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UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

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

JULY

- 7/3: 4-H Buffalo Farm Trip Finney and Scott
- 7/15: KS State Fair Grand Drive Entries Due
- 7/22-7/27: Scott County Fair
- 7/22-7/28: Finney County Fair

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- 8/12: 4-H Wheat Expo, Manhattan, KS
- 8/15: KJLS Entries Due
- 8/17-8/18: 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan, KS

Scott County Fair 2024 Wheat Show
Showcase your harvest by dropping off a gallon-sized, double bagged sample by July 5, 2024 to the Scott County Extension Office.

Include:
- Variety
- Name

Contact Information
Contact the Extension Office for questions, 620-872-2930

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Include:
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Contact Information
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Sound Living: Fair is near

It’s July! And that means it’s fair time and on behalf of the West Plains Extension District, the County Fair Boards and all its volunteers, we would like to invite you out to see what it’s all about. Our counties have wonderful fairs and everyone in the communities should be proud of the events that they offer. You can see all the fair exhibits for free, including the horse and livestock shows. There is a charge for the special entertainment, but the 4-H events are all free. If you come out to the fair, please keep in mind some safety tips to make your visit more enjoyable. If you have children, please finish reading this column as we want them all to be safe.

If you visit the livestock barns, please watch your footing, there are rubber hoses lying around and other livestock equipment and we would not want you to trip. Also, if you open a gate, close the gate and leave it the same way that you found it. But most importantly, watch where you walking in proximity to the animals. Cattle are especially dangerous if you get to close, they can kick. Pigs can bite; they typically don’t, but can. Just don’t put your hand close to their face. Let your children pet them on the back. The sheep and goats are fairly safe, but just use caution. Never open a cage, pen or crate. Bunnies are cute, but can be dangerous should you try to hold them. They will scratch you if you don’t properly handle them. If you choose to pet a critter, please make sure that you properly wash your hands and wrists with hot soapy water after handling the animal and especially before eating anything.

When visiting the exhibit buildings, please keep all children in hand. Many of these items on display are prized possessions of those who are gracious enough to share them with us and we would not want them to get broken. Items are not to be handled but to be looked at and enjoyed.

When attending an entertainment event, the public is allowed in the stands only, not behind in the area set aside for the entertainers.

Heat can also be a concern, so please be prepared. Drink non-caffeinated beverages to stay hydrated. Water and other drinks will be available to be purchased at the concession stands.

There will be various organizations offering concessions at the fair, please plan on eating with these organizations as they are often working to fund a special program and the food is good.

There are many special events scheduled for this year’s fair and I would personally like to invite you to attend. The Fair Boards work really hard all year long to make our fairs some of the best in Western Kansas. If you would like to be a part of the boards that work to make our local fair successful, reach out to your local fair board and express your interest. Each fair, Scott City Free Fair and the Finney County Fair have websites that have a schedule of all fair events. As you can see, we will be super busy at the fair, but if you make it out (and I hope you do) stop by and say hello, we would love to show you the 4-Hers hard work.

I encourage each of you to participate by entering an exhibit and by coming out and celebrating with us at the fair. The West Plains Extension Offices will be closed the week of fair, but you will find us out at the Fairgrounds. See you at the Fair!

Carol Ann

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AT HOME WITH CAROL ANN | CAROL ANN CROUCH

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

County Fair
Admit One

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Frozen Custard or French Ice Cream must also contain a minimum of 10% milkfat, as well as at least 1.4% egg yolk solids.

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July, National Ice Cream Month

I scream, you scream! We all scream for Ice Cream. July is National Ice Cream Month... as if Americans need a special time of year to celebrate their love for ice cream. There are many flavors of Ice Cream to taste and the hot month of July is the perfect time to indulge in this popular, delicious treat. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan along with Walter Dee Huddleston and the American Dairy association designated July as National Ice Cream Month and the third Sunday of the month as National Ice Cream Day. President Reagan recognized ice cream as a fun and tasty treat that is enjoyed by 90% of the nation’s population.

