

WEST PLAINS DISTRICT

EXTENSION NEWSLETTER



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WEST PLAINS DISTRICT
OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY
8 AM - 5 PM

LUNCH HOURS EXCLUDED AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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DATES ON GOING:

- **January 4th- December 6th:** K-State Garden Hour Webinar Series. 1st Wednesday of the month. Noon-1:00pm

DATES TO KNOW: APRIL 2023

- **April 4th:** "Stop Pestering Me" Lawn & Garden Pest Management. Scott City. William Carpenter Building. 6:30pm.
- **April 5th:** K-State Garden Hour Webinar. Growing to New Heights with Vertical Gardening. Noon-1:00pm
- **April 15th:** Finney County 4-H & FFA Small Livestock tagging. Finney County Fairgrounds. 9:00am-12:00pm.
- **April 16th:** Finney County 4-H & FFA Beef Tagging and Hoof Trimming. Finney County Fairgrounds. 2:00pm-4:00pm.
- **April 16th:** Scott County Dog Obedience Practice. 4:00pm.
- **April 18th:** "Stop Pestering Me" Lawn & Garden Pest Management. Garden City. Finney County Extension Office. 6:30pm.
- **April 20th:** College Bound-Tips for Success. Garden City. Finney County Extension Office. 6:30pm.
- **April 24th:** Last Day to order Beef DNA Envelopes for 2023 Show Season.
- **April 24th:** Scott County Photography Meeting. NGPB Book Session. 7:00pm

DATES TO KNOW: MAY 2023

- **May 1st:** 2023 Market Beef State Nominations Due
- **May 1st-5th:** National 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Level 2 Training
- **May 3rd:** K-State Garden Hour Webinar. Drought Tolerant Plants for a Challenging Landscape. Noon-1:00pm
- **May 7th:** Scott County Dog Obedience Practice. 4:00pm.
- **May 21st:** Scott County Dog Obedience Practice. 4:00pm.
- **May 28th:** Scott County Dog Obedience Practice. 4:00pm.
- **May 29th:** Scott County Photography Meeting. NGPB Session w/ Hands on photo shooting.

DRYING & COOKING HERBS



Come learn how to dry your homegrown or store bought herbs and then cook with them!

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 FROM 12:00-1:00

WILLIAM CARPENTER BUILDING
600 FAIRGROUND RD

RSVP TO CAROL ANN CROUCH BY WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 19 AT 620-872-2930.
MUST HAVE AT LEAST 5 PEOPLE TO HAVE
PROGRAM.

Presented by: Aimee Baker, Wichita County
Family & Community Wellness Agent



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FROM THE DESK OF THE *Director*



Hard to believe we are 1/4 of our way through 2023. As we enter April, many of the 4-H youth will be getting their livestock projects purchased and tagged. **If you haven't enrolled, or if you know someone that would like to join 4-H, May 1st is the deadline to add and drop projects.** We do have some projects that have earlier deadlines in order to exhibit at the county fair, so don't delay. May 1st is also the deadline for camp sign up for our camp at Camp Lakeside. The theme this year is Pirates of Camp Lakeside. We hope to do some really fun treasure hunts and other sea-worthy activities. **So, look through this issue for more information on activities and deadlines. You don't want to miss out!**



 **4-H GROWS HERE**

Carol Ann 

4-H Clothing and Fiber Arts Field Trip and Community Service Sewing Event

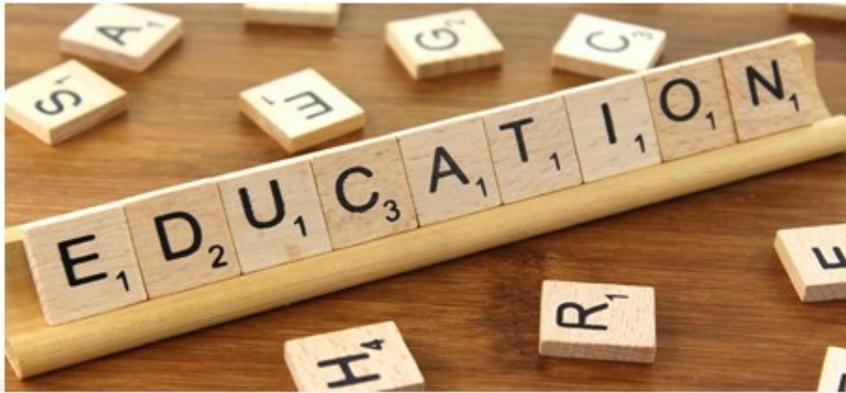
Hey project members! **I am planning on a field trip to Garden City, Friday, April 7th**, followed by a community service event making pillowcases.

