

WEST PLAINS DISTRICT

EXTENSION NEWSLETTER



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

LUNCH HOURS EXCLUDED AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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DATES TO KNOW: ONGOING

- **September 1st-December 15th:** Extension Master Gardener Training. Thursdays. 1:00pm-4:00pm.
- **November 22nd- December 13th:** Adult Sewing Class for Beginners. Fi. Co. Fairgrounds. Grandstand Room. 6:30pm-8:30pm.

DATES TO KNOW: DECEMBER 2022

- **December 2nd:** Festive Fridays. West Plains Extension Offices. 10:00am-4:00pm.
- **December 3rd:** Scott County 4-H Ambassador Community Service Trip. Garden City & Parklane Visit.
- **December 5th:** Charcuterie Board Taste and Learn Class. Finney County Extension Office. 7:00pm
- **December 6th:** Adult Sewing Class for Beginners. Fi. Co. Fairgrounds. Grandstand Room. 6:30pm-8:30pm
- **December 8th:** William Carpenter 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting. William Carpenter Building.
- **December 9th:** Festive Fridays. West Plains Extension Offices. 10:00am-4:00pm.
- **December 13th:** Adult Sewing Class for Beginners. Fi. Co. Fairgrounds. Grandstand Room. 6:30pm-8:30pm
- **December 14th: Finney County Extension Office will be closed at 10:00 am for Staff Holiday Party.**
- **December 16th:** Festive Fridays. West Plains Extension Offices. 10:00am-4:00pm.
- **December 19th:** Scott County 4-H Rocketry/STEM Club Meeting. Extension Office. 4:00pm-5:00pm
- **December 21st:** Scott County 4-H Christmas Bowling Party. Garden City Lanes. 10:00am-2:00pm.
- **December 23rd- December 31st: West Plains District Offices closed for Christmas and New Year's Holidays**

DATES TO KNOW: JANUARY 2023

- **January 2nd: West Plains District Offices closed in observance of New Year's Day**
- **January 3rd-4th:** Scott County 4-H Photography Trip around Scott Lake.
- **January 16th:** Scott County 4-H Rocketry/STEM Club Meeting. Extension Office. 4:00pm-5:00pm.
- **January 17th:** 4-H Record Books heading to Regional Judging Due to Extension Office by 5:00pm
- **January 18th, 25th, February 1st, & 8th:** The Power of Negotiation & Communication: Land Leasing Strategies for Midwestern Ag Women. William Carpenter 4-H Building. 5:30pm-8:30pm
- **January 19th:** 4-H Regional Record Book Judging. KSRE Regional Center. Garden City.
- **January 23rd:** Finney County 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting. Extension Office.



FROM THE DESK OF THE *Director*

Happy Holidays from the staff at the West Plains Extension District.

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Stop by either of the Extension offices on Fridays and enjoy a sample of Christmas candy that are some our staff's favorites.

We would love to see you and share what programs that we will be starting. We are super excited for our upcoming programs that are happening this month and after the first of the new year. You can find more details of those in this newsletter.

Our wish for you this holiday season is to be safe, to be happy and to enjoy your time with whoever or however you chose to spend it with.

Just a reminder that our offices will be closed Friday, December 23 - January 2, 2023 to spend time with our families over the holidays.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Carol Ann



HOLIDAY ALLERGIES

With the entertaining that happens this time of year involving food, I thought I would share a column on **food allergies**. With shrimp cocktail, wheat crackers with spicy tofu dip, walnut tarts, peanut clusters, and eggnog...the party menu is shaping up. However, for persons attending who have a food allergy, you have set them up for disaster. **The eight top allergy-causing foods are crustaceans, gluten, soy-based foods, tree nuts, peanuts, eggs, milk and fish.**

Symptoms of food allergies can interfere with having a good time, and linger long afterward. They include sneezing, runny nose, shortness of breath, itching, hives, eczema, redness of the skin and, if severe enough, breathing problems that could lead to death. **Allergy problems are commonly seen in the intestinal tract or skin**, areas that can come into direct contact with the offending food product. So, nausea, vomiting, cramping, diarrhea, and swollen lips, mouth, or throat are most common. Not only can these symptoms vary among people, but they also can change from time to time for an individual, depending on the amount of food eaten and other health conditions. **Just because you have never had a food allergy doesn't mean you won't develop one.**

The only way to prevent allergic reactions is to avoid the food. If you are planning a menu to serve at a social gathering, you can help those with food allergies enjoy the event by following a few guidelines.