According to the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA), in 2023 the U.S. churned out 1.30 billion gallons of ice cream and has had a $11.4 billion impact on the U.S. economy. The average American eats roughly 20 pounds of ice cream each year, or about 4 gallons. IDFA surveyed 2,200 American adults on their favorite flavor of Ice Cream. It is not surprising that Vanilla is at the top with chocolate and strawberry coming in as second and third top choices. New flavors such as butter pecan and cookie dough are becoming just as popular.

It doesn't matter what month it is, Americans are sure to keep reaching for ice cream to satisfy their craving for a cool, creamy and satisfying treat.

Sorbet and Water Ice are similar to sherbets, but contain no dairy ingredients. Sherbets have a milkfat content of between 1% and 2% and a slightly higher sweetener content than ice cream. Sherbet weighs a minimum of 6 pounds to the gallon.

Gelato is characterized by an intense flavor and is served in a semi-frozen state. Gelato contain sweeteners, milk, cream, egg yolks and flavoring.

Frozen Yogurt consists of a mixture of dairy ingredients such as milk and nonfat milk which have been cultured, as well as ingredients for sweetening and flavoring.

Great American Food Contest

“All Things Zucchini” is this year’s competition for the Great American Foods Contest at the Finney County Fair. Prepare a baked product using zucchini; such as muffins, cookies, quick bread or cake. Follow the guidelines in the Finney County Fair Book under “Great American Food Contest” section. Hope to see some delicious entries.

Get Canning Supplies Ready

Before long the fruits and vegetables in the gardens will be ready to pick. Now is the time to survey your canning supplies to prepare for the canning season ahead. Check your canner. The Extension Office will test canner gauges for accuracy at no charge. Also, look for 5% on vinegar. Read the labels of vinegar bottles to be sure it says 5% acidity on the label. This is important for the safety of all canned foods that use vinegar, including all pickles, salsa, and more.

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Kansas 4-H Thriving Study – We Want to Hear From 4-H Members!

4-H gives kids unique hands-on opportunities to learn by doing and gain valuable life skills.

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In early June, Kansas 4-H will be conducting a 4-H Thriving Model evaluation. Members in grades 3 and up will be invited to participate in a survey to tell us about their experience in 4-H. The survey is designed to help Kansas 4-H understand how youth are thriving in 4-H. While the survey is optional, we would love to hear from every member.

Emails will be sent to the parent emails we have on file in 4-H Online with an electronic survey link. Parents will be asked to share the electronic survey link with their child(ren).

Here are some key things to know:

The goal is for the first survey to go out the week of June 9. Two reminders will be sent to all participants who have not completed the survey. The survey will close mid-July.

This data will help us share the impact of 4-H programs in Kansas. By responding, your child(ren) will help us tell the story of Kansas 4-H.

If you do not want your child(ren) to participate in this study, you can simply delete the message. There is no impact on 4-H programming, and Extension Agents will never know who completed and who did not complete the survey.

Direct any questions to Samantha Grant (samgrant@ksu.edu), Evaluation Consultant, or Sarah Maass (semaass@ksu.edu), State 4-H Program Leader, or 785-532-5800.

Thank you for supporting Kansas 4-H as we continue “To Make the Best Better!”

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**POINT OF ORDER!**

**Monthly Series**

**POINTS TO PRACTICE PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

**Tabling a Motion**

Reasons to table a motion:

- Need more information to make an informed decision
- Need more time to think about and discuss the motion

How to table a motion:

- Address the chair
- Move to table the motion
- a second is required
- Vote
FINNEY COUNTY 4-H: BEACON BOOSTERS

The June Beacon Booster meeting was called to order on June 24, 2024 at 6:02 p.m. by President Brayden. Roll call was “What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?” There were seven 4-her’s and six parents present. May’s minutes were approved as read. Treasurer and reporters report were given. Ambassador Taylor discussed upcoming fair dates and camping spots at the fair. She also discussed 4-H night at the Garden City Wind game. The club discussed the pulled pork and sausage fundraiser. The meat will be prepared in August. Paisley and Brock did their project talk on their horses and taught the club about showmanship. The next meeting will be July 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. The club will meet at Knoll Crop Protection for window painting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Taylor, Reporter

