

# The 4-H Forecaster

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## Mirror, Mirror



The 2014 4-H year is nearly over. As we wind down with the current and get ready to gear up for the new, take some time to look back and reflect. If you could put a mirror on the wall for 2014, what would you see? Highs and lows, happy and sad, trial and error, and lessons learned may well be a few images you see.

All good things eventually come to an end and bad/sad/unhappy times serve as stepping stones to help us grow as individuals/families/clubs. As you take time to think about the reflections as you look in the mirror, take some time to write them down and use them as tools for 2015 and the years beyond. Use those tools to better yourself, get involved, help improve a system, practice servant leadership, and become a solution where a solution is needed.

If you worked hard, put your best effort forward, helped others, and was involved, you should be proud of your accomplishments! When I look in the mirror, I see 4-H'ers who have grown and matured over the last year, leaders who gave their heart and soul to their 4-H clubs and club members, parents who worked hard to help their children, 4-H'ers, leaders, and parents having fun, events that have taught us all lessons and provided us stepping stone, and situations that encourages others to get involved.

2014 is winding down and the next newsletter will be ringing in the new 4-H year. As you finish reflecting on 2014, imagine what image you will reflect in 2015. Let's step into 2015 with both feet forward and arms open, embracing the new year!

~Charlene

## August Newsletter Correction

In the August edition of the newsletter, the incorrect Livestock Judging Results were listed for the Senior Division at the Butler County Fair. Here are the correct results:

1. Colton Allemand
2. Tara Varner
3. Elliot Merck
4. Brandy Rigg
5. Anaya McCune

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# Leader's Lounge

## SEPTEMBER CHECK-UP

- \_\_\_ Celebrate the current 4-H year. Begin planning for the club achievement party.
- \_\_\_ Start planning for the new 4-H year.
- \_\_\_ Start recruiting new members

### Review

- \_\_\_ *4-H Forecaster* read and important dates marked on calendar.
- \_\_\_ Review highlights from the *4-H Forecaster* at your club meeting.

### To-Do


- \_\_\_ Project leaders notified of the specific responsibilities.
- \_\_\_ Project Leaders conducting project meetings.
- \_\_\_ Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
- \_\_\_ Begin planning for election of club officers.
- \_\_\_ Have members think about projects for the new year.
- \_\_\_ Check club's progress toward goals.
- \_\_\_ Hand out to members and return to Extension Office 4-H Enrollment Cards and Participation Forms.
- \_\_\_ Out of County Request to Join forms due with Enrollment cards
- \_\_\_ Hand out and return VIP Renewal Forms
- \_\_\_ Have new volunteers contact the Extension Office to get the VIP Process started

### Promote/Recruit

- \_\_\_ Parents' Committee recruiting Organizational Leaders and Project Leaders for the 2014-2015 4-H year.
- \_\_\_ Encourage Achievement Pin Award Applications and Record Books

### Remember

- \_\_\_ Record books, KAPS, Pin Applications and Club Summaries due September 26!



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

## State Horticulture Judging Team

Congratulations to the Butler County 4-H State Horticulture Judging Team and their coach Larry Crouse! Larry does a fabulous job with these youngsters!

While this year was a bit inter-

esting, the Butler County team came in Fourth. Renata Goossen took 4th place individual, Faith Hadley 25th, and Cherokee Reagan 28th. There were 47 individuals that took part in the

contest. These ladies did an outstanding job! Way to make Butler County proud!

## Kansas Youth Leadership & Volunteer Forum

**UPDATE—**The 4-H Council has a few scholarships available for youth and adult volunteers to attend. Youth need to fill out a Bu Co Event Scholarship and submit to the extension office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sept. 19. Volunteers need to let Charlene know by this time also!

### **YOUTH**

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be November 21-23, 2014 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2015. Registrations will be due Wednesday, October 15th. This

event will include: speakers, workshops, consulting groups and election of the State 4-H Council. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14-18 by January 1, 2015 may apply to be a council member. The duties of the Council Members include planning the next Youth Leadership Forum and other events, and may include assisting the State 4-H functions, working with 4-H public relations, and speaking at local achievement program, forums, and other workshops or conferences. Applications for the State 4-H Youth Council will be

available in the registration materials on the State 4-H website at [www.kansas4h.org](http://www.kansas4h.org).

