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Looking Ahead



If April showers bring May flowers, I'm starting to think that we won't have many May flowers. Unlike last year, at least we haven't topped 100 degrees in May just yet!

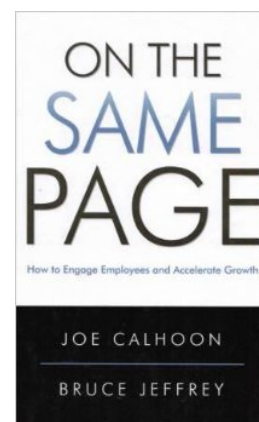
I had the opportunity to read a book titled *ON THE SAME PAGE*, by Joe Calhoon and Bruce Jeffrey. This book reflects on how to engage employees and accelerate growth in an organization. I found this to be very engaging and encourage you to read it if in your job or your business you need a spark of energy.

I'm going to pull out Principle #6 from this book: Progress, Not Perfection. "I am careful not to confuse excellence with perfection. Excellence, I can reach for; perfection is God's business." Michael J. Fox. I really like this quote and when you look at 4-H it is a good fit to our group. As parents, as leaders, as businesses it's only natural to strive for long-term consequences and even want children to get it right the first time. However, as parents and leaders, it takes youth time to make those steps towards excellence or as we know it in 4-H *mastery*.

Tying in along the same line with this is a leadership and citizenship webinar series I participated in for three weeks through National 4-H. As youth strive for excellence/mastery, we as adults must share with youth the power to make decisions. That means as adults we respect them and have confidence in their decision. Youth learn through participation. Participation leads to mastery and sound decision making. This ultimately leads youth to excelling in the future. Doing the work for them or not allowing them to make decisions slows their growth in these area.

As you continue through the year and start preparing for and participating in different activities, I encourage you to take a few extra minutes to ponder what can be done to help the youth learn mastery and sound decision skills.

~Charlene



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Leader's Lounge


Who's ready for school to be out and summer to arrive? Are you prepared for all the summer activities? Make sure and take a look at the monthly check-up to help you keep on track before the craziness of summer arrives!

Review

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

To-Do

- _____ Check on your project leaders progress.
- _____ Start preparing for fair: club displays, banners, etc.
- _____ Work with youth to update pin apps & KAP if already started
- _____ Plan summer activities: club tour, picnic, swim, etc.
- _____ Check club mail-box at Extension Office



If your Club is wanting to have a bake sale or **ANY** fundraiser, please contact our office prior to doing so! Each fundraiser requires prior approval!

Promote/Recruit

- _____ Current Parents' Committee should start looking at recruiting new Organizational Leaders or Parent's Committee members for the next year.

Remember

- _____ Check out the deadlines in the newsletter and make sure all of your members are aware of them!

Other Tid Bits....

Shout Out to Benton Busy Bees on their fundraiser/donation. Check out their article in the Newsletter. Also—shout out to Lily Lake 4-H Club working the Clover Drive with Tractor Supply. This benefits all Butler County 4-H'ers.

I am available to come out to your club meetings and speak or present an activity. Just let me know!

Word Search

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N Y A O I Z D F Q E K G P O T
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CLOVER

COOKING

ENTOMOLOGY

EXTENSION

FUN

GARDEN

GOAT

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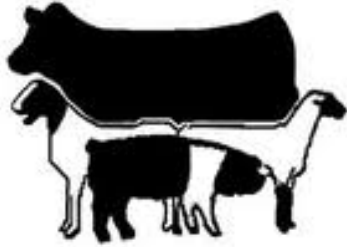
PARENTS

ROCKETRY

SEWING

VOLUNTEERS

WOODWORKING



Youth Livestock

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!!!

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 and turned into the Extension Office

August—4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan

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.

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>

Fun Summer Snack

Are you looking for a fun, yummy and healthy fruit snack? We have just the recipe for you!

This is called the **Magical Fruit Salad.**

So Simple & So Delicious!



Ingredients

- 1 can (20 oz.) pineapple chunks, drained
- 1/2 lb grapes (rinsed)
- 2 bananas
- 1 3/4 C milk (non-fat or low-fat)
- 1 pkg instant pudding mix (3 1/2 ounces) - vanilla, lemon, etc., you can also use sugar-free pudding mix

Instructions

In a large bowl add the pineapple and grapes. Peel the bananas and cut into bite sized pieces. Add the banana pieces to the bowl. Slowly add the milk to the fruit. Then add the pudding mix and stir. Let the mixture stand for 5 minutes then serve! Refrigerate any leftovers within 2 hours.

