

In the Loop

September 2020

Butler County 4-H Newsletter

From the Agent

The start of the 2020-2021 4-H year is just days away. Enrollment will open on October 1, 2020 on 4-H Online 2.0. While the 2019-2020 year was greatly interrupted by the pandemic, I am proud of the perseverance our youth showed in these unique times. The 4-H learning pathway continued as youth worked with mentors, volunteers and follow 4-H members to continue their learning.

As we look to the new 4-H year, it's always a great time to reflect on the previous year. As youth select projects to learn more about here are a few pointers to engage with the process of selecting your learning goals for 2020-2021.

For reenrolling in the same project: What was your favorite part of this project? What went well? What would you like to know more about? Who do you know in the 4-H program system that can help you learn more? What resources can you find on the State 4-H website to help you focus on learning more about your project? How can your learning in this project help you develop life long skills? How can you incorporate leadership, citizenship or communication skills into this project area? What skills/knowledge do you have that you can share with a younger 4-H member?

For selecting a new project for this year: What excites you about this project? What resources do you need to learn more about the project area? Who do you know that is knowledgeable in this area that you can ask to help you (Fellow 4-Her, adult volunteer), What life skills might you learn through your project? Do you know where to find print/video resources from reputable sources online to guide your learning? (Kansas4-H.org, 4h.org)

Every project that a youth enrolls in has the opportunity to open so many doors! The beauty of the 4-H learning cycle is that we can engage in project learning all year long to be able to showcase our best work at the County Fair. As we start the year, we set the goal for what we would like to present at the Fair and then we take steps every month to achieve that goal. I challenge all 4-H members to choose their projects, set a goal for each one and work frequently to grow in their knowledge.

While we have had many uncertain moments the past 6 months, we look forward to a new 4-H year with excitement, focus and fun! While we still have some unknowns with the pandemic, we will make every effort to host 4-H events, activities, and learning experiences in a safe and respectful manner. We can really embody the four H's of the pledge through our actions this coming year: Head, Heart, Hands and Health as we approach the new 4-H year.

Well Wishes,

McKenzie Smithson

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4-H Important Dates

September 24

Club Leader Meeting at the Extension Office 7 PM

September 25

All Pin applications, KAP Record Books, KEY awards, special awards and scholarship applications are due to the Extension Office by 5 PM.

Club Seals, Club Financials and Club Information Sheets also due.

September 29– DATE CHANGE

Special Awards/Scholarship Interviews via Zoom/In Person by appointment

October 1

2020-2021 4-H Enrollment Opens on 4-H Online 2.0

October 4-10

National 4-H Week– Be thinking how you can share 4-H in your community!

October 7

Wear your 4-H Shirt to School Day– All Butler County 4-H members, leaders and family members. Share your picture on our Butler County 4-H Facebook Page or email to us to share!

October 10

4-H Council/Ambassadors Booth at Walter's Pumpkin Patch 10 AM to 5 PM

October 10-11

48 Hours of 4-H– What service project could you participate in? How could you help your community at this time?

October 15

Deadline for signing up for KYLF via <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html>

October 17

Virtual Officers Training 9-10 AM– Sign up via Google Link.

November 7

Achievement Celebration 3 PM– Community Building– Event will be outdoors—if weather permits. If weather is not conducive we will move into the South Room.

November 21-22

Virtual KYLF Conference

New for 2020-2021

4-H Meeting Guidance

At this time clubs may meet in person for their regular club meetings. It is strongly encouraged that clubs take precautions for Covid-19 such as social distancing, encouraging masks, meeting outdoors when weather allows and sitting in family groups.

I will continue to work with club leaders and volunteers as we plan other gatherings for the 2020-2021 4-H season.

4-H Online 2.0

4-H Online has gone through an update. 4-H Online 2.0 will look and feel different but accomplishes the same goal of enrolling for 4-H projects for the coming year. As you go online to enroll the website will be different, so if you have bookmarked the 4-H Online website that will need to be updated. We will share the link when it is available and it will be published on our website as a direct link. If you have questions with any of the changes, please let me know as I will be happy to walk through the process with you.

KAP's are out, Project Record Forms are In!

This is the final year that the KAP forms will be used for year end reports/record books. The State 4-H Office is transitioning to online PDF forms for the 2020-2021 programming year. Twenty-six counties piloted this model this past year and the feedback from families is very positive. There will be training modules available soon to help families navigate this new model. Pin applications and all other awards will stay the same, this only impacts the KAP.

School Programming Booklet

To encourage and support our local schools and teachers, we have developed a school programming booklet that shares with districts what programs we offer for the classroom learning environment. It will be linked on our website soon. Please feel free to share with your child's teacher as we would be glad to support them in any way we are able to! Options we can provide include STEM activities, Glo Germ module, Story Walks, agricultural lessons on Kansas crops and Healthy plate/Healthy Kids activities. We can do Zoom, in person programming according to the school expectations or recorded sessions to support the learning in the classroom environment.

