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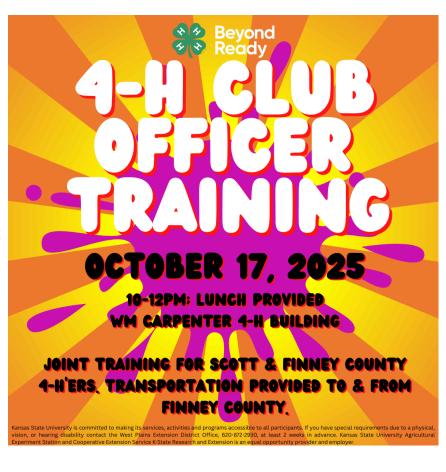
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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

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

- 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
- 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

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### AT HOME WITH CAROL ANN | CAROL ANN CROUCH



# FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

What a whirl-wind this last month has been and it's been awesome to have had so many of our 4-H youth from the West Plains Extension District representing us at the Kansas State Fair. We had many 4-Hers who participated in everything from presentation, style review, photography judging, to baking, sewing and quilting, showing livestock and more. With September winding down, we will ramp up for the new 4-H year beginning Oct. 1st.

With over 6 million active members, we offer something for everyone. Youth who are in 4-H are 4 times more likely to make contributions to the communities, are more likely to be civically active, and 2 times more likely to make healthier choices. If you know of a youth between the ages of 7-18 who would be interested in being a part of the number 1 youth organization in the country, please reach out to us for more information.

National 4-H Week is October 5-11. We will be hosting our annual Pancake feed in Scott County on Sunday, Oct. 12, from 11:30-1:30 at the William Carpenter 4-H Building with all the proceeds going toward Toni Glenn's Memorial. Toni was a long time 4-H Parent, Leader, Volunteer and Friend and we recently lost Toni and want to honor her memory.

Not only are we kicking off the new year with 4-H, we start programing in the school and will start offering programs to help promote health and wellness, horticulture, agricultural and aging. More information on those topics are always located monthly in our West Plains District newsletter.

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DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

START **11AM**  OCTOBER

**DONATION** 

Join Scott County 4–H for a delicious pancake and sausage brunch. Drive thru pick up available on the east side of the Wm Carpenter Building on the fairgrounds.

All proceeds to benefit the Glenn Family.



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# **Beginning Farmer-Rancher Conference**

#### **Topics Include:**

- Succession
- Communication
- Loans
- Leases
- Land-Link
- Financial Success

Hosted by The Office of Farm and Ranch Transition at Kansas State University Agricultural Economics

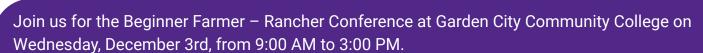
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This one-day event is designed for the next generation of farmers and ranchers who want to build a strong foundation for their future in agriculture. Learn from experts on:

- Succession planning
- Communication strategies
- -USDA-FSA beginning farmer loans
- -Kansas Land-Link program
- -Lease agreements
- -Farm financial management



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Howdy! My name is Madison Colvin, and I am a graduate student at Texas A&M University in the Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications department. I graduated from West Texas A&M University in December of 2024 with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education and a minor in Animal Science. I am originally from Bryan/College Station, Texas, where I was heavily involved in the Brazos County 4-H and Rudder FFA programs. During my time at West Texas A&M University, I was a member of the 2023 National Champion Collegiate Meat Judging Team in November of 2023, and a member of the 2024 Meat Animal Evaluation Team. My background includes market and breeding swine, livestock judging, meat judging, public speaking, and other project areas. I look forward to getting to know the 4-Her's and volunteers of the West Plains District!



4-H'ers Find State Fair Success
By Janet Harkness
4-H Agent, West Plains Extension District

Finney County 4-H'ers found great success last week at the 2025 Kansas State Fair! 31 different 4-H'ers entered their static, or non-livestock projects, for competition with the best in the State of Kansas!

4-H'ers who receive a blue or purple ribbon at the county fair with their static projects are eligible to compete in the 4-H division of the State Fair. The only exception is the visual arts project area, in which the judges select the 5 top projects to go on to compete at the State level. This is due to the number of entries in this project area across the state.

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When you see the following 4-H'ers, please congratulate them on a job well-done!

Paxton Alexander - Purple in Fiber Arts and Foods
Lainee Baker - Red in Visual Arts
Baylie Baker - Blue in Foods and Red in Sewing and Textiles
Kynlie Baker - Red in Foods and Sewing and Textiles
Tymberlie Baker - Blue in Sewing and Textiles and Red in Foods
Adelyn Bayer - Purple in Foods and Blue in Photography
Braeden Boyd - Purple in Foods and Blue in Photography
Madyn Boyd - Blue in Photography and Foods participant
Audrey Bryant - Purple in Fiber Arts and Communication, Blue in Photography, Red in Foods
Kealie Bryant - Purple in Fiber Arts and Communication and Blue in Foods
Dylan Burch - Purple in Sewing and Textiles
Madilyn Claussen - Red in Fiber Arts

