

The 4-H Newsletter



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Thankfulness

November is the month of giving Thanks. A quote from the Dali Lama reads “When you practice gratefulness, there is a sense of respect towards others.” We are all fortunate to have wonderful people in our lives who go above and beyond to help us out; especially when we take a look at the 4-H Community.

Such people as volunteers, leaders, parents, siblings, and the list can go on provide support to adults and children. That support helps us grow and in time, allow us to give back to others. With the support that is given, we also need to remember to show our gratefulness in return.

We have some pretty amazing volunteers who work hard and want nothing but the best, while looking at the big picture, and keeping everyone in mind.

Whether it is a small token of appreciation or a THANK YOU, make sure and tell those important people in your life thank you for helping out. After all, practicing gratefulness shows your respect towards them and all they do to help you out!

I know I am grateful and thankful for everyone who contributes to the 4-H program To Make The Best Better. Whether it’s 4-H’ers, volunteers or the crowd in the stands, THANK YOU for supporting the 4-H program!

Make sure and flip over to our second page and help us in welcoming Briony Smith to the team as our new 4-H & Youth Development Agent

~Charlene

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Welcome To Our New 4-H Agent!

The Butler County Extension Office is excited to announce that Briony Smith will be joining our team as the new 4-H and Youth Development Agent on November 1st, 2021. Briony comes to us from Butler Community College, where she worked as a Social and Qualitative Research Analyst. She is a second generation Butler County 4-H alumna; Briony participated in several projects during her time in 4-H, but her passion is with the rabbit project.



Using the guidance from the Butler County rabbit project and skills gained from 4-H, Briony quickly became involved with rabbit shows at a state, regional and national level. She earned her American Rabbit Breeders Association judges' license at 19, and since then has judged everywhere from county fairs to National breed specialty shows, as well as the ARBA Convention.

In her free time, Briony enjoys raising and showing rabbits. Besides that, she enjoys spending time with friends, family, her husband, and their Italian Greyhound, Lilly. She cheers on

the K-State Wildcats, and enjoys traveling (especially anywhere with a beach), trying new local restaurants, gardening, cooking. Briony believes the strength of 4-H lies in the ability to build kids' self-confidence and encourage both personal and civic responsibility through learning new skills, setting goals, and challenging themselves to achieve those goals. Briony hopes to grow the 4-H program in Butler County by challenging people's assumptions about 4-H. "It isn't for a "certain" type of young person or family - it's for everyone." She has plans to partner with other nearby nonprofits and community organizations to open up new educational and service opportunities for 4-Hers. She is looking forward to meeting the 4-H families of Butler County and working together to **"To Make The Best Better!"**

Please help us make Briony feel welcome by stopping in to see her, or dropping a card in the mail!



Leader's Lounge

November Check-Up

- Recognize those that submitted Record Books and Pin Applications.
- Distribute Achievement Celebration items to those that were not able to attend.

Review

- Read the *4-H Newsletter* and mark important dates on the calendar.
- Review highlights from the *4-H Newsletter* at your club meeting.

To-Do


- Distribute copies of club program calendar or club notebooks
- Project Leaders conducting project meetings.
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
- Identify and schedule meeting community service committee
- Plan holiday celebration
- Begin discussion of 4-H Day plans
- Check club's progress toward goals.
- Remind volunteers and 4-Her's to enroll / re-enroll in 4-H Online for the new 4-H year

Promote/Recruit


- 4-H Days in February

Remember

- Make it a fun and rewarding year!
- Work with your co-leader!



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



For some people, volunteering is about giving. For 4-H volunteers it is a way of living.

Important Dates and Deadlines

November

- November 1st:** Briony Smith starts as the Butler County 4-H Agent
- November 1st:** 4-H & IFYE Outbound Application deadline
- November 1st-19th:** Kansas 4-H Cloverbud Training
- November 1st:** Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Registration Deadline
- November 15th:** Shooting Sports Instructor Renewal deadline
- November 20th-21st:** Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (14-18 yrs.)
- November 26th-30th:** National 4-H Congress

December

- December 15th:** Toy Drive Drop Off

January

- January 14th:** Club Quarterly Report Due
- January 27th:** YQCA In-person Training
- January 29th-30th:** Horse Panorama

See the 2021-2022 Yearly 4-H Calendar for all event dates
Find it [HERE](#)



Butler County 4-H Enrollment Quick Tips

- ❑ [4-H Online Enrollment Link](#)
- ❑ [Butler County 4-H Website with Enrollment Information](#)
- ❑ **New 4-H Year started Oct. 1st:** All youth participating between Oct. 1, 2021 and Sept 30, 2022 need to enroll (including shooting sports youth). Any enrollment prior to Oct. 1, 2021 needs to reenroll.
- ❑ We are working to align with the State Project list so there are a few changes:
 - ⇒ Visual Arts: General Arts & Crafts along with Visual Arts: Leather Craft will all enroll under the common name Visual Arts.
 - ⇒ Pigeons will enroll in Animals, Others
 - ⇒ Public Speaking will enroll in Communications
- ❑ Clubs and Projects will not automatically populate when you reenroll. You will have to select your club and all projects you want to enroll in. Years in project are supposed to automatically populate when you reenroll in a project you were enrolled in the previous year.
 - ⇒ If you have projects that you previously enrolled in, did not enroll in last year, but are reenrolling for the new year and need to know your 4-Her's years in the project – please give us a call and we can look up the years for you.



Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports Instructor Training Planned

The 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory and State 4-H Office are planning for Level 1 Shooting Sports Instructor training to be held March 25th - 27th, 2022, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Training for Coordinators and each of the Shooting Sports Disciplines will be offered.



We would like to give a big Congratulations to those youth that supported in the State 4-H Shooting Sports matches. Butler County is well represented. Results from state matches can be found here:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/shooting-sports/state-match.html>

Achievement Celebration Results

2021 4-H Achievement Celebration Award Winners

2021 Record Book Champions

Intermediate Cami Miller – Beef Ella Amend – Horse

Senior Makenzie Creekmore – Civic Engagement Cally Miller – Beef Lillie Haller – Leadership

Trena Garcia – Dairy Kylee Barlett – Foods

2021 Record Book Blue Awards

Intermediate Cora Brackenridge - Beef Kyle Parker - Beef

Senior Erin Johnson – Meat Goat Alli Willour – Leadership Lucy Haller – Leadership Riley Garcia – Dairy

2021 Prestigious Award Winners

Dr. Johnson Outstanding 4-H'er

Cally Miller

Service to 4-H & Community

Trena Garcia

Kiwanis Jr. Leader

Ivalea Tien

Butler County Junior Leader

Lucy Haller

I Dare You

Andrew Tien

Key Award

Trena Garcia

EW Nath Scholarship

Alli Willour

BCC Scholarship

Trena Garcia

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the 4-H Achievement Celebration! The Achievement Celebration Committee put in a lot of time and effort to plan and coordinate for the program. To each and everyone who helped see the Achievement Celebration through—**THANK YOU!**

2022 Butler County YQCA Information



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 18. This program promotes food safety, animal well-being and character development. With YQCA, you'll discover what it takes to be an informed producer, consumer and employee of the agriculture and food industries.

YQCA is REQUIRED to be Eligible to Exhibit ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITS (Except Horses) at the Butler County 4-H Fair.

The YQCA Deadline for Participating in the 2022 Butler County 4-H Fair is June 1st at 11:59 PM, 2022

Youth are required to take YQCA in-person or online; if taken online, a certificate of completion must be submitted to the extension office by June 1st.



- ⇒ Thursday, January 27th
- ⇒ Monday, February 7th
- ⇒ Tuesday, February 22nd
- ⇒ Wednesday, March 30th
- ⇒ Thursday, April 7th
- ⇒ Monday, April 25th
- ⇒ Thursday, May 5th
- ⇒ Tuesday, May 31st

Frequently Asked YQCA Questions:

⇒ **Is YQCA mandatory for all 4-H'ers?**

YQCA is required to show animals at the Butler County 4-H Fair. 7-18 yr. olds must pass a web based or instructor led training.

⇒ **How much does getting certified cost?**

The online module certification is \$12, and the instructor-led training method of certification is \$3.

⇒ **Does the YQCA certification ID sync with 4-H online?**

Yes, you will sign in using your 4-H Online information.

⇒ **I only show horses. Do I need to be YQCA certified?**

No. Right now, YQCA, is not required for 4-H Horse Project Members.

⇒ **Do 4-H'ers need to update their YQCA certification number each year?**

Yes they do. Youth should re-certify around the same time they tested each year.

⇒ **Do I need to register before class?**

Yes! You must register and pay online before attending an instructor-led class.

⇒ **Does Butler County 4-H get the registration money?**

No, all registration money is online and goes to YQCA.



Other News and Events

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) is planned for November 20-21, 2021 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2022. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Butler County 4-H Council has voted to pay for all youth and adults who choose to go to this leadership event. Contact the Butler County Extension Office for more information. **Registration deadline is November 4th. For more information and to register, visit [HERE](#)**

Out of County Forms

Out of County forms will no longer be needed starting in the new 4-H year! All youth enrolling in Butler County 4-H will be accepted regardless of the county they live in.

2022 Butler County Fair Dates Set!

The 2022 Butler County Fair dates have been set for July 14th-18th, 2022! We can't wait to see what projects and skills our 4-Her's will show off at the fair!

