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Special Edition
### Dates to Know: August 2022

- **August 3rd:** K-State Garden Hour Webinar: Landscaping for Wildlife. 12:00pm
- **August 4th:** 4-H Wheat Expo
- **August 11th:** Pressure Canning Class. Grant. Co.
- **August 11th:** 4-H Pumpkin Project Lesson and Maintenance. Finney County Extension Office. 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- **August 11th:** 4-H Untamed Veggie Garden Lesson, Maintenance, and Harvest. FiCo Ext Office. 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- **August 16th:** Canning Salsa Class. Syracuse.
- **August 25th:** 4-H Pumpkin Project Lesson and Maintenance. Finney County Extension Office. 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- **August 25th:** 4-H Untamed Veggie Garden Lesson, Maintenance, and Harvest. FiCo Ext Office. 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- **August 30th:** Canning and Freezing Peaches Class. Finney County.

### Dates to Know: September 2022

- **September 1st:** Extension Master Gardener 2022 Classes Begin
- **September 5th:** West Plains Extension District Offices Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- **September 7th:** K-State Garden Hour Webinar: Recommended Trees for Kansas. 12:00pm
- **September 8th:** Kansas State Fair 4-H Static Exhibit Check-In
- **September 8th:** 4-H Pumpkin Project Lesson and Maintenance. Finney County Extension Office. 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- **September 8th:** 4-H Untamed Veggie Garden Lesson. Finney County Extension Office. 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- **September 9th-18th:** Kansas State Fair. Kansas State Fairgrounds.
- **September 12th:** Stay Strong, Stay Healthy Fall Classes Begin
- **September 22nd:** 4-H Pumpkin Project Lesson and Maintenance. Finney County Extension Office. 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- **September 22nd:** 4-H Untamed Veggie Garden Lesson, Maintenance, and Harvest. FiCo Ext Office. 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- **September 30th-October 2nd:** Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Kansas State Fairgrounds.

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**Our next full newsletter can be expected September 2022.**

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Join us! Kansas Extension Volunteers share a passion for gardening, community education, and life-long learning.

Available in both Finney and Scott Counties. $60 Registration due by August 26th. Please contact West Plains Horticulture Agent, Anthony Reardon with questions at (620) 272-3670.
FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOPS

3 SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM

Learn research-based methods of water bath canning, pressure canning, and freezing.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 1 WEEK BEFORE EACH CLASS

Cost: $25 per session
Class Times: 6:00 - 8:30 PM
Class Size limited, sign up early
Attend as many as you like!
Presented by Finney, Grant, Hamilton and Kearny County Extension Agents

Locations & Contacts to Register:
August 11 Pressure Canning @ Grant Co. Civic Center: Monica Walker @ 620.356.1721
August 16 Canning Salsa @ Syracuse High School: Lora Horton @ 620.384.5225
August 30 Canning & Freezing Peaches @ Finney Co. 4-H Building: Jennifer LaSalle @ 620.272.3670. May also register with Melody Garcia @ 620.355.6551.

You will receive samples of recipes made, tested recipes, and the latest information on home food preserving.

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Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service
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7 Finney County teams competed for the top spot in Barnyard Olympic events. Thank you to Marcy Venjohn and all who helped make the fun happen!
The 2022 Finney County Fair had it all! 4-H'ers showed their animals and projects off, they showcased their talent in supreme showmanship, there were turtle races, the 4-H Dance, the premium auction, fashion revue, 4-H Sunday, and finally cleanup to participate in. Thank you to all for another successful year!
4-H Crops
- Hand Picked Sample
  Grand: Cort Baker
  Reserve: Gentry Hands

4-H Foods and Nutrition
- Grand: Paxton Alexander
  Reserve: Parker Soukup

4-H Foods Preservation
- Sweet Spreads
  Grand: Anna Lobmeyer
  Reserve: Katie Lobmeyer

4-H Photography
- Grand: Hudson Fryman
  Reserve: Kyson Sullivan

4-H Horse Show
- High Point
  Junior: Paislea Cogan
  Intermediate: Chloe Shockley

4-H Horse Showmanship
- Junior: Paislea Cogan
  Intermediate: Jillian Schmecke

4-H Horticulture-Flowers
- Specimens
  Grand: Mea Bergstrom
  Reserve: Jessa York

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- Collections
  Grand: Mea Bergstrom
  Reserve: Aeleah Etman