We will leave our office (Scott City) at 9:45am. We will go to Hobby Lobby and I will give a lesson on fabrics, notions, equipment, pattern selection, thread selection and more. We will follow the tour with a trip to Freddy's for lunch. You will need to provide your own funds for lunch and any purchase from Hobby Lobby should your wish to buy something. **We will return home between 1 & 1:30pm.**

At 1:30, Cally Cramer is hosting a service sewing event. She is asking for volunteers to help make pillow cases. All materials and supplies will be provided. This event will be a come and go from 1:30 to 4pm. **Anyone is welcome to help regardless if you go to Garden City. Just show up from 1:30-4pm and make as many cases as you want.**

For 4-Hers in Scott County, I MUST have an RSVP so we can make sure we have enough rides for everyone. **RSVP to Cozetta at 620-872-2930.**

Finney Co. 4-Hers can meet us at Hobby Lobby around 10:30. You are free to join us for lunch at Freddy and go home afterwards. **If you would like to come to Scott City to help with the service event,** Jennifer is willing to bring the County van and transport up to 6 - 4-Hers with her, leaving from Freddy's. **Please RSVP to Tabitha at 620-272-3670,** be one of the first 6 to secure your ride to Scott City if you want to join us.



College Bound – Tips for Success

April 20, 2023, 6:30pm

West Plains Extension Office, Finney Co

501 S. 9th street.

Why do I need to attend?

Getting a higher education can be hard to navigate. Whether you are looking at a Jr. College, 4 year University or trade school, these tips will help you make some sound decisions.

We don't know all the answers, but we will certainly give you advice which will help you ask the right questions and find those answers.

Presentation in partnership with:
K-State Research and Extension
Scott Community High School
Scott Community Foundation

Bound for College will help

- Learn more about why you need the ACT
- What the FSFA is and what it is used for
- Making sense of college costs
- What you need when you head to school
- Learn how work study could help
- Comparing cost of various school
- Navigate the transfer process
- Learn where to find scholarships
- How to fill scholarships out to get more money

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PREVENTING GARDEN PROBLEMS

Growing season finally on the horizon, it isn't a far leap to assume that many will be experiencing troubles in their gardens, lawns, and landscapes this year. Drought persisting, the last few years have not been hospitable to plant life, to say the least. And what's more, the typical environmental growing conditions for western Kansas are also not the most hospitable, with alkaline soil, high winds, and extreme temperatures adding to the mix. **Luckily, there are a few measures that can be taken to optimize the growth of your plants –even while battling the elements.**

The first area you will want to address is that of your soil. **Nutrients within the soil are the literal food for your plants.** If there is a deficiency or excess of this food, you can begin to see many problems that will lead to your plants being weaker. Weak plants equate to vulnerable plants. In this case, they will be left more vulnerable to all of the factors working against them, as a healthy plant is better able to fend for itself in any situation.

If you have not yet done a **soil test on your garden for the year**, the results you will receive back **will tell you the exact nutrients needed to amend your planting area** for the specific plants you are trying to grow. They will even tell you if your pH needs amended to make nutrients available and can relay if you need organic matter incorporated if you request that information.

