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WEST PLAINS EXTENSION DISTRICT

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Scott County 4-H Pancake Feed



Eat-In or Take-Out

Free will donation to support
Medical Expenses for Kacie McKinney & Clint Dearden

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UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

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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.)

OCTOBER

- 10/6-10/12: **National 4-H week**
- 10/7: **Finney County Records Book Due 5pm Extension office**
- 10/10: **Ambassador Applications Due (Finney & Scott)**
- 10/12-10/13: **48hrs 4-H Community Service Projects**
- 10/14: **Club Officer / Club Leader Training 6-7pm 4-H Buildings (Finney County)**
- 10/17: **Finney Co 4-H Ambassadors Interviews (Extension Office)**
- 10/18 **Halloween 4-H Crafts, 9-12p.m. (Holcomb)**
- 10/21 **Halloween 4-H Crafts, 9-12p.m. WM Carpenter Building**
- 10/21: **Scott Co 4-H Ambassador Interviews (Extension Office)**
- 10/24 **Halloween 4-H Crafts 9-12p.m. Garden City Extension Office**
- 10/27: **Scott County Achievement Banquet 12:30 pm WM Carpenter bldg**
- 10/27: **4-H Club Officer Training, following Banquet, Wm Carpenter Bldg**

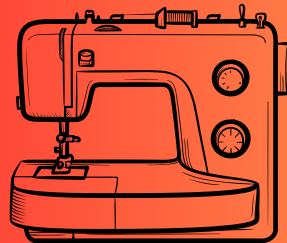
November

- 11/4 : **Scott Co 4-H Cookie Donations for Elections Due, 5pm County Clerk**
- 11/10: **4-H Achievement Banquet, 12:30p.m. 4-H Building**

4-H Halloween Art



Finney County 4/H
Sewing day
coming soon stay tuned
to Facebook for
details and location.



Join us for the
“A Better You”
class!

Mondays & Thursdays

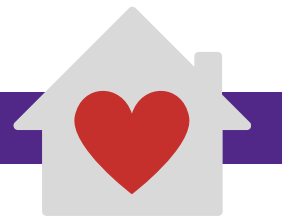
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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

Happy Fall Ya'll! Every month, I try to write a bit about what is going on in our district. There is always so much that can be said, but my space is small. The biggest task on our plate at the moment is that October brings the new 4-H year. Although my involvement in 4-H is smaller now days with the District's opportunity to have 2 4-H agents, I still help with National 4-H Week each year. This year, it is Oct. 6-12th. I love this week, because we always have a pancake feed in Scott County, and I love the mission behind the funds that are raised. This year the funds will go to help two 4-H families with medical expenses. The funds raised from the Pancake Feed never go to the 4-Hers, but instead, the 4-Hers pick a mission to give the funds too.

Finney Co. 4-Hers will also be out and about doing neat 4-H things in your community.

If you know of any youth wanting to join 4-H, just reach out to one of our West Plains Extension Office. 4-H is not just about cows and pigs, we are about life skills both hard and soft, STEM opportunities as well and most importantly Leadership and Citizenship opportunities.

Check out our newsletter for more information or follow us on FaceBook! Have a great Fall and enjoy the nice weather.

-Carol Ann

Families First

For those who don't know, October is National Bullying Prevention Month.

Many of us might think we know what bullying is based on what we experienced as kids, but we are so far behind the curve. We often think of bullying as physical intimidations, but with social media it is so much more than that, and it never goes away. That is why prevention is so crucial.

If you want or need more information, contact a professional counselor, a school counselor or principal, a clergy member or Jennifer LaSalle or myself.

What we need to understand about bullying today is that the way social media can spread information fast and forever, bullying has so much more negative impact. It doesn't go away after awhile and behaviors can be much more complex and varied than what older folks dealt with when they were younger.

Definition of bullying can be broad, but most include these features:

- The behavior hurts or harms another person physically or emotionally.
- The targets have difficulty stopping the behavior directed at them, and struggle to defend themselves.
- There is an "imbalance of power", described as when the student with the bullying behavior has more "power", either physically, socially, or emotionally, such as a higher social status, is physically larger or emotionally intimidating.
- Types of bullying, like physical or emotional and social interactions.

A basic guideline for your child is this: Let the child know that if the behavior [of another student] hurts or harms them, either emotionally or physically, it's bullying.

