

# The 4-H Forecaster

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## Summer Time



It's almost *Summertime summer time sum sum summertime!* Now granted, I don't know anymore of that song by the Jamies

than those first lyrics, but those first lyrics are catchy! While it's already "summer" for many, summer doesn't officially start until June 21st. It's hard to believe that in a couple short weeks July will be upon us.

Our weather seems to be in a bit of a weird pattern. I have personally enjoyed the SHORT stay of hot weather! I like the cooler temps and I'm very grateful for the rain that we have received! The rainy days are great days to be inside working on your 4-H projects that can be completed indoors!

Speaking of rain, we had some wet weather at both Discovery Days and 4-H Camp this year! I would like to thank Tresa Garcia for being my adult volunteer to help me transport 4-H'ers to Discovery Days that needed a ride. Butler County had 8 4-H'ers attend Discovery Days.



At OzSome 4-H20 Camp we had to cancel some of the activities for a short time due to some minor flooding around Rock Springs! Despite that, I'm very pleased to report that 4-H Camp went AWESOME this year! I hope everyone that attended had a fabulous time! I would also like to give a HUGE SHOUT OUT to Amy Cordell and Garrett Robbins for going with me to 4-H Camp as adult assistants! I'm very grateful for all they did to help out and Garrett for getting help from Rock Springs to clear the "less than friendly" snake from the trail before the campers came across it! Even our camp nurses had some fun this year "dressing up" in costumes and making "witches brew" which was Gatorade and water!

Now with Summer and Fair just around the corner, there will be a lot more fabulous volunteering take place along with 4-H'ers having a blast. If you haven't started on your projects that you can do ahead before fair, then I encourage you to get started today! The sooner you get them done, the more time you will have to relax and enjoy some *summer time summer time sum sum summertime* before Fair arrives! You will be well rested and ready to "Let It Show! Let It Show!" at the 2015 Butler County 4-H Fair!

~Charlene

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# Leader's Lounge


Oh My—Only 4 months are left in this 4-H Year!

## Review

- \_\_\_\_ 4-H Forecaster for important dates
- \_\_\_\_ Review information with your club

## To-Do

- \_\_\_\_ Start preparing for fair: club displays, banners, etc.
- \_\_\_\_ Work with youth to update pin apps & KAP if already started
- \_\_\_\_ Project Leaders conducting meetings
- \_\_\_\_ Check club mail-box at Extension Office
- \_\_\_\_ Check club's progress toward club goals.
- \_\_\_\_ Have families read the Fair Book



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

## Promote/Recruit

- \_\_\_\_ Parent's committee recruitment started for the next 4-H year (Oct. 1)
- \_\_\_\_ Promote the alternative options for the 4-H Poultry Project members (includes chickens, pigeons, ducks, turkeys and any other live bird).

## **It's All in the Details!!!**

Please encourage your families to read the Fair Book CAREFULLY. There's lots of information and details in there. This is the one stop shop for the majority of the information families need. If they have specific questions, reference the Fair Book first, then help them and if you are unable to answer the questions, please have them contact us. Please promote responsibility and organization!!

**Don't Forget - ALL Fair Pre-Entries  
DUE June 26th, 5:00 p.m.**

# Mini-Fair Recap

Thank you to everyone who turned out and made Mini-Fair a success! Numbers were very close to what they were last year! What a wonderful group of parents, volunteers, Ambassador's and 4-H'ers we have!



# 4-H Camp Picture







## Poultry Changes to Fair

Some things are completely out of our hands and Avian Influenza is one of them. This has resulted in the Stop Movement Order by the Kansas Department of Agriculture which means, among many things, that no poultry is allowed to be exhibited at County Fairs and the Kansas State Fair this year.

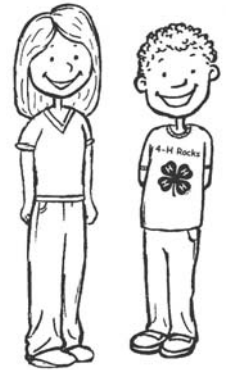
The Butler County Fair Board Executive Committee has come up with an alternate solution to allow youth enrolled in the

poultry/pigeon project to still be able to participate in Fair. If you had planned to exhibit chickens, pigeons, ducks, turkeys or any other type of bird—then here is what you can do to still be able to participate!

- 1) Create a poster about your poultry project—make sure to include pictures of your projects.
- 2) Decorate a cage—The Fair Board will provide poultry cages for you to decorate. The decorated cage should revolve around your poultry project for this year.

