Greeting 4-H Families!

School is just around the corner and I hope you have had time to enjoy your family and make some wonderful memories! In these times of uncertainty with COVID and the world around us, I challenge each and everyone of you to reflect on what’s important to you, capitalize and make the most of it. We are only on earth once. What memories will your family and friends have of you? Make the most of the opportunities and enjoy your time!

Speaking of reflecting, when I reflect back on this year’s Fair, it was great to see everyone back on the Fairgrounds after last year and hearing the laughter of children. There were certainly some challenges for all involved, but those come with everything we do. I prefer to look at them as opportunities for improvement! Maybe it’s double checking our paperwork, rules, or our enrollments. Maybe it’s readjusting or revisiting our feeding program for our livestock to make sure they are at the right weight/spot/condition for fair. Maybe it’s making sure there is a family member, friend, or neighbor who can help your child out when you were busy or had to juggle multiple events at one time. Whatever it is that may have taken the smile off your face or resulted in your head hanging a little low, ask yourself, “What can I do to make it better next time?” Our attitude towards a situation, know matter what it is, will help determine how we respond to it and the outcome. Despite challenges faced, I hope each and everyone of you were able to find smile worthy moments throughout all of fair. I know I witnessed many 4-H’ers helping each other out, laughing, smiling, playing, and having fun! To every 4-H’er, parent, volunteer, family member and everyone else in between that made the Fair possible—THANK YOU!

I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer. There’s lots of moving pieces and some changes. Please take time to review the newsletter. If you have questions, please reach out to our office. We are happy to help you!

~ Charlene Miller, Director/Agriculture Agent
Leader’s Lounge

AUGUST 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 Newsletter read and mark important dates marked on calendar.
___ Review highlights from the 4-H Newsletter 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.
___ Complete Club Summary (Leaders are required to use the Summary dated August 2021)
___ Begin planning for election of club officers.
___ Have members think about projects for the new year.
___ Check club’s progress toward goals.
___ Start Planning for Club Financial Audits
___ Start Planning for 48 Hours of 4-H (Oct. 9-10)
___ Remind club members to complete any record or award forms due in September.

Promote/Recruit

___ Parents’ Committee recruiting Organizational Leaders and Project Leaders for 2021-2022 4-H year.
___ Encourage Achievement Pin Award Applications and Record Keeping & Project Report Forms.

Remember

___ Record Keeping & Project Report Forms, Scholarships, Ambassador Applications, and Pin Applications and Club Summaries due in September!

4-H Council

The 4-H Council will be meeting on August 29th to reflect on this year and begin looking towards the new 4-H year. The afternoon will include team building, brainstorming and fun!

Ideas will be further explored at the October 24th annual planning meeting. If you cannot attend, please call the alternate council member from your club to see if they can attend.

It is important to have all clubs represented.

The following committees will be meeting prior to the start of 4-H Council.

6:00 p.m.—Ambassadors
6:45 p.m.—Executive Officers
7:00 p.m.—Council Meeting
Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

YOUTH
The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be November 20-21, 2021 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2022. Registration will be due Friday, 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, 2022 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.kansas4-h.org.

Record Keeping, Pins, and Awards

It’s time to get your record book and pin applications in!

INFORMATION MEETING
Are you new to 4-H and wondering what are Record Keeping & Project Report Forms, pins and awards—then the informational meeting scheduled for August 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Flinthills High School might just be for you!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW.
All Record Keeping & Project Report Forms, Ambassador Applications, 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 PM, Friday, September 24th. Don’t miss this deadline! All forms can be found online at http://www.butler.ksu.edu/4-h/recordsawardsetc.html

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 Keeping Forms with Cowley County. They judge our senior Record Keeping Forms, and we judge theirs. We also judge our junior and intermediate Record Keeping Forms.

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 date will be announced and we will send out notice to everyone once we have scheduled it. Any time you can volunteer (even if only for 30 min) is greatly appreciated!
Volunteers—Take Note!

The finish line for the current 4-H Year is in sight! It’s time to start thinking about re-enrolling in 4-H Online!

Returning Volunteers
Returning Volunteers will need to re-enroll in 4-H online AFTER October 1st for the 2021-2022 year. Please keep in mind that some returning volunteers may need an updated a criminal background check. We will update these as needed, so if you see a delay in volunteer approval, it is very likely we are awaiting results from these checks.

New Volunteers
New volunteers will be required to complete a 4-H Online Profile and complete a background check BEFORE conducting any activities with the 4-Hers. They will also be required to participate in a face to face interview with their community club leader.

Community Leaders, please keep this in mind as you go through the process of identifying volunteers to lead project meetings, etc. These background checks may take some time to get results back on. The sooner you start identifying them, the sooner we can start getting them through the process.

