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Hello Winter!



Seems as soon as we get used to one weather condition it changes. One thing is constant, the weather is never the same! We have to

be flexible and willing to bend with the changes!

Just over a week ago I was weighing the options and trying to decide what we would do if the snow and ice put a halt to 4-H Days. Yet, here we are today with above average temperatures in the forecast!

Just as we have to be flexible with the weather, one should remember to be flexible with everyday life! While we

may have a set schedule, I myself am a scheduler, we shall keep in mind that a change can happen at any moment and change our course of direction. However, finding your flexibility can better help you adapt to the changes!

As we progress through the 4-H Year, remember to be FLEXIBLE! If someone asks for your help, even though your schedule may be full, see if you can find a spare moment to help them out! You never know when you may need that flexibility "favor" from someone else! Thank you to everyone who put their flexibility to work during 4-H Days! We couldn't have done it without you!

~Charlene

Regional 4-H Days Help Needed

Regional 4-H Days is just around the corner on March 15th at Butler Community College.

Once again, we will be in charge of fulfilling a door monitor position. While I do not have specific details yet, once those become available, I will pass them on. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know!

Speaking of Door Monitors...Door Monitors are

a critical aspect to 4-H Days both County and Regional. Take a moment to think what it would be like if the judge had to constantly step in and out of the room to get the next person to come in. Think about what it would be like if your child (likely already nervous or scared) was up in front trying to make it through a presentation when a

bunch of people came walking in or in advertisement said "Is it my turn yet?". How would that affect their presentation? A door monitor may not be the most "exciting" position to hold, however, it is a very critical part of the event and benefits those giving their presentations, prevents others from being embarrassed, and eliminates a hassle for judges.

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Leader's Lounge

Calling all Community Leader's!

Can you believe we are almost half way through the 4-H Year! We are in the 5th month and your clubs should be going strong!

Review

_____ 4-H Forecaster for important dates

_____ Review information with your club

"A leader is one who
knows the way, goes
the way, and shows the
way".

~John C. Maxwell

To-Do

_____ Plan to have a fun spring!

_____ Check in with project leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings

_____ Review the new pin apps as soon as they come out the end of the month

_____ Make sure add/drop forms are done if needed

_____ Check club mail-box at Extension Office

_____ Work on Fair projects

_____ Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club

Promote/Recruit

_____ 4-H Camp May 28-30

_____ 4-H Discovery Days the first week of June

_____ 4-H Camp Counselors needed for 4-H Camp (go up on May 27)

If your Club is wanting
to have a bake sale
fundraiser, please con-
tact our office prior to
doing so!

Remember

_____ Set-up for Spring Beef Weigh-in is March 7th from 4:00pm-6:00pm .

_____ Spring Beef Weigh-in is Sat. March 8th from 9am-11:30 am.

_____ Regional 4-H Days will be held on March 15th at Butler Community College

_____ Community Club Leader Meeting will be held on April 3rd, 6:30 pm at the Extension Office

_____ Horse ID Papers Due May 1

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, April 3rd, 6:30 p.m.—Community Club Leader Meeting. Butler County Extension Office

4-H Days Results

Demonstration & Illustrated Talks - Junior: Kylee Barlett - Purple Heart; 1st Top Blue, Laura Scribner - Cassoday Boosters; 1st Alt Top Blue, Trena Garcia - Cassoday Boosters; 2nd Alt Top Blue, Braden Scribner - Benton Busy Bees; Blue, Kaden Stanley - Benton Busy Bees; Red, Nathan Henning - Purple Heart; Red, Acacia Henning - Purple Heart; Red, Allison Henning - Purple Heart; Red

Demonstration & Illustrated Talks - Intermediate: Roman Merck - Rose Hill Rustlers; 1st Top Blue, Elizabeth Johnson - El Dorado Boosters; 2nd Top Blue, Lauren Mandina - Benton Busy Bees; 1st Alt Top Blue, Jeffrey Garcia - Cassoday Boosters; 2nd Alt Top Blue, Lane Guthrie - Benton Busy Bees; Blue, Trevor Johnson - Lily Lake; Blue