FINNEY COUNTY 4-H HAPPY HUSTLERS

IA Wooly Program

By: Hailey

On June 9th the Happy Hustlers 4-H Club commenced their June meeting. On the program a pair of the Club's brothers demonstrated how to ready a lamb for a show, and how to care for a lamb’s leg. The younger brother, Grayson, presented first. He did a demonstration on how to get a lamb ready the day before a show.

Grayson began showing the club how to wash a lamb, and explaining the products used. Grayson demonstrated the process of washing, blowing, and fitting. He explained that it is important to wash before shearing. It is necessary to wash before-hand so that the clippers don’t get ruined. Everyone was highly engrossed in Grayson’s demonstration. He did really well on showing his knowledge on the lamb species.

Right after his younger brother’s presentation, Grady did a talk on how to care for a lamb’s leg and hair. His talk was highly educational and showed off his extent of lamb knowledge. He began by explaining the chronological sequence of steps. Everyone loved being able to watch the two brothers. They demonstrated how fun and exciting livestock can be.

If you wish to participate in the lamb project, or any other livestock project, please contact the Finney County Extension Office. Maybe you’ll enjoy it just as much as Grady and Grayson do.

FINNEY COUNTY 4-H : Sherlock Strivers

The monthly meeting of the Sherlock Strivers 4-H Club was called to order on May 5th, 2024 at Holcomb Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Layla.

There were four project talks given during the meeting. Cora taught the club how to make friendship bracelets out of beads and strings. The club learned how to make finger puppets out of pipe cleaners and googly eyes from Brantley. Makay demonstrated for the club how to tie wild rags into a rose. Kyson explained to the club how to make chocolate chip cookies and gave everyone present a cookie to eat.

Submitted by Kayla, reporter
SCOTT COUNTY FREE FAIR

Fair is
Out of This World

FINNEY COUNTY FAIR
Presents
BARNYARD OLYMPICS
DOES YOUR BUSINESS HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO COMPETE?
COME ON DOWN TO THE FAIRGROUNDS AND FIND OUT!

JULY 26, 2024 5:00PM
4 MEMBER TEAMS $250 ENTRY FEE COMPETE IN 5 EVENTS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE FINNEY COUNTY FAIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND
TEAMS REPORT 5:00PM TO THE EXHIBITION BUILDING, GAMES BEGIN AT 5:00PM

WINNING TEAM RECEIVES
• TRAVELING TROPHY
• BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR A YEAR!

AWARD FOR CROWD FAVORITE
JUDGING FACTORS INCLUDE:
• BEST TEAM NAME
• MOST CREATIVE UNIFORMS
• MOST FANS

REGISTER TODAY!

2024 FAIR BOOK
4-H AMBASSADORS TURTLE RACES

When? Saturday, July 27, 2024
Registration starts at 2 p.m.
Entry fee: .50 cents per race

Where? The Showring

Guidelines
Turtles are to be labeled by race officials before the race begins.
Turtles should be dry.
Any turtle painted by any means WILL NOT be allowed to race.
Turtles MUST be released in a safe place or can be turned over to race officials for release at the end of the race.

For more information, contact the
Finney Co. Extension Office, (620) 272-6370

Finney County 4-H Ambassadors
Bake Sale

JULY 22ND, 2024 @ 1 O’CLOCK PM
EAST SIDE OF THE 4-H BUILDING

Special Olympics Goat Show Mentors

July 26th, 2024
Finney County Fairgrounds - Show Ring

Mentors will:
• get to know olympians
• teach olympians about goats
• teach olympians how to show a goat

*mentors must be 12 years old or older*

scan here to sign up

Goats and Sheep will have a class along with pigs this year!