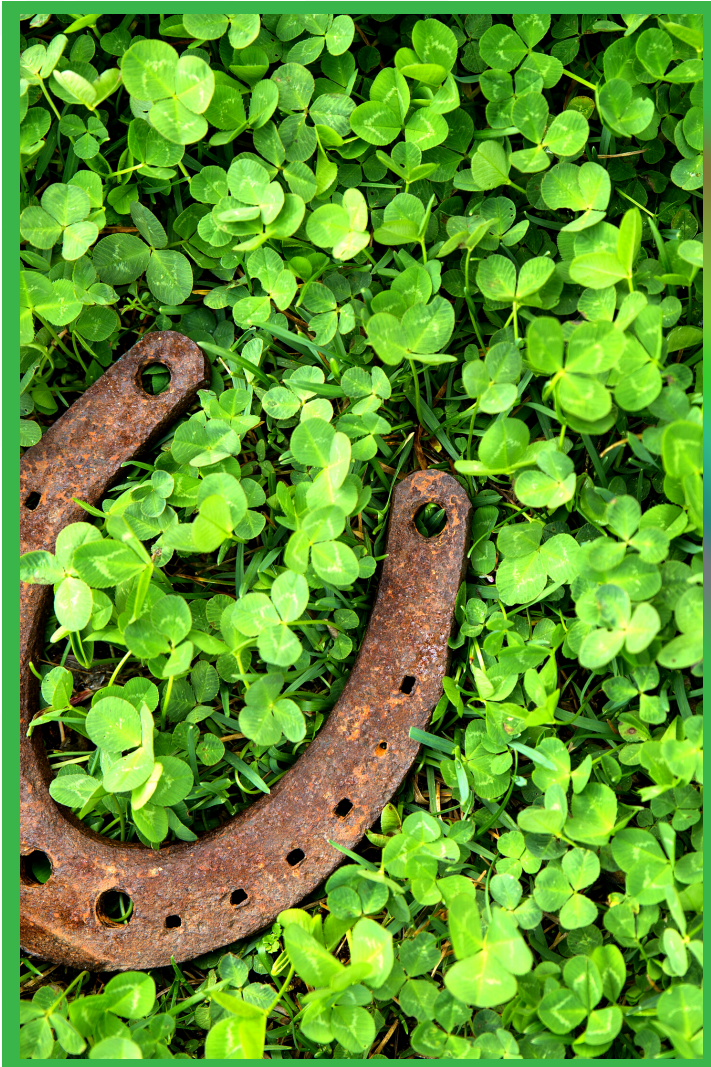


WEST PLAINS DISTRICT

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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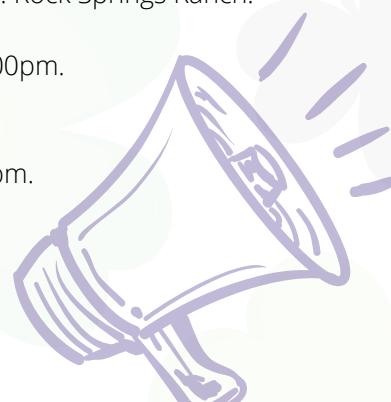
WEST PLAINS DISTRICT

DATES TO KNOW: MARCH 2022

- **March 1st:** Kansas State 4-H Scholarship Deadline. <https://bit.ly/3K9aI2p>
- **March 3rd:** "Taste of Japan" Sushi Class. Finney County 4-H Building. **\$5 cost.** 6:30pm.
- **March 2nd:** K-State Garden Hour Webinar: Landscape Design 101. 12:00pm.
- **March 5th:** Junior Beef Producers Day, K-State.
- **March 5th-6th:** Ag Innovators State Training. Scott City.
- **March 6th:** 4-H Dog Obedience Training. Scott County. William Carpenter Building. 2:00pm.
- **March 8th:** Entomology Lesson/Art Contest. Scott County. William Carpenter Building. 6:00pm.
- **March 9th:** Entomology Lesson/Art Contest. Finney County. 4-H Building. 6:00pm.
- **March 9th:** Living Well Wednesday 12:15pm-1:00pm on Zoom.
- **March 12th:** Tree and Shrub Pruning Workshop. Finney County Extension Office. 9:00am.
- **March 12th:** Tree and Shrub Pruning Workshop. Scott County. William Carpenter Building. 1:00pm.
- **March 14th:** Meats Judging Practice. GCCC. 7:00pm.
- **March 15th-17th:** 4-H Quilting Class in Scott County
- **March 16th:** 4-H Fun Day, Day Camp. Finney County. 1:00pm-5:00pm.
- **March 17th:** 4-H Fun Day, Day Camp. Scott County. 1:00pm-5:00pm.
- **March 19th:** Junior Sheep Producers Day, K-State
- **March 21st:** Meats Judging Practice. GCCC. 7:00pm.
- **March 21st:** Finney County 4-H Photography Club Meeting. 6:00pm.
- **March 21st:** Scott County YQCA Training. William Carpenter Building. 6:00-8:00pm.
- **March 23rd:** Tree and Shrub Pruning Workshop. Sublette.
- **March 24th:** Tree and Shrub Pruning Workshop. Liberal
- **March 24th:** Finney County YQCA Training. Grandstand Room. 6:00-8:00pm.
- **March 25th-27th:** Level 1 Shooting Sports Instructor Training, All Disciplines. Rock Springs Ranch.
- **March 27th:** Scott County Beef Tagging. 2:00-4:00pm.
- **March 28th:** Scott County Photography Club. William Carpenter Building. 7:00pm.
- **March 28th:** Meats Judging Practice. GCCC. 7:00pm.
- **March 28th:** Finney County Cloverbud Club. 4-H Building. 6:00pm.
- **March 29th:** Scott County Cloverbud Club. William Carpenter Building. 6:00pm.

