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April Showers Bring...



May flowers! We seem to be rather dry now so I hope that the April showers ramp up and bring us some much needed moisture! Like the flowers depend on moisture to grow, develop and bloom, we attend trainings that help us do the same thing!

I recently attended a two day training on Strengthening 4-H Clubs; a training to me that was extremely useful and applicable on so many levels. One hand out we were given and trained on was called: *Seven Keys to Consider: Exceeding Family Expectation in 4-H Clubs* and this was based on: *“Inside the Magic Kingdom: Seven Keys to Disney’s Success”* written by Tom Connellan.

The seven lessons, which I will talk about in more detail through the next few letters, include:

- #1—The competition is anyone the customer compares you with.
- #2—Pay fantastic attention to detail.
- #3—Everyone walks the talk.
- #4—Everything walks the talk.
- #5—Customers are best heard through many ears.
- #6—Reward, recognize and celebrate.
- #7—Everyone makes a difference.

For now, I am going to talk about Lesson #3 and #4; Everyone and Everything walks the talk.

#3—Everyone Walks the Talk—

Everyone in club leadership (club, project, parent, etc) needs to “walk the talk”. Actions speak louder than words. Are you modeling what it takes to create Positive Youth Development? If you, as leaders and parents are not walking the talk, youth are more likely to follow your actions and embrace those same negative actions.

#4—Everything Walks the Talk—

Disney believes that everything at Disney communicates something to the guest. Every “thing” should be consistent with the Disney philosophy because it can positively influence a guest’s experience. In 4-H, the “philosophy” is the 4-H policy that we operate by. We have to have a consistent “philosophy” so we all operate on the same page, share the same message and have uniformity across the board. Take a moment to think what 4-H would be like if we had no rules and no boundaries.....

Some of you may say FUN, but when you really stop and think about it, you lose the very foundation that 4-H was created on. Positive youth development, professionalism, consistency, and research based education just to name a few. The list goes on.

Without the rules and policies, 4-H would not be the overall Positive Youth experience that it is designed to be; that teaches you the life skills they need to be competent, capable, caring adults who give back to their community.

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Leader's Lounge


Where's has the time went? In just 3 short months, Fair will be upon us and then we will quickly roll into recruiting for the new 4-H year and October will be here. WOW! Thank you to everyone who attended the Community Leader meeting/training. I hope you found it to be valuable and you are able to take some of the tips and tools back to your clubs.

Review

- _____ 4-H Forecaster for important dates
- _____ Review information with your club
- _____ Kansas 4-H Club link (on 4-H website) to get tips and suggestions to enhance your club meetings

To-Do

- _____ Plan to have project meetings!
- _____ Consider holding a club tour
- _____ Review the new pin apps and encourage members to start filling in what they can
- _____ Make sure add/drop forms are done if needed—Due May 1
- _____ Check club mail-box at Extension Office
- _____ Look at the NEW Club Seal Summary and bring it up to date!
- _____ Encourage members to work on Fair projects
- _____ Be thinking of ideas for a club banner at Fair



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

Promote/Recruit

- _____ 4-H Camp May 28-30, registrations due April 24th
- _____ Did you know there is a time for Demonstrations at the Fair? Encourage youth to get involved and give a demonstration.

Remember

- _____ Project enrollment add/drops ENDS May 1
- _____ Horse ID Papers Due May 1
- _____ Swine Project leaders need to tag pigs by May 1
- _____ Sheep and Meat Goat tagging will be held on Friday, April 25th from 4:30pm-6:00pm and Saturday, April 26th from 8:30am—10 am.

Positive Youth Development

Do you know the traits of a Strong Club? See if you can fill in the blanks! Make sure and try before peaking ahead to the answers!!!

- * Strong Clubs Focus on P_____ Y_____ D_____.
- * F_____ for all Members
- * Learn by D_____
- * Strong L_____ both Youth and Adults.
- * FUN
- * Members recruit N_____ members
- * New members and their families are W_____ and S_____.
- * Members receive R_____ for many accomplishments.
- * High percentage of A_____ at club meetings and activities
- * F_____ involvement which includes P_____
- * Good C_____ between leaders, families, and Extension Office.