Having said that, you also need to know that some kids take everything at face value and they need to know that every time someone talks to them, doesn't mean they are being hateful. Also, just because someone is having a private conversation that doesn't include them, doesn't mean it is about them. The questions to ask, does your child have any self confidence; if not what can you do to help them with that?

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) have stated that bullying may also be considered harassment when it is based on a student's race, color, national origin, sex, or disability.

Harassing behaviors may include:

- Unwelcome conduct such as: verbal abuse, such as name-calling, epithets, slurs
- Graphic or written statements
- Threats
- Physical assault
- Other conduct that may be physically threatening, harmful, or humiliating

Students have protection under federal laws. Many states have laws that address bullying in the schools. The content of each law varies considerably.

In Kansas, we only have a policy. You can find out more information at <https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Career-Standards-and-Assessment-Services/Content-Area-M-Z/School-Counseling/School-Counseling-Resources/Bullying-Prevention>

If your child is feeling like they are being bullied. It is important that parents approach this situation in a calm manner and that parents keep records of facts in the situation. It is helpful if parents and school staff work together to resolve the issue.

Work with your child to understand what is going on. Never ask them to handle it by themselves, they are already feeling isolated. Thank your child for telling you about their situation. Tell your child that the bullying is not his or her fault. Talk with your child about the specifics of the situation and ask:

- Who is doing the bullying?
- What happened? Was it
 - o Verbal bullying?
 - o Physical bullying?

o Cyberbullying? (meet directly with the principal if this is the case)

- What days and times were you bullied?
- Where did the bullying take place?

Also find out how your child responded to the bullying and if other children or adults might have observed the bullying.

Does your child know the names of these people?

Keep a written record of this information.

Practice possible ways for your child to respond to bullying.

There are helpful hints on the internet with how to help your child respond to those who might be bullying them.

Tell a school staff (teacher, principal, other staff). If you have too, meet with the school's staff.

- Discuss what is happening to your child using information that they have shared already
- Ask what can be done so your child feels safe at school
- Mention your work with your child regarding the situation
 - Mention how the situation is impacting your child
- Does not want to come to school or is fearful he or she will be hurt

- Complaints of stomach aches, headaches, etc.
- Has other new behavior as a result of bullying

Keep a written record of what happened at this meeting, including names and dates.

Ask if the school has a written policy on bullying and harassment. If so, ask for a written copy.

Ask what the school can do to keep your child safe at school, on school bus, etc. Kids who know what bullying is can better identify it. They can talk about bullying if it happens to them or others. Kids need to know ways to safely stand up to bullying and how to get help.

• Encourage kids to speak to a trusted adult if they are bullied or see others being bullied. The adult can give comfort, support, and advice, even if they can't solve the problem directly. Encourage the child to report bullying if it happens. • Talk about how to stand up to kids who bully. Give tips, like using humor and saying "stop" directly and confidently. Talk about what to do if those actions don't work, like walking away.

• Talk about strategies for staying safe, such as staying near adults or groups of other kids. • Urge them to help kids who are bullied by showing kindness or getting help.

The best thing that you can do is to keep the lines of communication open. Sometimes spending 15 minutes a day talking can reassure kids that they can talk to their parents if they have a problem. Start conversations about daily life and feelings with questions like these:

- What was one good thing that happened today? Any bad things?
- What is lunch time like at your school? Who do you sit with? What do you talk about?
- What is it like to ride the school bus?
- What are you good at? What do you like best about yourself?

Talking about bullying directly is an important step in understanding how the issue might be affecting kids. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions, but it is important to encourage kids to answer them honestly. Assure kids that they are not alone in addressing any

problems that arise. Many kids will not want you to "do" something about the bullying that they are a victim of, as they believe it will get worse, and it might. But standing up for what is right is never wrong.



The Pear: A Delicious and Nutritious Fruit



Pears are one of the oldest cultivated fruits, beloved for their sweet, juicy flavor and distinct shape. They belong to the *Pyrus* genus and are closely related to apples, though they differ in texture and flavor. Originating in regions of Europe, North Africa, and Asia, pears have been enjoyed for thousands of years, not only for their taste but also for their versatility and health benefits. They are the ultimate fall fruit, available from mid-August through the winter.