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State Fair Static Showcase Results

Photography

Alycia Baca– Red

Ella Amend– Blue

Harley McLaughlin– Purple

Ivalea Tien– Red

Andrew Tien– Red

Kaleb Mashke– Purple

Taylor Barlett– Red

Katie Coble– Blue

Taylor Gresham– Purple

Brooke Borg–Red

Emily Scribner– Purple

Hailey Coble– Blue

Clothing Construction

Ella Amend– Red

Cora Brackenridge– Blue

Ivalea Tien– Purple

Fiber Arts

Teagan Grosvenor– Red

Kylee Barlett– Blue

Foods and Nutrition

Teagan Grosvenor– Blue

Brenna Sommers– Purple

Jeffrey Garcia– Purple

Kylee Barlett– Purple

Taylor Barlett– Purple

Trena Garcia– Purple

Geology

Johnathan Neuhaus– Red

Space Tech

Jackson Strecker– Blue

Horticulture

Jeffrey Garcia– Blue

Riley Garcia– Purple

Trena Garcia– Purple

Poultry

Lillian McEachern– Blue

Jett Schmidt– Blue

Fashion Revue

Ivalea Tien– Purple

Lillie Haller– 2nd-Purple

Shooting Sports

These youth have qualified for the State Match in their respective discipline and will represent Butler County at the State Matches in the next month. Congratulations to all the participants and watch future newsletters for the results! We wish you all the best in your events!

Archery– Taylor Gresham and Mikalyn Peak

Shotgun– Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays– Amanda Bonn, Braden Carney, Evan Claassen, Lexus Dennett, Braden Hays, Justin Stanyer, Gunnar Stone and Tucker Wooderson.

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State Fair Livestock Showcase

Results

Dairy Goats

Butler County has one of the best Dairy Goat project areas in the state of Kansas. As you can see in the results, our youth excelled in the arena. Not only did these youth excel in the 4-H youth show, but they also won many divisions in the Open show the following day! Congratulations to all our exhibitors.

Shelby Varner

Sr. Showmanship Champion	LaMancha Sr. Doe	Nigerian Dwarf
Grand Alpine Sr. Doe	Best of Show– Sr. Doe	Grand Sr. Champion
Reserve Best of Show– Senior Doe	Nigerian Dwarf– Sr. Doe	Recorded Grade Sr. Doe
Alpine Sr. Doe–Blue	Reserve Sr. Champion	Reserve Sr. Champion

Trena Garcia

Sr. Showmanship- Red
 Nigerian Dwarf-Jr. Doe
 Grand Jr. Champion

Riley Garcia

LaMancha Jr Doe– Blue
 LaMancha Jr. Doe– Blue
 Intermediate Showmanship– Red

Natalie Smithson

Int. Showmanship Champion
 Alpine Sr. Doe
 Reserve Sr. Champion
 Nigerian Dwarf Jr. Doe– Blue

Kimber Borg

Int. Showmanship Res. Champion
 Nigerian Dwarf– Jr. Doe
 Reserve Jr. Champion
 Recorded Grade– Jr. Doe
 Grand Jr. Champion
 Recorded Grade Jr. Doe- Blue
 Nubian Jr. Doe– Blue

Brooke Borg

Sr. Showmanship– Blue
 LaMancha Jr. Doe– Blue
 Nigerian Dwarf Jr. Doe– Blue
 Recorded Grade Jr. Doe– Blue
 Recorded Grade Jr. Doe
 Res. Jr. Champion
 Recorded Grade– Sr. Doe
 Grand Sr. Champion

Nubian Jr. Doe– Blue
 Nubian Sr. Doe
 Grand Sr. Champion

Haleigh Borg

Sr. Showmanship– Red
 Nubian Jr. Doe– Blue
 Nubian Jr. Doe– Blue

Emma Johnson

Int. Showmanship– Red
 Nubian– Jr. Doe
 Reserve Jr. Champion

Nubian Jr. Doe
 Reserve Jr. Champion

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Results

Beef, Meat Goat, Sheep and Swine— Grand Drive

Horse

Macey Lewis

Commercial Breeding Ewe— Class 4— 7th Place
Breeding Heifer— Class 8— Angus— 1st Place
Breeding Heifer— Class 66— Percentage Simmental— 3rd Place
Market Beef— Class 9— Red Angus— 2nd
Reserve Breed Champion

Market Beef— Class 11— Simmental— 7th Place
Market Lamb— Class 32— Natural— 3rd Place

Jackson Strecker

Commercial Breeding Ewe— Class 01— 9th Place
Registered Breeding Ewe— Class 9— 4th Place
Market Lamb— Class 18— Crossbred— 8th Place
Market Lamb— Class 26— Hampshire— 7th Place

Madison Wooderson

Commercial Breeding Ewe— Class 10— 9th Place
Market Beef— Class 7— 8th Place
Market Lamb— Class 13— Crossbred— 6th Place
Market Lamb— Class 27— Hampshire— 4th Place

Emmalynn Nelson

Breeding Gilts— Class 27— 10th Place

Kylee Nichols

Breeding Gilts— Class 25— 15th Place

Sophia McCune

Breeding Heifer— Class 17— Chianina— 3rd Place

Ellie Nelson

Registered Breeding Gilts— Class 2— Berkshire— 10th Place

Adelaide Fleming

Market Beef— Class 16— Crossbred— 5th Place

Harley McLaughlin

Breeding Heifer—Class 77— AOB— 1st Place
Breeding Heifer— Class 77— AOB— 2nd Place

Shelby Henley

Breeding Heifer— Class 47— Maintainer— 1st Place

Cami Miller

Breeding Heifer— Class 32—Hereford— 1st Place

Cally Miller

Breeding Heifer— Class 32— Hereford— 3rd Place
Market Beef—Class 6— Hereford— 2nd Place

Reserve Breed Champion

Erin Johnson

Market Meat Goat— Div.4— 2nd Place
Market Meat Goat— Div 5— 3rd Place
Market Meat Goat— Div 5— 1st Place

Division Champion

Emma Johnson

Market Meat Goat— Div 5— 8th Place

Natalie Smithson

Horse— Halter Mares— 5th Place
Horse— Int. Showmanship— 2nd Place
Reserve Grand Champion

Horse— Int. Western Pleasure— 4th Place

Horse— Int. Western Horsemanship— 3rd Place