Learners Retain:

_____ % of what we read or hear

_____ % of what we see

_____ % of what we hear and see

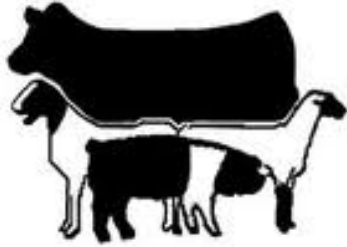
_____ % of what we say

_____ % of what we do

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn” ~Benjamin Franklin



Answers: Positive Youth Development, Fun, Doing, Leaders, New, Welcomed and Supported, Recognition, Attendance, Family and Parents, Communications
 20% of what we read and hear, 30% of what we see, 50% of what we hear and see, 70% what we say, 90% of what we do



Youth Livestock

Information and forms on the Internet

Remember, you can go to our Butler County Extension Website to get any county or state livestock forms for information. Go to: www.butler.ksu.edu and click on the “4-H & Youth” link on the left side and then on “livestock information” for the selections. In addition to Butler County information, there is a link to the state site. You can get information on state nominations, state events, etc.

Another good sight with lots of information on dates and events is: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/>

Judging Camps for Livestock and Horse

K-State is hosting 3 youth livestock judging camps for 14-18 years old and a Horse Judging Camp for Beginners and Advanced Youth of all ages.

Go online for more information:

<http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/judging-camps.html>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

April 25—4:30—6pm—Sheep and Meat Goat Tagging

April 26—8:30am—10am—Sheep and Meat Goat Tagging

May 1—Market Beef Nominations Due

June 15—Commercial Heifer, Commercial/Market Swine, Sheep, and Goat nominations Due

June 15—Tagging deadline for Commercial Heifers

June 15—Dairy Heifer or Cows must have registration or transfer papers dated before this date.

August—4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan

Sheep & Meat Goat Tagging

The Dates have been set. They are Friday, April 25th from 4:30 pm—6 pm and Saturday, April 26th from 8:30 am—10 am. If you have sheep or meat goats, they are **required** to be at one of these official tagging dates/times. Don't forget that you also need to fill out the Animal Care & Housing Form. There is also a Household nomination form available. You should have received these in the mail. Swine WILL NOT be tagged during this time.

Swine Tagging

Swine project leaders are responsible for tagging ALL swine **no later than May 1**. If you have swine, contact your project leader to make arrangements if they haven't already contacted you!

••••• Youth Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) - **FINAL OPPORTUNITY**

• If you are enrolled in and plan to exhibit swine at the Butler County Fair—the last PQA training will be held on **April 21st, 7:00 pm at the 4-H Building**. This will be the last training offered. Call the extension office to sign up—(316) 321-9660

• ***If you are 12 or older as of January 1—then you do have the option to test out.

Horticulture Judging

It's Horticulture Judging Time—Let's get excited!!! What is Horticulture Judging you ask? Horticulture judging gives you the opportunity to learn about identifying the common landscape plants along with the fruit and vegetables that make up the parts of everyone's every day life!!

Not only will you learn how to identify different parts of plants, but you will learn how to select the good ones over the bad ones and the knowledge it takes to grow them!

The field of Horticulture can prepare you for many careers

from golf course management to landscaping and farming.

Who wouldn't want to learn about all this? I mean honestly, there is not a part of horticulture that does not help benefit the environment around us, the food that nourishes our body, and enhances our knowledge!!!

More Horticulture Judges are needed on the Butler County Team. If you are interested in learning more, contact Larry Crouse at our office, 321-9660 or lcrouse@ksu.edu.

Here is what the Judging team schedule looks like. They are all

practices with the exception of June 12th and August 23rd.

Schedule

May 29—4pm @ 4-H Bldg
 June 5—4 pm @ 4-H Bldg
 June 12—Area Contest at Emporia, Leave Butler County @ 8am and return by 4pm
 June 19—4pm @ 4H Bldg
 July 10—4pm @ 4H Bldg
 August 7—4pm @ 4H Bldg
 August 23—State Contest at K-State—leave 8 am return by 5 pm

Did I mention—you will have FUN and MAKE NEW FRIENDS!!!

More Changes for the 2014 Fair

Here is some more information for the Butler County Fair! You can go back to the February and March newsletter for other Fair changes!

Check out the new awards being added this year!