### **ADULT**

Are you a volunteer in the 4-H program. Interested in meeting other volunteers from across the state and picking up ideas and suggestions? Need a weekend away? The Kansas Volunteer Forum just might be for you! This is a great opportunity to network with other Kansas 4-H volunteers and pickup useful information to help strengthen your volunteer roll and 4-H Club! <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=417>

## Record Books, Pins, and Awards

It's time to get your record book and pin applications on!

### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW.**

All KAP's (record books), pin applications, club summaries, college scholarship applications, reporter and secretary notebooks, and special award applications are due into our office **no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 26th**. Don't miss this deadline! All forms can be found online at <http://www.butler.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=66>

### **WANT TO HELP JUDGE RECORD BOOKS?**



If you are interested in helping judge record book, adult or teen leader over the age of 13,

please let Charlene know! This is a great learning experience. Those that have participated in the past really enjoyed the opportunity, as well as, picked up ideas and lessons learned from judging them.

We exchange our senior record books with Cowley County. They judge our senior KAP's and we judge theirs. We also judge our junior and intermediate KAP's.

Don't worry if you have never judged

before, we will help you get started! This is a great opportunity to learn, volunteer and give back!

Judging will take place on October 2nd from 9:30 a.m. until finished. Lunch will be provided if we run into the lunch hour. Any time you can volunteer (even if only for 30 min) is greatly appreciated!



# Volunteer's & Junior Leaders

Don't forget the volunteer process has changed.

## New Volunteers:

If you are interested in being a volunteer contact our office soon so we can get the process started.

## Returning Volunteers

Returning volunteers need to complete a renewal application and return to our extension office as soon as possible. They should be done as soon as possible at the start of the new 4-H Year which is October 1. Renewal forms can be found here:

<http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/4H953.pdf>

## Junior Leaders

Returning Junior Leaders only need to fill out the renewal form. New Junior Leaders are required to fill out the application. If they are new, please contact Charlene.



Don't forget the 48 Hours of 4-H. We

learned at the September 4-H Council meeting that while service projects should be done on

# 4-H Service Challenge

Oct. 11-12, any project during the month of Oct. will count! Just make sure you go online and register your club's project and do the closing parts (found on the 48 Hour website) by the time required! Let's see how much

Butler County can do!

Ready, Set, Go! Select a project, register your project (<http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=595>), and prepare to give back to your community/county!

# Important News and Deadlines



September 15—Kansas 4-H Sports-fishing tournament ends.

September 19th—Ambassador Applications and Event Scholarships for KYLF Due

September 19-22—Kansas Junior Livestock Show

September 26th—KAP's, Special Awards, Pin Apps, Club Summary, College Scholarship

Apps, Secretary and Treasurer notebooks due

Sept. 26—Notify Extension Office if interested in the Airplane/Aerospace project.

Oct. 1—Start of new 4-H Year

Oct. 2—Record Book judging

Oct. 10—Signed Buyer's cards due into Extension Office

Oct. 19—4-H Officer Training 3:30 p.m. at Bluestem High School

Oct. 31—Club Financial Audits due

Nov. 1—Achievement Celebration (same time and set-up as last year)

November 21-23—Kansas Youth Leadership(14-18 years old) and Ks. Adult Volunteer Forum

# Shooting Sports

## Hunter Education

The October course is scheduled for Saturday, October 11. This is the field day for the intranet assisted course. To take this course you must first register for it at the Extension Office and pick up a flyer with the instructions for taking the intranet portion of the course. The Field day class starts at 8am. Check-in and pretesting is from 7:30 to 8am and will conclude at about 3pm.



## Rifle and Archery Projects

Rifle and Archery project meetings for the 2014-15 4-H year start in September. Both project groups meet at the 4-H Building. Archery meetings start on Thursday, Sept. 11 and Rifle meetings start on Tuesday, Sept. 9. Enrollment is from 6:30 to 7pm for both groups, and the project meetings run from 7 to 8pm. Participants that have not completed the basic course must attend the first meeting. Both groups will continue to meet weekly through November. Pre-register by filling out a Shooting Sports participation form, and 4-H enrollment card if you are not a member of a community club, at the Extension Office. There is a \$10 participation fee for Archery and a \$15 fee for Rifle. .