- * **If possible ask guests about possible food allergies.** People will think this is thoughtful, not snoopy.
- * When you don't know if your guests have food allergies, or you are bringing an item to a group event, **reconsider a menu item if it contains one of the top eight allergy-causing foods.**
- * **If the recipe calls for a highly allergenic food ingredient, consider a substitution.** For example, raisins or dates can replace chopped nuts.
- * **Put place cards or labels by foods to show the ingredients**, especially if the recipe includes highly allergenic foods.
- * **Provide simple snacks and foods**, such as a tray full of cut up vegetables and/or fruits.
- * **Keep your empty packages on hand** from cheeses, crackers, dressings, etc. **so those with allergies can look at them if needed.**
- * **Take extra precautions in the kitchen to separate foods containing allergens from other foods to prevent cross-contamination.** Thoroughly clean equipment, utensils and work surfaces between uses to prevent allergens from being transferred from one dish into another.
- * **As a host, allow those with food allergies to go first through the buffet line so that utensils do not get used for other dishes.**

If you are someone who has a food allergy, first, always take your medications with you. Or, you can offer to host the party or take a few dishes that you know that you can eat, with you to the party. Just communicate with the host so that they understand what you are doing and why. Make sure you take your own serving utensil as well. Or eat before attending the party and pack your own snacks for safety. **If you are nervous about what could happen, just give your regrets, it's ok to decline an invitation to a holiday dinner of party.**

There are several websites available to help navigate the holidays and meal planning for allergies. Multiple recipes have been modified and with so many new products on the markets, it's easier to make those special holiday dishes. **Keep everyone safe this season by being aware of, and planning for, the prevention of food allergy reactions. Enjoy your party!**

DECK THE HALLS



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When **caring for Poinsettia, temperature and soil moisture are your most-pertinent tasks** as the plant can be temperamental. A bright, warm, sunny window is the perfect location for Poinsettias during the winter as the temperature will generally be **65 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit**. However, this is not a “set it and forget it” situation. The window temperature is above 75? The lifespan of those bright-red leaves is going to be shorter. Below 60? Root rot. **Be sure to choose a location where it’s convenient for you to move the plant around if need be, and mind cooler evening temperatures as well.**

Poinsettia is not a plant that tolerates wet feet, and it will quickly tell you so as it begins dropping leaves. Be sure to check soil moisture daily at a half inch deep. If the soil is moist, leave the plant be until your next time checking. If it is dry, time to water again. **Be sure any runoff water is drained from the pot, and don’t allow the plant to dry out either.** An underwatered poinsettia will also result in dropping leaves.

Another holiday plant, the **Christmas cactus, is praised for its abundant blooms that show up right around the holiday season** -so long as the plant has properly been nurtured. *Schlumbergera bridgesii* is the tried and true, actual, Christmas cactus. Often confused with its cousin, *Schlumbergera truncata* (the Thanksgiving cactus) the plants can be difficult to tell apart. Neither have needles. Both have lavish, vibrant, blooms. The only difference is the time of year that they bloom in, and the claw-like appendages that jet outward on the corners of Thanksgiving cactus.

Both of **these cacti prefer bright, indirect light for photosynthesis**. Be sure to abide by this direction, as too much sun can turn your plants yellow. The blooming cycles for both of these plants is also dependent on the hours of daylight they receive, and too much can prevent the blooms from forming altogether or can delay their formation significantly. **Like the poinsettia, keep the soil moist but not waterlogged.**



Amaryllis bulbs prefer bright sunlight while growing, and temperatures that are in the lower 70s. When blooming then begins, this temperature can be lowered to the 60s to prolong the life of the bloom. The plant continuing to grow, rotate the pot as the stalk of the flower elongates. This is done to encourage a straight-standing bloom. **Consider staking the stalk as it gets tall enough to start slumping. This will help in preventing bloom collapse.**

If you have **live greenery hanging about, such as holly, magnolia, eucalyptus, mistletoe, or living wreaths, bear in mind that these plants have already been severed from their host and thus are already in the process of desiccating.** Store these decorations in a cool, preferably refrigerated, area until their time of use. The use of an anti-desiccant wax spray to seal in moisture may also be of help. And always avoid hot air flows such as those from vents, as these will quickly dry them out. **These tips followed, decking the halls will be easier than ever this holiday season.**



INTERNATIONAL MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE 2023

Overland Park, Kansas
June 18 - 22, 2023

FOR THE
GARDENER IN YOU

Hosted by the Kansas State University
Extension Master Gardeners of Johnson County, Kansas



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WHERE EAST MEETS WEST

Overland Park, part of the Kansas City metropolitan area, is where the North American eastern deciduous forest transcends into the tallgrass prairie. This is where you'll embark on your IMGC 2023 journey.

For the first time in four years, Master Gardeners from around the world will gather in person to celebrate today, educate for tomorrow and grow the future. This conference is a one-of-a-kind opportunity that will nurture the Gardener in You.

Everywhere you look, you're going to find unforgettable experiences. Did you know that with more than 200 public fountains, Kansas City is known as the City of Fountains? Where else can you visit an exquisite Monet Garden—emulating the painter's garden in France—meticulously designed and cared for by Master Gardeners? And yet in minutes you can enjoy some of the best barbecue in the country while you soak up our Midwestern hospitality.

