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- August 31st-October 28th: “Stay Strong, Stay Healthy” Classes. Tuesdays and Thursdays. 5:30pm-6:30pm.
- September 2nd-December 16th: Extension Master Gardener Training. Thursdays. 1:00pm-4:00pm.

Dates to Know: October 2021

- October 3rd-9th: National 4-H Week
- October 4th: Record Books Due in Scott and Finney Counties
- October 5th: Scott County 4-H Proclamation at the Scott County Commissioners Meeting. 3:30pm
- October 6th: K-State Garden Hour Webinar: Supporting Backyard Birds
- October 6th-17th: Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Company in Finney
- October 9th-10th: 48 Hours of 4-H
- October 9th: 48 Hours of 4-H Volunteer Session (Finney). Finney Office Gardens. 9am-2pm.
- October 11th: Offices Closed in Observance of Columbus Day
- October 13th: 4-H Pour Painting Class in Scott County. 6:30pm-8:00pm
- October 14th: 4-H Pour Painting Class in Finney County. 6:30-8:00pm
- October 20th: Chronic Disease Self Management. 1205 Fleming St., Garden City. 4:30pm-6:30pm.
- October 18th-21st: Agents Away at Annual Conference
- October 26th: Spider Children’s Activities. Scott City Library. 10:30am, 11:05am, 1:30pm.
- October 31st: Scott County 4-H Achievement Banquet

Dates to Know: November 2021

- November 3rd: K-State Garden Hour: Winter Interest
- November 11th: Offices Closed in Observance of Veteran’s Day
- November 21st: Finney County 4-H Achievement Banquet
- November 25th-26th: Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Dates to Know: 2022

- January - February 2022: Cropland Risk Management Series for Women in Agriculture: Garden City
- February 9th - 11th, 2022: Women Managing the Farm Conference: Manhattan, KS
- March 4th & 5th, 2022: Ag Women of the Heartland Annual Conference: Garden City

Garden Beautification Project

Saturday, October 9th: 9AM - 2PM
Finney County Extension Office
Lunch Provided!

Each club is asked to please donate 1 mum or bag of bulbs to plant, help clean-up, and re-mulch the gardens.

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Sometimes I think our work here in the West Plains District will slow down, but that just is not what happens. As a team in our district, all the agents pitch in to help one another out and the Kansas State Fair was no exception.

Thank you to all the agents who made it possible for our 4-Hers to be able to participate in the fair. It’s a lot of work sending out the information, following up to get the information in a timely manner and getting it all to the proper places. Then we have to tag all the entries as they come in and deliver them to the Kansas State Fair so they can be judged, but with the results of our 4-Hers efforts it is all worth it.

Now that the Kansas State Fair is over, we are gearing up for the new 4-H year that starts Oct. 1st. It’s going to be a fantastic year with all of the agents working as a team to make that happen. If you have any questions about the new 4-H year or putting a youth into 4-H, please contact either office and visit with Janet. She will be more than willing to answer all your questions.

In addition to 4-H, the other agents are also engaging in relevant programing work.

If you have a need for any program for any group that you are involved with, please keep Extension in mind.

We have programs that cover Agricultural needs, such as farm economics, crops and livestock, Health and Wellness needs including nutrition, food safety and exercise, Horticulture including gardens, yards and trees, and Home Environment including food preservation, home safety and care!
October is Mental Health Month

But what is mental health? According to the healthline.com, mental health refers to your emotional and psychological well-being. Having good mental health helps you lead a relatively happy and healthy life. It helps you demonstrate resilience and the ability to cope in the face of life’s adversities.

Your mental health can be influenced by a variety of factors, including life events or even your genetics. There are many strategies that can help you establish and keep good mental health. These can include:

- keeping a positive attitude
- staying physically active
- helping other people
- getting enough sleep
- eating a healthy diet
- asking for professional help with your mental health if you need it
- socializing with people whom you enjoy spending time with
- forming and using effective coping skills to deal with your problems

What is mental illness? A mental illness is a broad term which encompasses a wide variety of conditions which affect the way you feel and think. It can also affect your ability to get through day-to-day life. Mental illnesses can be influenced by several different factors, including:

Genetics ❤️ Environment ❤️ Daily Habits ❤️ Biology

Mental health issues are common in the United States. About one in five American adults experience at least one mental illness each year. And around one in five young people ages 13 to 18 experience a mental illness at some point.

