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April Showers Bring...



We haven't had many showers yet! Mother Nature certainly blew in some ram-bunctious storms the first weekend of April leaving a swath of damage and many injuries. As the spring weather gears up, hopefully some of those April showers will bring those pretty flowers, green grasses, beautiful trees, full ponds for the livestock and bountiful gardens. Like the saying goes, April showers bring May flowers.

Just like flowers need rain to blossom, our 4-H'ers need nurturing to grow. I am participating in a new online webinar that discusses citizenship and leadership within 4-H. I will be attending 2 sessions each week through the end of April. I hope to gain valuable knowledge and ideas that I can provide to each and everyone of you.

The first couple of sessions reflected on what is citizenship and leadership. Ideas and suggestions were provided by audience participants. One suggestion that stood out was the pairing of youth with older adults to help teach them technology. As we continue through this year and start looking at the year ahead, we should pay attention to what can our youth teach others and what can they do to help the community in which they live.

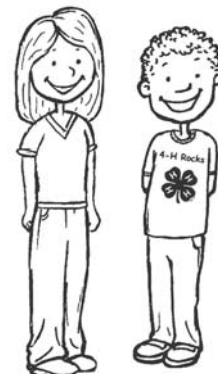
Speaking of giving back, 48 Hours of 4-H is schedule for Oct. 10th and 11th, 2015. While this does fall into the next 4-H Year, planning for this should start soon! As a club, start taking a look at and iden-

tifying community service activities youth can do. How can they volunteer in their community? As I go through the leadership/citizenship webinars, I will pass along other ideas that you may or may not have thought about!

April also brings nearer the **MAY 1 ENROLLMENT DEADLINE** to be eligible to participate in the County Fair! If you have not finished up your enrollment you will want to do that ASAP! To be enrolled, you must fill out the paper enrollment card, set up an online account and complete the health participation form. Don't wait until the last minute! This is also the deadline for adding/dropping projects. If you have any questions, give our office a call at (316) 321-9660. May 1 also brings many other deadlines. Make sure and read the newsletter carefully for those important deadlines!

I also want to give a huge shout out to those that participated in and helped with Regional 4-H Day. You all represented Butler County well! Good Job and Thank you!

~ Charlene



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Leader's Lounge


Where's has the time went? In just 3 short months, Fair will be upon us and then we will quickly roll into recruiting for the new 4-H year and October will be here. WOW!

Review

- _____ 4-H Forecaster for important dates
- _____ Review information with your club
- _____ Kansas 4-H Club link (on 4-H website) to get tips and suggestions to enhance your club meetings

To-Do

- _____ Plan to have project meetings!
- _____ Consider holding a club tour
- _____ Review the new pin apps and encourage members to start filling in what they can
- _____ Make sure add/drop forms are done if needed—Due May 1
- _____ Check club mail-box at Extension Office
- _____ Work on Club Seal!
- _____ Encourage members to work on Fair projects
- _____ Be thinking of ideas for a club banner at Fair
- _____ Quarterly Club Report



If your Club is wanting to have a bake sale fundraiser or any fundraiser, you must contact our office prior to doing so!

Promote/Recruit

- _____ 4-H Camp May June 3-6, registrations due May 1
- _____ Did you know there is a time for Demonstrations at the Fair? Encourage youth to get involved and give a demonstration.

Remember

- _____ Project enrollment add/drops ENDS May 1
- _____ Horse ID Papers Due May 1
- _____ Dairy Lease/Grade papers due May 1
- _____ Swine Project leaders need to tag pigs by May 1
- _____ Sheep and Meat Goat tagging will be held on Friday, April 24th from 4:30pm-6:00pm and Saturday, April 25th from 8:30am—9:30 am.

Positive Youth Development

Do you know the traits of a Strong Club? See if you can fill in the blanks! Make sure and try before peaking ahead to the answers!!!

- * Strong Clubs Focus on P_____ Y_____ D_____.
- * F_____ for all Members
- * Learn by D_____
- * Strong L_____ both Youth and Adults.
- * FUN
- * Members recruit N_____ members
- * New members and their families are W_____ and S_____.
- * Members receive R_____ for many accomplishments.
- * High percentage of A_____ at club meetings and activities
- * F_____ involvement which includes P_____
- * Good C_____ between leaders, families, and Extension Office.