CONVENTION CENTER, HOTEL AND REGISTRATION

The award-winning **Overland Park Convention Center (OPCC)** is the hub of IMGC 2023 activity. It's conveniently connected to our host hotel, the modern Overland Park Sheraton. IMGC 2023 selected the Convention Center for its ease of navigation, comfortable meeting rooms, state-of-the-art technology and culinary excellence.

Overland Park Sheraton Hotel special IMGC rates range from \$154 to \$254 plus tax, based on type of room. Rate available three nights before and after the conference, depending on availability. On-site restaurant, fitness center, hot tub and indoor pool. Free parking.

Early bird registration is \$397 and available November 2022 to March 1, 2023. Registration after March 1, 2023 is \$459.

Registration includes Monday dinner, Tuesday through Thursday breakfast, Tuesday through Wednesday lunch, and Tuesday and Wednesday concurrent presentations.

A STANDOUT SCHEDULE:

IMGC 2023 cont.

Saturday, June 17: Pre-Conference

Tour*(1): All-day Tour of Private Gardens: Beauty, Elegance and Inspiration.

Sunday, June 18: Conference Check-In and Activities

There is so much to see and do in Kansas City Metro and the surrounding region. Tours Sunday through Tuesday make exploration easy.*

Enjoy Sunday and Monday hands-on workshops* too. A great way to get creative and meet other Master Gardeners.

The evening Featured Speaker is Leigh Hunt, Royal Horticultural Society, *Making the United Kingdom a Greener and More Beautiful Place*.

Tours*(4): Choose between Amber Waves: Two Days in the Kansas Heartland; Petals, Vines and Wines; Gardens, Roofs and Prairies in the Little Apple; or All-day Tour of Private Gardens.

Monday, June 19: Even More to Enjoy

Day tours and workshops* followed by a Welcome Dinner and Keynote Speaker Jim Richardson, National Geographic photojournalist and native Kansan.

Tours*(6): Choose between Nelson-Atkins Museum: Experience Gardens through Art; Midtown Gardens: From Prim and Proper to Wild and Woolly; Preserving the Future: Monarchs, Wetlands and Prairies; Escape to Eastern Kansas: Where Delightful Gardens Abound; Pockets of Opportunity: An Urban Farm Tour; or Educating the Gardener in You!



Monet Garden in Overland Park Arboretum

Tuesday, June 20: Lots to Learn

Search for Excellence award ceremony.

Morning Keynote Speaker Abra Lee is a horticulturist, historian, and author. Her stories of Black Americans' contributions to the plant world are uplifting.

Today through Wednesday you can select from more than 45 concurrent presentations led by horticultural experts speaking on a variety of timely topics.

This evening's Featured Speaker is Sara Dykman. Her knowledge of science and love of nature motivated her to bicycle over 10,000 miles to follow the Monarch butterfly migration.

Tour*(1): Kansas City Arts and Architecture Tour.

Wednesday, June 21: More to Think About

Search for Excellence award ceremony.

Morning Keynote Speaker Dr. Charles Rice co-authored a climate change report that received Nobel Peace Prize recognition. Dr. Rice is Professor of Soil Microbiology at Kansas State University.

Once again, concurrent presentations fill the day.

Evening Featured Speaker Dan Hinkley will talk about The Forgotten Elements Of Good Design: Texture, Movement And Fragrance.

Tour*(1): A Relaxing Outing: Behind the Scenes at Boulevard Brewery.

Thursday, June 22: Bugs and Laughter

Morning Keynote Speaker horticulturist Jessica Walliser shares her concepts on managing good and bad bugs and companion planting vegetables.

Closing Keynote Speaker Scott Beuerlein is manager of Botanical Garden Outreach at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden. His gardening presentations are always honest and humorous.

***Tours, workshops and evening activities are priced separately. Tours are subject to change.**

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CHRISTMAS TREATS



“It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas” with the decorations, shopping and the holiday baking. One of my fondest memories of Christmas was the baking of sweet breads, cookies, and candy making that I shared with my mother and sisters.

Not only is holiday baking a great family tradition but it is also a great gift to give others. **Creating a basket of goodies is always a welcoming gift to receive.** Decorate a basket or container and fill it with cookies, homemade candy, or homemade jams, jellies or salsa. What a great gift to give to that special person on your list. **In this month’s newsletter there are some baking tips to help you create a perfect holiday treat.**

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CANDY

Making candy is a popular treat that requires great deal of skill to prepare. It calls for careful measuring, exact timing, controlled temperatures, and special techniques. **There are two types of candy; crystalline and non-crystalline.**

Crystalline candies contain small sugar crystals that give them a smooth, creamy texture. Examples are fudge, fondant, divinity, and creams.

Non-crystalline candies do not contain sugar crystals. They may be chewy or brittle in texture. Examples are toffee, peanut brittle, taffy, and caramels.