Although mental illnesses are common, they vary in severity. One in 25 adults experience a serious mental illness (SMI) each year. A SMI can significantly reduce your ability to carry out daily life. Different groups of people experience SMI at different rates. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, women are more likely to experience SMI than men. Those ages 18 to 25 are most likely to experience an SMI. People with a mixed-race background are also more likely to experience an SMI than people of other ethnicities.

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5) helps mental health professionals diagnose mental illnesses. There are many types of mental health disorders. In fact, almost 300 different conditions are listed in DSM-5.

These are some of the most common mental illnesses affecting people in the United States:

- Bipolar disorder - It is characterized by episodes of energetic, manic highs and extreme, sometimes depressive lows.
- Persistent depressive disorder - a chronic type of depression
- Generalized anxiety disorder - a person becomes extremely worried about many things even when there is no reason to worry.
- Major depressive disorder - causes feelings of extreme sadness or hopelessness that lasts for at least two weeks. This condition is also called clinical depression. People with this may think about or try to commit suicide.
- Obsessive-compulsive disorder - causes constant and repetitive thoughts, or obsessions.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder - is a mental illness that’s triggered after experiencing or witnessing a traumatic event.
- Schizophrenia - impairs a person's perception of reality and the world around them.
- Social anxiety disorder - sometimes called social phobia, causes an extreme fear of social situations.

These mental health illnesses can be treated but treatment for mental health will vary depending upon the illness, so visit with your health care professional to seek the best treatment for your needs.
Weather gradually cooling, spring is probably not on many western Kansan’s minds at the moment. Leaves are still green. Autumn just started on September 22. So why would I pose a topic like spring landscaping, right now?

Perhaps surprising to some, spring-flowering bulbs are planted in the fall. These plants consist of tulips, daffodil, hyacinth, muscari, and crocus, and they are an easy way to have a landscape “spring” to life with the onset of the new growing season.

Late September through early November is the recommended time for planting spring-flowering bulbs. The cooler air of the timespan equates to moisture remaining in soil profiles longer. Additionally, the soil is still warm from summer having just past. Spring-flowering bulbs thrive in these conditions, and they actually require them in order to grow a decent root system before winter.

During winter, the bulbs will be going through what is called a “vernalization period.” This is a process where bulbs require consecutive cold temperatures for several weeks in order to release a hormone that tells them to set a flower bud. As this does take some time to happen, fall becomes the optimal time for planting spring bulbs, giving them the time and temperatures they need before spring.

The first factor to consider before planting should be timing. Not all bulbs bloom at the same time. Tulip varieties, for example, can be early bloomers in March, mid-season bloomers in April, and late-season bloomers in May. But they can also bloom in periods that fall somewhere in-between. Mid-March to Mid-April. April to Mid-May. Etcetera. It all varies by the exact variety.

It not recommended to approach planting spring bulbs with the mindset of just purchasing a bunch of bulbs, planting them all together, and expecting them all to bloom at once—at least not without a bit of work put in. Attention has to be paid to the blooming period of the varieties being used. To bloom at the same time, their blooming periods have to match. This concept will also apply to mixing different types of spring-bulb plants into a singular display (i.e., tulips with crocus, etc.), and the packaging of most of these plants will include such information.

When planting bulbs, look for an area that has full sunlight. Most bulbs will require this upon blooming. The soil in this spot should not be one that retains standing water for long periods of time.

Also look to the full-grown size and heights of the plants that you intend to incorporate. Wanting to mix hyacinths with some mid-season tulips? You’ll want to consider planting those hyacinths toward the front of your display, lest you risk them getting buried within the landscape when the tulips emerge taller.
Pumpkins and other fall items make autumn one of the most fun seasons for decorating. The centerpiece of autumn décor is the popular pumpkin. Picking the right pumpkin in many ways is a personal preference as beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Round, squatty, oblong, with or without scratches — they all have their own character.