Learners Retain:

_____ % of what we read or hear

_____ % of what we see

_____ % of what we hear and see

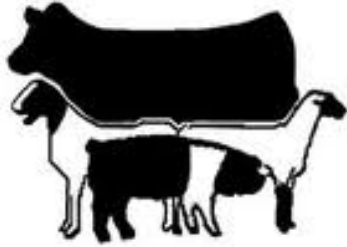
_____ % of what we say

_____ % of what we do

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn” ~Benjamin Franklin



Answers: Positive Youth Development, Fun, Doing, Leaders, New, Welcomed and Supported, Recognition, Attendance, Family and Parents, Communications
 20% of what we read and hear, 30% of what we see, 50% of what we hear and see, 70% what we say, 90% of what we do



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/>

Judging Camps for Livestock and Horse

K-State is hosting 3 youth livestock judging camps for 14-18 years old and a Horse Judging Camp for Beginners and Advanced Youth of all ages.

Go online for more information: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/judging-camps.html>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

April 24—4:30 pm —6 pm—
Sheep and Meat Goat Tagging

April 25—8:30 am—9:30 am—
Sheep and Meat Goat Tagging

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 & registration papers must be in the exhibitors name.

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

August 23 & 24—4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan

Sheep & Meat Goat Tagging

The Dates have been set. They are Friday, April 24th from 4:30 pm—6:00 pm and Saturday, April 25th from 8:30 am—9:30 am. If you have sheep or meat goats, they are **required** to be at one of these official tagging dates/times.

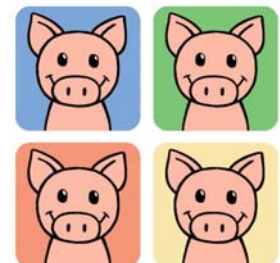
Don't forget that you also need to fill out the Animal Care & Housing Form. There is also a Household nomination form available. You should have received these in the mail. Swine WILL NOT be tagged during this time.

Swine Tagging

Swine project leaders are responsible for tagging ALL swine **no later than May 1**. If you have swine, contact your project leader to make arrangements if they haven't already contacted you!

Youth Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) - **REMINDER**

If you are enrolled in the swine project (breeding or market), you must take the Youth PQA. The classes have already been held, but it is available to take online.



Horticulture Judging

It's Horticulture Judging Time—Let's get excited!!! What is Horticulture Judging you ask? Horticulture judging gives you the opportunity to learn about identifying the common landscape plants along with the fruit and vegetables that make up the parts of everyone's every day life!!

Not only will you learn how to identify different parts of plants, but you will learn how to select the good ones over the bad ones and the knowledge it takes to grow them!

The field of Horticulture can prepare you for many careers

from golf course management to landscaping and farming.

Who wouldn't want to learn about all this? I mean honestly, there is not a part of horticulture that does not help benefit the environment around us, the food that nourishes our body, and enhances our knowledge!!! Not to mention it is fun!!!

More Horticulture Judges are needed on the Butler County Team. If you are interested in learning more, contact Larry Crouse at our office, 321-9660 or lcrouse@ksu.edu.

Here is what the Judging team

schedule looks like. They are all practices with the exception of June 12th and August 23rd.

Schedule

May 12th—4 pm @ 4-H Bldg
 May 19th—4 pm @ 4-H Bldg.
 June 9—4 pm @ 4-H Bldg
 June 16—4 pm @ 4-H Bldg.
 June 23—Area Contest at Emporia,
 June 30—4 pm @ 4-H Bldg
 July 7—4 pm @ 4-H Bldg
 July 29—County Contest @ Fair
 August 4—4 pm @ 4-H Bldg
 August 18—4 pm @ 4-H Bldg
 August 23—State Contest at KSU

Did I mention—you will have FUN and MAKE NEW FRIENDS!!!

The LARGEST Contest at the County Fair

Did you know the Butler County Fair has a LARGEST competition in Open Class Horticulture? You do not have to be enrolled in Horticulture to participate in the open class division! So what are these LARGEST contests? They are the largest Pumpkin and largest Tomato classes.