Demonstration & Illustrated Talks - Senior: Anna Kuestersteffen - El Dorado Boosters; 1st Top Blue, Erron Eisenbarth - Cassoday Boosters; 2nd Top Blue, Erik Eisenbarth - Cassoday Boosters; 1st Alt Top Blue

Project Talks - Junior: Sophia McCune - Benton Busy Bees; 1st Top Blue, Cally Miller - Cassoday Boosters; 2nd Top Blue, Trent Cabrales - Lily Lake; 1st Alt Top Blue, Addi Scribner - Benton Busy Bees; 2nd Alt Top Blue

Project Talks - Intermediate: Jason Johnson - El Dorado Boosters; 1st Top Blue

Public Speaking - Senior: Katelyn Hageman - Towanda Rustlers; 1st Top Blue, Timothy Johnson - El Dorado Boosters; 1st Alt Top Blue, Tara Varner - Towanda Rustlers; Red,

Small Instrumental Ensemble: Benton Busy Bees III (Trinity Cooper, Bailee Goad, Jace Wiggins, Alyson Wescott, Brylee Young); 1st Top Blue, Benton Busy Bees II (Lauren Mandina & Lillie Haller); 1st Alt Top Blue, Cassoday Boosters (Jeffrey Garcia & Peyton Girty); Red

Instrumental Solo Intermediate: Cooper Larsen - Hickory Helpers; 1st Top Blue, Dalton Perez - Hickory Helpers; 1st Alt Top Blue, Jeffrey Garcia - Cassoday Boosters; Red, Austin Taylor - Lily Lake; Red, Cooper Cabrales - Lily Lake; Red, Lauren Mandina - Benton Busy Bees; Blue

Instrumental Solo - Senior: Kassie Claassen - North Butler; 1st Top Blue, Mandi Becker - Hickory Helpers; 1st Alt Top Blue, Alex Becker - Hickory Helpers; Blue

Piano - Junior: Kelsey Koontz - Heartland; 1st Top Blue, Andrew Tien - Benton Busy Bees; 2nd Top Blue, Trena Garcia - Cassoday Boosters; 1st Alt Top Blue, Ivalea Tien - Benton Busy Bees; Red

Piano - Senior: Renata Goossen - North Butler; 1st Top Blue, Jessica Strawn - Purple Heart; 2nd Top Blue, Timothy Johnson - El Dorado Boosters; 1st Alt Top Blue, Jake Allen - Towanda Rustlers; 2nd Alt Top Blue

Piano - Intermediate: Austin Broadie - North Butler; 1st Top Blue, Elizabeth Johnson - El Dorado Boosters; 2nd Top Blue, Haley Koontz - Heartland; 1st Alt Top Blue, Jared Allen - Towanda Rustlers; 2nd Alt Top Blue, Gavin Strawn - Purple Heart; Red, Jason Johnson - El Dorado Boosters; Red

Cloverbud / First Year Presentation: Riley Garcia - Cassoday Boosters; Participant Ribbon Braden Koontz - Heartland; Participant Ribbon, Chelsea Willour - Benton Busy Bees; Participant Ribbon

Readings - Junior: Isabel Vallejo - Benton Busy Bees; 1st Top Blue, Laura Scribner - Cassoday Boosters; 2nd Top Blue, Trena Garcia - Cassoday Boosters; 1st Alt Top Blue, Baylor Henry - Benton Busy Bees; 2nd Alt Top Blue, Kylee Barlett - Purple Heart; Red, Ty Guthrie - Benton Busy Bees; Red, Acacia Henning - Purple Heart; Red, Emily Scribner - Cassoday Boosters; Blue