How to pick a pumpkin: What to look for

When choosing a pumpkin, look closely at the flesh of the orb. Avoid any pumpkins that have cracks or splits. Gently squeeze or press your fingers into the fruit. Pay close attention to the blossom end, or bottom, and around the stem. A fresh pumpkin should be solid to the touch. Avoid ones that have soft spots or sunken areas, as decay has already set in. Selecting good quality produce will ensure that your autumn display will be long lasting. High quality pumpkins have a firm, hard rind and are generally rich orange in color. Color is not always the best indicator of maturity, as pumpkins now come in varying shades from bright orange to light orange to almost white.

Test for the maturity of a pumpkin by gently pressing your fingernail into the rind. A mature pumpkin will resist scratching. If the surface is easily penetrated, the pumpkin was picked too early and will end up rotting. Immature pumpkins do not have a long life once picked. Also check for firm, bright green stems as this indicates freshness. A dry, shriveled stem usually means the pumpkin has been picked and stored for a long period of time thus reducing its ability to remain fresh throughout the entire fall decorating season.

Pumpkins store best under cooler conditions.

Either in the home or outdoors, they will keep for several months. Hard freezes late in the season will damage outdoor pumpkins causing them to turn to mush. Some recommend wiping the fruit off with a solution of bleach water to reduce rot and decay. This is normally not necessary but can be done. Picking pumpkins is a great family activity and a fun way to celebrate the season.

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Bulbs planted, you’re largely in a “set it and forget it” situation until spring. Be sure to water the planting area throughout the rest of the fall, keeping in mind that too much water in the bulb area for a prolonged period of time could initiate bulb rot rather than root growth. Keep the soil moist, but not overly wet, and allow the soil to be drier throughout winter. Plan to fertilize when the bulbs first emerge in the spring as, at this point, the roots will still be actively growing. And, as always, if you have any questions you can find an answer with me at the extension office.

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From: www.johnson.k-state.edu/lawn-garden/agent-articles/vegetables/how-to-pick-the-perfect-pumpkin.html
Not only are pumpkins fabulous as a decorating piece, but they are fabulous for our health. Pumpkins are rich in nutrients and low in calories. They contain fiber, potassium, magnesium, antioxidants, and vitamin A — all nutrients needed for optimal health. One half cup of canned pumpkin provides 4 grams of fiber and 50 calories.

Most consumers tend to purchase canned pumpkin, which is convenient and works well in most recipes, but pureeing your own pumpkin is easy and delicious. Follow these easy steps. 1) Wash hands with soap and water. 2) Rinse the outside of the pumpkin to remove any dirt. Remove the stem and cut pumpkin in half. 3) Scoop out the stringy mass and seeds.

Cook pumpkin by any of the following methods:

Steam/boil method: Cut pumpkin into large chunks. Rinse in cold water, place pieces in a large pot with about a cup of water. Cover the pot and boil for 20 to 30 minutes or until tender or steam for 10 to 12 minutes. Pumpkin should be tender.

Oven method: Cut pumpkin in half, scrape away the stringy mass and seeds. Rinse under cold water. Place pumpkin, cut side down on a large cookie sheet. Bake at 350°F for one hour or until tender.
Halloween Safety Tips

Witches and Mummies and Ghost, Oh My! Halloween is coming and it is an exciting time of year for kids. It is fun to get dressed up in a costume and parade around the neighborhood or go to a party. To ensure that everyone has a safe holiday, follow these Halloween safety tips.

Costumes
Costumes should fit well. Not overly long to where they may trip on it. Wear flame-retardant costumes. Choose brightly colored costumes. If wearing something dark, consider adding reflective tape or striping. Consider wearing non-toxic makeup as masks can limit or block visibility. Make sure all wigs, hats and other disguises fit securely allowing full vision. When accessorizing the costume with a sword, cane, stick and etc. make sure it is made of soft or flexible material and it is not too long.