When making **crystalline candies, it is important to follow the instructions carefully in order to insure a good quality product.** After cooking, crystalline candies should not be disturbed until cooled to about 110 degrees. F. This allows many small crystals to form quickly, which results in a smoother candy. After the candy is cooled to 110 degrees F, it is stirred until the candy becomes solid. Stirring prevents large sugar crystals from forming, adds air to the mixture, makes the candy less shiny, and produces a lighter color.

Non-Crystalline candies have a higher concentration of sugar than crystalline candies. The cooked syrups are so thick that sugar crystals cannot form. They are not easy to chew or to cut with a knife. When making non-crystalline candy stir constantly while mixture is boiling to prevent the candy from scorching. Use a heavy, unlined pan, with a flat bottom for even heat distribution. Oil or butter the sides of the saucepan to prevent the mixture from boiling over and crystals from sticking to the sides of the pan. Lastly, never dip a spoon that has been dipped in syrup back in the syrup without washing. Crystals clinging to the spoon can cause crystallization.

It is important to use a candy thermometer when making candy because even a slight difference in temperature makes the difference between a quality batch of candy and one that is ruined. Use a candy thermometer that clips to the side of the pot during cooking. Make sure the tip of the thermometer does not touch the bottom of the pan. If the thermometer does touch the bottom of the pan, it will read the temperature of the pan, not the candy and give a false high temperature.

Use a dry day for making candy. Candy will take on moisture from the air, so it might refuse to set. If you choose to make candy on a humid, rainy, or snowy day, you may need to make modifications to the recipe, such as increasing the cooking temperature of the candy.

Finally, use fresh ingredients, the exact ingredients specified in the recipe, and follow the recipe. The best way to make good quality candy is to practice, practice, practice.

By following these tips, you will have a wonderful plate of goodies to be shared by family and friends.

Source: Cooking 401 book, University of Illinois Extension.

Stop by the West Plains Extension Offices and taste some of the staff’s favorite candy and pick up a recipe book which includes the recipes.

HOLIDAY BAKING



Holiday baking is a favorite activity shared by many. **If holiday baking is on your list to do this season it is a good time to check the expiration dates or test some of your baking supplies to make sure they are still potent and will give you the desired results in your final baked products.**

Baking soda should be good about 6 months for best quality. To test yours, add 1 teaspoon of baking soda to 3 tablespoons of vinegar. If the mixture bubbles it is still potent enough to use. There is no need to discard expired baking soda as it has many uses for cleaning purposes.

Baking powder also should be good about 6 months after opening for best quality. It will not spoil but again will not perform as expected if it is old. Baking powder is a combination of baking soda and cream tartar with some cornstarch added in to prevent an immediate reaction. **Baking powder is double acting.** It reacts first when combined with a liquid then again with heat. To test baking powder for potency, add 1 teaspoon to 1/3 cup hot water. If the mixture bubbles the baking powder is fresh enough to use. If not, it is time to replace it.

Yeast is fresh 3 or 4 months or until the expiration date on the package. To test your yeast for freshness, add 1 teaspoon sugar to 1/2 cup warm water in a one cup liquid measure. Stir in 1 envelope (2 and 1/4 teaspoons) yeast. Let mixture stand 10 minutes. If the yeast foams up to the 1/2 cup mark, it will be effective. If you are testing an envelope of yeast right before you are ready to bake you can add this yeast mixture to your product but be sure to decrease the amount of liquid in your recipe by 1/2 cup.

Spices have dates, but you need to give them a gentle sniff as some become weaker as they age in your cupboard while others become stronger.

Other baking ingredients you may want to check expiration dates on include Crisco and cake mixes. Opened Crisco should be good for about one year. The texture, color or flavor may change but, in most cases, it will still be safe to consume. If it develops an off odor, flavor, or appearance you need to discard it. **Cake mixes should be good for 12-18 months.** It is best to use them by the date on the package for peak quality. Using fresh ingredients will produce a quality product.

Source: Iowa State University: Marcia Steed





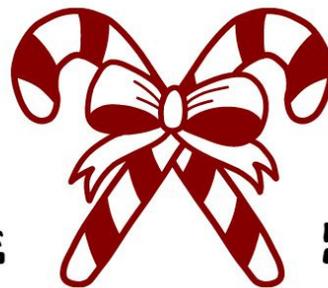
Festive Fridays



Come visit the
West Plains & Extension District Offices
for a tasty Holiday Treat

Fridays, December 2nd, 9th, and
16th

10:00 am-4:00 pm



FINNEY COUNTY OFFICE
501 S 9TH

SCOTT COUNTY OFFICE
210 W 4TH ST.
SUITE #1

**CHARCUTERIE
BOARD
TASTE AND LEARN
CLASS**



**EVER WONDERED
WHAT GOES ON A
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some sweet and savory
ingredients and learn how
to make the perfect
charcuterie board to
impress anyone!