Sunlight, water, and air circulation are other factors you will want to consider. How are your tomatoes going to react if planted in an area with dappled shade? **Can your lettuce handle an area having poor drainage, without wilting?** Can the high humidity of an area instigate fungus problems with your cucumbers? Any of the factors in these examples can work against your plants, once again weakening them by effect. Plant in recommended lighting. Work and amend soil to drain properly. Stake, tie, and prune your plants to allow airflow between them -moving humidity out. **A little forethought now will save you a lot of stress later.**

Another helpful maintenance task is weeding. **Being diligent with weeding can help in a number of ways.** It prevents plants from competing with each other for nutrients. It removes a potential host plant for insect pests. It even enables more air flow between the plants in your garden, reducing disease likelihood. Pull your weeds, and if they appear to be pest and disease free, and they haven't gone to seed yet, lay them in place on the ground. **As they decay and return to the soil, so will the nutrients they used.**

If you are working with a vegetable garden, one of the best things you can do to prevent the pests and diseases of the past is to rotate your plants from the locations you grew them in last year. **Some diseases thrive in the soil itself, and some pests overwinter in the soil.** Even still, not all pests and diseases prefer the same plants. So, a new different plant growing in a spot where issues have previously existed can essentially solve a problem before it begins, simply because the pest thriving there does not like the new host.

Recognizing local issues will also be very beneficial in any garden setup. If your neighbors are having a problem with cucumber beetles and squash bugs, chances are those pests are going to show up in your garden as well. The good news with this is that it gives you time to prepare for the problems and to develop a plan of attack before they become too severe. **Done correctly, you can even set up your garden to be less hospitable to certain pests before they make their way to your area.**

Naturally, not all problems can be solved through prevention. **Even with the best efforts made in your garden, there will still always be some bugs, some fungi, and some disease.** Occasional plant failures will occur, regardless of your best efforts. For these instances, however, you can at least minimize the effect the problems cause by looking to both chemical and natural options. Be judicious with any chemical applications. **Make sure to thoroughly read labels, understanding how they can and should be used, and then thoroughly cover your plants while applying.**

Pollinator protection should be at the forefront of any gardener's mind when treating their gardens, and this may by effect omit some products from usage. Don't forget, sometimes the better alternative to any form of treatment is simple plant removal. If one plant has a disease that can potentially spread to the rest of your garden, it may be more cost effective for you to just get rid of the plant, rather than risking an entire garden failure, or wiping out all of your pollinators. **Cared for wisely, your plants will continue to thrive even while battling the elements.**



"Stop **Pest**tering Me!" Lawn & Garden Pest Management

Topics to be Covered:

- Pest Prevention
- Fungicides
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Common Lawn & Garden Pest Problems
- Q&A Session

Register Here!



<http://bit.ly/3EJrnsh>

Scott City

Tuesday, April 4th

6:30pm

Fairgrounds

Wm. Carpenter 4-H Building

608 N. Fairground Rd.

Garden City

Tuesday, April 18th

6:30pm

Extension Office

501 S. 9th Street

Presented by:

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EASTER EGG SAFETY

Easter is just around the corner and with that comes Easter Egg decorating and Easter Egg hunts. If your family enjoys these Easter traditions keep in mind that eggs are a perishable food.

Eggs have been used to celebrate Easter for centuries. Eggs are traditionally a symbol of fertility and new birth. In Christianity, Easter eggs symbolized the empty tomb of Jesus and the resurrection. Early Christians in the Mesopotamia dyed eggs red in memory of Christ blood that was shed on the cross.

Today, eggs are dyed in brilliant colors and has become a creative tradition for many families. **If dyeing eggs is on your list to do for the Easter holiday, keep these things in mind**

- **Boil eggs first, dye them, and store in the refrigerator.**
- Use food-safe coloring or natural colors from other foods.
- **If using these eggs for the annual egg hunt, chose hiding locations protected from dirt, moisture, pets or other contamination.**
- If eggs are cracked, toss them.
- **Set out and hunt eggs within two hours to keep them safe.**



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Alternatives for Easter Egg celebrations

If you have shopped for eggs lately, they have been pricey and in short supply. If the price of eggs is out of your budget for this year's Easter hunt or menu, here are some alternatives.