***You can also use any other fruit of your choice! You don't have to use the fruit listed here!

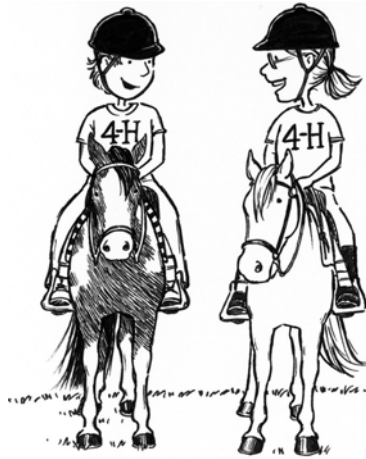
Horse Project News

The annual **Butler County Spring Horse** show is just around the corner! Pre-entries are due into our office by 5:00 pm on June 2. You can still sign-up until the day of the show, it will just cost a little bit more to do so!

Level 1 and 2 Horse Testing

I am working on scheduling the a date to do ground work testing to achieve the Level 1 and Level 2 test. It will likely be the last week of May. If your child needs this, they will need to complete the written test first. I will be available the week of the 18th (and will do

some evenings too if needed) to make sure your child gets through the testing. Please call Charlene to schedule this. All testing must be completed and submitted to the State prior to June 1st.



District Horse Show

If you are enrolled in the Horse project, you should have received an email on this. If not, please let Charlene know. The district horse show will be held on July 7th at Kingman County. Youth must be 9 by 4-H age and have completed the necessary Level 1 and/or 2 testing depending on their age. Pre-entries and payment are all due online this year. You can do them here: <http://bit.ly/1JE5czc> Negative Coggins papers are required at check-in the day of the show. Entries are due June 12th and no late entries will be accepted.



Camps



Discovery Days is just around the corner and we have more Butler County 4-Hers attending this year! I am excited to have 12 Butler County 4-H youth attending who will be learning about career opportunities, gaining knowledge, making friends, and having a great time!

4-H Camp will follow hot on the heels of Discovery Days! Overall 4-H Camp numbers are down this year. In fact, our camp group had to turn away camp counselors due to the lower numbers. Butler County will be taking 11 counselors to 4-H Camp this year. To complement that, there are 8 rookie campers and 41 regular campers attending.

If you are registered for camp, you will receive a letter in the mail by the end of May with IMPORTANT information.

We also have two youth who be attending sewing camp this year!

Happy Camping to all those camping!

Fair News

The Fair is quickly approaching! By the time you receive this newsletter, the Fair Books will have arrived in the county and be ready to pickup from your Community Leaders within a week! We have one Fair Book per family, so please make sure and hold on tight to it and don't lose it!

Entries

ALL pre-entries will be due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26th in the Extension Office. If you mail them, they must be postmarked on the 26th but it will be up to you to check that they have been received in the mail. Pre-entries CANNOT be made via email or by FAX.

Pre-entries are due for Beef, Bucket Calves, Camper Registrations (with fees), Dairy Cattle, Demonstrations and/or Illus. Talks Contest, Fashion Revue with Scripts, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Horse, Pigeons, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, SpaceTech (Robotics Only) and Swine.

Pre-entry forms will be sent out to each 4-H member around the 1st of June. There are some new forms this year, so pay close attention to what you receive. If you do not receive your pre-entry forms by June 10, please call the office. Pre-entries can be made anytime thereafter.

The fair book is at the printers and community leaders will be notified when books are ready to be picked up at the Extension Office. The fair book will be available on the butler county website later this month.

For any questions or information regarding the fair, email bucofair@gmail.com or call Connie Chilcott, 620-394-2487.



Poultry Testing

The annual poultry testing will be held on Thursday, July 2nd from 4:30 pm—6:00 pm. This pullorum-typhoid test is required if you will be exhibiting poultry at the county fair. The number of birds you need tested is due into our office by June 19th. Make sure and save the date. If you do not attend the Butler County testing, you will be required to make arrangements on your own and bring proof with you to the county fair.

“Wisdom is the power
that enables us to use
knowledge for the
benefit of ourselves
and others.”

~Thomas J. Watson

SAVE THE DATES!!! July 25—July 30, 2015

Important News and Deadlines

May 21—Mini-Fair

June 1—Pre-entries due for Spring Horse Show

May 26-29—Discovery Days

June 2-6—4-H Camp

June 13—Butler County Spring Horse Show

June 12th—pre-entries for District Horse Show 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. And turned into the Extension Office

June 23rd—Ambassador Day Camp for 5-9 year olds. Be watching for more information.