There are several varieties of pears, each with unique characteristics. Some of the most popular include:

- 1. Bartlett Pear:** Also known as Williams pear outside of the U.S., Bartlett pears are juicy with a soft, buttery texture. They turn from green to yellow as they ripen and are ideal for eating fresh or canning.
- 2. Anjou Pear:** A squat-shaped pear with a subtle sweetness and firm texture, Anjou pears are excellent for baking, poaching, or eating fresh. They come in green and red varieties.
- 3. Bosc Pear:** Known for its long neck and russet-brown skin, Bosc pears are crunchy with a slightly spicy flavor. They hold their shape well during cooking, making them a great choice for baked dishes.
- 4. Comice Pear:** A dessert pear with a super-sweet and juicy flavor. Comice pears have a rounder shape and are often paired with cheese or wine.
- 5. Seckel Pear:** These small, bite-sized pears are very sweet and are often used in pickling or as a garnish in culinary presentation.

Pears are not only delicious but also packed with nutrients. They are an excellent source of dietary fiber, Vitamin C, and antioxidants. Pears have many health benefits too. Their high fiber content aids digestion and feeds beneficial gut bacteria, enhancing gut health. Because they are low in calories and high in fiber, pears are a filling snack that can help control appetite and promote weight loss. Pears contain antioxidants, which reduce inflammation and support cardiovascular health by improving cholesterol levels and blood pressure. Pears are rich in flavonoids and polyphenols, compounds that have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, helping to protect cells from oxidative stress and reduce the risk of chronic diseases. The vitamin C found in pears helps promote collagen production, leading to healthier skin and quicker wound healing.

Pears can be enjoyed in many ways, both raw and cooked. Some of the most popular methods include:

- **Raw:** Slice and eat fresh pears for a quick and easy snack. They pair well with cheese, nuts, or yogurt.
- **Salads:** Add diced pears to salads for a hint of sweetness, balancing well with savory ingredients like blue cheese, arugula, and walnuts.
- **Baking:** Pears are often used in desserts like pies, tarts, and cakes. Their natural sweetness and juicy texture make them an ideal ingredient for baked dishes.
- **Poaching:** Poached pears are a classic dessert, typically simmered in wine, sugar, and spices for a soft, flavorful treat.
- **Sauces and Jams:** Pears can be made into sauces or jams, often used as a topping for pancakes, waffles, or toast.

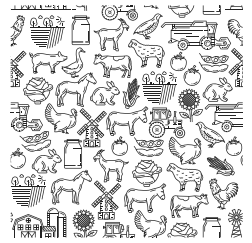
Pears are one of the few fruits that ripen off the tree, so it is just fine to buy green pears and let them ripen to yellow at home. When selecting pears, look for ones that are firm but not rock-hard. If the pear gives slightly when pressed near the stem, it is ripe and ready to eat. Unripe pears can be stored at room temperature to ripen. Once ripe, they should be refrigerated to extend freshness. Pears go from under-ripe to overripe very quickly, so keep an eye on them.

Pears are a delightful fruit that offers a variety of flavors, textures, and uses. Their nutritional profile and versatility in the kitchen make them an excellent choice for a healthy, balanced diet. Whether enjoyed fresh, baked, or poached, pears continue to be a beloved fruit around the world.

This
Autum.,
Remember
To:

- Take a walk and enjoy the changing leaves
- Visit a pumpkin patch
- Breathe in crisp morning air
- Carve a jack lantern
- Make an apple pie or homemade applesauce
- Jump in a pile of dry, crunchy leaves
- Eat pumpkin pie and pumpkin bread
- Eat Halloween candy
- Savor the last of summer's tomatoes, peppers, and corn
- Press red, yellow, orange, and brown leaves in a heavy book to preserve them
- Pick apples, pumpkins, pears
- Stop and smell the last of the roses!
- Most of all, enjoy the Autumn





Pumpkins!

Decorating with pumpkins, but want them to last longer? Making sure you select the correct pumpkin will be the key! K-State horticulture expert Cynthia Domenghini says, "Check for maturity by pressing your thumbnail into the rind. If the rind is hard and sounds hollow when thumped, it was likely harvested at maturity. Pumpkins that are soft or haven't developed a solid color will rot more quickly."

To keep your harvested pumpkins fresh, store them in a cool place. If you're planning to carve a pumpkin, follow these tips for longevity:

- Clean out the inside thoroughly, removing all seeds and loose string.
- Soak the inside of the pumpkin in a 10% bleach-water solution for several hours.
- Avoid using a real candle inside the pumpkin since the heat will speed up rotting.