- Best Use of Wool Award
- Reserve Champion Awards in Bucket Calf
- Champion Dairy
- Additional Awards in Food Preservation, Floriculture and Horticulture
- Champion Robotics Award
- Champion Educational Notebook, Poster, or Display
- Champion Special Food Class (gluten free, sugar free, dairy free or modified food product)
- Top Junior Woodworker Award
- Some new awards in Open Class

Superintendents sill needed

The Fair Board is still in need of superintendents for the following divisions:

- Geology Supt.
- Entomology Assistant
- Rabbit Assistant
- Space Tech Rocketry Supt. And Assistant
- Educational Notebook, Displays and Posters Assistants

Summer Camps



Male Assistant Needed for 4-H Camp—We are in need of a male assistant to go to 4-H Camp and help out!

Must be 18 or older! 4-H Council will pay your way! 4-H Camp is May 28-31. You will need to be VIP trained. If you are interested in going, please contact Charlene.

Rookie Campers: If you are in 1st or 2nd grade, sign-up TODAY to be a rookie camper. Rookie Camp is limited to the first 45 campers signed-up. It is filled on a first come first-serve basis between all the counties that attend in the Oz-Some Camp Group. The forms can be found online and in the January edition of the 4-H Newsletter. Registration is **DUE Thursday, April 24th.** **But remember, if you wait until the last day to sign-up there may not be any spots available!**

Regular Campers: Are you ready for FOUR action packed days? To top it off, you get to partake in a HUGE

Community Service project that will global!! Ride horses, go swimming, make new



friends and have a great time at camp! Go online to www.butler.ksu.edu or look in the January Newsletter for the forms. Registration is **DUE Thursday, April 24th.**

DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days 2014 will be held June 3rd—6th at Kansas State University in Manhattan. This opportunity is open to youth who are 13 to 19 years old. Youth will participate in workshops, service activities, dance, ice cream, a keynote speaker, and free time to enjoy the beautiful K-State Campus. Look for more information to come but you won't want to miss this opportunity!

Campference

Are you a youth between the ages of 12 and 14? Then Campference may just be for you! The Kansas Youth Leadership Council is excited to plan and host 4-H Campference. This Camp is focused on “betweenages”, youth 12-14 years old and will be held June 23rd-26th at Rock Springs.

Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program, becoming a leader and activities to energize youth while learning healthy living skills and how to better interact with others.

Space is limited and filled on a first come first serve bases. Registration closes May 15, but filled up before May 1 last year! If you are interested in attending, contact our office TODAY!



CAMP -

C— Communication

A—Action

M—Make New Friends

P—Positive Youth Development

Important News and Deadlines

April 19th—Basic Shotgun Course	Spring Horse Show	August—4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan
April 21—LAST Youth PQA training, 7pm, 4-H Building	May 28-31—4-H Camp	September 5—14—Kansas State Fair
April 24th—4-H Council	June 7—Spring Horse Show	September 19-22—Kansas Junior Livestock Show
April 25—4:30—6pm—Sheep and Meat Goat Tagging	May 1—Market Beef Nominations Due	
April 26—8:30am—10am—Sheep and Meat Goat Tagging	June 15—Commercial Heifer, Commercial/Market Swine, Sheep, and Goat nominations Due	
April 29th—Fair Board	June 15—Tagging deadline for Commercial Heifers	
May 1—Enrollment Deadline for ALL project (except Market which was due Feb. 1)	June 15—Dairy Heifer or Cows must have registration or transfer papers dated before this date.	
May 1—Market beef nominations due	July 12—Co. Fair Horse Show	
May 1—Horse ID Papers Due	July 14—Supporter's Picnic	
May 22—Mini-Fair	July 19—Fashion Review	
May 23—Pre-entries due for	July 26-31—County Fair	



Basic Shotgun Course

Shotgun Project: A weekend shotgun course is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. Minimum age for participation is set at 12 years, but if you are less than 12, but are large enough to handle your shotgun, you can still participate by getting prior approval from the lead instructors, Bruce McCune (775-0801) or Rocky Casper (734-9323). Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, April 16, using one of the shooting sports enrollment forms in the shooting sports flyer, available at the Extension Office.