Readings - Intermediate: Jillian Rockley - Purple Heart; 1st Top Blue, Quinn Torgenson - Purple Heart; 2nd Top Blue, Roman Merck - Rose Hill Rustlers; 1st Alt Top Blue, Shelby Varner - Towanda Rustlers; 2nd Alt Top Blue, Emma Geer - Purple Heart; Blue, Elizabeth Johnson - El Dorado Boosters; Blue, Jason Johnson - El Dorado Boosters; Blue, Zoe Van Pelt - Heartland; Blue



Local News and Deadlines

Horse ID Papers

- Due into the extension office by 5:00 pm on May 1

Basic Shotgun Course

There will be a Basic Shotgun Course on Saturday, April 19th. Save the Date and Stay tuned for more information

Foods Judging Workshop—Save the date for March 31 for a Foods Judging Workshop in El Dorado. This is open to adults. If you are a Junior Leader and interested in attending, contact Charlene or Barb. See the attached flyer for more information.

Pin Applications

- Pin apps are being revised and anticipate being out by the end of February.

Regional 4-H Days

Will be held on Saturday, March 15th. If you received a Top Blue please call our office and let us know if you are available to go **no later than 5:00pm on Thursday, February 20th.** If top blues are not able to attend, then we will contact alternates.

Spring Beef Weigh-in—Saturday March 8th 9am-11:30 am. Set up is March 7th from 4:30pm– 6pm

IMPORTANT DATES

February 20—Entries for Region 4 -H Days Due to Extension Office

March 7—Spring Beef Set-up 4:30pm– 6pm

March 8—Market Beef (Steers & Heifers) Weigh-In 9am—11:30am

March 10th—Fair Book Cover Contest Entries Due to Extension Office

March 15—Regional 4-H Days

April 24th—4-H Council

May 1—Market beef nominations due

May 22 - Mini-Fair

May 28-31—4-H Camp

June 7—Spring Horse Show

July 12—Co. Fair Horse Show

July 14—Supporter's Picnic

July 19—Fashion Review

July 26-31—County Fair

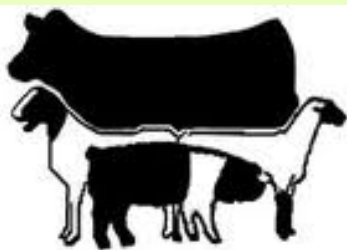
Congratulations Renata



Congratulations to Renata Goossen with the North Butler 4-H Club. She was selected as the Junior National Make it With Wool Contest Ambassador at the 2014 National Make It With Wool Contest! Renata received a wide variety of prizes and will be featured in the "Threads" magazine! Additionally, she will be able to attend Nationals next year and be the Junior Ambassador. Butler County is extremely proud of you Renata!

"There are no mistakes, no coincidences. All events are blessings given to us to learn from."

~Elizabeth Kubler-Ross



Youth Livestock

Information and forms on the Internet

Remember, you can go to our Butler County Extension Website to get any county or state livestock forms for information. Go to: www.butler.ksu.edu and click on the “4-H & Youth” link on the left side and then on “livestock information” for the selections. In addition to Butler County information, there is a link to the state site. You can get information on state nominations, state events, etc.

Another good sight with lots of information on dates and events is: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/>

SIGN-UP for County Livestock Emails

—David Kehler, Ag Agent, has created a distribution list of leaders and others who like to receive emails of 4-H Livestock information and updates. If you would like to be included, please email David at dkehler@ksu.edu. Type **YOUTH LIVESTOCK** in the subject line, include your email address and which list you would like to be added to (Beef—includes bucket calf, sheep, swine, and meat goats).

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

March 8th—Market Beef (Market Steers & Market Heifers) Weigh-in. Commercial heifers can also be brought and tagged.