Now you're all set to enjoy your pumpkins longer and make your fall décor shine! Whether you're creating a spooky masterpiece or a cheerful autumn display, a little care goes a long way. So grab those pumpkins, get creative, and let your imagination run wild! Happy decorating, and may your pumpkins be the talk of the patch!



Testing Forages

Do you rely on some type of harvested feed for your cattle in the winter months? Some of these sources are prone to different problems when feeding cattle. Take a look at this [article](#) for more information on prussic acid and nitrates, plus management tips.

Upcoming Events

Pay attention to our page for programs coming up around Southwest Kansas surrounding various agricultural topics like:

- Weed Management
- Cover Crops
- Forage Schools
- Women in Ag Series
- Plus more!



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 2024 Kansas State Fair! Nearly 40 different 4-H'ers entered their static, or non-livestock projects, for competition with the best in the State of Kansas!

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As local projects head to state fair, some are re-baked for a fresh entry, while others are pressed or touched up to make minor changes per the local judge for higher competition. All 4-H projects begin at the red ribbon level, which is the age appropriate level for a member. From there, the workmanship of the project moves it up in ribbon standing. While all 4-H'ers love to have blue or purple ribbons, receiving a red ribbon at the state level is a great accomplishment to be proud of. When you see the following 4-H'ers, please congratulate them on a job well-done!

Paxton Alexander – Purple, Fiber Arts, Foods & Nutrition, Clothing & Textiles
Cort Baker – Blue, Visual Arts
Braeden Boyd – Purple, Foods & Nutrition; Red, Photography
Madya Boyd – Blue, Photography; Red, Foods & Nutrition
Kealie Bryant – Purple, Fiber Arts; Blue, Foods & Nutrition & Photography & Communications
Dylan Burch – Purple, Clothing & Textiles
Aubrey Coash – Blue, Photography; Foods & Nutrition
Abigail Elam – Blue, Foods & Nutrition
Hudson Fryman – Purple, Photography; Blue, Visual Arts
Grady Gleason – Purple, Shopping In Style, Top 10 Finish
Makay Hammond – Red, Rocketry
Gentry Hands – Blue, Agronomy; Red, Photography
Macy Hands – Red, Woodworking
Bethany Horton – Red, Foods & Nutrition
Perry Horton – Re, Foods & Nutrition
Brylie Kathman – Foods & Nutrition
Karlie Kathman – Purple, Foods & Nutrition
Adam Knoll – Blue, Photography; Foods & Nutrition
Jake Knoll – Red, Foods & Nutrition
Taylor Knoll – Blue, Foods & Nutrition
Mitchell Lehman – Purple, Photography; Woodworking
Lauren Lightner – Blue, Shopping In Style
Katie Lobmeyer – Purple, Shopping In Style; Blue, Photography
Elisabeth MacWhinnie – Blue, Visual Arts;
Aria Smith – Blue, Photography
Paityn Soukup – Blue, Photography
Parker Soukup – Blue, Visual Arts
Harper Sowers – Red, Fiber Arts & Foods & Nutrition
Harvick Sowers – Blue – Clothing & Textiles; Red, Fiber Arts
Hailey Unruh – Purple, Clothing & Textiles, Crochet, Foods & Nutrition; Red, Fiber Arts
Kinley Unruh – Purple, Clothing & Textiles; Blue, Needle Arts, Fiber Arts & Foods & Nutrition
Paxton White – Blue, Photography
Rilynn White – Blue, Photography
Annalise York – Purple, Visual Arts; Blue, Photography
Madelyn Waggoner – Blue, Photography

Finney County Intermediate Photography Judging
Hudson Fryman – 9th Individual
Madelyn Waggoner – 21st Individual

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.

POINT OF ORDER! *Monthly Series*

POINTS TO PRACTICE PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Refer to a Committee

A motion is referred to a committee when the matter being discussed needs to be more carefully investigated and will need more work than can be done in a club meeting

When **referring** to a **committee** ...

- ✿ A **Motion** is required
- ✿ A **Second** is required
- ✿ A **Vote** is required
- ✿ Members can be **appointed** to the committee by:
 - Presidential Appointment
 - Presidential Nomination and Club Vote
 - Motion
 - Floor Nominations and Club Vote
 - Election by Ballot

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



4-H PROUD, 4-H GROWN!