4-H Honeybees
- Grand: Park Baker
  Reserve: Aria Smith

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4-H Indoor Livestock
- Overall Breeding
  Grand: Emily Dryden
  Reserve: Gradys Gieason

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Fun was had by all at the 2022 Scott County Free Fair. 4-H’ers showed off their expertise in the Beef, Goat, Sheep, and Swine projects. Their hard work shined through.
2022 Scott County Fair started off with the parade. Then set up, the Fashion Revue, Static exhibits, Poultry & Rabbits, Beef, Goat, Sheep, and Swine shows, and Grand Drive.
Space Tech
Junior: Champion: Trace Jessup
Res. Champion: Hayzen Kerr
Intermediate: Champion: Harper Jessup
Senior: Champion: Brandon Harkness
Grand Champion: Braden Harkness Res. Champion: Pipper Jessup

Geology
Junior: Champion: Grayson York
Intermediate: Champion: Renee Baceen
Grand Champion: Grayson York Res. Champion: Renee Baceen

Electricity
Junior: Champion: Asher Winter
Res. Champion: Landry Beaton
Intermediate: Champion: Isaiah Rogers
Grand Champion: Isaiah Rogers Res. Champion: Asher Winter

Entomology
Junior: Champion: Gen Houterman
Intermediate: Champion: Avery Radke
Res. Champion: Phebe Trout
Grand Champion: Avery Radke Res. Champion: Phebe Trout

Posters & Mini booths
Intermediate: Champion: Aliah Moll

Horse
Intermediate Showmanship: Champion: Presley Berry
Res. Champion: Marin Kerr
Senior Showmanship: Champion: Payton Goodman
Res. Champion: Elle Frank
Grand Champion: Payton Goodman Res. Champion: Presley Berry
 Gelding: Champion: Corbin Wilkinson Res. Champion: Corbin Wilkinson
 Mare: Champion: Presley Berry Res. Champion: Corbin Wilkinson
 Poni: Champion: Statler Kerr
Junior High: Champion: Statler Kerr
Intermediate High Point: Champion: Presley Berry, Marin Kerr
Senior High Point: Champion: Brody Rohrbough, Kate Rogers
Novice: Champion: Addison Roll Res. Champion: Kylee Zimmerman

Woodworking
Junior: Champion: Ascher Winters
Res. Champion: Landry Beaton
Intermediate: Champion: Caleb Harkness
Res. Champion: Corbin Harkness
Senior: Champion: Wyatt Ricker
Res. Champion: Corbin Harkness
Grand Champion: Wyatt Ricker Res. Champion: Corbin Harkness

Arts & Crafts
Junior: Champion: Levi Stephen
Res. Champion: Landry Beaton
Intermediate: Champion: Caleb Harkness
Res. Champion: Addy Noll
Senior: Champion: Samantha Hoeme
Res. Champion: Tara Rose
Self-Determined Grand Champion: Gigi Griffin

Construction Clothing
Junior: Champion: Ella Stevens
Res. Champion: Addison Dearden
Intermediate: Champion: Baily Cramer
Res. Champion: Pipper Fox
Senior: Champion: Cally Cramer
Res. Champion: Taylor Koehn
Grand Champion: Ella Stevens Res. Champion: Baily Cramer

Foods
Junior: Champion: Ryelle Zimmerman
Res. Champion: Landry Beaton
Intermediate: Champion: Marly Cramer
Res. Champion: Addison Roll
Senior: Champion: Jace Miller
Res. Champion: Rhiley Stoppel
Decorated Item Overall: Champion: Chelisa Rose
Food Preservation: Champion: Addison Roll Res. Champion: Addison Roll
Table Setting: Champion: Trace Jessup
Res. Champion: Pipper Jessup
Senior: Champion: Chelisa Rose
Res. Champion: Aliva Noll
Grand Champion: Chelisa Rose Res. Grand Champion: Aliva Noll

Photography
Junior: Champion: Parker James-Color
Res. Champion: Trace Jessup-COLOR
Intermediate: Champion: Marly Cramer
Res. Champion: Addison Roll
Senior: Champion: Reed Barton-COLOR
Res. Champion: Pipper Jessup-COLOR
Grand Champion: Erich Shoppard-Color
Res. Champion: Annie Talbert-Color

Horticulture
Junior: Champion: Yanathan Mall
Res. Champion: Brooke Fisher
Intermediate: Champion: Allah Mall
Res. Champion: Bregan Dirks
Senior: Champion: Megan Trout
Res. Champion: Megan Trout
Grand Champion: Megan Trout Res. Champion: Aliah Moll