Addisyn Claussen – Purple and Top 5 Finish in Fashion Revue

Eleanor Cooper - Purple in Horticulture, Blue in Foods, Red in Fiber Arts

Theodore Cooper - Purple and Blue in Horticulture

Abigail Elam – Purple and Top 5 Finish in Fashion Revue Kierian Freeland - Purple in Architectural Building Blocks

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Colton Fryman - Purple and Blue in Photography

Hudson Fryman - Purple and Blue in Photography

Weston Fryman - Blue in Photography and Visual Arts

Makay Hammond - Purple in Rocketry

Gentry Hands - Purple in Agronomy and Photography

Lainey Hands - Blue in Photography

Bethany Horton - Blue in Fiber Arts and Communication

Perry Horton – Blue in Communication

Adam Knoll - Red in Photography

Taylor Knoll - Blue in Foods

Elisabeth MacWhinnie - Purple in Visual Arts

Katelyn Novack - Purple in Foods

Harper Sowers - Blue in Photography

Hailey Unruh - Purple and Blue in Fiber Arts, Purple in Foods, Blue in Fashion Revue

Kinley Unruh - Blue in Foods and Red in Fiber Arts, Blue in Fashion Revue

Paxton White - Blue in Photography

Rilynn White - Blue in Photography

Finney County Intermediate Photography Judging Hudson Fryman – 32nd Individual & member of West Plains Intermediate Judging Team – 1st Place

For more information about focusing on 4-H this fall, and all about 4-H projects in Finney and Scott Counties, please contact Janet Harkness, 4-H Agent, jlp27@ksu.edu. Kansas State University, Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service, K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Livestock 4-H'ers Find State Fair Success By Janet Harkness 4-H Agent, West Plains Extension District

Finney and Scott County Livestock 4-H members found great success at the 2025 Kansas State Fair! Sixteen different 4-H'ers entered livestock and horse projects for competition with the best of beef, goats, sheep and swine in the State of Kansas!

When you see the following 4-H'ers, please congratulate them on a job well-done!

#### Beef

Hurper Conine – 1st place & Breed Champion Chianina Breeding Heifer, 1st place & Breed Champion AOB Breeding Heifer, 1st place & Breed Champion Commercial Breeding Heifer

Marly Cramer – 4th place Charolais Market Steer, 8th place Market Heifer

Devon Dreiling – 2nd place Commercial Breeding Heifer, 3rd place Market Heifer

Gentry Hands – Ath place Maine Anjou Market Steer, 3rd place Simmental Market Steer

Lainev Hands – 4th place Crossbred Market Steer

Macy Hands – 1st place Chianina Market Steer

Brayson Mayo – two 3rd place Hereford Breeding Heifers, 3rd place Hereford Market Steer

Kamryn Meyer – 2nd place Hereford Market Steer, 5th place Chianina Market Steer

Brody Strine – 3rd place Mainetainer heifer

Hailey Unruh – 3rd place Chianina Market Steer

Kinley Unruh – 2nd place & Reserve Champion AOB Market Steer

Grady Vance – 1st place. Crossbred Market Steer Champion & Overall Grand Champion Market Steer

#### Goats

Chloe Baker – 11th Market Goat

Landry Beaton – 8th place Market Goat

Audrey Bryant – 5th place Market Goat, 11th place Breeding Doe,

Kealie Bryant – 2nd place Breeding Doe. 3rd place Market Goat

Dylan Burch – 6th and 7th place Market Goats, 9th place Breeding Doe

Devon Dreiling – 5th place Market Goat

Bowen Kerr – 9th place Market Goat

Abigail Morales – 5th and 9th place Market Goats, two 7th place Breeding Does,

Andrew Morales – 6th place Market Goat, 9th place Breeding Doe

laviee Speer – 8th place Market Goat.

Madelyn Waggoner – 3rd Overall Senior Goat Showman, 3rd and 7th place Breeding Doe, 3rd, 7th and 8th place Market Goat

#### Sheep

Audrey Bryant – 1st place Middle Weight Crossbred Market Lamb

Kealie Bryant – 4th place Hampshire Market Lamb

Baily Cramer – 8th place Commercial Breeding Ewe

Landon Cramer – 9th place Lt Weight Crossbred Market Lamb

Marly Cramer – 8th place Hampshire Market Lamb

Grady Gleason – 2nd place Natural Market Lamb, 3rd and 4th place Commercial Breeding Ewes, 3rd place Middle Weight Crossbred Market Lamb, 9th place Hampshire Market Lamb

Gravson Gleason – 6th place Natural Market Lamb. 7th place Commercial Breeding Ewe

Revce Frick – 7th place Commercial Breeding Ewe, 3rd place Hampshire Market Lamb

Marin Kerr – 1st and Breed Champion Shropshire Breeding Ewe, 3rd place Suffolk Breeding Ewe, 3rd place Natural Market Lamb, 8th place Hampshire Breeding Ewe, 8th place Heavy Weight Crossbred Market