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**West Plains
Extension**

**Dec. 5th at 7:00 pm
Finney County
Extension Office**

**501 S. 9th Street
Garden City**



**CLASE DE
BOTANAS/CHARCUTERIA
PRUEBA Y APRENDE**

**¿TE HAS
PREGUNTADO
QUE ES TABLA DE
CHARCUTERIA?**

¡Pase una noche probando
algunos ingredientes dulces
y salados y aprenda a hacer
la tabla de charcutería
perfecta para impresionar a
cualquiera!

COSTO: \$10.00/PERSONA



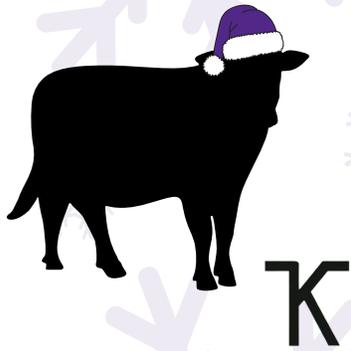
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7:00 pm
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WHAT SHOULD BEEF PRODUCERS BE THINKING ABOUT IN DECEMBER?

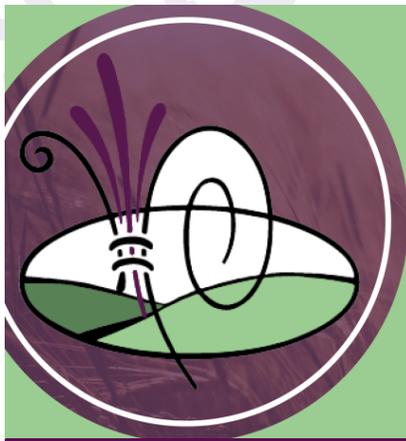
TIPS BY DALE BLASI, EXTENSION BEEF SPECIALIST

COW HERD MANAGEMENT FOR SPRING-CALVING COWS

- In late fall and early winter, start feeding supplement to mature cows using these guidelines:
 - Dry Grass: 1-2 pounds (lb.) per day of a 40% crude protein (CP) supplement
 - Dry Grass: 3-4 lb. per day of a 20% CP supplement
 - Dry Grass: 10 lb. good non-legume hay, no supplement needed
- Compare supplements based on cost per pound of nutrient.
- Utilize crop residues.
- Strip-graze or rotate cattle to improve grazing efficiency.
- Cows in average body condition can be grazed at 1-2 acres per cow for 30 days, assuming normal weather. Available forage is directly related to grain production levels.
- Limiting nutrients are usually rumen degradable protein, trace minerals, and Vitamin A.
- Control lice.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT

- Document your cost of production by participating in Standardized Performance Analysis (SPA) programs.
- Review management decisions; lowers your costs per unit of production.
- Check with your financial management plan and make appropriate adjustments before the end of the year.



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**Conservation
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A 4-PART WORKSHOP FOR LANDOWNERS AND TENANTS

2023: Jan. 18 | Jan. 25 | Feb. 1 | Feb. 8 5:30-8:30 p.m. CT

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4-H DISTRICT ROUNDUP



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District Club Days for Finney and Scott Counties will be held on Saturday, February 11 at Horace Goode Middle School.

Trainings for public speaking will be held in **Scott County, Dec 18, and Finney Co, Jan 8, courtesy of 4-H Volunteer and Club Leader Tammy Hutcheson.**

Please encourage your 4-H'ers to attend the trainings and the contest. We will also need teens to be room greeters/monitors for the event. Names for judges also welcomed. **Regional Club Days will be held on Saturday, Feb 23 at Kearney Co.** More details to come.

Please feel free to reach out to the wonderful OP's and Agents in the district for any and all assistance.

Chat, Don't Snap.

Enhance your leadership and communication skills through Civil Discourse. This workshop is hosted by Ellis County 4-H Council for all area high school students.



Event Entertainment:
The Peterson Farm Brothers!
Farmers, Singers, Songwriters.



Event Keynote:
Dr. Lori Kniffin, FHSU!
Assistant Professor of Leadership Studies
Expert in civic leadership & dialogue



- Free T-Shirts to the first 100 registered
- Refreshments
- Prize Drawings



FHSU Memorial Union
Sunday, December 4, 2022
1 PM - 5 PM



Scan the QR code to sign up and see the event schedule!

Registration deadline: November 22

For more information: elliscounty4hcivildiscourse@gmail.com

Sponsors: Dane G Hansen Foundation, Midwest Energy Community Fund, Lang Diesel, eyeSMILE Vision & Dental, Hays Optimist Club, Redeem Designs, Hays Kiwanis Club, Ellis County 4-H Council, FHSU Department of Leadership Studies



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MERRY & BRIGHT

You're Invited
Scott County 4-H
Christmas Bowling Party

Holiday Outfit Contest!

December 21, 2022
Time: 10am - 2pm

Leaving from the Scott County Extension Office at 10am, returning by 2pm.