Trick-or treat
Adults should accompany little ones. Only go to homes that are well lit and to families you know. Never enter a house or car for a treat. Stay on well-lit streets and sidewalks, Carry a flashlight or glow stick. Serve a festive meal or snack before going trick-or-treating. This will lessen the temptation of eating candy from their bag. Running or riding a bicycle while wearing a costume may be hazardous, walk from house to house to prevent injuries.

Treats
All treats should be checked by an adult before they are eaten. Children should understand why this is important. Save treats wrapped in original, unopened wrappers. Throw away candy if it appears old, has tears or holes or appears to have been opened. Inspect fruits and homemade goodies. Do not allow children to eat their candy all at one. Too many sweets will give them a stomachache. Eat a few pieces of candy at a time instead of dessert, or freeze the candy to eat later.

Treat Ideas
Consider giving out prepackaged fruit snacks, pretzels or sealed boxes of raisins and etc. Non-food treats such as: coloring books, pens, pencils stickers or small toys.

Home Safety
Keep homes safe for trick-or-treaters by removing items in the yard and porch that could cause falls. Check outdoor lights and restrain pets. Use small battery-powered lights inside jack-o-lanterns and luminaries. By following these Halloween safety tips your family will have a Bootiful Halloween.
Fall harvest is in full swing! While you are driving the combines through the fields you may notice a few weeds that escaped pre-canopy weed control. Weeds that escape control by in-season management practices can cause several problems, including the possibility of reduced harvest efficiency and crop yield. Even if, in your mind, those factors do not justify a herbicide application, it is important to consider the future costs of seeds produced by those escapes—particularly if those escaped weeds produce a lot of seed and/or are herbicide resistant.

Just a few escapes of species such as Palmer Amaranth can have a big impact. For example, research conducted showed that one female plant in five acres added about 2 million seeds per acre to the soil. Those seeds can have impacts for many years. It took six years of total Palmer Amaranth control to deplete the seedbank by 98%.

Scouting for weeds at harvest, even if you simply make notes from the combine, is important for planning future weed management practices. When scouting make notes about: which weed species are present, which weed escapes are present, and any changes in the size or location or areas with weed escapes. Some observations might be the result of soil or environmental conditions, while others might suggest problems with the herbicide selection or application equipment. However, some of these escapes might indicate the presence of herbicide-resistant weeds in your field; especially, if the same herbicide program has been used in your field for a number of years. Two examples of observations that might indicate herbicide resistance are: 1) a growing patch of a particular species or 2) herbicide failure on a few plants of single species that is normally controlled.

After harvest, be sure to share your observations with your crop consultant, ag. retailer, or extension agent so that we can help you better plan your herbicide program for next year! Happy harvest and stay safe!

Information from Dr. Sarah Lancaster, Extension Weed Science Specialist, as published in the Agronomy eUpdate Issue #874.
2021-2022 Grain Market Update

On September 28th, ag. lenders from all over Kansas, Colorado, and Texas travelled to Garden City for the annual K-State Agricultural Lenders Conference. Dan O’Brien, Extension Agricultural Economist shared the Grain Market Update below. For more information, visit AgManager.info.

World Grain Market Expectations

- **Corn**: Production **up 7%** & Exports **up 12%**
  - South America & Ukraine Production up 25% & Exports up 36%
- **Soybeans**: Production **up 5.8%** & Exports **up 4.5%**
  - South America Production up 7% & Exports up 13%
- **Wheat**: Production **up 0.6%** & Exports **-no change-**
- **Pay close attention to input costs and product availability; especially, fertilizer and herbicide.**

Source: USDA

U.S. Crop Plantings in Fall 2021 & Spring 2022

- **Winter Wheat**: Up 3-5%
  - High RMA Insurance Prices
- **Soybeans**: Up +++
  - "Tight" current supply and demand/ High $'s
- **Corn**: Up ++
  - Also, "tight" current supply and demand/ High $'s
- **Sorghum**: Up +?
  - Depending on MY 2021/22 exports
- **Cotton**: Up +?
  - Strong MY 2021/22 markets, moisture?