OCTOBER 6-12, 2024

Sunday	Selfie Sunday
Monday	Monday Motivation
Tuesday	Tuesday Trivia
Wednesday	4-H Spirit Day!
Thursday	Throwback Thursday
Friday	Friday Night Lights
Saturday	Saturday Service- #484H

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Livestock 4-H'ers Find State Fair Success

By Janet Harkness

4-H Agent, West Plains Extension District

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

Beef

Lauren Gigot – 2nd place Maine Anjou Breeding Heifer & Chianina Steer
Gentry Hands – 3rd place Chianina Steer
Macy Hands – 5th place Maine Steer & Market Heifer
Hailey Unruh – 4th place Simmental Steer
Kinley Unruh – 1st Commercial Breeding Heifer; 6th place Maine Steer

Goats

Brooke Basham – 3rd & 7th place Market Goats
Kase Basham – 1st & 6th place Market Goats
Mason Basham – 7th place Market Goat
Kealie Bryant – 2nd & 4th place Market Goats; 3rd & 7th place Breeding Does
Dylan Burch – 5th & 12th place Market Goats; 9th place Breeding Doe
Kayla George – 7th & 8th place Breeding Does; 7th place Market Goats
Aaron Morales – 3rd place Breeding Doe
Abigail Morales – 2nd & 6th place Breeding Does; 2nd & 5th place Market Goats
Andrew Morales – 4th & 5th place Market Goats; 5th place Breeding Doe
Jaylee Speer – Division Champion & 1st place Market Goat; 3rd in Division, 2nd & 3rd place Market Goats
Madelyn Waggoner – 3rd & 4th place Market Goat; 8th place Breeding Doe

Horse

Madelyn Waggoner – 2nd & Reserve Champion Overall Stock Type Mare; 3rd Gelding; 8th Ranch Horse Trail

Sheep

Grady Gleason – 4th & 6th place Commercial ewes; 3rd Hampshire Market Lamb; 3rd place Shropshire Market Lamb;
Taylor Knoll – 12th place Hampshire ewe
Mitchell Lehman – 4th, 5th & 6th place Commercial ewes; 3rd Hampshire Market Lamb; 6th place Crossbred Market Lamb
Brayden Robinson – Breed Champion & 1st place AOB Market Lamb; 3rd & 9th place Hampshire ewes; 5th & 7th place AOB Market Lambs
Kasen Robinson – 4th place Hampshire ewe; 6th & 8th place AOB Market Lambs
Harper Sowers – 9th place Southdown Market Lamb

Swine

Paislea Cogan – 4th place Yorkshire Market Hog
Kennan Murrell – Breed Reserve Champion, 1st place AOB Market Hog; 4th place Yorkshire Market Hog; 5th place Dark Commercial Market Hog; 9th place Dark Commercial Breeding Gilt
Travis Oliver – Grand, Breed & Division Champion Dark Crossbred Market Hog; Breed Champion, 1st place Yorkshire & 3rd Overall Best Breeding Gilt; Breed Reserve Champion, 1st place Spot Market Hog & 5th Overall Best Market Hog; 5th Overall Senior Showmanship
Kason Ramsey – 2nd Light Crossbred Market Hog; 3rd place Dark Commercial Market Hog; 4th place Light Commercial Breeding Gilt & Poland China Market Hog; 6th place Chester White Market Hog
Devan Soukup – 5th place Duroc Market Hog
Joey Soukup – 5th place Berkshire Market Hog & AOB Market Hog
Harper Sowers – 2nd place Yorkshire Breeding Gilt
Harvick Sowers – 3rd place Light Crossbred Market Hog; 5th place Spot Market Hog

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Beef

Cally Cramer – 9th place Market heifer
Marly Cramer – 10th place Market heifer
Brayson Mayo – Reserve Champion and 2nd place Hereford steer
Charli Moore – 5th place in two Hereford heifer classes
Kamryn Meyer – Reserve Champion and 2nd place Charolais steer; 3rd place Shorthorn Plus steer
Brody Strine – 4th place Mainetainer heifer; 4th place AOB heifer
Grady Vance – 3rd place Chianina steer