Junior Leaders, Ambassadors & 4-H Camp Counselors
All Junior Leaders, Ambassadors and potential camp counselors will need to fill out a 4-H Online Profile. Some may need to complete the Criminal Background Check. We will let those individuals that need it know.

*As a reminder, all clubs must have their volunteers registered in 4-H Online by February 1st to be eligible for their Club Seal in October.

To enroll in 4-H Online, visit v2.4honline.com

Important News and Deadlines

August 12-14: All Breeds Junior Dairy Show, Salina
August 15: Ks. Jr. Livestock Show entries due
August 23: Record Forms and Pin Application Training
September 7: 3:00 p.m. — 6:00 PM bring exhibits to 4-H building to be taken to State Fair — SEE STATE FAIR PAGE IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS
August 29th: 4-H Council Meeting 7:00 PM
September 8-19: Kansas State Fair

September 15: Kansas 4-H Sports-fishing tournament ends
September 22nd: Ribbon Money checks will expire
September 24: Record Forms, Special Awards, Pin Apps, Club Summary, College Scholarship Apps Due
October 1-3: Kansas Jr. Livestock Show
October 8: Buyer’s Cards are due back to the Extension Office
November 20-21: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (14-18 years old)
Shooting Sports

Hunter Education
**Pre-enrollment is required for all courses**

Traditional Course: August 13th - 14th, 2021

Internet Assisted Course: September 18th, 2021

Rifle, Pistol and Archery Projects

Basic Rifle, Pistol and Archery classes begin in September and will meet weekly through Thanksgiving.

Rifle and Pistol start on Thursday, September 2nd

Archery starts on Thursday evening, Sept. 9th.

Check-in is from 6:30-7:00 PM on the first night of each discipline. Please note that the initial registration and safety briefing is required. All classes will run between 7:00- 8:00 PM.

The 2021 fall schedule for Archery, Pistol, and Rifle can be found at butler.k-state.edu/4-h/shootsports.html

All equipment and supplies are provided. If Archery participants have their own bow that they prefer to shoot, they can bring it. If it is suitable, they may use it. All meetings are held at the 4-H Building.

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’er 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 24th by 5:00PM. The Ambassadors are an energetic, fun group to be a part of. The application can be found online at www.butler.ksu.edu or you can pick one up at the Extension Office. Join this fun group today!
Fair is over and the dust has settled. The Fair takes a plethora of volunteers and support from buyers to make it successful. Have you sent your Thank You notes? Do you know who to send Thank You notes too? Here is a list of suggestions that we strongly encourage you to write a note of Thanks. Without the support of these individuals, the Fair would not be as successful as it is:

- **Food Buyers** (we will have a list available of those who purchased food. Even if you don’t know who bought your food – you are encouraged to pick out 4 or 5 random names and write notes of Thanks. DID YOU KNOW – the food auction helps support scholarships for you to attend 4-H Camp and other activities?

- **Livestock Buyers** – You are required to get the buyers signature on a card if you wish to participate in next year’s event. How many of you went out into the crowd, found the buyer of your animal and said THANK YOU immediately following your animal exiting the sale ring and/or even offered to get them a drink? Our buyers are our heart and souls. Without them, the premiums won’t be there. Did you have an add-on when you picked up your buyer’s card? If so, you need to write a Thank You to them as well. If you need addresses, please contact our office – we can help you out.

- **Superintendent’s** – I encourage you to write a Thank You note to the Superintendent’s of the Division’s your child participated in. Need their address…call our office. Volunteers are a critical aspect of the Butler County Fair.

- **Fair Board and Executive Committee** – For setting up, cleaning up, emptying trashcans, handling the livestock sale, backdrop, ribbon money and everything else in-between. We truly appreciate their support!

- **Stan, Connie, and Dereck Chilcott** – They were responsible for the computer management of the Food Auction. Make sure and give a shout out to all their helpers who help make it successful.

- **The Extension Board and Office staff** – these individuals work year round to help the 4-H’er’s out. Their support is invaluable before, during and after fair!

- **Auctioneers** – Our auctioneers at the Fair do a fabulous job getting the most they can for the youth and the projects. We need to let them know our Thanks!

- **Judges** – Why not write a letter to the judge and thank them for helping out, even if you aren’t happy about your placing! Without judges, we wouldn’t have a Fair!

- **Project Leaders and Community Leaders** – need I say more?

- **Butler County Board of County Commissioners** – they support our program. We need to let them know just how much we appreciate their support.