When we can't control some things, we look for alternate solutions. However, when we remain positive and focus on solutions, good things do happen! If you are in the poultry project, let your shine and have fun with this opportunity. If you are not, then make sure and check out the poultry exhibit at the Fair!

See you at the Fair!



## Important News and Deadlines

June 22nd—Ambassador Day Camp for 5-9 year olds. Be watching for more information.

June 26th—ALL Fair pre-entries and Camper registration due into the Extension Office.

July 7th—District Horse Show, Kingman Co.

July 11—Co. Fair Fashion Review and Clothing Construction judging—El Dorado High School

July 13—Supporter's Picnic

July 18—County Fair Horse Show

July 25-30—County Fair

August—4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan

September 10th—Bring small, non-breathing items to the Extension Office for Charlene to take to Kansas State Fair.

September 11—20—Kansas State Fair

September 30—End of 2015 4-H Year

October 2-4—Kansas Junior Livestock Show in Hutchinson



## Supporter's Picnic

Mark your Calendar's! The Supporter's Picnic will be on Monday, July 13 at the 4-H Building in El Dorado. This is a special party and event for our 4-H Supporters and your way of showing your thanks for all they do to help support the Butler County Fair and 4-H Program. Invitations will be available at our office on June 26th. Please use these invitations to **PERSONALLY INVITE** those (individuals, businesses, etc), that have supported your club, the fair and the 4-H program. Don't forget to let them know that door prizes, prepared by the 4-H clubs, will be given away!

The Red Devil Chefs will be cooking hamburgers (provided by 4-H Council), and the cheese, condiments, iced tea and pickles

will also be provided. Although the picnic begins at 7:00 PM, you should plan to arrive at 6:30 PM, and your family should bring the following items (enough for your family plus six other people):

- hamburger buns (1 package)
- 2 side dishes
- 1 dessert (pie or cake preferred)

Door Prizes: Each club is to provide at least one door prize and not more than two. The door prizes should be something that is made by the 4-H'er, Project Group or Leader. Door prizes should be brought to the picnic by 6:30 p.m.

### Supporter's Picnic Work Committees

Head Table Decorations - El Dorado Boosters

Name Tags and Registration Helpers - 4-H Ambassadors

Placement of Food - Benton Busy Bees, Cassoday Boosters, and Towanda Rustlers

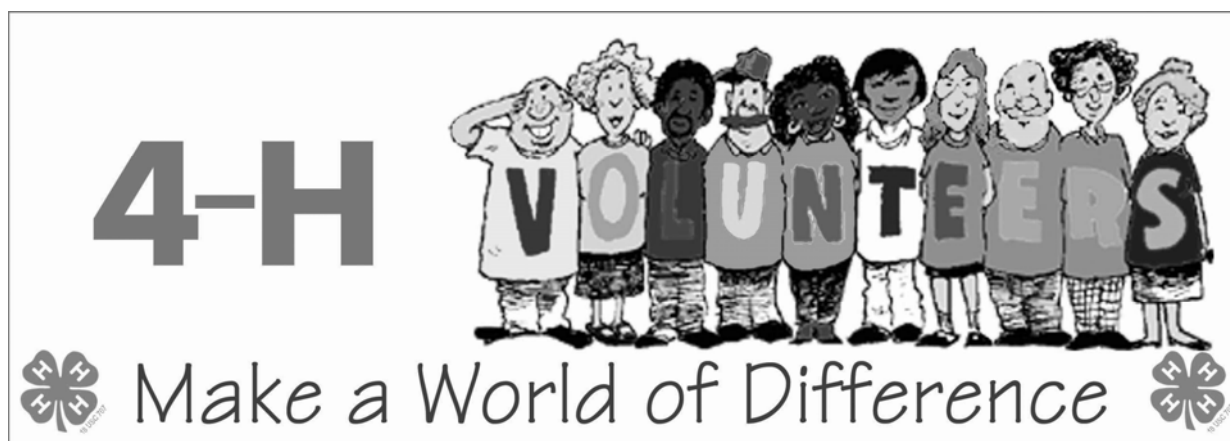
Drinks (in charge) – Heartland

Drinks (helpers) - Purple Hearts and Rose Hill Rustlers

Serve Hamburgers from Grill to Food Table - North Butler

Dessert Servers – Flint Hills, Lily Lake and Hickory Helpers

Clean-up – EVERYONE!!!



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