March 29th—Kansas Jr. Sheep Producer Day

May 1—Market Beef Nominations Due

June 15—Commercial Heifer, Commercial/Market Swine, Sheep, and Goat nominations Due

Beef Changes for the 2014 Fair

The Butler County Fair Board is working hard on the 2014 Butler County Fair Book and rules changes. Here are few big/important rules you will want to be aware of:

1) Market Heifers will be shown. There will be a Market Heifer class and a Market Steer class. From those 2 divisions, a Grand Champion

and Reserve Champion Market Beef will be selected.

- 2) Cow/Calf Pairs are a new addition to this year. To be eligible to show, calves must have been born after Oct. 1, 2013.
- 3) Dairy Cattle are a new addition to the year. Stay tuned to for their guidelines.



I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

More FAIR Information



CAPTURE THE FAIR!!!

New to the 2014 Butler County Fair. The Butler County Fair Board is sponsoring a "Capture the Fair" event. Each Butler County 4-H'er will have the opportunity to submit 1 photo from the 2014 Butler County Fair to compete for the Grand Prize—a \$25 cash award!

These photos will be used to help promote the 2015 fair.

Stay tuned for more information and details!!!

Superintendent's and Assistants Needed!!!

The Butler County Fair Board is in need of some help for the 2014 Fair. If you have or know of someone who has some time

they would like to volunteer and help support the youth for the following divisions, please let Connie Chilcott or myself know.

Dairy Cattle—Supt & Assistant
Sheep—Assistant

Club Banners—Supt & Assistant
Educational Notebooks, Posters & Displays—Assistant

Entomology—Assistant

Heritage Arts: Fiber Arts—Co-Supt.

Space Tech Rocketry—Assistant

OTHER

There is a possibility that some changes will occur in the Butler County Fair Schedule. Stay tuned for updates as the Fair Scheduling committee works hard on making it another GREAT fair!



READY, SET DRAW!!! - The 2014 Fair Theme is—What Does the 4-H'er Say. Put your drawing skills to work and design a cover! The front cover winner will receive \$50 cash and back cover winner will get \$25 cash. Both cash prizes are sponsored by Mike Roths. Entries due 5:00 pm on March 10th.

Click here for a count down to the 2014 Butler County Fair!

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Butler Community College



You may or may not know that Butler Community College graciously donates the use of their facilities free of charge to K-State Research and Extension/Butler County for

such events at 4-H Days and Regional 4-H Days. Their generosity allows us to hold such events at no expense to the 4-H'ers. If you participated in County 4-H Days, please take a few moments to write a Thank You to Butler Community College to let them

know how much we appreciate their support. Send Thank You's to:

Butler Community College
ATTN: Freda Briggs
901 S. Haverhill Rd.
El Dorado, KS 67042

Youth Pork Quality Assurance

Age Groups

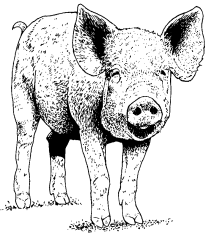
(as of January 1, 2014)

Beginners: age 8 - 11 yrs old - MUST attend PQA training each year to certify

Intermediate: age 12 - 14 yrs old - can attend each year or by passing a PQA exam (test out for Intermediate)

Advanced: age 15 - 18 yrs old - can attend each year or by passing a PQA exam (test out for Advanced)

- ♦ 7 year olds, as of May 1, 2014, with siblings can use the siblings PQA number.



- ♦ 7 year olds, as of May 1, 2014, without siblings must have a parent attend an Adult PQA training. Adult PQA training will be scheduled at a later time.

- ♦ 7 year olds are encouraged to attend a meeting.

SAVE THE DATES!!

Two meeting/testing dates are being offered.

- 1) Thursday, March 20th @ 7:00 pm. Registration will be due by Tuesday, March 18th
- 2) Tuesday, March 25th. Registration will be due by Friday, March 21st.



REMEMBER—If you are enrolled in the swine project, you are required to take a Youth Pork Quality Assurance class (unless you are old enough and test out).

