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SPECIAL OLYMPICS GOAT SHOW 2025

The Special Olympics Goat Show gives special needs individuals an opportunity that they other wise may never get.

WHAT MENTORS NEED TO KNOW:

- Mentors must be a 4-Her 12 or older.
 Mentors do NOT have to be involved in the gost project.
- goat project.
 Mentors will be paired with an Olympian & given 45 minutes to teach the Olympian about the goat(walking, setting up, & getting comfortable with the animal) the about will follow the montarias)
- show will follow the mentoring.Brandon Anderson will judge the event.





24 JULY 2025 FINNEY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS | SHOW RING | 2:00PM

PLEASE CONTACT KAYLA GEORGE WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT (620) 805 1988 JOIN US NOW! SCAN THE QR CODE TO SOME P!



OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY | 8 AM - 5 PM FINNEY COUNTY OFFICE: 620-272-3670 Scott County office: 620-872-2930 Office Professionals: Cozetta o'dea & Jessica Lopez



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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.)

- 7/3 Scott County Free Fair Entries Due
- 7/8- Finney County Fair Entries for Photography, Food & Nutrition, Sewing & Textiles Design, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts , Arts & Crafts, Communication are due
- 7/15- Finney County Fair Entries For Livestock & Static are due
- 7/31 Finney County Fair Carcass Show
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- 8/1 -Cool Careers Video Contest Entries due. Cool Careers Videos | HirePaths Help Your Kansas Kid Explore Careers
- 8/16- State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest, KState
- 8/23- State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, KState





4-H & FFA Sheep & Goat Fitting Contest



Contact Janet to sign up your team or if you have any questions! 607-222-2336 or jlp27@ksu.edu

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AT HOME WITH CAROL ANN | CAROL ANN CROUCH FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR



By <u>Rylee Coy</u>

College of Veterinary Medicine

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

While fireworks and festivities are staples of Independence Day, the holiday often brings anxiety and risk for pets. Loud noises, bright flashes, unfamiliar guests and tempting table scraps can all pose threats to their health and safety.

Kansas State University veterinarian Susan Nelson encourages pet owners to start preparing early, especially if their pet has shown fear around fireworks in the past.

"One of the most important things is to keep your pet inside during the days fireworks are allowed, as it is this time of year that sees the highest numbers of lost pets," said Nelson, clinical professor at K-State's Veterinary Health Center. "The noises and flashes are very frightening for many pets and can cause them to flee in an attempt to get away from the commotion."

If your pet must go outside, always use a leash. Ensure your pet is wearing a collar with ID tags, and consider microchipping if it's not already done, as it will provide backup if your pet's collar is lost. Keeping contact information up to date is critical in case your pet gets lost.

Nelson advises creating a calm, secure environment indoors to help reduce pet stress. For many pets, a familiar crate or closed-off room offers a comforting retreat.

"A crate or quiet room with the blinds drawn can make a big difference for dogs that feel overwhelmed," Nelson said. "Giving them a familiar, enclosed space helps them feel safe when the noise outside gets intense."

Keeping pets indoors also reduces their risk of physical harm. Fireworks, whether lit or leftover, can injure or poison animals. In neighborhoods where fireworks are frequently used, relocating pets to a quieter home or boarding facility may be the safest choice.

Additional measures can also be helpful, depending on your pet's needs. Over-the-counter calming aids are an option for some animals.

"Some pets respond well to calming supplements, especially if their anxiety is mild to moderate," Nelson said. "Just remember, many of these need to be started several days in advance to be effective, so don't wait until the fireworks begin."

Other strategies include soothing background noise — such as a television, radio or white noise machine — or offering a distraction like a food puzzle or stuffed food toy. Anxiety wraps may help some pets and can be used alone or in combination with medication.

For pets with a history of severe noise phobia, it's important to consult your veterinarian early.

"There's no one-size-fits-all solution," Nelson said. "For some pets, an anxiety wrap is enough. But others with more serious phobias may need prescription medications, and for those, you need to plan ahead of time with your veterinarian."

