ava Stephens

### **Treasurer Awards**

Champion      New Horizons      Kenzi Martinez

### **Reporter Awards – sponsored by The Scott Record**

Champion      Lake Wide Awake      Jackson Jennison

### **Historian Awards sponsored by the Scheuerman Family.**

Champion      Country Cousins      Harper Stoppel

### **2025 William Carpenter 4-H Foundation Trip Awards**

Baily Cramer      Marin Kerr  
Addison Noll      Piper Jessup  
Kenzi Martinez

### **2025 William Carpenter 4-H Foundation Watch Award:**

Kamryn Meyer  
Avery Radke

### **Club Seal Awards**

Country Cousins      New Horizons  
Purple Seal      Purple Seal

Lake Wide A Wake      Rising Star  
Purple Seal      Purple Seal

Manning Jayhawkers  
Purple Seal

### **4-H Volunteer of the Year Award:**

Jim Talbert

### **Extension Appreciation Award:**

Lor-Jan Transport, LLC

### **Friends of 4-H Award**

Charles Schemenko, Big R of Scott City

## **4-H Alumni Award**

Skyler Glenn

## **4-H Ambassador Recognition**

The 2024-2025 Scott County 4-H Ambassador Team:

Reed Batterton  
Keri Crisler  
Ella Frank  
Marin Kerr  
Kamryn Meyer  
Addison Noll  
Waylon Ricker  
Isaiah Rogers  
Megan Trout  
Baylor Vasquez

## **The 2025-2026 Scott County 4-H Ambassador Team:**

Reed Batterton	Kamryn Meyer
Bryn Crisler	Addison Noll
Keri Crisler	Isaiah Rogers
Paige Fisher	Ava Stephens
Ella Frank	Grady Vance
Piper Jessup	
Marin Kerr	
Kenzi Martinez	

### CLUB REPORTS: FINNEY COUNTY 4-H HAPPY HUSTLERS

#### Parents Night

The Happy Hustlers 4-H Club met on October 12 for Parents Night. It was fun for kids because watching our parents sing and do recreation was funny. There was a game of Zombie tag and they got to sing "The Coming of the Frogs." We also had an officer installation ceremony and each new officer lit a candle as a symbol to be the light around us. There was a presentation given by Brandon on first impressions and how they affect you. It was also the end of National 4-H Week so we participated in 48 hours of Community Service by baking and bagging cookies for the upcoming poll workers during the November election. The cookies were prepared and will be frozen until we are ready for them. At the end of the meeting we shared a meal of pizza, snacks, and cookies. We all love Parents Night each October.

-Kinley Unruh  
Happy Hustlers Reporter

### FINNEY COUNTY 4-H FINNEY FLYERS

The October meeting of the Finney Flyers 4-H club was held on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at the 4-H building. Election of officers were held. The new officers for the Finney Flyers 4-H club for the 2025-2026 4-H year are as follows:

President: Abigail E  
Vice President: Abigail M  
Secretary: Addisyn  
Treasurer: Kynlie  
Reporter: KJ  
Council representatives: Abigail M and Addisyn  
Song Leaders: Tym and Baylie  
Recreation: Andrew  
Historian: Madilyn  
Parliamentarian: Khloe and Archer

The club members voted to donate to the 4-H foundation and the Finney County 4-H foundation. A committee was formed for the Christmas parade in December.

Leader, Kim, talked about 4-H week.

Next month's meeting will be November 2 at 4:00 pm at the 4-H building.

KJ  
Reporter  
Finney Flyers

### FINNEY COUNTY 4-H Wide Awake

#### Wide Awake July Report

Wide Awake sure had fun window painting and sharing our posters about our projects we are entering in the fair. Club leaders discussed fair activities and wished everyone the best of luck at the upcoming fair.

Submitted by Macy Hands

The monthly meeting of the Wide Awake 4H club was held on Monday, October 13, 2025. It was fun hearing when everyone's birthday is during our roll call of "when is your birthday." Our new 4H agent, Madison Colvin, stopped by to introduce herself to us. We are looking forward to getting to know her. We also had a presentation from Finney County 4-H Foundation regarding Match Day. The two Hudson's in our club, Hudson Fryman and Hudson White gave epic project talks about photography and painting. Our leaders gave us important information regarding the achievement banquet and enrolling for next year's projects. Haper Sowers helped us end our meeting with a lot of fun with a game called "Rock Paper Scissors." We had a tournament, and it was so fun! We look forward to seeing everyone next month!

Submitted by Gentry Hands

### FINNEY COUNTY 4-H KOURAGOUS KIDS

The Kourageous Kids 4-H Club started the new 4-H year with an fun October meeting, welcoming several new members and recognizing this year's officers. Members shared recent activities in sports, robotics, and more, while planning two service projects—fleece blankets for Colorado Children's Hospital and Thanksgiving meal donations for Genesis. The club also celebrated Madyn Boyd for completing her record book early and thanked Rodney and Tara York for their generous donation. With the November meeting set for the Garden City Co-Op Center at 2pm following the Achievement Banquet on the 9th, the Kourageous Kids are beyond ready for the upcoming year. – By Braeden Boyd

### SCOTT COUNTY NEW HORIZONS

The New Horizons September 4-H meeting was called to order on September 1, 2025 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was parent led by Duane Strine, Jody Kerr and Erica Stephens. The 4-H pledge and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Teresa Noll. Roll call was answered by "What's your favorite ice cream flavor?" There were 18 members, 9 parents, and 3 leaders in attendance. Reading and approval of minutes were approved as read. The account has a balance of \$650.06. Hailey submitted a report to the newspaper. Leader's report included lots of information about year end paperwork that was sent in an email as well as record books are due September 30, but Marci and Jody need them sooner to sign them. Janet is hosting record book trainings on September 10th and 18th and Officer books are due September 27th. Marci noted that we need to pick up premium checks and not to forget to write thank you notes to the individuals and businesses that gave extra money to each 4Her. The achievement banquet is October 26th. There was no old business. New business included going through the checklist for the Club seal and our club ended up with plenty of boxes checked for a purple seal. There was a motion to give \$100 to the achievement banquet to help cover costs as well as \$25 for the pancake feed in October. 4H council and ambassadors noted that National 4H week is October 5-11 and there is a competition between groups to show our community how great 4H can be, so an ice cream party will be given to the most involved group. Also, They need volunteers for the pancake feed October 12th as well as table cleaning the following day. October 28th is "Project Fair" where 4Hers share about projects they are involved in to help promote new projects to current 4Hers as well as entice new members. We held election of officers and the following are the new held positions for 2025-2026 New Horizons 4H Club:

President: Marin Kerr

Vice President: Addison Noll

Secretary: Ava Stephens

Treasurer: McCall Miller

Reporter: Hayzen Kerr

Historian: Gabie Tucker

Social Media: McCall Miller / Addison Noll

Parliamentarian: All Club Members

Council Reps: Marin Kerr, Addison Noll, Ava Stephens, McCall Miller

Jr. President: Levi Stephens

Jr. Vice President: Cutler Cox

Jr. Secretary: Statler Kerr

Jr. Reporter: Bowen Kerr

Jr. Treasurer: Devon Dreiling

Jr. Council: Hayzen Kerr / Kashen Palkowitsh

Song/Rec Leaders: Olivia Stephens, Micah Dreiling, Elijah Day

Leaders: Brad & Jodi Kerr / Scott & Teresa Noll