- **Use plastic eggs and fill them with treats or fun Spring items. These eggs are reusable for years to come. Mix up the egg colors, then have the kids match them as an extra activity after the hunt.**
- Plan a scavenger hunt for spring items around your house or outside. Make it educational to learn numbers or the alphabet.
- **Get out the paint or colored pencils and paper and have a contest to draw the best Easter egg, a bunny or Spring flower.**
- Prepare gelatin eggs. Here is the link to a recipe <https://www.myfoodandfamily.com/brands/kraft-jello/recipe/050280/jell-o-egg-jigglers>
- **Prepare and decorate sugar cookies in the shape of eggs**



The Perfect Hard-Boiled Egg

Are deviled eggs on the Easter menu? **If so, getting the perfect hard-boiled egg can be tricky.** Fresh eggs that are hard boiled can be difficult to peel. It is best to purchase fresh eggs about one week in advance for success. Keep them refrigerated until ready to use.

To prepare hard boiled eggs on the stovetop, place fresh eggs in a sauce pan and cover with water by one inch. Cover the pan and bring to a boil. Remove from the burner and let the eggs sit in the hot water for 20 minutes. This helps keep the eggs tender and not get rubbery. **Place the pan in the sink and allow cold water to pour over the hot eggs until they are cool.** Remove eggs from the water and chill in the refrigerator. **They can be store up to one week, unpeeled.**

An electric pressure cooker makes great hard-boiled eggs. They only take five minutes to cooked and they peel easy. To prepare eggs in an electric pressure cooker, place eggs in the bottom of the pressure cooker pot. Pour ½ cup of water over eggs. Set the electric pressure cooker on high for five minutes. Once the eggs have cooked, do instant release. When it has pressured down run cold water over eggs and cool before peeling. Store unpeeled eggs in the refrigerator for up to one week.

To peel the eggs, gently tap the eggs on a surface to crack the shell all around the egg. It helps to run the egg under water to pull the shell away from the egg. Once peeled, they can be used immediately. Keep cold in the refrigerator and use within one to two days.

Spring is here and with that comes new beginnings. New beginnings to get up, get out and become physically active. No matter what your age, regular physical activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health. Being physically active can make you feel better right away. It boosts your mood, sharpens your focus, reduces your stress, and improves your sleep. **Children should get 60 minutes of physical activity a day and adults should get 150 minutes of moderate activity a week.** That's just 5 days of 30 minutes of physical activity. If 30 minutes at one time is difficult, break it up in 10- or 15-minute sections. **Find a physical activity that you enjoy. If walking is one, try one of these fabulous walking trails in Garden City.**

· **Talley Trail**

· Deane Wiley Park: 2406 N Campus Dr

· **Finnup Park: 405 S 4th Street**

· Forest Lake: 800 W Mary Street

· **Harold Long Park: 100 E Spruce Street**



Remember the best physical activity is the one you enjoy doing. **Now is the right time to starting moving your way to a healthier lifestyle.**

WALK KANSAS WEBINAR WATCH PARTY

Attention Walk Kansas participants.
Join me at the watch parties
while we learn about the
"Med instead of Meds"
eating style.

When: Every Wednesday from
April 5-May 10
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Finney County
Extension Office
501 S 9th St.



We'll sample some
tasty dishes



SPRING INTO FARM SAFETY

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Spring has sprung and that means that planting season is here! As the excitement and anticipation continues to build, it is important to remember these safety tips to ensure an effective and safe planting season:

Perform Equipment Checks

- Ensure all lights and signals are working properly.
- Inspect and replace parts as needed by starting equipment and ensuring that it is properly running.
- Check tire pressure, tread wear, and confirm lug nuts are tightened.
- Make sure all equipment, including nozzles, are clean of issues like grease, oil, debris, and rodent nests.
- Check the quality and levels of fluids, including oil and fuel.

Check and Follow Labels

- As is always said, "Always read and follow the label instructions." Applying products like herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, seed treatments and fertilizer incorrectly, or using expired product, can have harmful effects not only on your crops, but on your health. Before applying or handling any product, be sure to review the label.