Beyond anxiety, Nelson warns there are many holiday hazards that involve food, drinks and common party items.

"We often see pets get sick around the holidays from foods that aren't meant for them," Nelson said. "Even small amounts of things like chocolate, fatty meats or xylitol can have serious consequences."

Toxic foods include chocolate, grapes, raisins, onions, garlic, macadamia nuts and salt. Doughs with yeast can expand in a pet's stomach, causing pain or more serious complications. Fatty meats can trigger life-threatening pancreatitis. Corncobs, bones and wooden skewers can also cause internal blockages or perforations if swallowed. Alcohol and energy drinks are other risks that should be kept out of reach at all times.

Nelson said common backyard and party items such as matches, lighter fluid, glow jewelry, insect coils, citronella candles and repellents — especially those containing DEET — are also dangerous if ingested or used incorrectly around pets.

Hot weather adds to the risk. Pets can overheat quickly, so access to shade and fresh water is essential. Watch for signs of heat stress and move pets indoors to cool spaces if needed.

Finally, even if your dog seems unfazed by loud sounds, it's best to leave them at home during firework shows.

"Even the most easygoing dog can react unpredictably when fireworks start," Nelson said. "Loud noises, flashing lights and big crowds are a stressful combination. It's always safer to leave your pet at home."

For more information on year-round pet health, consult your family veterinarian.

.ocal Agri-Look | Lauren Litton





We're moving the 2025 KSU-TAPS Technology Field Days to give our farmers and partners more flexibility during wheat harvest.

- Same great location: the TAPS fields.
- Same great event—just with a little more breathing room!

Get hands-on with the tools and tech behind this year's TAPS competitions!

Sponsored by Western Kansas Irrigation and our many technology partners.

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Join the 2025 TAPS Technology Field Days on July 31 in Garden City to explore the latest in irrigation tools, crop management strategies, and in-field technology. Sponsored by Western Kansas Irrigation and our TAPS technology partners, these events are open to all —whether you're a TAPS participant or simply curious about watersmart farming.





With wheat harvest underway, here are some essential tips to remember this harvest season:

- Do not assume farmers know you are there
- Pass with extreme caution
- When a farm vehicle pulls to the right side of the road, it does not mean they are turning or letting you pass.
- BE PATIENT
- Think of the slow-moving vehicle emblem as a warning to adjust your speed
- Pay Attention
- Increase your following distance

Always remember to share the road, be patient, and be a cautious, courteous driver! We hope everyone has a safe, successful harvest this year!





June 2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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KANSAS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED KANSAS 4-H MEMBERS RECEIVE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas 4-H youth have been recognized as recipients of the State 4-H Scholarship and the Vanier Family Scholarship for the 2025–26 academic year. In total, 68 State 4-H Scholarships and five Vanier Family Scholarships were awarded, with combined funds totaling nearly \$381,000.

The State 4-H Scholarships are awarded to Kansas 4-H members who demonstrate strong involvement, leadership, and citizenship. Eligible applicants must have participated in the Kansas 4-H program for at least three years and be enrolled in a post-secondary academic institution.

The Vanier Family Scholarship Program focuses on financial need, leadership, and perseverance. These awards are available to students' attending college or university for the first time and are renewable until the student graduates.

"Kansas 4-H is proud to support our 4-H members and alumni as they pursue higher education and career goals. Many of these young leaders discovered their passions through hands-on 4-H project work, and

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these scholarships are a way to honor their dedication and help turn their dreams into reality." Dr. Sarah Maass, State 4-H Program Leader said.

Both scholarships are made possible through the generosity of donors to the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

This year, more than 210 youth applied for the State 4-H Scholarship, and over 110 applied for the Vanier

Family Scholarship.