June 27th—Bird counts due for the pullorum-typhoid blood test for county fair. (See July 9th below)

July 7th—District Horse Show, Kingman Co.

July 2nd—Poultry Testing (pullorum-typhoid) for the County Fair. This test is required for to participate in the county Fair. Will be held at the Fairgrounds from

4:30 pm—6:00 pm.

July 11—Fashion Review

July 18—Co. Fair Horse Show

July 13—Supporter's Picnic

July 25-30—County Fair

August—4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan

September 11—20—Kansas State Fair

Oct. 2-4—Kansas Junior Livestock Show—Hutchinson



Benton Busy Bees Donates \$800

Article Submitted By: Lucy Hal-ler, Benton Busy Bees 4-H'er

The annual Benton Day festival was held on April 25, 2015. Benton Busy Bees supported the community event by offering fundraising activities. There were three inflatable jump houses, face painting, and a bake sale. Over forty 4-Hers and their families worked the event which was from 9:00am until 4:00pm. After expenses, the club raised \$800 in profit. The club voted to

donate all the profit to the city park. At the monthly meeting on May 3rd, the club presented the Mayor of Benton a check for \$800.



Great Job
Benton Busy
Bees!!!

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Calling all
4-Hers to
the...



2015 Butler County 4-H Mini-Fair

Thursday, May 21 from 6pm- 8pm



Get your friends together for the **pancake eating contest** and **water balloon toss**. Monetary prizes awarded!

Individual competitions include **Horticulture** judging, **Place Setting** Contest, **Project Show and Tell**, **FACS** judging, and **Pets**.



Cookie walk every 15 minutes

Make homemade **goodies**

Be creative with a **craft project**

Don't forget to bring quarters to put your friends in the **Clover Jail!**

Clover Clink



Pick up all projects by 8pm (**do not leave animals unsupervised**) and stay to clean up and you will get a chance to win one of 4 \$5.00 gift cards!

Rules and Guidelines

Project Show-N-Tell (begins at 6pm)

1. Exhibits from any project may be entered, but bring only projects that will not be exhibited at fair.
2. Exhibitors may participate individually or as a team and may bring hand-outs or samples.
3. Table space up to a 2' x 3' area is provided. If you need a larger area, please contact the extension office.

Horticulture (begins at 6:15pm)

1. Exhibit categories: Small vegetables (plate of 12), Medium vegetables (plate of 5), Large vegetables (plate of 1)- all grown by the 4-H member

FACS Judging Contest (6pm-7pm)

1. Three age divisions: Junior (7-8), Intermediate (9-13), and Senior (14-18)
2. Three- four classes for each age division will consist of a consumer, foods, or family living problem.

Horticulture Judging Contest (6pm-7pm)

1. 4-H member will identify various plants and rank them in order from best to worst.

Place Setting Contest (6pm)

1. 4-H members check-in and set up by 5:45pm.
2. Exhibit should represent a theme with its menu and decoration with:
 - a. Menu and main dish recipes written or typed on a 3x5 note card with exhibitor's name on the back and a short explanation of chosen theme neatly written or typed.

Rules:

1. Place setting should be age appropriate: formal or informal.
2. Center piece may include flowers that are home raised or commercially produced.
3. The 4-H member must make the arrangement.
4. Exhibit should consist of table linens, dinnerware, glassware and flatware for the main course only. No serving dishes, sugar, creamer, salt or pepper should be included. The space per exhibit is 15"x24".
5. All items above must come from your home but paper products may be purchased and used.

Pets (begins at 6:15pm)

1. Any cat, dog, hand size pet, fish, etc. may be entered.
2. The pet must be contained or leashed, except when being judged.
3. Exhibitors will tell the judge about the animals and its care.

Pancake Eating Contest (7:30pm)

1. Teams of 4 must sign-up and pay by 7pm.
2. Each team will rotate its members eating one pancake at a time for 3 rotations (12 pancakes total). The team with the fastest time will win.
3. Prizes: 1st Place- \$16, 2nd Place- \$12, 3rd Place- \$8.

Water Balloon Contest (Immediately following the pancake contest)

1. Teams of 2 must sign-up by 7pm. Teams will be Junior (12 & younger) and Senior (13 & up).
2. Prizes: 1st Place- \$8, 2nd Place- \$6, 3rd Place- \$4.
3. Junior teams will compete before senior teams. Each team will toss water balloons, taking a step back in between each one until the balloon drops or breaks. The team with the longest toss will win.

Exhibitors may receive only 1 purple participation ribbon but can participate in more than one event.