THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

WELCOME 4-H AGENT MADELINE WALLACE!

Madeline (Maddy) grew up in San Antonio, Texas before moving to Stillwater, Oklahoma to complete her bachelor and master's degrees at Oklahoma State University. She was heavily involved in her High School FFA Program including showing steers and pigs, as well as trying any and every contest team she could. Maddy now lives in Wichita and loves spending time with her dog, a miniature dachshund named Basil.

Maddy is looking forward to getting to know the community and those who live in Butler County. She is excited to help grow the 4-H and Youth Development programs to continue Butler County's tradition of excellence. Maddy is wildly passionate about helping

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youth develop into the greatest version of themselves. It was her own high school agriscience teacher who helped her realize her passion for education and youth development, so she recognizes the positive impact a mentor can have on children. Whether that is an extension agent, 4-H volunteer, or other impactful adult in a child's life, the impact of a mentor is immeasurable. One of the best parts about working with youth is the ability to watch them master and become confident in a new skill. Maddy cannot wait to get to know each member of Butler County 4-H and deliver relevant programming to the community.

"Working as a 4-H Youth Development Agent has been my dream job since I began my graduate program. I am excited to finally be able to achieve that dream by serving Butler County."





LEADER'S LOUNGE

April Check-Up

- Encourage 4-H'ers to invite their friends to attend a meeting
- Encourage 4-H'ers to share what they are doing at school
- Ask your 4-H parents to encourage others to get involved

Review

- Read the 4-H Newsletter and mark important dates on the callendar
- Review highlights from the 4-H
 Newsletter at your club meeting
- 4-H/FFA division rules for county fair (available <u>HERE</u>)

Promote/Recruit

- YQCA for all 4-H'ers enrolled in animal projects
- 4-H Camp at Rock Springs 4-H Camp
- National Volunteer Week April 21-27

To-Do

- Show appreciation to your club volunteers during April's National Volunteer Week.
- Check in with project leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office
- Remind 4-Her's to enroll and select projects in 4-H Online by the <u>May 1st deadline</u>
- Help 4-Her's plan and prepare projects for the fair
- Speak with your club about doing a booth at Mini Fair
- Check out the Kansas 4-H Club Resources page <u>HERE</u>

Remember

- Make it a fun and rewarding year!
- Horse ID Papers are due May 30th
- Animal Care and Housing Form and Owner
 Certification of Market Animal Forms are due May
 30th. These forms can now be submitted digitally
 and found on our website <u>HERE</u>. Paper forms are
 also acceptable and found at the same link. Families
 can take their pick, just remember to turn them in!



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

APRIL

- April 1st: 4-H Council Meeting
- April 6th: Fairgrounds Clean-Up Day
- April 12th: Club Quarterly Report Deadline
- April 13th: Regional 4-H Day
- April 13th: Beginner Shotgun Class
- April 16th: Fitting Clinic Butler Community College Ag Facility
- April 18th: YQCA In-Person Training
- April 19th-24th: National 4-H Conference
- April 20th: Spring State Shooting Sports Match
- April 20th: <u>Last Day to Order</u> Market Beef DNA Envelopes for State Nomination
- April 20th: Spring Into Volunteering Salina
- **April 21st:** Swine, Bucket Calf, Sheep & Meat Goat Tagging 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- April 21st: Market Dairy Wether ID Forms <u>Deadline</u>
- April 21st-27th: National Volunteer Week

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<u>May</u>

- May 1st: Project Enrollment <u>Deadline</u> to Participate in the County Fair
- May 1st: 4-H Online Enrollment <u>Deadline</u> to Participate in the County Fair
- May 1st: Market Beef State Nominations <u>Due</u>
 Online & DNA Postmarked
- May 8th: Bucket Calf Clinic
- May 12th: Black & Gold Spring Show
- May 23rd: 4-H Mini Fair
- May 30th: YQCA In-Person Training
- May 30th: Butler County YQCA Deadline
- May 30th: Animal Care and Housing and Market Animal Certification Forms <u>Due</u>
- May 30th: Horse ID Forms Deadline
- May 31st: Online YQCA Certificates <u>Due</u> 11:30 a.m. (must be dated May 30th or before)

