

The 4-H Forecaster

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It's Time to Spring



The gorgeous days and chirping birds that are coming out from hiding sure has many of us itching for Spring! This time of year brings a new sense of happiness and refreshing feeling with life coming back from the brown stages and baby animals arriving. Just a few short days ago, we had to Spring forward with time. Losing sleep is never a favorite of mine!

With Spring near by, it's time to start springing forward with your 4-H projects and bethinking of what's next around the corner...FAIR!!!

If you haven't started springing for-

ward, here are a few tasks you could get started on:

- ⇒ Review Pin applications, start filling them out and see what else you need to do to reach that pin
- ⇒ Start working on your KAP now. It's easier to do then wait until the last minute!
- ⇒ Start working on projects that take time to complete for Butler County Fair (arts & crafts, leather, drawing, crochet, etc.)
- ⇒ Spend time with your livestock project teaching them to walk/lead, set-up, etc.

It's never too early to get started!

~Charlene

Project Leaders

With the weather turning GORGEOUS, it's time to get outside and get to work! On the really windy days, hang out inside and work on those indoor projects! Project leaders are encouraged to hold project meetings and help the youth in that project learn and grow! Some clubs do not have a project leader

for everything the youth are enrolled in.

If you are holding meetings and would like to invite other youth from the county, please let us know. We will be happy to spread the word! The more we work together, the more we can benefit the youth of tomorrow!



In this picture, youth are learning the different parts of a horse at the Ralph Green Memorial Horsemanship Clinic.

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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 6th month and your clubs should be going strong!

Review

_____ 4-H Forecaster for important dates

_____ Review information with your club

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—Due May 1

_____ Check club mail-box at Extension Office

_____ Look at the NEW Club Seal Summary and bring it up to date!

_____ Encourage members to work on Fair projects

Promote/Recruit

_____ 4-H Camp May 28-30, registrations due April 24th


_____ 4-H Camp Counselors—Applications are due April 11

_____ 4-H Discovery Days the first week of June

Remember

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

_____ Horse ID Papers Due May 1



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

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, April 3rd, 6:30 p.m.—Community Club Leader Meeting. Butler County Extension Office. If you are not available, please have an adult representative from the Club attend.

Regional 4-H Day Results

Regional 4-H Days was held on Saturday, March 15th at Butler Community College. A Big Thank You to the following families who helped fill the door monitor positions: Goad's, Goossen's, and Varner's! It would not have went near as smooth without your help! I would also like to thank Barb Roths, Family and Consumer Science Agent for being there to help me! I also extend my sincere thanks to each and every family that was there and supported their child!

Speaking of Thank You's—we cannot forget Butler Community College for graciously donating the use of their facility. If you participated, please send a Thank You note to the following:

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

Congratulations to those who participated. Results are as follows:

Junior Readings

Isabel Vallejo, Blue
Laura Scribner, Blue

Intermediate Readings

Quinn Torgenson, Blue
Roman Merck, Blue

Senior Readings

Timothy Johnson, Blue

Individual Dance

Emma Larsen, Blue

Other Talent

Heartland 4-H Club, Blue

Skit

Purple Hearts, Blue
Heartland, Blue

Small Vocal Ensemble

Cassoday Boosters/Towanda Rustlers, Blue

Junior Vocal Solo

Trena Garcia, Red

Int. Vocal Solo

Jeffrey Garcia, Blue

Senior Vocal Solo

Tara Varner, Blue

Senior Piano

Renata Goossen, Red
Timothy Johnson, Blue

Intermediate Piano

Elizabeth Johnson, Blue
Austin Broadie, Blue

Junior Piano

Kelsey Koontz, Blue
Andrew Tien, Blue

Small Instrumental Ensemble

Benton Busy Bees, Blue

Senior Instrumental Solo

Kassie Claassen, Blue

Intermediate Instrumental Solo

Cooper Larsen, Blue

Intermediate Project Talks

Jason Johnson, Red

Junior Project Talks

Sophia McCune, Blue
Cally Miller, Blue

Public Speaking

Katelyn Hageman, Blue

Senior Impromptu

Tara Varner—Red

Junior Demo/Illustrated Talks

Kylee Barlett, Blue

Intermediate Demo/Illustrated Talks

Roman Merck, Blue
Elizabeth Johnson, Blue

Senior Demo/Illustrated Talks

Anna Kuestersteffen, 2nd Top 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. See below 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. Spread the word to anyone that you think would benefit and could be a possible judge!

Pin Applications

- Revised Pin Applications have been sent to all of the Community Leaders and posted on County

Website. Make sure and check them out and use these for this year!

IMPORTANT DATES

April 24th—4-H Council

April 29th—Fair Board

May 1—Enrollment Deadline for ALL project (except Market which was due Feb. 1)

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

September 5—14—Kansas State Fair

September 19-22—Kansas Junior Livestock Show

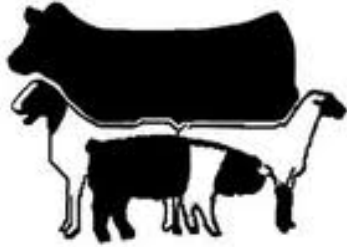


Shooting Sports Project News

Shotgun Project: A weekend shotgun course is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. Minimum age for participation is set at 12 years, but if you are less than 12, but are large enough to handle your shotgun, you can still participate by getting prior approval from the lead instructors, Bruce McCune (775-0801) or Rocky Casper (734-9323). Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, April 16, using one of the shooting sports enrollment forms in the shooting sports flyer, available at the Extension Office.