DATES TO KNOW: APRIL 2022

- **April 6th:** K-State Garden Hour Webinar:
- **April 6th:** Lawn and Garden Pest Management. Finney County. 6:00pm.
- **April 7th:** Lawn and Garden Pest Management. Liberal. 6:00pm.
- **April 14th:** **4-H Pumpkin Project Begins!** Greenhouse Tour and Seeding Lesson.
- **March 2nd:** K-State Garden Hour Webinar: Landscape Design 101. 12:00pm.



Ages: 7-12

4-H Fun Day
Day Camps

ENJOY FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Cost \$10.00

FINNEY
MARCH 16
1:00-5:00 PM
4-H BLD



SCOTT
MARCH 17
1:00-5:00 PM
CARPENTER BLD

Register by
March 12, 2022



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FROM THE DESK OF THE *Director*



It's March and I am excited for Spring to arrive along with Daylight Savings! For those of us with livestock, there isn't anything that sounds better than knowing **it will be warming up soon.**

The **West Plains Extension Agents have been** busy through the winter months **offering programs in health and wellness, agriculture, horticulture, and 4-H.** As you can imagine, March will also be a busy month. **Walk Kansas** kicks off in March, and it will also be time to start **preparing your gardens.** **4-Hers** will begin to weigh in livestock for the county fair and **Ag producers** will be in to retake their pesticide tests. Over spring break, there will be 4-H day camps offered in both Finney and Scott County, as well as other 4-H events. **Read the "Dates to Know" page in this newsletter** for more information or reach out to any of the agents in the district.

Both of the extension offices in the district **have a variety of information to share with you** that is research based, from Kansas State University. These publication topics range from all things related to **home, health, agriculture, horticulture, and 4-H.** Some of this month's publication updates included **pest management** in almost all the crops, **garden templates and plant choices,** and updated research on **trauma and coping.** Keep in mind, if we don't have a physical copy in the office, we can always print you one. **If you haven't utilized extension as your research-based source of information yet, give us a try!**



**MOVE MORE!
SIT LESS!**



**EAT A
HEALTHY DIET!**



**RETHINK
YOUR DRINK!**



Carol Ann



GET ENOUGH SLEEP!



BE SUN SAFE!



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PRUNING LIKE A PRO

Still cold out, you may be at a bit of a standstill currently when it comes to garden maintenance. You've already cleaned up your plant debris from last fall. You've kept up on watering your plants through winter. **One task that can still be tackled**, however, is **pruning back your fruit trees**, and **February through March** is the time to do so.

The first step to pruning a fruit tree at this time of year is to **take a look at the wood**. Is it frozen? Don't prune yet. **Wait until it thaws**, as this will allow cuts to begin healing as opposed to being frozen open and exposed to the elements. It will also deter cracking or unclean cuts that could be made as a result.

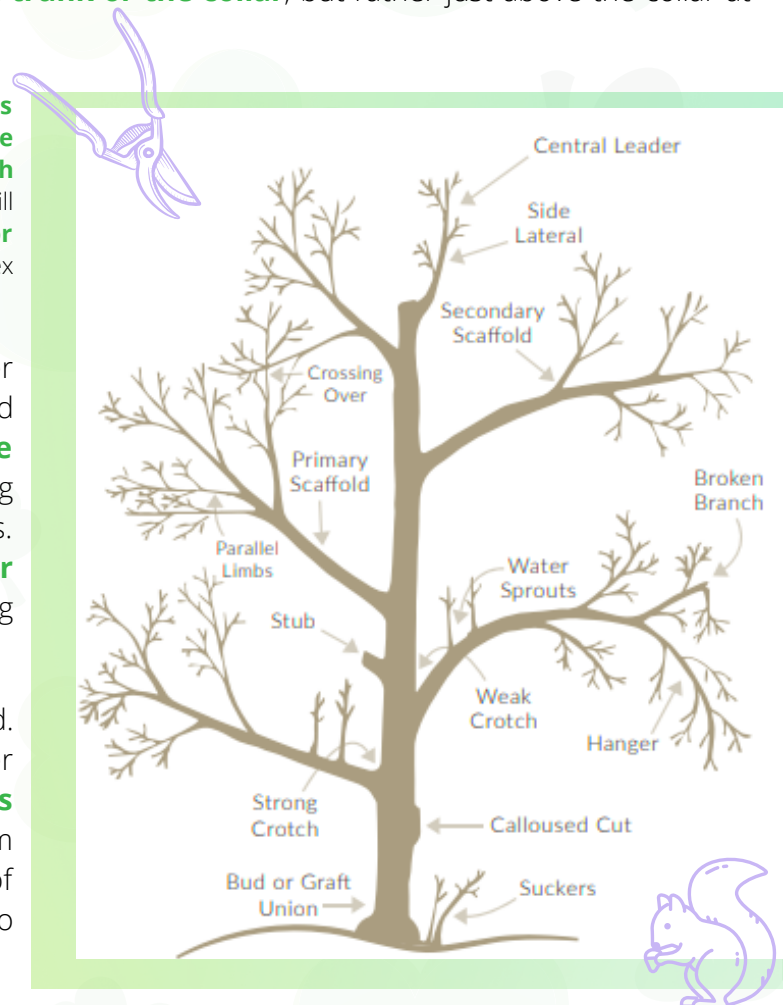
Next you will want to have an idea of what you are looking to prune. **Any broken, diseased, or dead branches should be your first, obvious, go-to**. These offer nothing to a tree nutrient-wise, and they often only act as an unnecessary eyesore.