<u>June</u>

- June 1st: Pre-entries open for the Butler County Fair
- June/July: 4-H Comp Sessions, Rock Springs Ranch
- June 5th: 4-H Council Meeting
- June 5th: <u>Last Day to Order</u> Small Livestock DNA Envelopes
- June 5th-7th: Discovery Days
- June 13th: Breeding Animal Tagging
 Deadline
- June 13th: Dairy Cattle ID paperwork <u>Due</u> into the Extension Office
- June 14th-16th: Geology Field Trip
- June 15th: Small Livestock and Commercial Heifer State Nominations <u>Due Online and</u> DNA Postmarked
- June 15th: Animal Registration Papers in Exhibitor's Name
- June 15th: YQCA <u>Deadline</u> for the Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- June 20th-22nd: Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show - Salina, KS
- June 24th: <u>Pre-entry Deadline for the</u> <u>Butler County Fair</u>
- June 25th: South East 4-H Challenge Day
- June 27th: South East 4-H Animal Science Challenge Day



2024 Butler County Tagging Information

Swine, Sheep, Goat, and Bucket Calf Tagging: ONE DAY ONLY April 21st, 2024 | 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

As a reminder <u>ALL small market animal</u> tagging is required to be done by 6:00 PM on April 21st. Please refer to our <u>website</u> for more information about commercial and registered animals.

2024 Tagging Letters:

Beef Tagging Letter (Bucket Calf Information Included)

Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat, and Dairy Goat Tagging Letter

Livestock Tagging Flow Chart



STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATION INFORMATION

The state livestock nomination season has arrived! In 2022, we transitioned to an online nomination system, which will continue.

It is going to be **IMPERATIVE** for you to plan ahead! You will not be able to wait until the last minute and successfully complete the nomination process.

Moving to an online system helped streamline the process from nomination, to entry, through participation in the state shows. Both steps will continue to be required – complete nomination and show entry. Additionally, the deadlines have not changed and will continue to be enforced. You will have to submit your information online, through ShoWorks, and postmark your completed and signed DNA envelopes by the appropriate date. Then, after your nominations are complete and have been verified, you'll submit your official show entries directly through the specific show in which you would like to participate – the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS.

All state nomination information can be found HERE.



NATIONAL 4-H VOLUNTEER WEEK

<u> April 21st-27th, 2024</u>

LET'S MAKE SURE AND REACH OUT AND CELEBRATE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Ideas to Celebrate National Volunteer Week:

- Recognize your organizational leaders, project leaders and other important 4-H volunteers during the week.
- Write a special news release to recognize volunteers in your program.
- Prepare a series of Tweets or Facebook posts to recognize volunteers during the week.
- Highlight National Volunteer Week at your April Club meeting.
- Handwrite several notes of appreciation throughout the week to special volunteers in your program.
- Check-in with a new 4-H
 volunteer to see how things
 are going and offer help as needed.



You've been so very good to us. You've been kind in every way. You've made us treats and helped On all of our special days.

Today, we'd like to thank you For all you've done this year, And to tell you that you are special And so very, very dear.

Today we'd like to tell you
In our special way:
We appreciate the things you've done
More than words can say.





YOUTH THE QUALITY CARE SANIMALS

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 7 to 18. This program promotes food safety, animal well-being and character development. With YQCA, you'll discover what it takes to be an informed producer, consumer and employee of the agriculture and food industries.

YQCA is REQUIRED to be Eligible to Exhibit ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITS (Except Horses) at the Butler County 4-H Fair.

The YQCA Deadline for Participating in the 2024 Butler County 4-H Fair is May 30th, 2024 at 11:59 PM.

Youth are required to take YQCA in-person or online; if taken online, a certificate of completion must be submitted to the Extension Office by May 31st at 11:30 a.m.. You can find more information about YQCA HERE.

- Thursday, April 18th
- Tuesday, May 30th

**All Classes will be held from 6:00 p.m.—7: 30 p.m. in the Community/4-H Building (200 N. Griffith, El Dorado).

Frequently Asked YQCA Questions:

Is YQCA mandatory for all 4-H'ers?