Save the Date

March 4 & 5, 2022
Finney County Fairgrounds

Do you have a favorite animal friend staying on your farm? Kubota Tractor Corporation and Land Pride want to see! Upload a photo of your farm friend and vote on your favorite submissions for a chance to win four tickets to the game against Baylor and a $100 Team Store gift card! Visit @kstatesports on Facebook or https://bit.ly/3EUuTPb for more info!
**4-H District Roundup**

_Cloverbud Clubs are happening in both Scott and Finney Counties!_ These clubs are for youth 5 & 6 years old, meeting for 1 hour, monthly. Youth must reach their 5th birthday by January 1st of the current year. Not yet 5? No worries, if you’re youth is turning 5 anytime during October-January 1, 2022, you may enroll once that 5th birthday happens! You can enroll your Cloverbud youth in 4-H, through 4-HOnline, selecting Cloverbud membership and their project as cloverbud. The website for enrollment is: [https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in](https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in).

**What’s Cloverbud Club like?** Cloverbuds answer roll call, recite the 4-H Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance, have story-time, snack, rec and craft activity. 4-H Teen Ambassadors run the Club with help from 4-H Agents. What projects can Cloverbuds participate in? The Kansas State 4-H Policy allows for Cloverbuds to participate in age-appropriate activities, including all static project areas and Club Days (presentations). Cloverbuds are also allowed to participate in the pet show, exhibiting: amphibians, dogs, guinea pigs, parakeets, ant farms, fish, hamsters, rabbits, cats, gerbils, mice and rats. All Cloverbud participation, in all 4-H events, will be participation only and will not be competitively judged. [Join 4-H for Cloverbud Club](https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in), fourth Mondays in Finney County and fourth Tuesdays in Scott County. Next meeting dates are: October 25 (Finney) and October 26 (Scott). Wear your Halloween Costumes for a spooky good time!

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4-H & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
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**4-H Pour Painting Class**

**Express Yourself through Pour Painting!**

Learn how to paint using the pour method!

Cost of class is $10 per 4-Her.

Classes will be held 6:30-8pm, outdoors.

October 13, Scott County
October 14, Finney County
Contact Janet to register, jlp27@ksu.edu

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**4-H is going to the dogs!!**

Dog Obedience Training for 4-H members and their best friends!

All practices to be held 21 pm on the following days:

October 18 - Carpenter Building
November 7 - Carpenter Building
December 5 - Carpenter Building
January 9 - Carpenter Building

For more info, please contact Janet at 620-872-2930 or jlp27@ksu.edu

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October 9-10, 2021
2021 National 4-H Week Activities

West Plains 4-H, lets show everyone that 4-H Grows Here!

Promote 4-H during National 4-H Week, October 3-9, 2021! We challenge all 4-H’ers and volunteers to promote 4-H and all the good that we do in the West Plains District! Take photos, write social media, wear green, post lawn signs, decorate club member’s lockers, whatever it takes to let everyone know that you belong to 4-H!

Some ideas to "get 4-H out there":

Decorate windows downtown, highlighting your club

Attend your local city/town/county Board meeting and thank elected officials for supporting 4-H. (Bring 4-H Clover cookies too)

Create a positive 4-H social media video, share widely and tag the district program.

Hold a community service event during National 4-H Week and invite the media to attend.

Contact the 4-H Office to find out who in your community is a local 4-H sponsor and do something special for that individual or business.

Ask local businesses to put 4-H Grows Here on their signs during the week.

Add a 4-H Week message to every email, text, twitter, Facebook, Instagram post during the week.

Answer the phone with "Happy 4-H Week!"

We’re so sure that you can come up with more positive ways to promote 4-H that we’re having a contest to see which club or family is able to do the most! Track your club or family participation on the form below and return to Janet by Oct. 20, 2021.

Winners will receive a club party pack!!!

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In September, 4-H’ers went off to State Fair with their project. Results are posted on the following pages. Great job representing the West Plains District!

Special photography shout-out to Finney County 4-H’er Abigail M. and Scott County 4-H’er Megan T. for having their State Fair photography entry selected to be displayed at Rock Springs Ranch Educational Center for the next year!