## Pistol Project

Advanced Air Pistol will meet from 5:45 to 6:45pm on the same evenings as Rifle, starting Tuesday, Sept. 9. Basic Air Pistol will meet at the same time as Rifle. Basic participants will have to choose whether to shoot rifle or pistol. There is a \$10 participation fee for Pistol.

## Shotgun Project

A basic shotgun course is scheduled for Saturday, November 8. The course will start at 9am and conclude at about 3pm. For location and detailed instructions, register at the Extension Office and pick up the instruction sheet.

If you have any questions about any of these projects, call Gene Maggard at 316-742-3746 or email at [gandpmaggard@gmail.com](mailto:gandpmaggard@gmail.com).

# 4-H Ambassadors



4-H Ambassador's—What are they? They are a group of 4-H'ers between the ages of 14 & 18 (as of January 1) who are interested in being the face and voice of promotion for Butler County 4-H Activities.

They participate in and host events. Some events include Ambassador Day Camp, Barnyard Olympics at the Fair, Mini-Fair, help with the achievement banquet and officer training. They also help promote 4-H and help deliver promotional material to every third grader enrolled in school! They have a lot of fun!

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Butler County 4-H Ambassadors, applications are due in the Extension Office on September 19th by 5:00 p.m. The Ambassadors are an energetic, fun group to be a part of. The application can be found online at [www.butler.ksu.edu](http://www.butler.ksu.edu) or you can pick one up at the Extension Office. Join this fun group today!

# Other Projects & News Information

## AIRPLANE- AEROSPACE PROJECT



Exciting News—A New Project Opportunity!!! Are you interested in Air Planes? Wonder how they work, what makes them fly and how they land? Thanks to a 4-H dad in Harvey County, Butler County 4-H'ers have been offered the opportunity to participate in an airplane/aerospace project! If you are interested, please contact Charlene at the Extension Office 316-321-9660 or [cmmiller1@ksu.edu](mailto:cmmiller1@ksu.edu)

## KSF & KJLS

Congratulations to all of those participating at the State Fair and best of luck to those participating in the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Be proud of your accomplishments!!!

## NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

Are you 14-19 years old & interested in citizenship and politics? Then you should apply to attend the National 4-H Conference at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD April 6-11, 2015. If you are selected, then you would serve for 2 years on the Kansas 4-H Citizenship Project Action

Committee; serve for 1 year on the State 4-H Advisory; assist with Discovery Days, Emerald Circle Banquet, 4-H Scholarship Banquets, Teen leader College, 4-H Ambassador Training and possibly Kansas State Fair. **Deadline for submitting application is October 1.** Call Charlene if you are interested.

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 5th—11th. What is your club doing to promote National 4-H Week? How about adopt a business or business windows to show 4-H Pride and promote 4-H! Send Charlene the photos of any club promotions you do during 4-H week!

## CITIZENSHIP

### WASHINGTON FOCUS

If you are interested in being a chaperone, please call Charlene at the office or email her.

## KANSAS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Are you interested in taking your leadership to a whole new level and having a blast while doing it? Then apply to be on the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. Selected applicants will assist and provide leadership for state 4-H events. Youth must attend KYLF where candidates are se-

lected. Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by Oct. 1.

## DOG CONFERENCE & QUIZ BOWL

The Dog Project Quiz Bowl & Dog Presentations will be held as well as information related to project. This conference is also for teens. For more details go to [www.Kansas4-H.org](http://www.Kansas4-H.org). Registration deadline is Oct. 1.

## S.T.E.M.

STEM is growing a lot of steam. There is interest in our county. If you are interested in being a leader for Science, Technology and/or Energy Management, contact Charlene. There are kits available. For more information on this project, go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=411>.

## TECH TRUNKS

Did you know there are several different tech trunks available to check out and have fun with projects. To view the different trunks go here: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=573>. If you are interested in bringing one to Butler County, contact Charlene.

