

In the Loop

March 2020

Butler County 4-H Newsletter

From the Agent

“Knowledge is power” and this issue of the In the Loop is full of knowledge and information. Across the county, community leaders, project leaders and volunteers are hosting and planning learning events for our youth to help them achieve their goals this 4-H year. We are very grateful for their efforts and dedication and I challenge you to take advantage of any learning experience that is offered! “Learn by doing” is essential to the 4-H formula of success and when we capitalize on every chance given to learn a new skill it is a benefit to all.

This past week you should have received the link to the 4-H division rules for the county fair. While the fair is our culminating event to share our learning with our peers, community and to be evaluated by a judge, our learning happens all year long. The division rules are released at this time so that you can plan your projects and focus your goals for this year!

I also encourage you to sign up for Walk Kansas! The weather is warming up and this is a great way to get together with friends and enjoy the beautiful weather! You need a team of 4 and can log your time on the App (Walk Kansas) Information can be found here: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/walkkansas/>! Registration is due March 13 so sign up soon! It would be fun to have Butler County represented by every 4-H Club in the County! So grab your friends and create a team!

McKenzie Smithson, Butler County 4-H/Youth Development Agent

Leaders Grow Here!



Jason and Madison attended the 4-H Ambassadors Training Workshop at Rock Springs and have a number of great new ideas to bring back to share!



Many thanks to all our hard working volunteers for helping Market Beef Tagging go smoothly! We appreciate the dedication of time and the sharing of knowledge in helping accomplish this important task!

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Shout Outs

- To the BBB members who travelled down to Cowley County to demonstrate Gavel Games to their youth at 4-H Day! Thank you Alli and Chelsea Willour, Kylee and Rylan Nichols and Addy Turpin for representing Butler County so well!
- To Connie Haller and Deb Johnson who helped serve as chaperones at our recent state events.
- To our wonderful volunteers who helped with the spring beef weigh in and tagging event!



LOOKING FOR!

2020 BUTLER COUNTY 4-H PHOTOS

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF 4-H YOUTH WORKING ON THEIR PROJECTS? WE WOULD LOVE PHOTOS TO USE IN OUR 4-H PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AND PUBLICATIONS?

EMAIL PHOTOS TO MSMITHSON@KSU.EDU.

Important Dates

March 1– 4-H Camp Registration Opens, Applications for Camp Counselors Available — <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/camp.html>

March 8– 4-H Day with the Lady Cats– KSU

March 11– YQCA Training- <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/YQCA.html>

March 13– Walk Kansas Registration Due- <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/walkkansas/> - See From the Agent Section for more info!

March 14– Jr. Sheep Producer Days– KSU

March 16– Discovery Days Registration, Campference Registration Opens <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>

March 22– Corn hole with Friends– Social Get Together

March 24– YQCA Training

March 28– Basic Shotgun Class– 9 AM– 3 PM– Contact Ext. Office for more information

April 2– YQCA Training

April 11– Butler County Horse Project Clinic 8:30 AM—1 PM

May 1– 4-H Enrollment Closes

May 1– Sheep and Meat Goat Tagging 5-7:30 PM

May 1– Camp Counselor Applications Due by 5 PM

May 1– 4-H Horse ID papers due by 5 PM

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4-H Get Together

Corn hole with Friends

RSVP by March 19 at 5 PM: <https://forms.gle/qMpzozV9Kffoo4MV6>

One goal of the Butler County 4-H Council this year is to create an opportunity for our 4-H members to get together outside of regular 4-H events to build friendships and community! Invite your friends to come, open to all!

Sunday, March 22, 2020 from 5-7 PM Come and Go

Augusta First Baptist Church– Gymnasium

If you have corn hole boards and you want to bring them that would be great.

YQCA Training

Just a reminder, if you take the online version of the YQCA training, please email or mail a paper copy of the certificate of completion to the Extension Office to be filed. This is **REQUIRED** to exhibit any livestock/animal project, except horse, at the 2020 Butler County Fair.

Animal Care and Housing Forms– Also required for all livestock/animal projects (poultry and rabbits included), except horse. <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/livestock.html>

Volunteer Training Events

Open to volunteers, project leaders, fair superintendents or others wanting to learn more about specific project areas. Contact the Extension Office for more information or find info here!

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/volunteer-trainings/other/index.html>

K-State Research and Extension is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision or hearing disability, or a dietary restriction please contact McKenzie Smithson at the Extension Office at 316-321-9660.



BUTLER COUNTY 4-H
DELEGATES ENJOYED THE
CITIZENS IN ACTION (CIA)
EVENT IN TOPEKA!
THIS WONDERFUL GROUP OF 12
YOUNG PEOPLE
REPRESENTED US VERY WELL!



4-H HAPPENINGS

Look Here!

New Classes for Fair!

4-H Fair Division Rules have been posted!

You will see a few new classes!

Recycled Garment Fashion Revue Class

Open to any 4-H member.

Bucket Calf Dress Up

Must be enrolled in the Bucket Calf project.

4-H CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN!

Registration Open: March 1-May 10, 2020

Ages 7-13, Last year 13 year olds can go to camp

<http://app.campdoc.com/register/ozsome>

Register now and don't forget that we offer scholarships to attend camp!

More information found here:

<https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/camp.html>

CALLING ALL CAMP COUNSELORS!

Registration is currently open to participate in the Oz Some 4-H Camp as a counselor.

Looking for 14 year old and older 4-H members who would like to work with youth ages 7-13 for 5 days at Rock Springs Camp!

<http://app.campdoc.com/register/ozsome>

Registration Due: May 1 by 5 PM

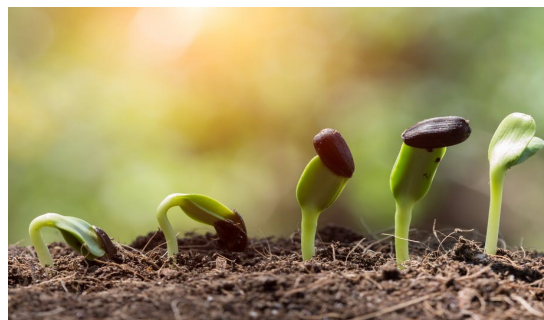
In Person Interview: Afternoon of May 4

Plant Science/Horticulture Members

We have had a donation of seed packets here at the office.

If you would like seed packets to start your horticulture project for this year, please stop by the office!

Limit 5 per family.



Horse Project

Keep an eye out for upcoming information regarding clinics in the area to practice your skills!

Link to the District Horse Show Entries:

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3ruzDFhiOZj2wT3)

[SV_3ruzDFhiOZj2wT3](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3ruzDFhiOZj2wT3) — Due May 20 at 11:59 PM. You must have completed both sections of the horse level test to participate in the district or state horse show. Contact our office for more info!

Horse ID papers due May 1 by 5 PM in our office. New state horse rule books will be available in our office soon as well!

Shooting Sports

Basic Shotgun Class

Saturday, March 28

9 AM to 3 PM

Interested or need more info?

Contact the Ext. Office

316-321-9660