Prune these out flush with their "BBR," a term professionals know as the branch-bark ridge. This is the point where a tree's **branch meets with its trunk at the collar**, and often it can be distinguished by a literal line in the surface of the wood. **Be sure not to cut into the trunk or the collar**, but rather just above the collar at the point where the branch begins.

You can also look to branch form when pruning. **If two branches form a narrow angle that is less than 45 degrees, prune one out**. Narrow angles are weak, and they **don't offer as much structural integrity as others**. These are the branches that will tend to break off in storms. The **ideal angle for a branch is at or around 45 degrees**, or the angle made by your thumb and index finger.

Another option includes crossing branches. Rather obvious, this is the point where two branches cross, and they are important to remove because of the **damage they cause**. Whipped around in the wind, crossing branches strike against each other. Friction happens. Before you know it, an **open wound exists on your tree**, inviting in all forms of **pests and disease**. Pruning can prevent this.

Suckers and watersprouts may also be removed. These are the **branches that grow straight up**, either from the **roots (suckers) or the branches (watersprouts)**. Be careful when removing these from apple trees, as watersprouts may compose so much of the canopy that you harm the tree by removing too many of them. (Continued Pg. 5)



Source: "Pruning Fruit Trees: Clip With Confidence" Utah State University

It is said that you can **prune up to 30% of live material** from a tree in one year. Dead wood does not count toward this percentage, as it holds no purpose for the tree and can be removed whenever. It is important to not go beyond this 30% point, however, due to the **stress that it will bring to the tree**.

The final factor to look at when pruning is the **overall size of your tree**. How much **weight** does it carry in pure branches? If an ice storm were to come through, would the combined weight be **too much for the tree to handle**? Would it split apart? **Thinning cuts to the canopy** branches will be your best course of preventative action for this. Size reduced, ice and snow accumulation is less likely within the canopy, and the effects of too much weight can be avoided.

If you would like to learn more about pruning trees, shrubs, and evergreens, I will be holding a **Tree and Shrub Pruning Workshop on March 12th in both Finney and Scott counties**, taught by myself and Wild West District Crop and Horticulture Extension Agent Ron Honig. **Please RSVP for either of these events by calling (620) 272-3670, as registration numbers will dictate whether the events can be held.** Before you know it, you'll be pruning like a pro!

SEED STARTING CHECKLIST ✓

1 Select Quality Seeds
TRUST YOUR RETAILER!

2 Time Out Your Sowing Date
(DATE OF TRANSPLANT)
(TIME TO GROW TO SIZE)
= SOWING DATE

3 Select Quality Soil
WELL-DRAINING!

4 Water Properly
MOIST, NOT SOPPING

5 Light Them Properly
SUN VS SHADE PLANTS

6 Heat Them Properly
KEEP WARM! 70°-85°

7 Harden Them Off
OUTDOORS IN "DOSES"
2 WEEKS BEFORE PLANTING



Pruning: Trees, Shrubs, and Evergreens

Topics to be Covered Include:

- Tree Care
- Proper Pruning Techniques
- Deciduous Trees
- Evergreens
- Shrubs
- Q&A Session and Demonstration

Register Here!



OR CALL
Garden/Scott: (620) 272-3670
Sublette/Liberal: (620)544-4359

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Horticulture Agent
West Plains Extension

Ron Honig

Crop & Horticulture Agent
Wild West Extension

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West Plains District

Saturday, March 12th

Garden City
9:00am
Fairgrounds
Extension Office
501 S. 9th Street

Scott City
1:00pm
Fairgrounds
Carpenter Building
608 Fairground Rd.

Wednesday, March 23rd

Sublette
6:30pm
Commercial Building
600 S. Fairgrounds Rd.

Thursday, March 24th

Liberal
6:30pm
Seward County 4-H Building
1081 Stadium Ave.



K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the Garden/Scott event contact Anthony Reardon by one week prior to the start of the event, March 4, 2022 at 620-272-3670 OR the Sublette/Liberal event contact Ron Honig by one week prior to the start of the event, March 16, 2022 at 620-544-4359. Requests received after these dates will be honored when it is feasible to do so.
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IT'S WALK KANSAS TIME

Get your walking shoes ready, **it's time for Walk Kansas**. You might be thinking, what is Walk Kansas? Walk Kansas is an **8-week team-based program that will help you lead a healthier life**. The program runs from **March 27-May 21**. By joining this program, you will become more active, make better nutrition choices, and walk away stress.

So, how does Walk Kansas work? It is simple, you **form a team, select a team captain and challenge, and log your daily physical activity minutes**. During the eight weeks you can follow your challenges map and learn about different sites of Kansas.

Teams for Walk Kansas can be of **4 or 6 members**. Team members can be **family, coworkers, friends, community organization members, neighbors, or part of a faith-based community**. Team members do not have to live in the same town, county, state, or country. My team members are my four sisters and two of my sisters live in a different county and one lives in Virginia. **If being on a team is not for you, no problem, you can go solo.**

One team member serves as team captain. Their job is to get all members registered, share program information, and most importantly, motivate, connect and celebrate with their team. Team captains will **connect with their team by choosing a team name, selecting a challenge, and staying connected with their team members on a regular basis.**

There are three challenges to select: 8 Wonders, Cross Country and Little Balkans to Nicodemus. As your team moves through your selected trail, you **learn about points of interest through the online map.**

Challenge 1 - 8 Wonders:

If you are a novice to physical activity, then this is the challenge for you. In this challenge each team member reaches the minimum goal of physical activity, which is **150 minutes per week**. Collectively, the team would walk 435 miles as they discover the 8 Wonders of Kansas.

Challenge 2 - Cross County:

This challenge is a winding trail from Troy to Elkhart. It requires each team member to log 4 hours per week, traveling **764 miles total**.