Butler County Fair Pre-Entry System Change

Starting in 2022, we will no longer be using ShoWorks for 4-H pre-entries at the county fair. We will be going to FairyEntry; please note that with this change, we will begin requiring pre-entry for **ALL** 4-H exhibits at the fair. This will be a significant change from years past, so please make note of this as you prepare for the 2022 Butler County Fair.

⇒ This also includes **Cloverbuds**—Cloverbuds participating in Fashion Revue will be required to pre-enter online.

Butler County Fair Rule Changes

* All breed swine at the Butler County Fair will require registration papers; this DOES INCLUDE MARKET SWINE. If you plan to show in a breed class, registration papers will be required at Fair check-in



Kansas State 4-H News

Kansas 4-Hers Prep For New Year, Eyeing Projects

Projects encourage youth to find their 'spark,' says state official

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Just a month removed from the Kansas State Fair, there may seem to be a lull in 4-H activities for many Kansas youth.

Actually, the fun is just beginning.

Amy Sollock, a Kansas 4-H youth development specialist in the southwest region, said a new 4-H year kicked off in October and youth have some important decisions to make regarding which projects they will pursue over the next 12 months.

“We’ve got more than 30 project areas, so there’s something for everybody,” Sollock said. “Some kids naturally gravitate toward things they’re already interested in. Or sometimes they’ll pick... something they’ve never heard of, but it sounds exciting. And sometimes people pick things because a friend had a good time in it, or they know somebody who knows a lot about that and they want to learn with someone.”

Animal sciences, baking, creative arts, photography, livestock... Sollock said information on all of the projects available to Kansas 4-Hers is available online. State 4-H officials have even published a Project Selection Guide, and each project area has its own web page to give in-depth details on the types of activities – and commitment – that is required.



“Every family needs to have that honest conversation with themselves at the beginning of the 4-H year,” Sollock said. “How much time do you have to give? How dedicated are you going to be? What’s your budget look like? Some projects – like caring for livestock – have more expense associated with them.”

Other projects, she added, have very little expense involved, but still come with a given amount of time and energy that needs to be given throughout the coming year. “This is something that we take seriously,” Sollock said. “When you enroll in a project at the beginning of the 4-H year, it’s a year-long experience – not just something to do in July at the county fair. You will learn about, talk about, read about the project all year long.”

Youth are encouraged to select more than one project area for the year, Sollock said. How many, she adds, is up to the family and the amount of time they can dedicate over the next 12 months. “We talk a lot about finding your spark in 4-H, and exploring interests and different things that look exciting to kids,” Sollock said. “Project work is an excellent way for them to find their spark. And who knows: It may lead to a potential career years down the road.” Registration for the new Kansas 4-H year is now available online. Interested persons can also get more information about 4-H at their local extension office.



A 4-H Project: More than a Fair Entry

4-H project-based learning provides a place for youth to explore their interests and passions — or what we like to call their sparks! Youth learn from caring adult volunteers, or in some cases through self-guided study, in projects in areas such as science, health, agriculture, and citizenship. Screened adult volunteers provide a safe and positive environment where youth learn by doing. Young people thrive through 4-H participation, finding their way to success in life and career.



Careful consideration should be used when selecting a 4-H project to enroll in for the year. A 4-H project has five components: Learning Experiences, Leadership, Citizenship, Exhibition, and Record Keeping. An explanation of each component can be found below. These five components can all be found along the Kansas 4-H Learning Pathway (4H1131).

Learning Experiences	Citizenship	Leadership	Exhibition/ Showcase	Record Keeping
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum-guided activities • Project meetings • Kansas Clover Classroom • Educational tours • Workshops/clinics • State project events • KSU Junior Producer Days • Judging contests • Public presentations • Interviewing the experts • Educational presentations • Quiz bowl contests • Skill-a-thon • How-to shows and online videos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping your community or others outside your family • Helping others without financial compensation <p>Examples may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food drives • Sew and donate lap quilts to nursing home • Knit caps for newborns • Assist in community garden • Volunteer with Story Walk, featuring a book related to project work • Launch rocket with daycare or elementary grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching skills or information to others outside your family • Organizing or coordinating an event or activity <p>Examples may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach a workshop • Facilitate a group activity • Assist a Project Leader with project meeting • Plan a tour • Serve as a Junior/ Teen Leader • Serve as a Junior Superintendent • Create project-related videos for use on social media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contest (foods show, photography contest, wheat show, etc.) • 4-H Club Days • 4-H Project Displays • Livestock show • Educational presentation • County Fair • Kansas State Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal setting • Record of project work, income, expenses, and skills learned, etc. • Leadership and Citizenship • Project reflection • Pictures documenting learning and engagement

Local Contact Information

