

## 4-H Fair Awakens at the Fashion Revue and 4-H Horse Show

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Summer is in full swing and so are the Butler County 4-H Fair activities! The next three weeks are filled with activities and we hope you make them a part of your activities! Do you want to watch youth show off their Horse skills? Perhaps you want to purchase some delicious homemade goodies? Or maybe it's view all the wonderful projects created by 4-H'ers? If you answered yes, then you don't want to miss out on these opportunities!

First up is the Butler County 4-H Fair **Horse Show!** Saturday, July 16th, 8:00 am at the Butler County Saddle Club (just west of Leon), you will find 4-H'ers showing off their Horse skills. Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Barrels, Poles, and Flags are just a sampling of what you will see! Youth gain confidence in their horsemanship skills and proudly exhibit the hard work and effort they put forth with their horse project.

Next Up, is the 4-H Fashion Revue. Mark your calendars for the 4-H Fair Public Fashion Revue on Saturday, July 23rd, 2:30 p.m. at the El Dorado High School Auditorium. 4-H'ers from all across Butler County will be modeling outfits they either purchased or made in the clothing construction and buymanship projects. You will see outfits from evening gowns to jeans and cowboy boots! Prior to the start of the public Revue, these youth will be judged on their outfit along with general appearance and knowledge. Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be named during the public Revue. 4-H Youth Extension Agent Miller says "These young men and women put a lot of time in to making sure they have just the right outfit and look their best while still understanding the project. They will proudly model their outfits on a stage in front of a crowd of people, some of which they do not know. I am proud of them and their confidence."

The Butler County 4-H Fair dates are July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 4th. Here you will find animals, arts and crafts, horticulture, floriculture, rocketry, robotics, leather craft, knitting, crochet, entomology, photography and much more! You will want to come and see the talents and skills that are displayed by the 4-H'ers. Who doesn't love Fair food?! 4-H Clover Café will also be open for you to enjoy some delicious fair food and homemade pies!

4-H is a youth organization modeled on the learn-by-doing method. Youth learn life skills through participating in hands on activities under adult volunteer leadership. Skills such as communication, interview, public speaking, responsibility, mastery, leadership and citizenship, just to name a few, will help propel them forward in life.

We hope you will make the Butler County Fair Horse Show, Fashion Revue, and Fair a part of your activities the next three weeks. You don't want to miss the opportunity to watch youth show off their exhibits and display their hard work!