Wear the Right Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

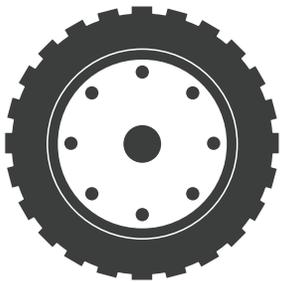
- Before applying or handling any chemicals, it is important to check to be sure proper PPE is available, well fitted and functions properly. Do not overlook cautionary statements. Always protect your skin, eyes and lungs with proper PPE including but not limited to: long sleeves, gloves, masks, and eyewear. Be sure that your First Aid kit is available and not expired.

Take Care of your Personal Health

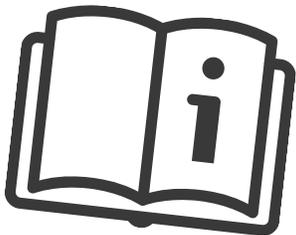
- Planting can be a stressful and hectic time. Be sure to keep rested and work to reduce stress. While it is important to get the crop planted in a timely fashion, not getting enough sleep or eating food that isn't good for you can have long-term impacts on health. During planting, be sure to prioritize quality sleep and eating healthy meals.

Have a Plan and Communicate it Well

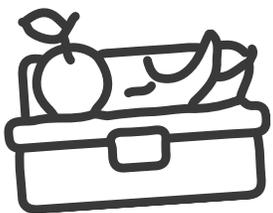
- Take time to prepare and formulate a well communicated planting plan with your team. Keep in constant contact and check in on each other throughout the season. Don't be afraid to ask for help from your team, family members or even your neighbors. Make a schedule and be sure that everyone is on the same page and has important phone numbers and contacts shared and easily accessible.



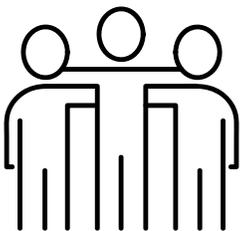
Check tire pressure often!



Always read and follow label instructions.



Pack a healthy lunch.



Ask for help and communicate as a team!

TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING



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REGISTRATION WILL BE OPENING SOON!
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FUTURE UPDATES, PLEASE E-MAIL RENEE TUTTLE, RSTUTTLE@KSU.EDU OR CALL THE FINNEY OR SCOTT COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICES.

STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING \$10 TO COVER THE COST OF THE TRAINING.

(THERE IS A MINIMUM NUMBER THAT MUST PRE-REGISTER IN ORDER TO HOLD THIS TRAINING.)

IF YOU ARE 14 OR OLDER AND PLAN ON DOING FARM WORK FOR SOMEONE OTHER THAN A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, YOU MUST TAKE A TRACTOR SAFETY COURSE ACCORDING TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REQUIREMENTS.



TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 24TH IN LEOTI. MORE DETAILS AND CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE WILL BE COMING OUT SOON!

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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SCOTT COUNTY: 620-872-2930
SEWARD COUNTY: 620-624-5604
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4-H DISTRICT ROUNDUP

Scott County 4H Shooting Sports Qualifies 7 shooters for State; places first as a BB gun team in all 4 Meets they Attend

Haskell County

The Scott County 4H Shooting Sports BB gun team took top honors at the Wild West Shootout in Sublette on February 11th. **Avery Radke won top shot and qualified for state, while Aubrey Grothusen came in second overall, also qualifying for state.** Other team members qualifying for state included Brice Koehn, Isaiah Rogers and Hunter Wells. **The first place BB gun team consisted of Avery, Aubrey, Brice, Isaiah and Hunter.** Other team members participating included David Kasselmann, Sofia Kasselmann, Addison Dearden, Tallyn Armstrong, Marin Kerr, Derrick McKinney, Alex Vanderweide, Hayzen Kerr, Daniel Botello, Kashen Palkowitsh, Statler Kerr and Chase Dearden.