Vanier Family Scholarship Program Recipients *Denotes a first-year recipient

Barber County Rhyann Marshall

Cottonwood District - Barton Jayla Wyant

Frontier District - Franklin Adelle Higbie Laura Wingert

Geary County Gracie Erichsen*

Wild West District - Haskell Kara Kunselman

Kingman County Sukesh Kamesh

Post Rock District - Lincoln Jaden Huehl

Marais Des Cygnes District - Linn Brynn Collier

Lyon County Ava Karcher* Emily Miser

Marshall County Garret Fincham Paxton Voet* Meade County Kaylen Langhofer

Central Kansas District - Ottawa Chloe Ecord

Midway District - Russell Conner Miller

Central Kansas District – Saline Brenna Anderson Acacia Pracht*

Sedgwick County Amy Crow Elizabeth Giebler Brady Hoffman

Shawnee County Daniel Biggs Riley Showalter

Wild West District - Stevens Lakota Persing

Sunflower District - Wallace Hayden Stubbs*

River Valley District - Washington Mandy Simmons



Scholarship winners are listed below by County/District:

Southwind District - Allen Abigail Meiwes, Evelyn N. Nelson Educational Scholarship

Brown County Landry O'Bryan, John Junior and Ula Armstrong Scholarship

Southwind District - Bourbon Byron Fry, Thomas M. Potter II 4-H Scholarship Gwenyth Fry, Goppert Southeast 4-H Scholarship

River Valley District – Clay Chayla Maichel, John C. Carter Memorial 4-H Scholarship

River Valley District - Cloud Daegen DeGraff, J. Harold and LaVerne Johnson 4-H Scholarship

Cowley County Abigail Reid, Oscar W. Norby Scholarship

Wildcat District - Crawford Jade Peak, J. Clifton and Helen E. Ramsey Scholarship

Chisholm Trail District - Dickinson Carter Rock, William F. and Marita Jean (Spiers) Willis Scholarship

Douglas County Claire Mullen, Mary E. Border Scholarship

Cottonwood District - Ellis Grace Schmeidler, Jack and Lindy Lindquist 4-H Youth Council Leadership Scholarship

Midway District - Ellsworth Hallie Thielen, Georgia Wertzberger 4-H Scholarship

West Plains District - Finney Adison George, June Beaver 4-H Scholarship Grady Gleason, Ron and Nancy Honig Family 4-H Scholarship Frontier District - Franklin

Calla Higbie, Master Farmer - Farm Home Homemaker 4-H Scholarships

Geary County

Kourtney Dibben, Gary and Lorraine Kilgore 4-H Scholarship

Harvey County Abigail Banta, Marceil Gradwohl 4-H Scholarship & Extension Step Ahead Scholarship Jadyn Eckert, Evelyn N. Nelson Educational

Wild West District - Haskell Dyson Winfrey, A. B. Mahieu Scholarship

Johnson County

Scholarship

Allyson Rietcheck, John L. Wilson Memorial 4-H Scholarship

Kyndal Romero, Douglas F. and Linda Beech Educational Scholarship & M. H Coe Memorial Scholarship

Kingman County

Nash Young, Allan and Carolyn Harms Family Scholarship

Leavenworth County Malia Pebley, June Beaver 4-H Scholarship

Marais des Cygnes District - Linn

Isabella Stolle, Goppert Southeast 4-H Scholarship

Lyon County

Eli Hauff, Roy B. and Elizabeth Curry Oyer Scholarship

Meade County

Kaylen Langhofer, Ross E. and Margaret Colman Wulfkuhle Scholarship Adeline Woods, Winter Family Grant

Marais des Cygnes District - Miami

Roy Bauer, Goppert Southeast 4-H Scholarship Grace Young, Goppert Foundation 4-H Scholarship

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Wildcat District - Montgomery Maggie Chandler, Goppert Southeast 4-H Scholarship

Meadowlark District - Nemaha

Adelaide Haverkamp, Glenn M. and Rosemary Busset 4-H Scholarship Maddy Mosteller, Cecil and Merle Eyestone Scholarship Kinzey Niehues, Mandy and Joseph Kern 4-H Scholarship