Buyersmanship Fashion Review
Girls
Junior: Champion: Shalyn Radke
Res. Champion: Hayzen Kerr
Intermediate: Champion: Marin Kerr
Res. Champion: Addison Roll
Senior: Champion: Payton Goodman
Res. Champion: Cally Cramer

Boys
Junior: Champion: Landry Beaton
Res. Champion: Landry Beaton
Intermediate: Champion: Reed Barton
Res. Champion: Grady Vance

Constructed Fashion Review
Junior: Champion: Shalyn Radke
Res. Champion: Ella Stevens
Intermediate: Champion: Pipper Fox
Res. Champion: Marly Cramer
Senior: Champion: Taylor Koehn
Res. Champion: Belle Trout

Round Robin Showmanship
Junior: Champion: Landry Beaton
Res. Champion: Hayzen Kerr
Intermediate: Champion: Marin Kerr
Res. Champion: Kenzie Martinez
Senior: Champion: Brody Strine
Res. Champion: Brooke Strine

Poultry
Junior Showmanship: Champion: Hayzen Kerr
Res. Champion: Landry Beaton
Intermediate Showmanship: Champion: Grady Vance
Res. Champion: Bryson Mayo
Senior Showmanship: Champion: Brooke Strine
Res. Champion: Brody Strine
Grand Champion: Grady Vance Reserve Champion: Brooke Strine
Breeding: Champion: Bryson Mayo
Res. Champion: Brooke Strine
Market: Champion: Bryson Mayo
Res. Champion: Brooke Strine

Swine
Junior Showmanship: Champion: Hayzen Kerr
Res. Champion: Aliah Moll
Intermediate Showmanship: Champion: Kenzie Martinez
Res. Champion: Gabie Tucker
Senior Showmanship: Champion: Houston Frank
Res. Champion: Baylor Vasquez
Grand Champion: Houston Frank Res. Champion: Baylor Vasquez
Breeding: Champion: Houston Frank
Res. Champion: Kenzie Martinez
Market: Champion: Houston Frank
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Sheep
Junior Showmanship: Champion: Ryelle Zimmerman
Res. Champion: Statler Kerr
Intermediate Showmanship: Champion: Marin Kerr
Res. Champion: Jocelyn Miller
Senior Showmanship: Champion: Trevor Jones
Res. Champion: Aliva Noll
Grand Champion: Trevor Jones Res. Champion: Marin Kerr
Market: Grand Champion: Trevor Jones Res. Champion: Marin Kerr
Breeding: Grand Champion: Trevor Jones Res. Champion: Marin Kerr

Goat
Junior Showmanship: Champion: Landry Beaton
Res. Champion: Aliah Moll
Intermediate: Champion: McCall Miller
Res. Champion: Avery Radke
Senior: Champion: Brooke Strine
Res. Champion: Brody Strine
Grand Champion: Brooke Strine Res. Champion: Landry Beaton
Breeding: Grand Champion: Brooke Strine Res. Champion: Brooke Strine
Market: Grand Champion: Brooke Strine Res. Champion: Kamyn Meyer

Fiber Arts
Knit/Crochet/Needle Arts
Junior: Champion: Kenna Allen
Res. Champion: Kenna Allen
Intermediate: Champion: Hannah Winter
Res. Champion: Maggie Hinesman
Senior: Champion: Chelisa Rose
Grand Champion: Chelisa Rose Res. Grand Champion: Hannah Winter

Quilt
Junior: Champion: Pipper Fox
Res. Champion: Zowy O'Raw
Intermediate: Champion: Marin Kerr
Senior: Champion: Aubrey Grethousen
Res. Champion: Alexx Pavelson

Grand Champion Fiber Arts: Chelisa Rose Res. Grand Champion Fiber Arts: Aubrey Grethousen
**The Beacon Boosters**

The Beacon Boosters June Meeting was called to order in the Deal home at 6:12 p.m. on June 13. The minutes, Treasurer’s report, Parliamentary report, and Reporters report were read, along with the community leaders report. The Council Representatives report mentioned that Beacon Boosters was required to submit a professional development idea for the district. A decision was made and the club will be submitting the idea “Fiscal Responsibility.” A West Plains team day and Wind baseball game will take place on June 24th. For new business, movement was made for the club to pay for a meal purchased at Traditions after a gardening session for $81.41. Taylor Knoll had a June birthday and the activity for the meeting was swimming. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m. and the July meeting will be held at the fairgrounds.