Goats

Landry Beaton – 10th place Market Goat; 11th place Breeding Doe

Horse

Brooke Fisher – competed in Flag Race, Ranch Horse Trail,
Paige Fisher – competed in Flag Race, Ranch Horse Pattern, Ranch Horse Trail, Trail

Sheep

Baily Cramer – 8th place Hampshire ewe; 15th place Commercial ewe
Marly Cramer – 10th place Hampshire ewe; 12th place Hampshire market lamb
Marin Kerr – 3rd place Suffolk ewe; 8th place Commercial ewe
Statler Kerr – 14th place Commercial ewe

Swine

Aliyah Gardner – 6th place Spot Market Hog & Dark Crossbred Middle Weight Market Hog; 7th place Duroc Breeding Gilt & Dark Crossbred Heavyweight Market Hog
Hayzen Kerr - 4th place Chester White Breeding Gilt; 4th place AOB Market Hog
Kenzi Martinez – Reserve Division Champion & 2nd place Dark Commercial Breeding Gilt; 6th place AOB Market Hog
Baylor Vasquez – 5th place Chester White Market Hog

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Reed Batterton – Blue & Purple Photography
Sarina Bose – Blue, Photography
Baily Cramer – Blue, Photography
Cally Cramer – Red, Visual Arts
Marly Cramer – Blue, Photography
Bryn Crisler – Blue, Photography
Addison Dearden – Blue, Foods & Nutrition
Chase Dearden – Red, Foods & Nutrition
Piper Jessup – Purple, Clothing & Textiles; Blue, Photography; Red, Rocketry
Trace Jessup – Blue, Electrical & Photography; Red, Rocketry
Marin Kerr – Blue, Communications
Zoey O'Dea – Blue, Foods & Nutrition; Red, Fiber Arts
Aaren Radke – Red, Visual Arts
Avery Radke – Purple, Visual Arts
Isaiah Rogers – Blue, Electrical
Ava Stephens – Blue, Visual Arts
Ella Stevens – Blue, Photography & Fiber Arts
Megan Trout – Purple, Foods & Nutrition
Grady Vance – Blue, Photography

Intermediate Photo Judging Team – 1st Place
Bryn Crisler – 2nd Individual
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CLUB REPORTS:

FINNEY COUNTY 4-H Beacon Boosters

Officer Elections

The August Beacon Booster meeting was called to order on August 23, 2024 at 6:42 p.m. by President Brayden. There were seven members, 6 parents, and 3 guests present. The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were said. The July minutes were approved as read. Community leaders Andrea and Kasey reminded club members that static events are due to the extension office by 5 p.m. September 4, 2024. We celebrated August birthdays. The next Beacon Booster meeting will be September 15, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. The club will start at Escape the Clock then go to Knoll's house for the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m. After the meeting concluded the club did the pulled pork fundraiser

FINNEY COUNTY 4-H HAPPY HUSTLERS

Officer Elections

The time has come for the Happy Hustlers 4-H club to hold their annual club elections. This was a very entertaining year that the members would all agree would put America's elections to shame. This year they had a few funny ties.

First for the office was the president; there was only one nomination, and that was for the resident president, their oldest, Grady. There was a unanimous vote, and that led to Grady spending his last year of 4-H as president.

The next office was the position of Vice President, there were many nominations, and only one declined. There were nominations for the four next in age, Mason, Kealie, Perry, and Hailey. The club voted and Mason landed the job.

The third position was for Secretary, there were 5 nominations, and two declined, that led to an interesting event. There was a 3 way tie! They removed an absent member, and re-voted. And, you would never guess what happened next... another tie! According to the Club's leader, Karen, that has never happened in any election! Kealie won the Secretary position on the 3rd vote.

The club's new Treasurer was Grayson. The Reporter was the current Reporter, Hailey. The Recreation and Song Leaders are members Kennan and Perry.

This year, the Happy Hustler's 4-H Club had a very interesting Officer Election. We are looking forward to a fun year ahead.

ATV Course

Date: October 18th

Where: Scott County Fairgrounds

Who: Youth Ages 10-Adult

Cost: \$10.00

Online course must be completed before class, link will be emailed after payment.

Time: 9am-12am or 1:30-6:30

(two 4 1/2 hour sessions will be offered.) Class size is limited to 8 riders per class We will fill the morning class first

RSVP to West Plains Extension at 620 872-2930 or email ccrouch@ksu.edu by 12:00pm Friday October 11th



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