- **Date Entry Volunteers**—Thank you to the Varner Family for helping line up a Cadre of volunteers to help with Data Entry this year. Many hands helped expedite this process and they done a fantastic job!
Fair Judging Contest Results

Photography Judging Contest
Senior Division
Sarah Hinnen 1st
Kaleb Mashke 2nd
Emily Scribner 3rd
DJ Jackson 4th

Intermediate Division
Taylor Gresham 1st
Brenna Sommers 2nd
Ella Amend 3rd
Kendra Gresham 4th

Junior Division
Carson Brackenridge 1st
Jacob Wilmer 2nd
Kenzie Sommers 3rd
Vera Jones 4th

Horticulture Judging Contest
Senior Division
Kylee Barlett 1st
Makenzie Creekmore 2nd
Kaleb Mashke 3rd

Intermediate Division
Valerie Sommers 1st
Cora Brackenridge 2nd
Colsen Lewis 3rd
Alaxis Jensen 4th

FCS Judging Contest
Senior Division
Kylee Barlett 1st
Kylee Nichols 2nd
Ivalea Tien 3rd
Andrew Tien 4th

Intermediate Division
Cora Brackenridge 1st
Jackson Strecker 2nd
Landon Jones 3rd
Valerie Sommers 4th

Junior Division
Kennedy Strecker 1st
Kenzie Sommers 2nd

Livestock Judging Contest
Beginner Division
Hope McLaughlin 1st
Logan Stanley 2nd
Jack Myers 3rd
Johnathan Neuhaus 4th
Agnes Leibbrandt 5th

Junior Division
Cami Miller 1st
Hailey Coble 2nd
Natalie Smithson 3rd
Ellie Nelson 4th
Korbin Hebb 5th

Senior Division
Kolby Holcomb 1st
Sophia McCune 2nd
Kolby Hebb 3rd
Kylee Nichols 4th
Kaleb Mashke 5th

Kansas State Fair

The Kansas State Fair is just around the corner. Remember, if you want Charlene to take your 4-H exhibit to the State Fair: (SMALL, NON-BREATHING ITEMS ONLY!)

Due to limited space—anything requiring boxes or extra support cribbage to transport cannot exceed 12”x 12”x 12” This does not include poster boards that can lay down flat): You need to bring your item to the Extension Office between the hours of 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 7th. Items cannot be accepted before 3:00 PM

Good luck to everyone participating in the Kansas State Fair!!!
Online 4-H Enrollment

4-H Online will be used for the 2021-2022 4-H Enrollment year. All enrollment will be online at v2.4honline.com. The new 4-H year starts October 1st, 2021. Please note: Any enrollment that is done prior to October 1st will not roll over to the new 4-H year. Stay tuned for more information as the enrollment process draws closer!

4-H Publication Updates

**Kansas 4-H Project Challenge — Health and Wellness Challenge: Take a Hike!** Spanish. 4H1148S. Ashley Conness and Kristy Packard. Whether you live in town, in the country, or are on vacation, use the tools in this project challenge to plan and go on an adventure! Translated into Spanish.

**4-H Visual Arts Project**, Spanish. 4H1150S. Aliah Mestrovich Seay. This project page, translated into Spanish, provides information about the 4-H Visual Arts Project, including the types of educational activities involved and how this project can lay a foundation for future learning and careers.

**The 4-H Project Exhibit: The Judge’s Role**, 4H1158. Amy Sollock. Consultative judging is an approach to evaluating project exhibits that allows the judge and 4-H member to communicate one-to-one throughout the judging process. This publication helps judges understand their role in this process and provides suggestions for an effective judging session.

**The 4-H Project Exhibit: A Superintendent’s Role**, 4H1159. Amy Sollock. Consultative judging is an approach to evaluating project exhibits that allows the judge and 4-H member to communicate one-to-one throughout the judging process. This publication helps fair superintendents understand their role in this process.

**Consultative Judging of a 4-H Project Exhibit**, 4H1160. Amy Sollock. Consultative judging is an approach to evaluating project exhibits that allows the judge and 4-H member to communicate one-to-one throughout the judging process. This publication helps 4-H members understand the process and how to get the most from a judging session.

**Kansas 4-H Project Challenge — Fiber Arts Challenge: Macrame**, 4H1161. Patsy Maddy. In this fiber arts project challenge, youth learn common macrame knots and how to incorporate principles of design into developing their own items. It also includes directions for making friendship bracelets.

**Kansas 4-H Project Challenge — 4-H Horse Challenge: Horse Safety**, 4H1162. McKenzie Smithson and Kim Nabor. In this horse project challenge, learn about safety considerations when working with horses, including proper ways to catch, bridle, saddle, and lead horses.

All 4-H Publications can be found online at [https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/Category.aspx?id=1](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/Category.aspx?id=1)

Extension Office Updates

⇒ McKenzie Smithson, 4-H Youth Development Agent resigned effective July 23rd. We hope to fill this position soon!

⇒ Barb Roths, Family Consumer Science Agent is retiring effective August 20th

⇒ Horticulture Agent—A new agent will start on September 20th

⇒ Our office will be closed on September 6th in observance of Labor Day.

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