YQCA is required to show animals at the Butler County 4-H Fair, the Kansas State Fair, and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

8-18 yr. olds must pass a web based or instructor led training. <u>7 year olds must attend an instructor led course.</u>

- How much does getting certified cost?
 - The online module certification is \$12, and the instructor-led training method of certification is \$3.
- Does the YQCA certification ID sync with 4-H online? Yes, you will sign in using your 4-H Online information.
- I only show horses. Do I need to be YQCA certified?
 No. Right now, YQCA, is not required for 4-H Horse Project Members.
- Do 4-H'ers need to update their YQCA certification number each year? Yes they do. Youth should re-certify around the same time they tested each year.
- Do I need to register before class?
 - Yes! You must register and pay online before attending an instructor-led class.
- Does Butler County 4-H get the registration money?
 No, all registration money is online and goes to YQCA.





REGIONAL 4-H DAY

<u> April 13, 2024</u>

Sedgwick County Extension Office

COUNTIES

- Butler County
- Cowley County
- Sedgwick County

Congratulations to our Butler County 4-H Qualifiers

Intermediate Reading

- 1. Brynlie Nichols BBB
- 2. Kennedy Strecker TR
- 3. Justice Milbourn LL

Senior Reading

- 1. Molly Fitzgerald PH
 - 2. Ellie Nelson BBB
- 3. Jackson Strecker TR

<u>Intermediate Project Talks</u>

- 1. Jack Myers BBB
- 2. Emmalyn Nelson BBB

Jr. Demo/Illustrated Talks

- 1. Nolan Peters PH
- 2. Lucas Jurgens EDB

Events



- Demonstration and Illustrated Talks
- Project Talks
- Public Speaking
- Readings

Int. Demo Illustrated Talks

- 1. Maddy Ikner PH
- 2. Carson Brackenridge NB
 - 3. Julia Amend NB

Sr. Demo/Illustrated Talks

- 1. Cora Brackenridge NB
 - 2. Kylee Barlett PH
 - 3. Alaxis Jensen BBB

Jr. Project Talk

1. Alex Neuhaus - LL

Intermediate Gavel Games

- 1. Benton Busy Bees (Brynlie Nichols, Allison Holliday, Wylie Pierce, Lorelai Sullenger)
- 2. Purple Heart 2 (Kenzie Sommers, Gian Guermonprez, River Horner, Madelyn Ikner)

Senior Gave Games

1. Purple Heart 3 (Brenna Sommers, Grace Ricke, Mikalyn Peak, Jadon Guermonprez)







2024 BUTLER COUNTY FAIR

Fair Dates

July 18th - 22nd, 2024 July 23rd Clean up and release of exhibits

Pre-Entries

- Pre-Entries are required for all 4-H/FFA projects
- Cloverbuds will only need to pre-enter if participating in Fashion Revue
- Butler County will be using FairEntry once again this year for pre-entries
- Make sure you receive your confirmation e-mail!

Fair Rules

The 2024 4-H/FFA Rulebook has been posted on our website at

https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4hfair/

Important 2024 Deadlines

- April 21st: Small Animal Tagging*
- April 21st: Market Diary Wether ID Form Deadline
- April 21st: Bucket Calf Tagging Deadline*
- May 1st: 4-H Project Enrollment <u>Deadline</u>
- May 30th: YQCA Deadline
- May 30th: Market Animal Certification and Animal Care and Housing Forms <u>Deadline</u>
- May 30th: Horse ID <u>Deadline*</u>
- May 31st: Online YQCA Certificates Due
- June 1st: Pre-Entries Open
- June 13th: Dairy Heifers/Cow ID Deadline*
- June 13: Breeding Animal Tagging <u>Deadline*</u>
- June 15th: Livestock Registration Paper Deadline*
- June 24th: Pre-Entries Close at 12 a.m.
- July 15th: 4-H Meeting Requirement Deadline

*See Animal Tagging Guidelines chart **HERE**



2024 BUTLER COUNTY FAIR UPDATES

New for 2024

Educational Exhibits

- Veterinary Science Project
- Wildlife Project

Buymanship

- Is now "Shopping In Style"
- Included educational exhibits

Project Auction

• "The Butler County fairboard has approved to align the Butler County Fair auction with that of the new K-State 4-H rules. The Butler County Fair auction will allow auction items to go on to show at the State Fair and KJLS."