The Scott County Air Rifle team consisting of Aubrey Grothusen, Taylor Koehn and Sofia Kasselmann placed 3rd. Aubrey placed 2nd overall and qualified for state. Hunter Wells placed 6th in the Air Pistol division..

Gray County

Once again Scott County 4H BB gun team claimed 1st place at the Gray County Shoot in Cimarron on February 25th. **The 1st place team consisted of Aubrey, Avery, Hunter, Brice and Sofia.** Aubrey Grothusen claimed top shot at this meet with Avery Radke coming in 2nd overall. Alex Vanderweide claimed 1st place in the 8-year-old BB gun division. **Scott County qualified 2 additional BB gun members for state at this meet, they included Sofia and David Kasselmann.** Other team members competing included Bryn Crisler, Pieper Carmin, Josephine Bain, Tallyn Armstrong, Statler Kerr, Brayson Mayo, Derrick McKinney, Isaiah Rogers, Renee Beeson and Marin Kerr.

The Air Rifle team also once again claimed 3rd place. The team consisted of Aubrey, Sofia and Taylor Koehn with Taylor qualifying for state at this meet. Hunter Wells competed in Air Pistol.

Hays

For the 3rd consecutive meet, the Scott County 4H BB gun team claimed top honors placing 1st at the Cottonwood District meet in Hays on March 4th. **The senior BB gun team claiming gold consisted of Aubrey, Avery, Isaiah and Brice. Once again Aubrey Grothusen claimed 1st place overall with Avery Radke coming in 2nd place overall.** Other team members competing included Bryn Crisler, Pieper Carmin and Derrick McKinney.

Aubrey Grothusen claimed 2nd place overall in air rifle with Brice Koehn claiming 2nd place in the 9-13-year-old division. Taylor Koehn also completed in air rifle.

Pawnee

The last meet of the season that our Scott County 4H BB gun team participated in earned us our 4th top place honor. **The Pawnee County meet 1st place team consisted of Brice, David, Renee, Marin and Derrick. Other team members participating included Tallyn Armstrong, Noah McKinney, Statler Kerr and Cutler Cox.**

Scott County air rifle team claimed 2nd place with a team consisting of Taylor, Brice, Hunter and Sofia. Taylor Koehn also placed 2nd overall and claimed the silver medal. Hunter Wells placed 3rd in the 14-year-old and up air pistol division and qualified for state.

State

The Scott County 4H Shooting Sports program will be sending 7 BB gun shooters, 2 air rifle shooters and 1 air pistol shooter to State in Alma, KS next month on April 15th. Those qualifying for State include Avery Radke-BB gun, Aubrey Grothusen-BB gun and Air Rifle, Brice Koehn-BB gun, Isaiah Rogers-BB gun, Hunter Wells-BB gun and Air Pistol, Sofia Kasselmann-BB gun, David Kasselmann-BB gun and Taylor Koehn-Air Rifle. Scott County 4H Shooting Sports Article written by Avery Radke.

Scott County Shooting Sports Results

Air Rifle Teams
2nd Place West Plains: Tayler Koehn, Brice Koehn, Hunter Wells, Sofia Kasselmann

BB Gun
1st Place West Plains: Brice Koehn, David Kasselmann, Renee Beeson, Marin Kerr, Derick McKinney





4-H STEM Architectural Block Construction, intro to Lego Building this morning with West Plains Extension District : K-State Research & Extension 4-H'ers!



Carol Ann teaching West Plains 4-H'ers quilting over Spring Break in March.



As part of YQCA Training, we tried being a nutritionist and made our own balanced snack mix as well as practiced stitches on bananas.



Visit the Scott County Library to see what our 4-H Clubs are up to!



4-H Ambassadors Taylor and Abby are interviewing on KGBL.



Scenes from the annual 4-H Shooting Sports & First Responders Food Shoot in Scott County! Thank you volunteers!!!

FINNEY FLYERS

The Finney Flyers met March 5th at the 4-H building. The meeting was called to order by Aleah Eatmon. Members repeated the flag salute and the 4-H Pledge. Nine members answered roll call of "My favorite part of 4-H". Minute of the Feb. Meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and approved. Members were reminded about the bake sale coming up at Wayne's Pig Sale. Suggestions for food items and packing were given by Gaylene. Members were told to be at Wayne's by 9am on the 18th. Members participated in the song "bingo" was her name. After recreation and reminders, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is April 2nd.