4-H'ers participated in a STEM lab investigating owl pellets. They learned about the owl’s diet and about the various animals’ digestion systems.
FINNEY COUNTY

4-H Photography
- Junior
  - Cameron Barrett-Blue
  - Rylan Anderson-Blue
  - Kaelie Bryant-Blue
  - Adam Cook-Blue
  - Katie Lobmeyer-Red
  - Karson Sullivan-Blue
  - Kyson Sullivan-Red
  - Intermediate
    - Adison George-Blue
    - Aaron Morales-Purple
    - Abigail Morales-Blue
    & Rock Springs Display
    - Annalise York-Blue
  - Senior
    - Tristan Clark-Blue
    - Baylee Hutcheson-Red
    - Cole Lehman-Blue
    - Mitchell Lehman-Red

4-H Clothing and Textiles
- Intermediate
  - Katelyn Novack-Purple
  - Senior
    - Katie Mongeau-Purple
    - Recycled Clothing
      - Anna Lobmeyer-Purple

4-H Fiber Arts
- Intermediate
  - Adison George-Blue
  - Aaron Morales-Purple
  - Kayla George-Blue
  - Macrame
    - Corrine Whitham-Red

4-H Food-Nutrition
- Junior
  - Kaelie Bryant-Blue
  - Makay Hammond-Blue
  - Sophia Henry-Red
  - Brylie Kathman-Blue
  - Jake Knoll-White
  - Katie Lobmeyer-Red
  - Abigail Morales-Red
  - Hailey Unruh-Blue
  - Vivan Whitham-Red
  - Paxton White-White
  - Perry Horton-Red
  - Intermediate
    - Mariel Henry-Red
    - Katelyn Novack-Blue
    - Annalise York-White
  - Senior
    - Tristan Clark-White
    - Adam Cook-Red
    - Morgan Hammond-Red
    - Baylee Hutcheson-Purple
    - Anna Lobmeyer-White
    - Audrey Norquest-Blue
    - Cole Lehman-Red
    - Mitchell Lehman-Red
    - Jessa York-White

4-H Geology
- Karson Sullivan-White

4-H Visual Arts
- Adam Cook-White
- Baylee Hutcheson-Red

4-H Woodworking
- Macy Hands-Red

4-H/FFA Horticulture
- Colton Obregon-Red
- Colton Obregon-Red
- Colton Obregon-Blue

4-H Presentations
- Kaelie Bryant-Blue
- Karson Sullivan-Blue

4-H Team Presentation
- Baylee & Jarica Hutcheson

Judging Contests
- Ryan Anderson-Sr. Photography
  & Judging Contestant-35th

Fashion Revue
- Anna Schmeckle-Blue
- Mitchell Lehman-Purple
- Baylee Hutcheson-Blue
- Emma Lightner-Blue

SCOTT COUNTY

4-H Photography
- Junior
  - Piper Jessup-Blue
  - Intermediate
    - Jacob Fisher-Blue
    - Aden Frederick-Red
    - Bennett Frederick-Blue
    - Megan Trout-Purple
    & Rock Springs Display
  - Senior
    - Eric Shapland-Purple
    - Hailey Shapland-Purple
    - Brinlie Stevens-Purple
    - Adrienne Talbert-Blue
    - Black and White
      - Reed Batterton-Blue
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4-H Clothing and Textiles
- Junior
  - Baily Cramer-Purple
  - Intermediate
    - Cally Cramer-Blue
    - Marly Cramer-Red
    - Addison Noll-Purple
  - Senior
    - Alivia Noll-Blue

4-H Food-Nutrition
- Junior
  - Ava Stephens-White
  - Intermediate
    - Waylon Ricker-White
    - Megan Trout-White

4-H Visual Arts
- Kadence Allen-Red
- Avery Radke-Blue
- Ava Stephens-Blue
- Aaron Radke-Blue