CLUB NEWS

Towanda Rustlers

The Towanda Rustlers met on March 3rd and answered roll call about our Spring Break plans. After a brief business meeting, we made a special March treat with pretzels and green candybark. They were fun to make and we made enough to share with our friends. They were ready to be sampled at the end of the meeting and they were tasty! During the program, Haylie D. shared with us two of her Khaki Campbell ducks. She told us how to take care of Bailey and Wolfsbane and what she enjoys about the project. Trent C. shared with us about the guns that he used for shooting sports as well as the other equipment that is needed to be safe. We are looking forward to our April Exchange Meeting with North Butler!

North Butler

The North Butler 4-H Club's monthly meeting was held on Monday, February 12, 2024, at Emmaus Church. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Cora B. Roll call was answer by "A board game I like to play is...". It was answered by 20 members. Secretary, Hope M., read the minutes of the last meeting. Julia A. gave the treasurer's report. There was no old business. In new business, Debora Claassen reminded the club about YQCA, 4-H days, and parents' night. We then sang "Happy Birthday" to Hadley, Milo, Wyatt, and Jerimiah. To begin the program, Maggie G. led the club in singing "What a Mighty God we Serve".

Jeremiah B. did a Show and Tell about Different Birds and the books he uses. Carson B. did a parliamentary procedure about "How to Amend a Motion." Garrett R. gave a project talk about Patrick Regier, his grandpa, who is a vet. Carson B. did a demonstration on "How to make brownies". Hadley M. did a project talk about Photography mood and lighting. Maya K. did a demonstration on "How to paint positive quotes on rocks." Julia A. did a demonstration on "How to make a chocolate mug cake". Lastly Cora B. shared her talent and played "Our Lady of Liberty" on the piano. Rustin M. led the club in

recreation and played Valentine tag. Refreshments were served by the Brewer Family.



Julia A. - Reporter





BUTLER COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

The following 6 Shooting Sports Club Members competed at the Pawnee County BB/Air Rifle qualifying event in March:

Jonathon P. - Air Rifle

Mikalyn P. - Air Pistol

River H. - Air Pistol

Jadon G. - Air Pistol

Case R. - BB

Gian G.- BB

Some of them also competed in Sedgwick County qualifier on the 24th of February, where Jadon G. qualified for the State competition.



Shotgun Project News:

There will be a beginners shotgun meeting on

Saturday, April 13th at 1 p.m.

This meeting is required for all NEW shotgun project members and will be held at

> Michael Murphy & Sons 6400 SW Hunter Rd Augusta, KS 67010





4-H AND BEYOND!



Kendra G.

Lily Lake

Kendra recently competed at the Kansas high school bowling regionals where she placed 8th overall. Kendra went on to State where she did very well!

Harley M.

North Butler

Harley recently competed in a National Powerlifting Competition where she set state records in benchpress, squats, and deadlift. Her deadlift also set a National record. She will be competing in the State Championship in May. Harley also competed in an introductory Strogman competition where she took first place in her age group.





Kolby H.

Flinthills

Kolby recently competed in a Vet Science competition with her high school FFA. Kolby took 21st place out of 176 students!

If there is a youth member or volunteer that you would like to recognize, please fill out this <u>Google Form</u>.





Fitting Clinic

Butler County 4-H and the Butler Community College Livestock Judging Team are coming together to provide a Livestock Fitting Clinic. Hands on experience makes this a great learning opportunity. Breeding Does will be included!

You are welcome to bring a sack dinner to eat during the classroom presentation.