**Wide Awake**

The June meeting of the Wide Awake 4-H Club was called to order at 7:15 p.m. on June 13, 2022 at the Finney County Fairgrounds 4-H Building. The roll call for this meeting was name a fair project that you are working on. Jillian Schmeekle gave the following parliamentary tips: stand up when speaking, always say Madame or Mr. President when addressing the President, when making a motion always say I move, and vote by using a show of hands or secret ballot. Some important dates are June 15, 2022 when State Fair commercial heifer and small animal nominations due; June 23, 2022 is the South West Kansas District Horse Show in Dodge City; June 30, 2022 and July 6, 2022 the 4-H Pumpkins and Untamed Veggies project gardening will be at the Extension Office from 6:00-8:00 p.m.; June 21, 2022 there will be a 4-H and FFA Auction Meeting at the 4-H building at 7:00 p.m.; July 18-24, 2022 is the Finney County Fair. Parents check your e-mails as there is a lot of important dates coming up. Also, Finney County Fair books are available at the Extension Office. Projects talks this meeting included Cort Baker on how he feeds his pigs, Lizzy Machwinnie on her goats, Jade Ardery on her sheep, and Benjamin Price on his breeding heifer Gizmo. For recreation we played swim fishy swim. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be July 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Finney County Fairgrounds. This meeting will be the poster tour.

**Sherlock Strivers**

Sherlock Strivers 4-H Club – May 2022

The Sherlock Strivers 4-H Club held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Sunday, May 1, 2022, at Holcomb Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by acting president Austin Elam. Roll Call was – Are your summer plans? Club members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. In new business, club members discussed the annual club tour and decided to conduct it on the Saturday of the fair. Members will have their exhibits on display and available to show their fellow club members. A discussion was held about possibly painting windows for upcoming Beef Empire Days. Also, it was announced that a Spring Livestock show is coming back to Finney County and would be held on Saturday, June 5. There were no project talks at this meeting. Club members were reminded that YQCA certificates were due to the extension office today, so if that has not been done they need to be turned in as soon as possible. The date of the next meeting was announced and it will be Sunday, June 5. The club sang to the members with May birthdays. Then the meeting was adjourned.

Sherlock Strivers 4-H Club – June 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Sherlock Strivers 4-H Club was held on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at Holcomb Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by acting president Kendrick Wallace. Roll call was – Are your favorite summer activity? There were 15 members, 4 adults, and 1 guest in attendance. The club recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. The 4-H Council report included and announcement that the livestock auction at the fair would be the same format as the previous two years. Also, club members voted to donate $25 to help 4-H Council purchase appreciation gifts for fairground staff. Club members were reminded that the club tour would take place on Saturday, July 23 at the fair. The time will be communicated closer to the date. In new business, the Special Olympics Goat Show was discussed. 4-Hers over age 14 with a friendly goat are encouraged to sign up online to participate after the goat show at the fair. Also, 4-H Council provided the club a basket to fill for first responders. The club voted to spend $50 on snacks for the basket. There were two project talks during the meeting. Layla and Parker Schreibvogel demonstrated how to make goat and horse treats. Brantley and Quinn Stegman brought photos of their pigs and explained how they take care of them. School Board member, Curtis Peterson joined the club and talked about making motions and keeping order during the meetings. Key dates for the fair were announced. It was decided that the next meeting would be held on July 10 to avoid conflicts with 4th of July travel. June birthdays were celebrated, and the meeting was adjourned.

On Tuesday, June 21, Sherlock Striver 4-H club members met to provide snacks to first responders. Four club members and two cloverbuds met at the Holcomb City office and delivered a basket of goodies to the Holcomb Police department to thank them for serving our community. Submitted by Katelyn Novack, Reporter.

**Finney Flyers**

The Finney Flyers met Sunday July 10th at 4PM at the 4-H Building. Nine members answered roll call of “Are you read for this fair?” Kourney was excused due to work. Perry led the flag salute and 4-H pledge. Minutes were read and approved. The treasurer’s report was given and approved. The main item of the meeting was fair reminders. Kynnadee gave a talk about her dog. Pictures were shown also. Madilyn talked about her arts and crafts project. She had items to show. Addison talked about the bottle cap art project. Aleah talked about her fair exhibits. Two calves and five pigs. She had pictures also. The club wished the USA a belated birthday. For recreation the club played buzz. Meeting adjourned and everyone was wished a great fair.