Post Rock District - Osborne Addison Poore, Extension Step Ahead

Pawnee County

James Seeman, Roscoe M. and Winona M. Starkey Scholarship

Pottawatomie County

Sariah Pittenger-Reed, Frank W. and Gwen Romine Jordan Scholarship Isabella Wilber, Andrew C. Clawson Memorial Scholarship

Riley County

Maggie Brummett, Lorane Havenly Minis Scholarship Julie Peterson, Mary Lou Gibbs 4-H Scholarship

Marshall County

Dustin Denton, Donald E. Leu Memorial 4-H Scholarship Rhett, Frank W. and Gwen Romine Jordan Scholarship

River Valley District - Republic Sean Morgan, Elmer and Mary Schlagel Pelton Family 4-H Scholarship

Midway District - Russell

Kierra Èck, Winter Family Grant Hailey Gier, Kansas Wheat Scholarship Christian Miller, Roger E. Regnier Scholarship & Neuway-Adams 4-H Dog Scholarship

Central Kansas District - Saline

Carson FouardWarren L. and Mabel Johnson and Ann Johnson Sparke 4-H Scholarship Acacia Pracht, A. Lois Redman 4-H Scholarship Matthew Redden, Extension Step Ahead Kaitlyn Watkins, Ronald W. Schmutz Memorial Scholarship

West Plains District - Scott Katherine Rogers, Clara L. Dubbs 4-H Scholarship

Sedgwick County

Mary Skolaut, Allan and Carolyn Harms Family Scholarship

Shawnee County

Daniel Biggs, Ross and Marianna Beach Foundation Scholarship

Kaitlin Jackson, Frances W. Dunbar Memorial Scholarship & Geology Scholarship Gwenyth VanLeeuwen, Allan and Carolyn Harms

Family Scholarship

Post Rock District - Smith

Addison Green Russell, Donald E. Leu Memorial 4-H Scholarship

Wild West District - Stevens

Faith Beesley, Extension Step Ahead Elisha Staggers, Allan and Carolyn Harms Family Scholarship

Thomas County Claire Denny, Pierre C. Her

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Wabaunsee County

Jalyn Davis, June Beaver 4-H Scholarship Dalton Debler, Justin Schmutz Scholarship

Sunflower District - Wallace Hayden Stubbs, Nathan Carroll Memorial 4-H Scholarship

River Valley District - Washington Amber Kolle, J. Clifton and Helen E. Ramsey Scholarship & Geology Scholarship

Southwind District - Woodson Aidan Yoho, June Beaver 4-H Scholarship

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CLUB REPORTS: FINNEY COUNTY 4-H HAPPY HUSTLERS

Four Presentations, Two Songs, and Buzz By: Hailey Unruh

On May 8th, the Happy Hustlers 4-H club held their monthly meeting. On the program four members (Cole, Lane, Kealie, and Audrey) presented.

First up was Cole, with a presentation on go-cart safety. Cole talked the club through how to stay safe in a go-cart. He talked about every piece of safety equipment and gear, efficiently informing the club's members and present adults on how to avoid a crash.

Following was Lane, whose talk corresponded to his younger brother's. Lane talked about the different parts of a go-cart. He pointed out each part as he presented, therefore doing an excellent job of explaining the machine.

After, Kealie presented on the topic of gluten. Kealie helped the club better understand gluten and what the term "gluten free" means. She even pulled members from the club, so that they could better understand the difference in the way that gluten free and gluten made foods taste. Kealie knows a lot about gluten, and she is great at informing others about it.

Finally, Audrey got to share with the club how to make fancy yarn hangers. She started off her demonstration, by explaining what to use and what types of yarn she prefers to use when making this item. Audrey demonstrated how to correctly create the yarn hangers and, as she did, she gave the club members tips on how to make the hanger more efficiently. Audrey taught the club how to make a fun and easy craft.

After all of the presentations, the club took part in song and recreation activities. The song leader, Perry, led the club in a few rounds of "My Bonnie" and then sang "Happy Birthday" to all of the club's May and June birthdays. For recreation, Perry led the club in a game of "Buzz", in which the members counted and every time a multiple of three or a number containing the number three was said, that member was out. What a great way to start the month of June.