Challenge 3 - Little Balkans to Nicodemus:

This challenge is for the more physically active person. During this challenge you will walk the SE part of the state known as the Little Balkans and then wind up and around to Nicodemus. This team will go **1200 miles** and requires each team member to log 6 hours per week.

Physicians say that if walking were a pill, it would be the most widely prescribed medication. The reason this program promotes walking is that almost anyone can do it and it is good for your heart. Other types of exercise are beneficial as well, therefore, **other types of activity also count toward Walk Kansas minutes.** (Continued Pg. 7)

Walk Kansas
celebrate healthy living

WALK KANSAS CONT.

So, what activities counts towards Walk Kansas minutes? The Walk Kansas program is based on the Physical Activity Guidelines, which promotes moderate and vigorous intensity activities. **Activities such as walking briskly, water exercise, bicycling, general or heavy gardening, jogging or running, swimming, aerobic dancing, hiking, and strength training all count as Walk Kansas minutes.** If you wear an activity tracker (wrist tracker or pedometer), you can **start counting steps after you reach 6,000 steps in a day.**

Report **15 minutes of activity for every 2,000 steps you take above 6,000.** Basically, any physical activity that gets your heart pumping counts as Walk Kansas minutes.

Though the Walk Kansas program you will not only become physically active, but you will become more aware of your fruits and vegetable intake and water consumption. **Like our Facebook page and keep up to date with Walk Kansas happenings.**

What do you say? Get your team together, your walking shoes ready, and get register for Walk Kansas.

(Finney and Scott County teams will be registered under West Plains District. **Registration begins March 7 through April 2.** Register at <https://www.walkkansasonline.org>. **Cost to participate is \$10.00 per person.** For more information on Walk Kansas go to the following website <https://www.walkkansas.org/>).

MARCH IS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has designated **March as National Nutrition Month.** The goal is to educate consumers about making **informed food choices along with improving physical activity.**

The theme this year is **“Celebrate a World of Flavors.”** This month learn to incorporate foods and flavors **from other cultures around the world.** Trying new foods and recipes from various cultures is a new way to **include different flavors into your healthy eating routine.** This is also a great way to **increase the variety** of foods you eat. Incorporating a variety of nutritious foods and in the recommended amounts will help you **get the nutrients needed for good health.**

Keep an eye out for Facebook posts during the month of March and **learn to stay healthy by Celebrating a World of Flavors.**

GO GREEN, GO HEALTHY!

Go Green on St. Patrick's Day and throughout the year!

Fruits and vegetables provide nutrients that are vital for optimum health and maintenance of our body. Green fruits and vegetables include leafy greens, asparagus, green peppers, broccoli, green beans, peas, green apples, green grapes, kiwifruit, and limes are just a few green fruits and vegetables, to name.

For your St. Patrick's Day feast include some green into your menu. Here are a few ideas.

- **Tossed lettuce salad. Add extra green with green peppers, broccoli and avocado.**
- **Include kiwi fruit, green grapes and green apples for a fruit salad.**
- **Add avocado slices to salads and sandwiches.**
- **Enjoy your favorite veggie dip with some green vegetables.**
- **Add some green vegetables to your soup such as peas, green beans or green peppers**

PREPARE FOR SPRING WHEAT HERBICIDE APPLICATIONS NOW!



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With the lack of moisture and intense weather shifts this winter, wheat has been put on the back burner. While winter wheat is still in the 220 – 250 Growing Degree Day range in Finney County and still down in the 160 range for Scott County, it is important to get prepared now for spring herbicide applications.

Spring Herbicide Decisions on Wheat

Producers should pay close attention to the growth stage of their wheat before making spring herbicide applications. Some herbicides must be applied after tillering, several must be applied before jointing, and others can be applied through boot stage. Remember that **weeds are most susceptible at early growth stages** and coverage becomes difficult as the wheat canopy develops, so the earliest practical and labelled applications generally result in the best weed control.

Applications Permitted Prior to Jointing

Dicamba can be applied to wheat between the 2-leaf and jointing stages of wheat. Application of dicamba after wheat reaches the jointing stage of growth causes severe prostrate growth of wheat and significant risk of yield loss. Dicamba is effective for control of kochia, Russian thistle, and wild buckwheat, but is not good for control of mustard species. Kochia, Russian thistle, and wild buckwheat are summer annual weeds that may emerge before or after wheat starts to joint, so timing of dicamba for control of these weeds can sometimes be difficult. Fortunately, dicamba provides some residual control of these weeds following application.

Products labeled only for use on herbicide-resistant wheat must also be applied prior to jointing. Beyond should be applied to 1 gene ClearField wheat after tiller initiation and prior to jointing, but can be applied to 2-gene ClearField wheat until the second node is detected at the soil surface. Aggressor should be applied to CoAXium wheat varieties after 4-leaf growth stage and before jointing. Beyond should only be applied to ClearField wheat varieties and Aggressor should only be applied to CoAXium wheat varieties.

Other herbicides that must be applied prior to jointing include Agility SG, Olympus, Outrider, PowerFlex HL, Pulsar, and Rave.

Applications Permitted Through Boot

Herbicides that can be applied later in the spring – prior to boot stage – include Ally + 2,4-D, Amber, Finesse, Glean, Starane Flex, and Starane NXT. Starane is a better choice than dicamba products for control of kochia after wheat moves into the jointing stage of growth.

2,4-D is labeled for application to wheat from the full-tiller stage until prior to the boot stage of growth. Application of 2,4-D prior hinders the tillering process and can result in significant yield loss if applied too early. Wheat will sometimes exhibit prostrate growth from 2,4-D applications applied in the jointing stage of growth but yields generally are not significantly affected if applied before the boot stage of growth.