Contact Cozetta to sign up: cozetta@ksu.edu or 620-872-2930

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4-H Club Resources are available for Club Leaders

Topics include: welcoming new members, how to make your club meetings POP!, better using parents as volunteers, club leadership transition, and how to recruit a co-leader among other topics. Lots of good info that you can use to help with your club work. I highly recommend checking the site out to find ideas and ways to help you with your club work:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/index.html> or
<https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/clubs/>



Finney Flyers participated in the Finney County Veteran's Day Parade on November 12, 2022. It was a beautiful day for the parade.



2023 Kansas Miss United States Agriculture Baylee Hutcheson is promoting 4-H At Charles Stones Intermediate Center.

West Plains 4-H'ers Adi George, Eric Shapland and Alivia Noll attended the 2022 National 4-H Conference in Atlanta, GA.



FINNEY FLYERS

The Finney Flyers had their November meeting before the Achievement night on Nov. 6th. The meeting was called to order and 7 members answered roll call of "My favorite Thanksgiving food". The October minutes were read and approved. Members were reminded of the parade next Saturday. Need to be at the south parking lot of the fairgrounds by 9:30. A thank you note from the State office for a donation was read. The club is a gavel club member. Our next meeting is Dec. 4th. It was moved and seconded to bring gloves, mittens, and caps for the Knights Christmas event. It was moved to adjourn and take part in Achievement banquet event. It was seconded and approved.



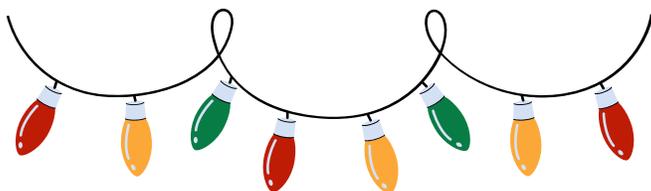
KOURAGEOUS KIDS

The Courageous Kids 4H meeting took place Sunday October 9th at the 4H Building. Cassy Boyd called the meeting to order. The flag salute was led by David. Roll call was to introduce yourself and name your favorite project. Minutes were presented by Cassy. Next was the Installation of Officers Ceremony. Braeden gave the Treasurer Report and then requested club activities from the last month. Several attended the 4H Fall Fest. Jonathan led a Parliamentary game called "Call to Order." The council rep, Dorothea, reported in their last meeting. 4H enrollment is October 1st through November 1st to get the member fee waived. The Achievement Banquet is Sunday November 6th at 1pm. Members signed up for committees and Cassy gave the leaders report. Flowers were sent to Lora Norquest in memory of her mom. The club was reminded that record book needs to be turned in ASAP. For new business the club decided to collect mittens, hats and gloves to go to a local organization. They also discuss a collection for the Humane Society and the food pantry in January. The next meeting is Sunday November 13th at the 4H Building. The club broke for Recreation with a Saran ball game. The meeting was adjourned, motion by Jonathan and seconded by Henry.



WIDE AWAKE

The November Finney County 4-H Wide Awake Club meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm on Monday, November 14, held at the 4-H building. Role call followed with members stating their favorite 4-H project. Court Baker lead the club in the 4-H Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance. Club Co-Leader Amanda Hands discussed the Leaders Reports and noted she had Pins for members who had yet to receive their pins. With no Old Business to discuss, the club moved to New Business. The Wide Awake Christmas Party date and theme was taken to vote; Christmas Fun & Games theme won the vote and will be held Sunday, December 11th at 6 pm with the location TBD. Participation in the Christmas Parade was taken to a vote, with the nay's winning as many members participate in other organizational floats. A motion passed to pay for Achievement Banquet expenses. Devotion was recited by Gentry Hands, Harper Sowers read the Current Event and I'm a Little Snowman Song was lead by Macy Hands. Emma Lightner gave her Project Talk about 4-H Leadership. Harvick Sowers and Kase Basham lead Recreation with Get to Know Your 4-H Friends Scavenger Hunt. The monthly meeting was motioned to adjourn at 7:54. Respectfully Submitted by Brooke Basham, Wide Awake Reporter



HAPPY HUSTLERS

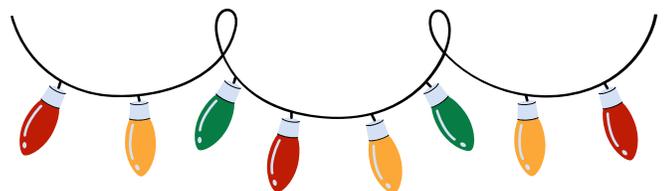
Thirteen members were present at the October Parents Night meeting of the Happy Hustlers 4-H Club on October 9, 2022. Acting President Sara Gleason called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm at the 4-H Building. Parents answered roll call for their 4H'ers by naming what recreation their family enjoys. Officer reports were also given by the parents. There was no old business or new business. Members that participated in the KJLS show shared their results. Members also shared about participation in Fall Fest and the Pumpkin & Veggie class. On the program, parents presented a "saucy" new officer installation ceremony. Song leaders led the club in signing "Happy Birthday" to members with October birthdays. Club announcements reminded members to enroll for the 2022-2023 4-H year and to sign up for committees, talks and host family for each month. Next month's meeting will be at 5:30 pm November 6, 2022 at the 4-H Building. Nicole Bryant, Acting Reporter, for Kealie Bryant

