In the Loop

January 2020 Butler County 4-H Newsletter

Important Dates

January 14 – YQCA 6:30-8:00, 4-H Building

January 18 – SELF (Southeast Leadership Conference) Emporia-Registration Due Jan. 10

January 23 – YQCA 6:30-8:00, 4-H Building

January 24-26 – Horse Panorama– Rock Springs Ranch– Registration due Jan. 15

January 26 – 4-H Day– BCC Campus 1:30-5:00

February 6 – Ambassadors and 4-H Council Meetings

February 16-17 – Citizens in Action– Registration Due January 15


From the Agent

It’s that time of the year again! The first weeks and months of the New Year we all strive to be a better version of ourselves than we were in the year before. We focus a lot on our overall health, finances and set goals to challenge ourselves. One goal that I am adding to my list for the year is to enhance my leadership capacity. I encourage you to think about a possible leadership goal you might set and would like to suggest a few questions to consider as you ponder this idea.

Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) in Wichita, KS states that “leadership is an activity, not a position.” While we look to our community leaders, volunteers, and experts in their field to guide our communities we all can add to the conversation when we come to the table. When we look for opportunities to serve we must ask questions to get to the real goal we want to accomplish. Questions such as:

What needs to change to reach those aspirations?

Among those involved in the process, what are our strengths? How are we vulnerable?

How can we inspire others to join us on the journey?

What is our plan? Who will do what, when?

Selection of 4-H projects is always a great time to consider these questions. How do you want to improve on your project this year? I encourage you to use the resources available to you: community leaders, volunteers, older 4-H members and community experts to help you achieve your goals this 4-H year! Happy New Year! 2020 will be your best year yet!
Butler County 4-H Shout Outs

- To the Butler County Shooting Sports Team Members who qualified for the National Shooting Sports Match in Shotgun discipline: Braden Hays, Justin Stanyer and Gunnar Stone.

- To the Jr. Division Livestock Judging team of Cami Miller, Hailey Coble and Harley McLaughlin for winning the Kansas Beef Expo judging competition. Miller was the overall Champion out of 46 individuals, Coble placed 4th, and McLaughlin finished 9th overall.

- To Lillie Haller and Taylor Barlett for being selected to serve on the 4-H State Leadership Council. They will help plan and organize statewide 4-H events. Way to go!

Social Media Connections

At the request of our 4-H Ambassadors, we are diving head first into the Instagram World! We look forward to this new platform for communicating with our families. Follow us at:

Handle: butlerc4h
Butler County 4-H
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Livestock Notes

2020 Tagging/ID Dates

**Beef:** March 7 9:00-10:30 AM

**Horse ID:** May 1 Must be on file in Extension Office by 5 pm

**Sheep and Goats:** May 1 5:00-7:30 pm

**Swine and Bucket Calves:** By May 1—See Tagging Leader

*ALL LIVESTOCK PARTICIPANTS:* Must complete the following trainings and complete these forms:

- YQCA training
- Animal Care and Housing Form
- Household Nomination Form (if applicable)

by published deadlines to compete at the 2020 BuCo Fair.

Forms and more information available at:

https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/livestock.html