In general, MCPA is safer on wheat than 2,4-D, especially when applied prior to tillering. MCPA can be applied after the wheat is in the three-leaf stage (may vary by product label) until it reaches the boot stage of growth. Neither herbicide should be applied once the wheat is near or reaches the boot stage of growth, as application at that time can result in malformed heads, sterility, and significant yield loss.

Both 2,4-D and MCPA are available in ester or amine formulations. Ester formulations generally provide a little better weed control than amine formulations at the same application rates, but also are more susceptible to vapor drift. However, the potential for vapor drift damage in early spring is minimal. Ester formulations generally are compatible for use with fertilizer carriers, while amine formulations often have physical compatibility problems when mixed with liquid fertilizer.

PREPARE FOR SPRING WHEAT HERBICIDE APPLICATIONS NOW!

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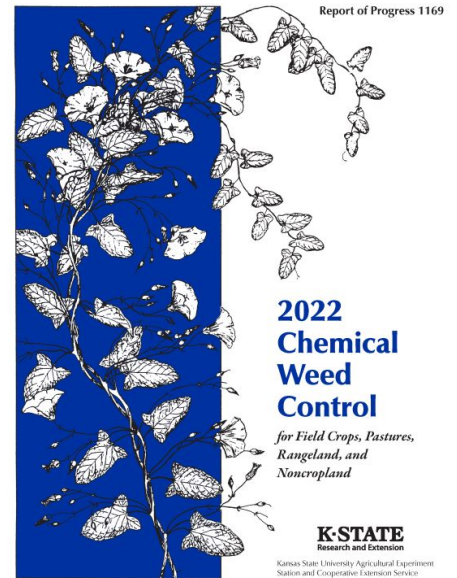
Applications Permitted Through Flag Leaf

Many herbicides used in the spring on wheat can be applied up to the time the flag leaf is visible, or later. One newer product that can be applied from 2-leaf and flag leaf is called Pixxaro EC. It is labeled for control of flixweed, horseweed, kochia, wild buckwheat, and other troublesome weeds.

Other herbicides that can be applied through flag leaf include Affinity BroadSpec, Affinity TankMix, Ally Extra SG, Express, Harmony, Harmony Extra, Huskie, Quelex, Sentrallas, Supremacy, Talinor Weld, and WideMatch must be applied before the flag leaf is visible.

For more detailed information, see the “2021 Chemical Weed Control for Field Crops, Pastures, and Noncropland” guide available online at <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/SRP1162.pdf> or check with your local K-State Research and Extension office for a paper copy. Also, for more detailed information on **Wheat GDDs for your area**, visit the **Kansas Mesonet Wheat GDD map** (<https://mesonet.k-state.edu/agriculture/wheat/gdd/>).

The use of trade names is for clarity to readers and does not imply endorsement of a particular product, nor does exclusion imply non-approval. Always consult the herbicide label for the most current use requirements.



Pick up your copy of the **2022 Chemical Weed Control Guide** at our offices today!

Need help determining Wheat Growth Stage?

The Kansas Mesonet Wheat Growth Stage page tracks wheat growing degree days. Visit

<https://mesonet.k-state.edu/agriculture/wheat/gdd/>

to learn more!

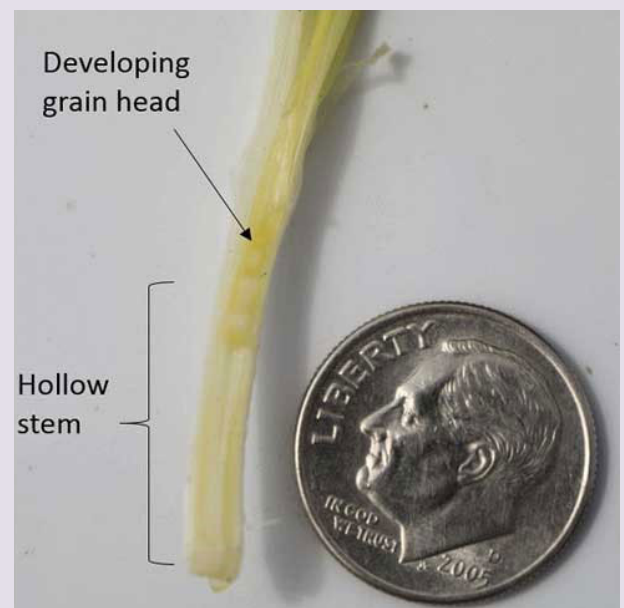
The United States produces approximately 6.75 billion pounds of onions each year!

Did you know?

Did you cry like a baby when you cut an onion? BASF has developed a "tearless onion" variety that hit the market in Italy this past December and has now been introduced in Germany. The availability will continue increase as seed stock continues to grow.



First Hollow Stem is Optimal Time to Remove Cattle from Wheat Pastures



Pictured: Wheat plant reaching the first hollow stem stage of growth, characterized by approx. 1.5 cm (or roughly the diameter of a dime) of hollow stem underneath the developing grain head. Photo by Romulo Lollato, K-State Research & Extension.



4-H DISTRICT ROUNDUP

Agriculture innovations play an important role in today's farming methods. Farmers can use innovative technologies to strengthen yields and overall productivity. The **2022 4-H Ag Innovators Experience** explores how different technologies have transformed agriculture and how farmers must continue to **innovate, learn, and adopt** new technologies to grow more food in a sustainable manner.

Finney and Scott County 4-H teens are leading this new and exciting program for the state of Kansas! Grady Gleason (Garden City), Kayla George (Holcomb) and Cally Cramer (Scott City) will be training to teach 17 other 4-H Teen Leaders how to use the curriculum in schools across the state, with **a goal of educating 1,000 youth**. Not only does this project have an immediate impact on youth in Kansas, there is a global component in which teens will be working with youth in other countries, via zoom.