The monthly meeting of the Happy Hustlers 4-H Club was called to order by Vice-President Lauren Gigot at 5:30pm on November 13, 2022 at the 4-H Building. Seventeen members answered roll call by stating their favorite Thanksgiving dish. Two guests were also present. Officer reports were given. Committee reports stated that the Christmas Parade committee would meet after the meeting to decide decorating details. Club Leader Karen Murrell recognized members for their awards at the Achievement Banquet. She also congratulated the club for receiving a purple seal award and community service club award. There was no old business. For new business, three motions were passed - to give a monetary donation to the Kansas 4-H Foundation, to give a monetary donation to the Finney County 4-H Foundation and to participate in the Christmas Parade. On the program, a purple seal award ceremony was given by members. Song leader Hailey Unruh led the club in signing "Down by the Bay" and "Happy Birthday" to members with November birthdays. Recreation leader Mason Roark led members in a fun bouncy ball game. Club announcements reminded members to bring toys for the GCCC Fill a Ford Toy Drive and that the Christmas Parade committee would meet after the meeting. Next month's meeting will be December 4, 2022 at the 4-H Building with the time yet to be determined. Kealie Bryant, Reporter



SHERLOCK STRIVERS

The November meeting of the Sherlock Strivers 4-H Club was held on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at Holcomb Elementary school. This was the annual parent-led meeting. The evening began with a taco bar and desserts that club families enjoyed. The meeting was then called to order by parent Matt Jones who served as acting president. Roll call was - What is your favorite Thanksgiving food? The club recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. The club then participated in the game Ninja. Reports were provided by the acting secretary, treasurer, and reporter. In new business club members discussed potential community service projects for the November/December. Members decided the club would provide gift cards and collect items for Santas for Seniors. Club members were also given information about volunteering to be bell ringers if they would like. The club also voted to participate in the annual Parade of Lights on December 4. A committee was formed to generate ideas and prepare for the parade. Club members were reminded that the enrollment deadline is December 1 for returning 4-Hers. The club sang Happy Birthday to club members Halle and Preslee who celebrate birthdays in the month of November. Submitted by Katelyn Novack, Reporter



Membership Pin

Beacon Boosters
Adam Knoll
Jake Knoll
Taylor Knoll
Brayden Robinson
Kasen Robinson

Happy Hustlers
Lane Hensley
Myra Hernandez

Wide Awake
Hudson Fryman

Bronze Pin

Beacon Boosters
Adam Cook

Happy Hustlers
Paxton Alexander
Kinley Unruh

Sherlock Strivers
Katelyn Novack

Wide Awake
Harper Sowers
Brantley Tempel

Clover Pin

Beacon Boosters
Maggie Deal

Wide Awake
Gentry Hands
Andrew Morales
Harvick Sowers
Madelyn Waggoner

Emerald Pin

Beacon Boosters
Brogan Sperry
Rustin Sperry

Happy Hustlers
Kealie Bryant
Hailey Unruh

Wide Awake
Jaylee Speer

Silver Pin

Kourageous Kids
Braeden Boyd

Wide Awake
Macy Hands
Abigail Morales

Silver Guard Pin

Sherlock Strivers
Abigail Elam

Wide Awake
Aaron Morales

Leadership Pin

Beacon Boosters
Jarica Hutcheson

Sherlock Strivers
Austin Elam
Kayla George

Wide Awake
Lauren Lightner

Gold Pin

Happy Hustlers
Grady Gleason

Gold Guard Pin

Wide Awake
Emma Lightner

10 Year Pin

Beacon Boosters
Baylee Hutcheson

Happy Hustlers
Meara Bergstrom

Kourageous Kids
Mariah Standley
Jessa York

Wide Awake
Mitchell Lehman
Anna Lobmeyer

Key Award

Beacon Boosters
Baylee Hutcheson

I Dare You Award

Beacon Boosters
Baylee Hutcheson

Project Pins:

Clothing/Textiles

Hailey Unruh-HH
Kealie Bryant-HH
Adison George-SS
Kinley Unruh-HH
Paxton Alexander-HH

Fiber Arts

Kealie Bryant-HH
Kayla George—SS

Food & Nutrition

Kealie Bryant-HH
Hailey Unruh—HH
Kinley Unruh—HH
Paxton Alexander-HH
Katelyn Novack-SS

Communication

Kealie Bryant-HH

Leadership

Kayla George-SS
Austin Elam-SS
Kealie Bryant-HH
Katelyn Novack-SS
Baylee Hutcheson-BB