## 4-H CAMP 2015

Save the dates! June 3-6, 2015

# Welcoming New Families

It is the time of year when our office starts getting more calls and web inquiries of people wanting to join 4-H. When you have visitors, remember, impressions last. Here are a few helpful tips for you:

- Greet your visitors at the door when they arrive.
- Introduce them to your family and other 4-H members.
- Tell them about the opening ceremony of your club so they know what to expect and give them a copy of the 4-H Pledge to

follow along.

- Introduce them to the club. You can do this during roll call. If they are joining another club member, have that club member help introduce them.
- Involve them in the recreation activities.
- Invite them to go first with refreshments.
- After the meeting, send a Thank You note for attending and invite them to the next meeting.

- Have a New Family Coordinator who can sit next to them at meetings and answer any questions they have.

- Develop a buddy system. Team a new 4-H family with a current 4-H family who can help explain and understand 4-H.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call our office and ask! Let's help make new families feel welcome, as least confused as possible, and continue to grow the 4-H program!

## Creative Ideas

### TO ADD ZEST TO YOUR MEETING

#### DRESS SILLY DAY:

One meeting could be jazzed up by a dress theme. Members can create costumes from their clothing at home. You can have a mismatched day, green day, hat day, pajamas day, crazy shoe day, tie day, sunglasses day, backwards clothing day and dress as your parents day. These are just some examples. Have the club help you create more, or add more yourself.

#### BACKWARDS MEETING:

Start the meeting with the motion for adjournment and go from there! The entire meeting is backwards. Members and parents might even want to dress backwards. Talk about really learning the meeting order; this will do it!

#### DRAW YOUR MEETING OUT OF A HAT:

Cut up the order of the club meeting. Place the slips of paper in a hat. Draw out a slip of paper. That is the first item of the meeting. Continue until every item has

been drawn out of the hat. This should make for a most interesting meeting!

#### MOVE TO A NEW SEAT DURING THE MEETING:

This is another seating adventure. The President could give the command. "Move two seats to your left." "Rows one and two switch seats." "End seats switch with each other." The command can be different each time. The club members will definitely be paying attention to the meeting to hear where they need to move next.

# Butler County Fair Board

The Butler County Fair Board will hold a Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, Sept. 24th, 7:30 p.m. at the Butler County Community Building. This meeting will include a Public Comment time on the agenda for those who wish to address the Board regarding the 2014 Butler County Fair.

Public comment time will be limited to 30 minutes. Time to speak will be determined by number wishing to speak.

Written remarks are encouraged to support your comments. Individuals with the same interest are encouraged to

appoint 1 spokesperson.

⇒ Comments will be recorded for later review by the Board. Comments will not be made a part of the official minutes of the Board meeting.

⇒ Comments shall be respectful. The Board will not hear complaints regarding any volunteers or Extension employees during this public comment period.

⇒ The Board President will stop any speaker who does not follow guidelines or use good taste and judgment.

⇒ No action will be taken by Board of Directors at this meeting.

⇒ No discussion will take place between speaker and Board.

⇒ Positive feedback, as well as, recommendations for improvement are encouraged.

Written remarks can be submitted in lieu of attending the public comment session. These can be submitted to [bucofair@gmail.com](mailto:bucofair@gmail.com).

## State Fair

Butler County 4-H was well represented by our 4-H'ers! Here is one highlight from the first weekend.

Congratulations to these exhibitors whose State Fair Photos were selected for various displays in 2015:

Alli Willour - K-State 4-H Youth Development Office

Brooklyn Motter - Rock Springs Best of Show

Courtney Jackson - Traveling Display

Evan Claassen - K-State 4-H Youth Development Office  
Gavin Strawn - K-State 4-H Youth Development Office

Miranda Day-Jones - K-State 4-H Youth Development Office

Quinn Torgerson - K-State 4-H Youth Development Office

Shelby Henley - K-State 4-H Youth Development Office

Timothy Johnson - K-State 4-H Youth Development Office

Dalton Perez - Governor's Display Selection.

For more results and to see how well Butler County 4-H'ers have done, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=46>



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