Youth participants will **discover how individuals who are creative and passionate about innovation in agriculture are needed to develop the new technologies** that will allow farmers to continue to care for the land while increasing yield and streamlining the way farms are operated. The 2022 4-H AIE, Unlock Ag Innovations Challenge, is a series of challenges using the "escape room" format. Through a series of **interactive, hands-on activities**, participants will **explore** a variety of ag innovations such as selective breeding, GPS/GIS, drones, and the evolution of agriculture. In small teams, students will **work through scenarios to solve situations** that farmers face. Once all challenges are unlocked, teams will be led to understanding why ag innovation matters to all of us.

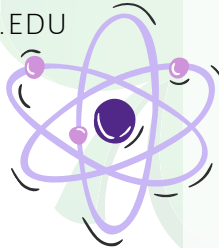
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The challenge is **designed to be an engaging 60-minute activity** for 3rd - 8th grade youth providing teaching opportunities for older youth and community partners. This activity can be **delivered in-person or virtually** via multiple 4-H delivery modes that include: summer camps, 4-H club meetings, summer reading programs, afterschool programming, special events and school collaborations with activities intentionally aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

Those interested in experiencing Ag Innovators in their classroom or after school program may contact Janet Harkness, 4-H Agent with West Plains Extension District at 620-872-2930 or jlp27@ksu.edu. **This program is free and provided by grant funding from Bayer.**

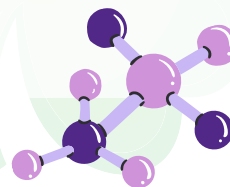
4-H is going to the dogs!!

Dog Obedience Training for 4-H members and their best friends!

All practices to be held at 2pm on the following days:

- January 9 - Carpenter Building
- February 6 - Carpenter Building
- March 6 - Carpenter Building
- March 27 - Carpenter Building

For more info, please contact Janet at 620-872-2930 or jlp27@ksu.edu



-Janet 

TASTE OF JAPAN WITH 4-H'ER HIYORI SUGAHARA

March 3, 2022
6:30pm
Cost is \$5 per youth
Finney County 4-H Building



Come cook with Hiyori! Learn about her home and culture!!

RSVP WITH JANET, JLP27@KSU.EDU

Cloverbud Club

is on:

Finney Co. - Mar 28

Scott Co. - Mar 29

Don't forget to tell your kiddos!

6-7PM

4-H BUILDINGS ON THE FAIRGROUNDS



EVENT ROUNDUP

Finney and Scott County 4-Hers met in Scott City on **Saturday, February 12th**, to compete in **District Club Days!** Categories included **Show & Tell**, **Project Talk**, Jr. **Demonstration**, Sr. **Demonstration**, Jr. **Illustrated Talk**, Jr. **Reading**, Sr. **Reading**, **Impromptu Speech**, **Public Speaking**, **Interview**, **Vocals**, **Dance**, **Instrumental**, **Skit**, and **Model Meeting**. Cloverbuds were also allowed to participate for the experience!

Model Meeting

| County | Club Name | Score | Ribbon Color |
|--------|----------------|--------|--------------|
| Finney | Happy Hustlers | 1D,1Co | Blue |

Skit

| County | Club Name | Score | Ribbon Color |
|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------|
| Finney | Kourageous Kids | 1D,1Co | Blue |
| Finney | Wide Awake | 2D,2Co | Blue |
| Finney | Sherlock Strivers | 3D,3Co | Blue |

Sr. Reading

| County | Last Name | First Name | Score | Ribbon Color |
|--------|-----------|------------|--------|--------------|
| Finney | Lightner | Emma | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Finney | York | Annalise | 2D,2Co | Top Blue |
| Finney | Elam | Abby | 3D,3Co | Top Blue |
| Finney | York | Jessa | 5D,4Co | Red |
| Scott | Talbert | Annie | 4D,1Co | Blue |

Jr. Reading

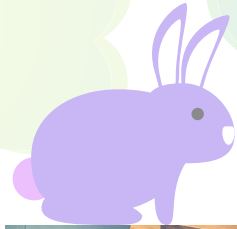
| County | Last Name | First Name | Score | Ribbon Color |
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| Finney | Morales | Abigail | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Finney | Lobmeyer | Katie | 2D,2Co | Top Blue |
| Finney | Morales | Andrew | 3D,3Co | Top Blue |
| Finney | Lobmeyer | Jimmy | 5D,4Co | Blue |
| Finney | Boyd | Braeden | 8D,5Co | Red |
| Scott | Tuttle | Karina | 4D,1Co | Blue |
| Scott | Jessup | Piper | 6D,2Co | Blue |
| Scott | Jessup | Trace | 7D,3Co | Blue |

Show & Tell

| County | Last Name | First Name | Rank | Ribbon Color |
|--------|-----------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Finney | Alexander | Paxton | 1D, 1Co | Blue |
| Finney | Coash | Asher | 1D, 1Co | Blue |
| Finney | Lobmeyer | Teddy | 1D, 1Co | Blue |
| Scott | Stevens | Ella | 1D, 1Co | Blue |
| Finney | Unruh | Kinley | 1D, 1Co | Blue |

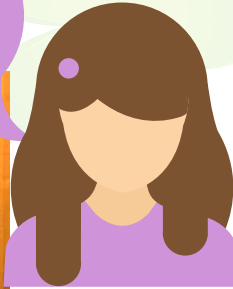
Public Speaking

| County | Last Name | First Name | Score | Ribbon Color |
|--------|-----------|------------|--------|--------------|
| Finney | Elam | Austin | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Scott | Trout | Megan | 2D,1Co | Blue |



Cloverbuds

| County | Last Name | First Name | Rank |
|--------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| Scott | Beaton | Drylan | Participation |
| Finney | Bryant | Audrey | Participation |
| Finney | Coash | Olivia | Participation |
| Scott | Vance | Maya | Participation |