A Message from Mary Buchele

Mary Buchele is hosting Chilean IFYE Bryam Acevedo in Finney County, June 25-July 11. Bryam (pronounced "bree-ahm) is 18, a senior in an agricultural high school, and he is involved with many agricultural activities both in and outside of his school. He is interested in farm animals, dairies, agricultural and other cultural experiences. He has experience in drip irrigating hazelnut trees, and is currently the irrigation supervisor at his school, including the school's greenhouse. He has also been involved with the school's biological control center, where they monitor for pests and diseases. Mary is looking for families or clubs interested in having Bryam join them in activities, including work or chores, for a day or part of a day, for a meal or an ice cream cone! He has basic English skills but wants to learn more. Please contact Mary if vou have questions or are interested. Her cell number is 620-805-2974. Text or leave a voice message if she doesn't pick up when you call!

Mary Buchele



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Fair Entry Due Dates Finney County

<u>July 8th</u> Photography, Food & Nutrition, Sewing & Textiles Design, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts , Arts & Crafts, Communication

> J<u>uly 15th</u> Livestock & Static Entries

Fair Entry Due Dates Scott County

All Fair Entries are due July 3rd.

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Saturday, July 19 – Family Day ~~Sidewalk Chalk Drawing begins~~ 9:00 a.m. Turtle Races 9:30 a.m. Kids Day/Ping Pong Ball Drop 11:30 a.m. Kids Pedal Tractor Pull 11:30am-1:30pm_Scott County Arts Council Craft Day' Exhibit Bldg, 11-?? p.m. Touch A Truck 7:30 p.m. KPAR Rodeo, Grandstand Arena Performance by: American Freedom Riders

Sunday, July 20 10 a.m. Prairie Land Church Fair grounds awning pavilion Fellowship lunch to follow

Monday, July 21

9:00 am. 4-H Consultation Judging: Foods, Clothing Construction, Visual Arts, Space Tech, Entomology, Photography, Electricity, Geology, Woodworking Wm. Carpenter 4-H Building 10:00 am. 3:00 pm 4-H Bake Sale Wm Carpenter 4-H Building 5-8:00 p.m. Check in/Weigh in all 4-H & OC livestock:

Tuesday, July 22 7:30-10:00 a.m. Enter exhibits 10:00 a.m. Judging of exhibits

Wednesday, July 23

 8:30-10:00 a.m.
 Flower Show Entries

 8:30 a.m.
 Poultry Show

 9:30 a.m.
 Rabbit Show

 11a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Exhibit Buildings Hours

 10:30 a.m.
 Sheep Show

 4:00 p.m.
 Beef Show

 5:30-8:00 p.m.
 Face Painting

 7:00 p.m.
 Figure 8 Race, Grandstand

Thursday, July 24	
8:00 a.m.	Swine Show
11 a.m 9:30 p	.m. Exhibit Buildings Hours
3:00 p.m.	Goat Show
5:30-8:00 p.m.	Face Painting
6:00 p.m.	Free Beefiesta BBQ
6:00 p.m.	American AgCredit
	Watermelon Feed
6:00p.m.	Entertainment - Awning
6:30 p.m. G	rand Drive – Livestock Awards
Friday, July 25	

11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Exhibit Buildings Hours 9:00 a.m. Round Robin Showmanship 5:30-8:00 p.m. Face Painting 6:00 p.m. 4-H Auction: Livestock & Champion Foods 8:00 p.m. Ranch <u>Rodeo</u> Grandstand

Saturday, July 26

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 Sach 20, an. Pancake on a Stick – City Park
 10:00 a.m. Pancade, Main Street
 12 noon - 1:00 Tasting Booths – City Park
 12-4 p.m. Exhibit Buildings Hours – following parade
 3-4:00 p.m. Face Painting
 6:30 p.m. Scott County Barrel Race, Followed by Scott Co Roping
 9-12:00 p.m. Fair Dance-Awning

Schedule Subject to Change