WIDE AWAKE

Finney County Wide Awake 4-H Club February meeting was called to order on February 13th. Attendance was taken with members stating their favorite Valentines Candy. Harper Sowers gave the Parliamentary tip reviewing how to address the club president. Leaders Reports included Justin with Club Days ribbon and YQCA reminders as well as an update about County Fair terminal rule change. Christine updated on 4-H Council activities as well as discussing Club t-shirt sales. John 3:16 was read by Rush for the Devotion. The Current Event about Super Bowl was given by Laney. Trell threw back the Song to Barney with I Love You, You Love Me. Andrew, Anna and Jade all gave project talks. And before the meeting was voted to end, members played a Valentines Relay Race for recreation. Respectfully Submitted by Brooke Basham Wide Awake Reporter



The Wide Awake 4H Performing Arts group did a great job presenting their ancient poem, written by King David of Israel.



Valentines Day Cards written with love from Wide Awake club members ready to go to the nursing home.



SHERLOCK STRIVERS

Sherlock Striver's current community service project for the month of March. They "Filled the Fridge" at Holcomb Middle School and Holcomb High School.



HAPPY HUSTLERS

The monthly meeting of the Happy Hustlers 4-H Club was called to order by acting President Grady Gleason at 5:30pm on February 5, 2023 at the 4-H Building. Eighteen members answered roll call by estimating the number of candy hearts in the jar. Officer reports were given. Club Leader Karen Murrell recognized spelling bee participants and club members that made the honor roll. She mentioned that we needed to decide about our March meeting potato bar. Karen also mentioned we needed to discuss our June meeting date due to the Sunflower Livestock Showdown being the same day as our June meeting. There was no old business. For new business, a motion was first passed to have a potato bar for our March meeting but then amended to have a pizza bar instead. The club passed a motion to move the June meeting from June 4th, 2023 to June 11th, 2023. Members also passed a motion to have a swim party for our August meeting. On the program, Lane Hensley taught members about a cereal sensory panel, and Cole Hensley taught us about his cat. Song leader, Hailey Unruh, led the club in singing "The Grand Ole Duke of York". Recreation leader, Mason Roark, led members in a fun rock paper scissors tournament. Club announcements reminded foods project members that there would be information sent out about the March foods project meeting. We enjoyed treats from the Hensley family. Members enjoyed making Valentine's Day cards for patients at the hospital. Next month's meeting will be March 5, 2023 at 5:30pm at the 4-H Building. Kealie Bryant, Reporter

The monthly meeting of the Happy Hustlers 4-H Club was called to order by President Meara Bergstrom at 5:30pm on March 5, 2023 at the 4-H Building. Sixteen members answered roll call by stating their favorite pizza topping. Officer reports were given. Club Leader Karen Murrell recognized Regional Club Days participants. Karen shared dates of upcoming events including YQCA training required for livestock exhibitors and 4-H Super Saturday in Colby, KS. Karen also let the club know that Nicole Bryant would be helping as a co-leader. There was no old business. For new business, a motion was passed to have an exchange meeting with the Kourageous Kids 4-H Club in April. On the program, Meara Bergstrom gave a talk on how to grade grain. Kennan Murrell also gave a demonstration on how to make a honey ham. Song leader, Hailey Unruh, led the club in singing "Baby Shark", and we sang "Happy Birthday" to members with March birthdays. Recreation leader, Mason Roark, led members in a fun rock paper scissors tournament with our feet. Club announcements reminded foods project members that there would be information sent out about the upcoming egg project meeting over spring break. We enjoyed treats from the Bergstrom family. Members enjoyed making pizza at our pizza bar foods project meeting before the meeting. Next month's meeting will be April 2, 2023 at 5:00pm at the 4-H Building. Kealie Bryant, Reporter



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