Impromptu Speech

| County | Last Name | First Name | Score | Ribbon Color |
|--------|-----------|------------|--------|--------------|
| Finney | Lobmeyer | Anna | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Finney | Elam | Austin | 2D,2Co | Purple, Blue |
| Finney | Elam | Abby | 3D,3Co | Red |
| Scott | Cramer | Cally | 4D,1Co | Blue |



Public Speaking

| County | Last Name | First Name | Score | Ribbon Color |
|--------|-----------|------------|--------|--------------|
| Finney | Elam | Austin | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Scott | Trout | Megan | 2D,1Co | Blue |



Project Talk

| County | Last Name | First Name | Score | Ribbon Color |
|--------|-----------|------------|--------|--------------|
| Finney | Coash | Henry | 3D,1Co | Blue |
| Scott | Kerr | Statler | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Scott | Moore | Charli | 4D,3Co | Blue |
| Scott | Zimmerman | Rylee | 2D,2Co | Blue |

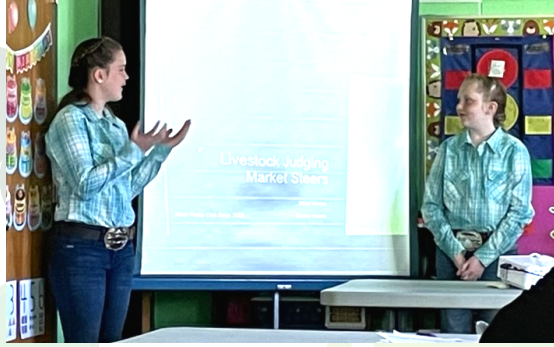
Interview

| County | Last Name | First Name | Score | Ribbon Color |
|--------|-----------|------------|--------|--------------|
| Scott | Talbert | Annie | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |

Jr. Illustrated Talk

| County | Last Name | First Name | Score | Ribbon Color |
|--------|-----------|------------|--------|--------------|
| Finney | Waggoner | Madelyn | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Finney | Sullivan | Karson | 4D,2Co | Blue |
| Scott | Cramer | Marly | 2D,1Co | Blue |
| Scott | Mayo | Brayson | 3D,2Co | Blue |





Jr. Demonstration

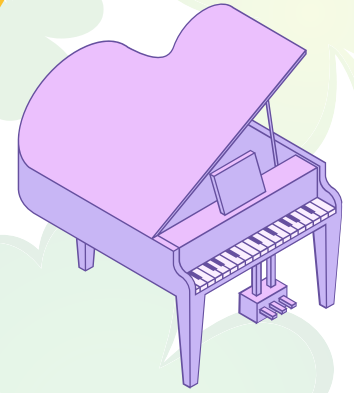
| County | Last Name | First Name | Score | Ribbon Color |
|--------|-----------|------------|----------|--------------|
| Scott | Cramer | Baily | 2D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Scott | Vance | Grady | 6D,2Co | Top Blue |
| Scott | Beaton | Landry | 7D,3Co | Top Blue |
| Scott | Batterton | Reed | 8D,4Co | Blue |
| Scott | Jessup | Piper | 10D,5Co | Blue |
| Scott | Dearden | Addison | 11D,6Co | Blue |
| Scott | Kerr | Marin | 12D,7Co | Blue |
| Scott | Rogers | Isaiah | 13D,8Co | Blue |
| Scott | Jessup | Trace | 15D,9Co | Blue |
| Scott | Tuttle | Karina | 17D,10Co | Red |

Jr. Demonstration

| County | Last Name | First name | Score | Ribbon Color |
|--------|-----------|------------|----------|--------------|
| Finney | Bryant | Kealie | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Finney | Hands | Gentry | 3D,2Co | Top Blue |
| Finney | Hands | Macy | 3D,2Co | Top Blue |
| Finney | Lightner | Lauren | 4D,3Co | Top Blue |
| Finney | Murrell | Kennan | 5D,4Co | Top Blue |
| Finney | Alexander | Paxton | 9D,5Co | Blue |
| Finney | Horton | Bethany | 13D,6Co | Blue |
| Finney | Horton | Perry | 14D,7Co | Blue |
| Finney | Unruh | Hailey | 16D,8Co | Red |
| Finney | Sullivan | Kyson | 18D,9Co | Red |
| Finney | Coash | Aubrey | 19D,10Co | Red |

Sr. Demonstration

| County | Last Name | First Name | Score | Ribbon Color |
|--------|-----------|------------|--------|--------------|
| Finney | Morales | Aaron | 1D,1Co | Blue |
| Finney | Burch | Dylan | 3D,2Co | Blue |
| Finney | Mongeau | Katie | 3D,2Co | Blue |
| Scott | Rogers | Kate | 2D,1Co | Blue |
| Scott | Tuttle | Max | 4D,2Co | Red |



| Instrumental | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|----------|--------------|
| County | Last Name | First Name | Score | Ribbon Color |
| Finney, Jr. | Unruh | Hailey | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Finney, Jr. | Unruh | Kinley | 3D,2Co | Blue |
| Finney, Jr. | Alexander | Paxton | 4D,3Co | Blue |
| Finney, Jr. | Horton | Bethany | 5D,4Co | Blue |
| Finney, Jr. | Coash | Aubrey | 6D,5Co | Blue |
| Finney, Jr. | Bryant | Kealie | 8D,6Co | Blue |
| Finney, Jr. | Lobmeyer | Katie | 12D,7Co | Red |
| Scott, Jr. | Batterton | Reed | 2D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Scott, Jr. | Dearden | Chase | 7D,2Co | Blue |
| Scott, Jr. | Batterton | Reed | 9D,3Co | Blue |
| Scott, Jr. | Stevens | Ella | 10D,4Co | Blue |
| Scott, Jr. | Jessup | Piper | 11D, 5Co | Blue |
| Finney, Sr. | Lightner | Emma | 2D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Finney, Sr. | York | Annalise | 3D,2Co | Blue |
| Finney, Sr. | York | Jessa | 4D,3Co | Blue |
| Finney, Sr. | Elam | Abby | 5D,4Co | Blue |
| Scott, Sr. | Fisher | Jacob | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Scott, Sr. | Cramer | Cally | 6D,2Co | Red |