4-H Woodworking
- Isaiah Rogers-Red
- Avry Noll-White
- Kate Rogers-White

4-H/FFA Horticulture
- Megan Trout-Blue

4-H/STEM Ag Mechanics
- Gui Griffith-Red

4-H Dog Show
- Senior
  - Aden Frederick-Blue

Judging Contests
- Intermediate-Individual
  - Bennett Frederick-7th
  - Reed Batterton-15th
  - Renae Basson-40th
  - Piper Jessup-5th
  - Hailey Shapland-18th
- Intermediate-Team
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Fashion Revue
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4-H Market Meat Goat
- Division 2
  - Brooke Strine- 2nd
- Division 4
  - Brooke Strine- 8th

4-H Market Hog
- Spot
  - Kenzi Martinez- 2nd
- Crossbred
  - Baylor Vasquez- 4th
  - Kenzi Martinez- 7th
  - Chayston Berry- 7th

4-H Market Lambs
- Crossbred
  - Treven Jones- 2nd
  - Natural
  - Jaden Jones- 5th
  - Speckle Face
  - Jaden Jones- 3rd
  - Suffolk
  - Treven Jones- 3rd

4-H Registered Breeding Ewes
- Hampshire
  - Jaden Jones- 4th
  - Commercial
    - Treven Jones- 6th and 1st

4-H Registered Breeding Gilts
- Yorkshire
  - Kenzi Martinez- 5th
  - Commercial
    - Baylor Vasquez- 5th
    - Chayston Berry- 8th

4-H Registered Breeding Heifers
- 06 Hereford
  - Brayson Mayo- 1st Rve and 3rd Champ
  - 10 Maintainer
    - Grady Vance- 4th

For more photos from State Fair, visit @FinneyCounty4H & @ScottCountyKansas4H!

State Fair 2021 Scott County Photography News

Wow, we are sure proud of our local photographing project members!!!!!!

We took a Senior and Intermediate Team to State Photo Judging Contest

• Eric Shapland won 1st place in the Senior Individual Contest
• Our teams both finished 3rd
  • Piper Jessup finished 5th individually
  • Annie Talbert and Bennett Frederick finished 7th individually
  • rounding out the top 20 individually were Reed Batterton with 15th place and Hailey Shapland with 18th place

Senior team members: Eric Shapland, Annie Talbert, Jacob Fisher, Alivia Noll & Aden Frederick.
Intermediate team members: Hailey Shapland, Piper Jessup, Renee Beeson, Reed Batterton & Bennett Frederick

••• Megan Trout's photo entry was selected for the Rock Springs Display•••

Congrats to our 10 locals who submitted entries: Reed Batterton, Jacob Fisher, Aden Frederick, Bennett Frederick, Piper Jessup, Eric Shapland, Hailey Shapland, Brinlie Stevens, Annie Talbert and Megan Trout
SHERLOCK STRIVERS

The September meeting of the Sherlock Strivers 4-H Club was held Sunday September 12, 2021 at 6 pm at Holcomb Elementary School. The meeting was held a week late because of Labor Day Weekend. The meeting was called to order by President Adison George. Roll call was answered with “How long does it take you to get to school?” Roll call was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. Members voted to have a float in the Holcomb Homecoming Parade on September 18, 2021. Members also voted to participate in National 4-H Week by handing out color sheets and crayons at the Holcomb Elementary Schools, the first week of October. Club members also voted to sell potatoes the first week of October as a club fundraiser. Sherlock Strivers will also help Beacon Boosters 4-H Club man the water stations for Leave a Legacy on October 2, 2021. Election of officers was held. Officers for the 2021-2022 4-H year will be: President Adison George; Vice Presidents Austin Elam, Abby Elam, Kayla George, Halle Jones; Secretary Morgan Hammond; Treasurer Maddy Schreibvogel; Reporter Historian Rylan Wallace; Song/Rec Leaders Makay Hammond, Karlie Kathman, Paislea Cogan; Parliamentarian Paige Jones; 4-H Council Rep Kendrick Wallace; Leaders Delaina Hammond, Jennifer Jones, Jill George. Members were reminded that Record Books are due at the next meeting on October 3, 2021 at 6 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Kayla George, Reporter