Lamb

Taylor Knoll – 10th place Hampshire Breeding Ewe

Kamryn Meyer – 3rd place Shropshire Breeding Ewe

Brayden Robinson – 1st and 8th place AOB Market Lambs, 2nd place and Reserve Suffolk Champion and Reserve Bred and Owned Champion Suffolk Ewe, 6th place and Bred & Owned Champion Hampshire Ewe
Kasen Robinson – 4th place Suffolk Breeding Ewe, 7th and 9th place AOB Market Lamb

Harper Sowers – 6th place Commercial Breeding Ewe

Harvick Sowers – 4th place Commercial Breeding Ewe

#### **Swine**

Paxton Alexander – 10th place Yorkshire Market Hog, 11th place Dark Commercial Breeding Gilt

Hayzen Kerr – 3rd place Duroc Breeding Gilt, 4th place Duroc Breeding Gilt, 7th place Dark Commercial Breeding Gilt, 9th place Chester White Market Hog, 7th place Yorkshire Market Hog
Kenzi Martinez – 1st place Dark Commercial Breeding Gilt, Reserve Dark Commercial Breeding Gilt Champion and 4th Over Breeding Gilt in Show; 1st place Dark Crossbred Market Hog
Kennan Murrell – 3rd place Dark Commercial Breeding Gilt, 3rd place Berkshire Market Hog, 3rd place AOB Market Hog, 4th place Dark Crossbred Market Hog, 8th place Duroc Breeding Gilt
Kason Ramsey – 5th place Dark Crossbred Market Hog, 7th and 8th place Dark Commercial Breeding Gilts, 8th place Duroc Breeding Gilt

Joey Soukup – 7th place Dark Commercial Breeding Gilt, 7th place Spot Market Hog

Harper Sowers – 5th place Duroc Market Hoa.

Harvick Sowers – 1st place, Champion Berkshire Market Hog and 4th Overall Market Hog in Show; 4th place Yorkshire Market Hog

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> Intermediate Photo Judging Team – 1st Place Bryn Crisler – 13th Individual Piper lessup – 11th Individual Trace Jessup - 3rd Individual

Isaiah Rogers - Blue in Woodworking Hailey Shapland - Purple and Blue in Photography Ella Stevens - Purple in Photography and Blue in Fiber Arts Grady Vance - Blue in Photography and Visual Arts

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## CLUB DAY RESULTS | CLUB REPORTS | ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

New 4-H Year. New Officers By: Hailey Unruh

On September 21, 2025, the Happy Hustlers prepared for the upcoming 2025-2026 4-H year. The club started their meeting's program with Officer Elections. The elections begin with writing a list of all eligible members and all available positions. The first position up for nominations was President. Graduating member, and former president, Grady, passed on his roll to the next oldest member. Kennan took on the job of President, Mason kept his position of Vice President, and member Hailey Unruh was voted in as the club's new Secretary. Other members voted in were the following: Kealie, Perry, Grayson, Kinley, Bethany, Paxton, and Molly.

Once the club finished the Officer Elections, they progressed onto the song. They were led in an interactive song of 'If you're Happy and you know it'. Then they sang Happy Birthday to the club's September birthdays, consisting of members Grayson and Cooper. After the song was finished, everyone played a game of 'Poison Dart Frog'. This game was fun for all members, and after their game they adjourned. Following the meeting, the members got to have a snack and visit.

#### FINNEY COUNTY 4-H FINNEY FLYERS

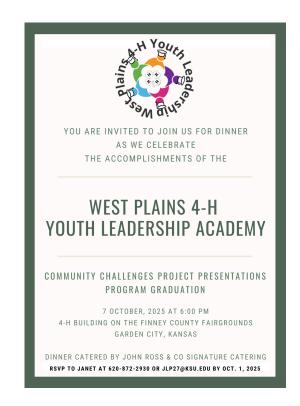
The club was well represented at the state fair in the shopping in Style Fashion Review. Abby and Addyson placed in the top 5 in their divisions. Abby in the senior division and Addyson in the intermediate division. We are all so proud of their hard work. Congratulations to both of them.



KJ Plunkett Report

## FINNEY COUNTY 4-H Wide Awake

In Septembers meeting we elected our new officers. Presidents are Lauren Lightener and Trell Baker. Vice Presidents are Madelyn Wagner and Jade Ardery. Secretary is Katie Lobmeyer. Reporter is Gentry Hands and treasurer is Macy Hands. It was fun getting to see every one get excited about their new positions. We also played freeze tag as a fun way to end our meeting! Submitted by Macy Hands



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### 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 vour 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

Ir. President: Levi Stephens Jr. Vice President: Cutler Cox Ir. Secretary: Statler Kerr Ir. Reporter: Bowen Kerr Ir. Treasurer: Devon Dreilina

Ir. Council: Hayzen Kerr / Kashen Palkowitsh

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

Leaders: Brad & Jodi Kerr / Scott & Teresa Noll