Tuesday, April 16, 2024 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Butler Community College Agriculture Complex 2510 SW 20th, El Dorado, KS

RSVP Here: https://forms.gle/DdFEbwUpLgqoDEA28









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Butler County Youth Livestock Foundation's

WALNUT RIVER SHOWDOWN

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

El Dorado, KS • Butler County Fairgrounds

FEATURING -

More than \$4,500 in cash, prizes, and scholarships Buckles awarded for Invitational Advanced Showmanship Prizes awarded in Junior and Senior Showmanship Classes

BCCC Scholarships awarded for Showmanship

Cash awards up to \$500 for the Top Five Overall Market Beef & Breeding Heifer Classes



Sanctioned Event



QUESTIONS

316.253.4590 or 316.734.6560



Walnut River Showdown Spring Beef Show

Scan the code for entry form and details or visit walnutrivershowdown.org



Check in from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Bucket Calves at 11:30 • Heifers at Noon



Planning Ahead – Agriculture Weather Impacts for 2024 April 22nd - Wichita Area Hosted By: Wichita Chapter of the American Meteorological Society and NWA Presented By: Jeff Hutton, Meteorologist and Owner of Hutton Weather Futures This presentation is free and open to the public. Location is TBA. You will be able to find it on the Facebook page of: Wichita Chapter of the AMS and NWA. You can also send an email to cmmiller1@ksu.edu and once the location is announced, it will be sent to you.



BUTLER COUNTY BLACK GOLD SPRING SHOW

May 12th, 2024

Butler County Fairgrounds located at 200 N Griffith Street. El Dorado, KS, 67042

Entry Details

ok Gold Show

- ONLINE ENTRY ONLY even day of the show! Pre-Entry NOT required but you will have to enter and pay on-line at the show.
- Everyone must check-in at the registration table upon arrival to receive cards and finalize weights.
- Enter online at: https://showman.app/shows#/black-gold-spring-show
- Entry Fees: \$25 per head (No late Entry Fee)
- Showmanship: \$5/species pay at the gate!!
 - Grand wins 60%
 - Res. Grand wins 40%
- \$50 deposit for pen use. Deposit will be returned upon inspection at conclusion of show.
 - No pens allowed to be used without deposit.
- Butler County Youth \$15/hd/species
 - Only 1 Butler County Class/species
- \$200 cash prize for Grand Champion Market and \$100 cash prize for Reserve Grand Champion Market.
- \$100 cash prize for Champion Breeding Goat and Ewe. \$50 cash prize for Reserve Grand Breeding Goat and Ewe
- Cash prizes for each class
- Banners for Grand and Reserve Grand Market and Breeding Animals.

Check-In Information

- Trailers may arrive beginning at Noon Saturday
- Registration opens at 6:00 a.m. Sunday
- Swine checked-in by 8:00 a.m. (Show at 9:00 a.m.)
- Sheep & Goats checked-in by 10:00 a.m. (Sheep show 11am or 30 min after swine show. Goat show 15 min after completion of sheep show)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Butler County Black Gold Committee, Butler County 4-H, Butler County Extension Council, and the Butler County Fair Board are not responsible for any accidents.
- Open to all current 4-H/FFA members 18 years and younger as of January 1, 2024. Out of State exhibitors are welcome!
- 3. All males must be castrated.
- All animals must be owned and shown by the exhibitor & free of clinical signs of infestations or contagious diseases, infections and sickness.
- 5. Only one animal per exhibitor in Butler County classes.
- NO bedding allowed in the barns.
- Show from your trailer. A \$50 deposit/pen will be required the day of the show if you wish to stall in the barn. The deposit will be returned upon inspection of the designated pen being cleaned.
- Watch Facebook for updates.
- Declare your own weight by respective registration close times.
- 10. The show committee reserves the right to resolve all questions not covered in the rules, request to see registration papers, a weigh back, etc. and their decision is final.
- 11. Full fit for show for anyone who wants to fit!

PROSPECT SWINE

- Prospect market animals may be either sex. Barrows and Gilts will show together.
- Prospect market animals will show by breed but must have a minimum of 5 to make a breed class or will show as AOB.

PROSPECT SHEEP & MEAT GOATS

- Does and ewes must be born after Jan. 1, 2023.
- Prospect market animals may be either sex. Must have milk teeth.
- Exhibitors may brace animals, but all four feet must be on the ground. Show director has the right to disqualify any violators.
- All market and breeding animals will be shown by weight. There will be no breed classes
- 5. Market may not be shown in breeding and vice versa

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