| Dance | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|------------|--------|--------------|
| County | Last Name | First Name | Score | Ribbon Color |
| Finney | Coash | Aubrey | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |



| Vocals | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|------------|--------|--------------|
| County | Last Name | First Name | Score | Ribbon Color |
| Finney, Jr. | Haeck | Emma | 2D,1Co | Blue |
| Finney, Sr. Duet | Hammond | Makay | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Finney, Sr. Duet | Hammond | Morgan | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Scott, Jr. | Jessup | Trace | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Scott, Sr. | Tuttle | Max | 1D,1Co | Top Blue |
| Scott, Sr. | Talbert | Annie | 2D,2Co | Blue |



COUNTRY COUSINS

WIDE AWAKE

The February meeting of the Wide Awake 4-H club was held at Finney County 4-H Building on February 14, 2022 the meeting was called to order 7:00 p.m. Before the meeting started we made dog toys to give to the Garden City Humane Society. Some important dates are livestock tagging, regional club days will be held February 26, 2022 in Syracuse, Kansas. We recognized club members that participated in club days on February 10, 2022. To end the meeting we played poison dart frog. The next meeting will be held March 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with parents as officers. Madelyn Waggoner, Wide Awake Reporter



SHERLOCK STRIVERS

The Sherlock Strivers 4-H Club held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at Holcomb Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by club president Addison George. Roll Call was – Your New Year's Resolution. Club members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. In old business, it was reported that the club made 29 blankets at the December meeting, and they were delivered to the Homestead Rest Home. In new business, it was announced that 4-H Club Days is February 12 in Scott City. Club members voted to do a club skit. Any members wishing to participate were to sign up after the meeting. The club also voted to do a bowling party for the next meeting. Parker Soukup and Aria Smith did a project talk demonstrating how to make M&M cookie bars. Yummy! Announcements included a reminder that the next meeting will be on February 6 at Hard Rock Lanes, pending reservation. The club sang to the members with January birthdays. Then the meeting was adjourned.



FINNEY FLYERS

The Finney Flyers met February 6th at 4pm. Roll call of who will win the super bowl was answered by 7 members and 1 leader. Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. Casey moved to approve the minutes, Travis seconded the motion. Treasurer's report was \$2586.90. Travis moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed. There was no reporter's report. Members wished Kayson and Aleah a happy birthday. Our next meeting is March 6th at 4pm. The meeting was adjourned.

The Country Cousins 4-H Club had their December meeting and Christmas party on Sunday, December 12. President Kate Rogers called the meeting to order and Trenton Frank led the flag salute. Secretary Reed Batterton took roll call by asking the question "What are you doing over Christmas break?" There were 28 members and 3 community leaders who were present to answer the question. Charlotte Frank led the club in singing "Happy Birthday" to Trenton Frank, Presley Berry, Alexis Powelson, and Megan Trout. Isaiah Rogers moved to donate \$100 to Compass for the Angel Tree project. Carson Batterton moved that the club was to pay for the pizza for the Christmas Party. Colborn Trout moved for the club to pay for the centerpiece supplies. The club got to hear four project talks at the meeting. Isaiah Rogers gave a project talk on his knife, Kate Rogers and Hiyori Sugahara gave a project talk on KYLF, Charlotte Frank gave a project talk on her sugar cookies, and Trenton Frank gave a project talk on staining wood. Trenton Frank led the club in the 4-H pledge and Megan Trout moved to adjourn the meeting. After the meeting, the club held their annual Christmas party, which consisted of food, games, community service projects, and fun! Country Cousins brought food donations for Hope's Closet and signed Christmas cards to send to the Fort Dodge Veterans Home. The club also made centerpieces for the Parklane Nursing Home. Club members finished out the night with a game of Christmas themed four corners and pizza. In conclusion, the Country Cousins had a lot of fun at their December meeting and were also able to help out others in need.



The Country Cousins 4-H Club met on Sunday, February 6, 2022. Club President Kate Rogers called the meeting to order and Ella Stevens led the club in the flag salute. Secretary Reed Batterton took roll call by asking the question "What is your favorite Valentine's Day treat?" Twenty members and four community leaders answered the questions. Isaiah Rogers led the club in singing "Happy Birthday" to Houston Frank and Sofia Kasselmann. Community leaders gave the club announcements which included a council meeting and 4-H Ambassadors meeting on February 28th, the club doing a SCORE activity on February 9th, and County 4-H Days on February 12th. The date of the March meeting has also been changed to March 6th so that it does not interfere with Spring Break. Houston Frank moved that the club was to reimburse the money that was used to purchase supplies for the SCORE activity. The Country Cousins got to enjoy three project talks on Sunday. Hannah Winter gave a talk on the sea salt caramels that she made. Kamryn Meyer gave a project talk on her steer project. Asher Winter told the club about the birdhouse he made for his project talk. Isaiah Rogers led the club in the 4-H pledge and Houston Frank moved to adjourn the meeting. Following the meeting, Ella Stevens and Garin Trout led the Country Cousins in a game of four corners for recreation. As always, the Country Cousins have a busy month ahead and they can't wait to get started on their activities!