The course will start at 9am on Saturday morning, April 19, and will stop at about 3pm. Do not show up without being pre-registered. The course is being held at Michael Murphy and Sons Sporting Clays range, 6400 SW Hunter Road. Ammunition, targets and range fees are provided. Bring your own lunch and beverage. Coolers will be provided. Bring your own shotgun if you have one. Preferred choke is improved cylinder or more open. 410's are not suitable for beginner instruction.

If you have any questions, please call Gene Maggard at 316-742-3746 or email at gandpmaggard@gmail.com.



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/>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

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

June 15—Tagging deadline for Commercial Heifers

June 15—Dairy Heifer or Cows must have registration or transfer papers dated before this date.

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).

Changes for the 2014 Fair



The Butler County Fair Board is working hard on the 2014 Butler County Fair Book and the schedule. Here is a “head’s up”

- 1) Campers will be brought in on Friday night.
- 2) Livestock equipment and displays will be able to set up on Friday night (not required to be, but can be)
- 3) Foods check in and judging

will begin at 8 am on SATURDAY morning

- 4) Foods Auction will be at 7:00 pm SATURDAY NIGHT.
- 5) Arts & Crafts Check-in and judging will be SUNDAY.
- 6) Photography judging will be on MONDAY.

All 4-Hers are encouraged to take pictures of 2014 fair

events. All photos will be sent to bucofair@gmail.com. Pictures will be chosen to use for next year’s fair. A Champion Photo will be chosen and a \$25 Cash Award will be presented.

There are other schedule changes that have taken place. While our goal is to have the Fair Books back from print and out to clubs by the end of May, we hope it will occur a little quicker than that! ;)

Fair Book Cover Winners

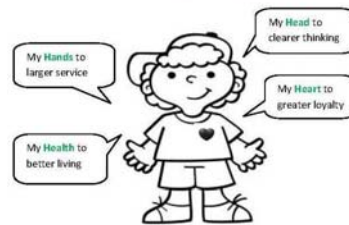
WOW! We had several AWESOME drawings turned in for the Fair Book front and back cover contest! Thank you to those who took the time to submit them! Butler County has some talented youth!

It wasn't an easy decision for the Fair Board to select the two winners! This year's winners are Kylee and Taylor Barlett from Purple Heart's 4-H Club. Kylee had the winning front cover while Taylor had the winning back cover! Congratulations!

[Click here for a count down to the 2014 Butler County Fair:](http://www.timeanddate.com/countdown/generic?iso=20140726T08&p0=224&fg1=a39de0&fg2=9acd79&msg=Butler+County+Fair&csz=1&swk=1)

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WHAT DOES THE 4-H'ER SAY?



BUTLER COUNTY



JULY 26-31, 2014



Taylor's Winning Back Cover

What Does the 4-Her Say?

To Make the Best Better!



Butler County 4-H Fair

 July 26-31 2014 

Kylee's Winning Front Cover

What Does a Ribbon Mean?

In 4-H, we use the "Danish" system for ribbon placing. This means that exhibits are not judged "against" each other but rather they are evaluated according to a standard. In this system, judging begins at the white ribbon level.

4—Whiteindicates average work. Project may need some work to be competitive.

3—Red....indicates average work, has a few weaknesses which need improvement. Project meets the minimum standards. It shows honest effort has been made.

2— Blue....indicates above average work, has minor problems. Project has exceeded minimum standards.

1—Purple....indicates superior work, no serious errors. Project is outstanding on all standards.

REMEMBER—

Competition is a learning experience and a way to get another person's opinion!

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 Friday, 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.

Male Assistant Needed for 4-H Camp

We are in need of a male assistant to go to 4-H Camp and help out! Must be 18 or older! 4-H Council will pay your way! 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 limited to the first 45 campers sign-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 Thursday, 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 Thursday, 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 keynote 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!

Campference

Are you a youth between the ages of 12 and 14? Then Campference may just be for you! The Kansas Youth Leadership Council is excited to plan and host 4-H Campference. This Camp is focused on “betweenages”, youth 12-14 years old and will be held June 23rd-26th at Rock Springs.

Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program, becoming a leader and activities to energize youth while learning healthy living skills and how to better interact with others.

Space is limited and filled on a first come first serve bases. Registration closes May 15, but filled up before May 1 last year! If you are interested in attending, contact our office TODAY!



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From Left: Larry Crouse, Horticulture Agent, Barb Roths, Family and Consumer Science Agent, Charlene Miller, 4-H Youth Agent and Dave Kehler, Agriculture Agent

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Pork Quality Assurance

(PQA) Meetings

Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m

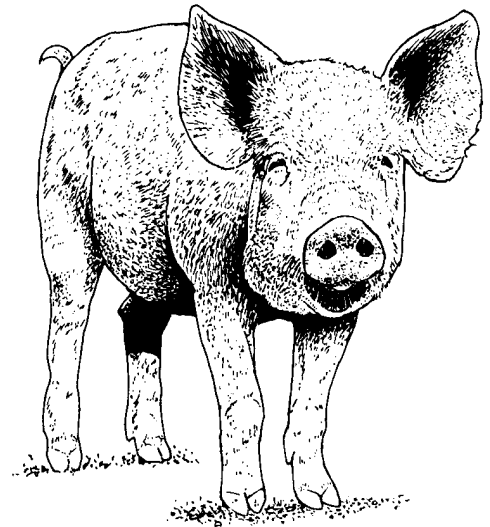
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, March 18

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Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 21

Meetings Will Be Held
at the 4-H/Community Building
200 N. Griffith - El Dorado, KS



Please Register by Calling in Your Name
to Attend One of These Sessions to the
Butler County Extension Office at
316-321-9660

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