BEACON BOOSTERS

The August 23rd, 2021 Beacon Boosters Business Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Baylee Hutcheson at the Hutcheson House. Activity 1 was led by Maggie Deal and was Mail Call. Roll call was name your favorite part of school. There were 7 4hers present, no guests and 5 parents present. Those in attendance were Maggie Deal, Jarica Hutcheson, Baylee Hutcheson, Kiley Kilgore, Kolter Kilgore, Kaylei Marez, Adam Cook. Brogan Sperry and Rustin Sperry were excused. The Flag Salute was led by Kolter Kilgore, the 4-H pledge was also led by Kolter Kilgore. Reading of the July Minutes were approved as read. Treasure report. July had a balance of $1466.77 ending with a balance of $1452.50 with an outstanding check for $14.27. Reporters Report was submitted to The Telegram, extension office and posted on Facebook. Parliamentarian Report, Jarica Hutcheson talked about why we should speak when called on. Finney County Council Meeting Report, no report. Next meeting scheduled in September.

Jr. Leader’s Ambassador’s Report, no report.
Community Leaders Report: Tammy Hutcheson talked about signing “thank yous”, and that the Fair Board Meetings are open to the public. Old Business: None
Committee Report: None The gavel was passed to Vice President Jarica Hutcheson, program was card signing. The next Beacon Booster Meeting will be September 27th. There was a motion to adjourn meeting by Kiley Kilgore at 7:15 and seconded by Adam Cook.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kiley Kilgore, Secretary
Baylee Hutcheson, President

WIDE AWAKE

“The August 2021 meeting of the Wide Awake 4-H Club was held July 25, 2021 at the Exhibition Building at the Finney County Fairgrounds. 22 members were present and congratulated on their fair projects and members volunteered to wash the paint off windows of businesses that were painted for fair. Next meeting is Sept. 13, 2021.

-Jaylee Speer, Secretary

FINNEY FLYERS

The Finney County Flyers met August 29, 2021. Seven members answered roll call. Both the minutes and treasurer’s reports were approved. The club is planning a December bowling party. Other business included 4-H record books.
Lake Wide Awake 4-H Club Reports by Braden Harkness, Reporter. Our meeting on April 11th was led by Junior leaders. We also had a new member join. For roll call, we shared what we did for Easter Break. Sixteen members and two leaders were present. Aubrey’s Parliamentarian report informed us that nominations do not require a second. Our Club gave a donation for Betty Bremenkamp’s bench. A thank you note from Betty’s family was shared. We agreed to help with SCORE on Friday, April 16th. Piper gave a project talk on her cookie sheet wall hanging. It earned a Grand Champion ribbon last year. The flower petals were cut out of the cookie sheet and then painted. Michael gave a project talk about making muffins for Food and a bench for Woodworking. To end our meeting, we played four corners for recreation. Our community service project this month was food donations for Hope’s Closet. At our meeting on May 2nd, we completed a community service project by picking up trash in Dearden Memorial Park in Shallow Water. We take part in this community service project annually. Several members in shooting sports shared their recent competition experience. Braden shared some of the things he learned at the Shutterbug event at Botanical Gardens in Wichita. At our June 13th meeting, our roll call question was “What is your favorite summer activity?”. Sixteen members and three leaders were present. Before the meeting, Club members created decorations to be delivered to Park Lane Nursing Home. In old business, we acknowledged the Radke kids and Grothusen girls for cleaning and decorating Mr. and Mrs. William Carpenter’s graves. Betty Bremenkamp’s bench has been delivered to the fair. We appreciate all of the 4-Hers that helped re-paint the city park. In new business, we got updates from the Fox family on the float for the parade, the Harkness family on the Club banner, and the Ricker family on the silent auction basket. Our silent auction basket was family game night. Our theme for the Fair was Fun in the Sun in 2021. Brayson gave a project talk on showmanship. He did a really good job on explaining how you should show your livestock. He also showed us the equipment he uses when showing cattle. For recreation, we pulled weeds at the Extension Office after the meeting was adjourned. For our meeting on July 15th, we did a Club tour at the fairgrounds. Our members did a great job on their projects! We appreciate all of the information Janet shares in her Weekly Happenings email.