Did You Know

There are **8 Critical Elements of Positive Youth Development.**

- 1) *Positive Relationship with a Caring Adult*
- 2) *Save Environment—Emotional & Physical for Youth, Volunteers and Spectators*
- 3) *Opportunity for Mastery—Building on Knowledge, Skills and Competencies*
- 4) *Opportunity to Value and Practice Service—Civic Engagement, Community Needs*
- 5) *Opportunity for Self-determination—Becoming Self-directing Individuals*
- 6) *Inclusive Environment—Sense of Belonging, Connectedness & Caring*
- 7) *To Be an Active Participant in the Future—Setting, Planning and Implementing Goals*
- 8) *Engagement in Learning—Do, Reflect, Apply*

"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."

~Diogenes Laertius

Summer Camps



WANTED:

4-H Camp Counselors

If you are currently an 8th grader or older...we

need YOU! Camp Counselors are 8th through 12th graders. Camp counselors will go to Rock Springs on May 27th and camp will take place May 28-31. Counselor applications are **DUE April 11th**. Interviews will take place on Thursday, April 17th in the afternoon and evening and Friday April 18th (Time to Be Announced-but during business hours). PLUS—it's FREE for up to 11 counselors!!! Applications can be found online at www.butler.ksu.edu and in the January edition of the 4-H Newsletter.

Female and Male Assistants for 4-H Camp

We are in need of a male and female chaperone to go to 4-H Camp and help out! 4-H Council will pay for 2 adults to go. 4-H Camp is May 28-31. You will need to be VIP

trained. If you are interested in going, please contact Charlene.



Rookie Campers: If you are in 1st or 2nd grade, sign-up TODAY to be a rookie camper. Rookie Camp is lim-

ited to the first 45 campers signed up. It is filled on a first come first-serve basis between all the counties that attend in the Oz-Some Camp Group. The forms can be found online and in the January edition of the 4-H Newsletter. Registration is **DUE April 24th. But remember, if you wait until the last day to sign-up there may not be any spots available!**

Regular Campers: Are you ready for FOUR action packed days? To top it off, you get to partake in a HUGE Community Service project that will global!! Ride horses, go swimming, make new friends and have a great time at camp! Go online to www.butler.ksu.edu or look in the January Newsletter for the forms. Registration is **DUE April 24th**.

DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days 2014 will be held June 3rd—6th at Kansas State University in Manhattan. This opportunity is open to youth who are 13 to 19 years old. Youth will participate in workshops, service activities, dance, ice cream, a key-note speaker, and free time to enjoy the beautiful K-State Campus. Look for more information to come but you won't want to miss this opportunity!

4-H Ventures

Do you want to go on a Colorado and New Mexico adventure that includes: hiking, surfing, rafting, climbing and Pike's Peak? Then you don't want to miss this opportunity!

Registration deadline along with the first deposit is due on March 14. For more information, go to www.ksre.ksu.edu/venturers.

"If I have to be remembered
for something, I want it
remembered that I really
liked children and was a
good camp counselor."
~Francis Ford Coppola



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Six people form a Walk Kansas team



Team members select a goal for the eight weeks

 **150**
MINUTES
of Physical Activity
recommended for adults per week



Team members log minutes of physical activity and cups of fruits and vegetables consumed each week

Program dates:
March 16-May 10, 2014
www.WalkKansas.org



Will you put together a team??

Participation Fee: \$7.00 per person
Registration deadline: March 13

Get your team packets and registration information:

Barbara Roths, RD/LD, Family
Consumer Sciences

Butler County Extension, 206 N.
Griffith, El Dorado, KS 67042 316-
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Food Judges Training



MONDAY EVENING,
MARCH 31, 2014

Are you interested in helping educate 4-H youth through judging foods and/or food preservation at the fair? This training is for you!

Whether you are new or a returning judge, come learn about judging a variety of foods entered by talented 4-Hers.