Performing Arts

Lauren Lightner-WA
Paxton Alexander-HH

Photography

Hudson Fryman-WA
Kealie Bryant-HH
Kayla George-SS
Maggie Deal-BB
Reyce Frick-WA

Shooting Sports

Brayden Robinson-BB

STEM

Paxton Alexander-HH
Brayden Robinson-BB
Kealie Bryant-HH

Visual Arts & Crafts

Kealie Bryant-HH
Emma Lightner-WA
Kasen Robinson-BB
Adam Cook-BB

Beef

Hailey Unruh—HH
Kinley Unruh—HH
Molly Price-WA
Benjamin Price—WA
Brayden Robinson-BB

Meat Goats

Kayla George-SS
Kealie Bryant-HH
Hudson Fryman-WA
Aaron Morales-WA
Jaylee Speer-WA

Horse

Madelyn Waggoner-WA
Jillian Schmeackle-WA
Anna Schmeackle-WA
Dylan Burch-SS

Sheep

Grady Gleason—HH
Reyce Frick-WA
Paxton Alexander-HH
Hudson Fryman-WA
Brayden Robinson-BB
Kasen Robinson-BB

Swine

Kayla George—SS
Paxton Alexander-HH
Harvick Sowers-WA





Record Book Completion 2021-2022

Beacon Boosters

Baylee Hutcheson
Jarica Hutcheson
Maggie Deal
Rustin Sperry
Brogan Sperry
Adam Cook*
Brayden Robinson*
Kasen Robinson*
Adam Knoll
Jake Knoll
Taylor Knoll

Finney Flyers

Aleah Eatmon*

Happy Hustlers

Paxton Alexander*
Kinley Unruh*
Hailey Unruh*
Kealie Bryant*
Grady Gleason*
Lane Hensley
Myra Hernandez

Kourageous Kids

Mariah Standley
Braeden Boyd
Jonathan Standley
Jessie Standley
Annalise York
Jessa York
Dorthea Cooper
Theodore Cooper
Audrey Norquest
Henry Coash
Aubrey Coash
Asher Coash
David Wright

Sherlock Strivers

Dylan Burch*
Abigail Elam*
Katelyn Novack*
Kayla George*
Adison George*
Austin Elam*

Wide Awake

Harvick Sowers*
Harper Sowers*
Macy Hands
Gentry Hands
Reyce Frick*
Paxton White*
Rilynn White*
Madelyn Waggoner*
Brantley Tempel*
Jaylee Speer*
Jillian Schmeeckle*
Anna Schmeeckle*
Ben Price*
Molly Price*
Emma Lightner*
Lauren Lightner*
Andrew Morales*
Aaron Morales*
Abigail Morales*
Mitchell Lehman
Jimmy Lobmeyer
Anna Lobmeyer
Katie Lobmeyer
Teddy Lobmeyer
Hudson Fryman*

Camp Counselors:

Baylee Hutcheson
Abigail Elam

State Livestock Judging Team:

Kennan Murrell
Gentry Hands
Macy Hands
Coach: Rylan Laudan

State Meats Judging Team:

Braeden Boyd
Kealie Bryant
Adison George
Kayla George
Macy Hands
Aaron Morales
Coach: Skyler Glenn

Graduating Seniors:

Kourtney Cole
Adison George
Morgan Hammond
Audrey Norquest
Jessie Standley
Brandon Springston
Kendrick Wallace

4-H Ambassadors:

Leader: Connie Gross
Adam Cook
Abigail Elam
Austin Elam
Kayla George
Grady Gleason
Baylee Hutcheson

Club Seal Awards

Beacon Boosters
Purple Seal

Happy Hustlers
Purple Seal

Kourageous Kids
Purple Seal

Sherlock Strivers
Purple Seal

Wide Awake
Purple Seal

Club Recordkeeping Awards

Secretary

Beacon Boosters Taylor Knoll
Wide Awake Jaylee Speer
Sherlock Striver Morgan Hammond
Kourageous Kids Jessa York
Finney Flyers Kynadee Ramsey
Happy Hustlers Lauren Gigot

Treasurer

Kourageous Kids Braeden Boyd
Wide Awake Reyce Frick
Finney Flyers Kason Ramsey
Beacon Boosters Brogan Sperry
Happy Hustlers Kennan Murrell

Reporter

Sherlock Strivers Katelyn Novack
Wide Awake Madelyn Waggoner
Happy Hustlers Mariel Henry

Historian

Beacon Boosters Adam Cook



More photos on our Finney County 4-H Facebook page.

Top Finney County 4-H'ers

Junior (7-9)
Paxton Alexander
Hudson Fryman

Intermediate (10-13)
Kealie Bryant
Madelyn Waggoner

Senior (14-18)
Kayla George
Katelyn Novack



4-H Community Service Award
Happy Hustlers

Friends of 4-H Award
Gary Millershaski & Shane Knoll

4-H Foundation Awards 2021-2022

Family & Consumer Science Award
Kealie Bryant-Happy Hustlers

Agriculture Award
Kayla George- Sherlock Strivers

4-H General Award
Hailey Unruh-Happy Hustlers