The largest pumpkin winner will receive a \$50 cash award that is

sponsored by Walter's Pumpkin Patch of Burns. The largest pumpkin will be determined by weight. Larry Crouse, our Horticulture agent says the best time to plant pumpkins for this contest is between May 1 and May 15.



Next up is the largest tomato award. The winner will receive a \$25 cash award, 2nd place gets a \$10 cash award, and 3rd place gets \$5 curtesy of Todd Griggs,

Griggs Brothers Farms in Augusta. The largest tomatoes will be determined by weight.

If you want or need information on growing pumpkins, tomatoes or anything else, feel free to give Larry a call at our office (316-321-9660) and he will be happy to visit with you! Larry also graciously sponsors a plaque for the largest pumpkin and tomato!

We wish you all happy gardening and hope to see lots of entries in the open class area at the Fair!

Summer Camps



Camp Counselors:

If you have completed 8th grade and are interested in being a 4-H Camp Counselor—contact Charlene today!

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 signed-up and it's almost full!!! It is filled on a first come first-serve basis between all the counties that attend in the Oz-Some Camp Group. The registration link can be found online at www.butler.ksu.edu under 4-H Camp. Online registration is **DUE May 1st. 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? Ride horses, go swimming, make new friends and have a great time at camp! Go online to www.butler.ksu.edu and go to the 4-H Camp link. Online registration is **DUE May 1st.**



DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days 2015 will be held May 26-29 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 May 31-June 3rd 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!



OTHER CAMPS

There is also an upcoming Photo Adventure and Sewing Camp coming up. To learn more about either one of these camps, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=433>



CAMP -

C—Communication

A—Action

M—Make New Friends

P—Positive Youth

Development

MAKE NEW FRIENDS!



Important News and Deadlines

April 24—4:30—6pm—Sheep and Meat Goat Tagging

April 25—8:30am—9:30am—Sheep and Meat Goat Tagging

April 21st—Fair Board

May 1—Enrollment Deadline for ALL project (except Market which was due Feb. 2)

May 1—Market beef nominations due

May 1—Horse ID Papers Due

May 21—Mini-Fair

May 29—Pre-entries due for Spring Horse Show

June 2—Counselors go to 4-H Camp

June 3-6—4-H Camp

June 13—Spring Horse Show

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.

June 26—ALL fair Pre-Entries due

July 11—Fashion Review

July 13—Supporter's Picnic

July 18—County Fair Horse Show

July 25-30—County Fair

August—4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan

September 11-20—Kansas State Fair

October 2-4—Kansas Junior Livestock Show



Award sponsors needed for Fair



The Butler County Fair Board is working on finishing the 2015 Butler County Fair Book. We are in need of some sponsors for Dairy Goat Fitting and Showing. This year champion and reserve champion showmanship winners will receive belt buckles.

The belt buckles will cost approximately \$35 and the plaques \$15. To make this happen, sponsors are needed. We need sponsors for the following areas:

-Champion Senior Fitting & Showing Belt Buckle

-Champion Intermediate Fitting & Showing Belt Buckle

-Champion Junior Fitting & Showing Belt Buckle

-Reserve Champion Senior Fitting & Showing Plaque

-Reserve Champion Intermediate Fitting & Showing Plaque

-Reserve Champion Junior Fitting & Showing Plaque

If you are interested in sponsoring any of these awards, please email bucofair@gmail.com



LET'S GET HEALTHY WITH HERBS

Learn How to Grow and Use Them

On Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rose Hill United Methodist Church, 19551 SW Butler Road, Rose Hill, KS, Kay Neff, owner of Neff Family Farms, will share her vast knowledge of all things herbal. Kay will not only be giving tips on what herbs grow here and how to grow them, she will also be sharing recipes and have a good selection of herbs for sale for those in attendance.



Herbs can spice up your meals AND offer health benefits. Barb Roths, Butler County Extension Family Consumer Sciences, and her team of volunteers, will offer tips to add flavor to foods and easy ways to use both fresh and dried herbs. Come enjoy the food demonstrations and tasty food samples!



We are asking that you pre-register for this event. The cost to attend is \$5.00 per person and registration deadline is Friday, April 17th. To register, come by or call the Butler County Extension office at 316-321-9660.



Join us for information on buying, growing, preserving, using and cooking with herbs!



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