INSTRUCTOR: KAREN BLAKESLEE, M.S.
RAPID RESPONSE CENTER COORDINATOR



Butler County Community Building
200 N. Griffith, El Dorado, KS

Light supper provided, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Program: 6:00-9:00 p.m. Class Fee: \$5.00

REGISTRATION by PHONE REQUIRED!
Call 316.321.9660 by March 28th, 5:00 p.m.

Each participant should bring
a baked food item to be "judged"
Pay registration fee at the door



Focus on Food Safety

March 18, 2014

Butler County Community Building

200 N. Griffith

El Dorado, KS 67042

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. OR 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Register for either the morning OR the afternoon session by calling:

K-State Research and Extension Office -- Butler County

316-321-9660

Everyone plays a role in food safety. Preparing high-quality, safe food begins with well-trained and knowledgeable food service workers.

Focus on Food Safety seminars are designed to help food service workers focus on those items that are critical to safely preparing, cooking, holding and storing food. The voluntary course is designed to help identify basic steps to help prevent foodborne illness.

This is a free service presented in cooperation with K-State Research and Extension Office – Butler County and the Kansas Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Lodging Program.

If you are a food service worker at a restaurant, deli or fast food establishment, a community meal provider, a member of a church group that serves food, a daycare provider, a participant in fundraisers that serve food or an individual who wants to improve his or her safe food handling techniques, you should plan to attend this hands-on Focus on Food Safety seminar.

Topics include food safety, protecting food in preparation, protecting food in serving and cleaning and sanitizing.

The course will include demonstrations.

Young Kansans Represent American Sheep Industry in Make it With Wool Competition

Kansas Make It With Wool program has had another successful year. The State competition was held Justin Hall on the KSU campus. We are thankful for the use of their wonderful facility. There were twelve judges which judged six different categories. Jeff and Keri Ebert as well as Brian Faris were the Judges representing the Sheep Association. There were a total of 34 entries in this years' contest. Kansas tied for the 4th most entries in the Nation. Kansas contestant used over 102 yards of wool

After the judging in Justin Hall the contestants gathered for a presentation by Brian Faris. The contestants and their families really enjoyed the information Brian provided.

We have just returned from The National Make It With Wool Competition in Charleston, South Carolina. I am so excited to announce that Kansas has two national winners this year. Renata Goossen, Potwin, won the Junior Division and Ryal Mitchell, Lawrence, won the Senior Division. In addition, Renata received the Claire Schaeffer award and Ryal received the Best Constructed Garment award. The two Kansans will attend next year's American Sheep Industry Convention in Reno, Nevada as ambassadors.

Renata Goossen, a freshman at Berean Academy, constructed a 100% Pendleton wool jacket and skirt in navy blue. The Claire Schaeffer designed jacket features vintage brass buttons and double pleated pockets. The skirt is a gored design with a fluted back and high-low hemline. She enjoyed tailoring both pieces using Claire Schaeffer techniques and says she finds she learned more this year constructing this outfit, than any year prior. Renata is a long-term Butler County 4-H member.

Ryal Mitchell, a junior at Bishop Seabury, modeled a wrap coat she made to showcase a vintage fox fur collar. The sheared wool coat details include a back vent, hidden front snaps, self-tying belt, and a notched collar lapel beneath the removable fur trim. Underneath, Ryal's tweed suit features a standing notched collar jacket with a custom matching belt, two piece sleeves, princess seaming, and bound butthole details in front opening and sleeve vents. Her pencil skirt features a contour waistband and center back hem vent. The sleeveless blouse is made out of lightweight wool crepe and has a hidden side zipper, front pleat details and self bias binding edge finishes.

Thank you Kansas Sheep Association for your support of the Make It With Wool program. Without you these contestants would not have had this wonderful opportunity. As State director I am so proud of everyone who enters this great contest! The contest provides a wonderful way to showcase our Kansas youth and their hard work.

Deb Gordon

Kansas Make It With Wool Director
Westmoreland, Kansas