The course will start at 9am on Saturday morning, April 19, and will stop at about 3pm. Do not show up without being pre-registered. The course is being held at Michael Murphy and Sons Sporting Clays range, 6400 SW Hunter Road. Ammunition, targets and range fees are provided. Bring your own lunch and beverage. Coolers will be provided. Bring your own shotgun if you have one. Preferred choke is improved cylinder or more open. 410's are not suitable for beginner instruction.

If you have any questions, please call Gene Maggard at 316-742-3746 or email at gandpmaggard@gmail.com.

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2014 Butler County 4-H Spring Horse Show

Saturday, June 7, 2014



Superintendent: Tom Calhoun
Assistant Superintendent: Corky Becker

LOCATION: Butler County Saddle Club Arena - (Along Highway 400 just east of 77 junction)

DATE OF EVENT: Saturday, June 7, 2014

ELIGIBILITY: Horse I.D.'S AND ENTRIES will be checked between 8:00 a.m. and 8:45 a.m.
 Classes begin at 9:00 a.m.

FEES: \$5.00 Registration Fee plus \$2.00 per class for Butler County 4-H members and Out-Of-County 4-H members.

PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE: May 23, 2014 by 5:00 p.m. Each entry will be charged a \$5.00 registration fee in addition to \$2.00 per class entry. Late and day of show entries will be accepted with an additional late charge of \$5.00 per class. Make checks payable to "Butler County Horse Project."

Return Entry to: Butler County Extension Office, 206 N. Griffith, El Dorado, KS 67042.

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

Age (as of Jan. 1, 2014): _____ **Club:** _____ **County:** _____

Note: A negative coggins test will **NOT** be required.

NOTE: CHECK ENTRY FORM CAREFULLY. Age is determined by January 1, 2014.

Amount Due:	Registration Fee	\$5.00
	_____ Classes Entered (x \$2.00)	_____
	_____ Classes Entered after May 23 (x \$5.00)	_____
	Total Amount Due	_____

No refunds will be given for classes entered.
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WARNING: Under Kansas law, there is no liability for an injury to or the death of a participant in domestic animal activities resulting from the inherent risks of domestic animal activities, pursuant to Sections 1 through 4 of KSA 60-208. You are assuming the risk of participating in this domestic animal activity.

The **Butler County Saddle Club Arena** and 4-H Horse Show Committee are relieved of any responsibility for accident or loss before, during and after the show. All Kansas State 4-H Horse Show Rules will be followed, including **Dress Code (unless noted otherwise on this entry form)**.

Parent or Guardian Signature (Form not valid unless signed by parent or guardian)

Date



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THOSE ENTERING WALK/TROT CLASSES MAY ENTER ONLY WALK/TROT CLASSES AND MAY NOT ENTER IN ANY OTHER PERFORMANCE OR SPEED EVENT CLASS.

HALTER CLASS AGES -

Weanling Filly and Colts - Born after January 1, 2014

Yearlings - 2013 Foals

2 yr. & 3yr. Olds - 2011 & 2012 Foals

Stock type:

Includes but not limited to: Quarter Horse, Buckskin, Palomino, Paint, Appaloosa, Mustang (mares and geldings except as noted)

____ Class 87: Weanlings

____ Class 88: Yearlings

____ Class 89: 2 & 3 Year Olds

____ Class 90: Mares - 4 Years and Older

____ Class 91: Geldings - 4 Years and Older

Non-Stock type:

Includes but not limited to: Arabian, Morgan, Thoroughbred, American Saddlebred (mares and geldings)

____ Class 92: Weanlings

____ Class 93: Yearlings

____ Class 94: 2 & 3 Year Olds

____ Class 95: 4 Years Olds and Older

Ponies:

All breeds. 56" and under (mares and geldings)

____ Class 96: Weanlings

____ Class 97: Yearlings

____ Class 98: 2 & 3 Year Olds

____ Class 99: 4 Year Olds and Older

Showmanship:

Age is determined by January 1, 2014

____ Class 100: Showmanship (Age 14 and Older)

____ Class 101: Showmanship (Ages 10-13)

____ Class 102: Showmanship (Age 9 and under)

*******15 minute break*****English horses ONLY may warm up in the arena**

English Pleasure:

____ Class 103: English Pleasure (member all ages)

____ Class 104: Walk/Trot English Pleasure
(member all ages)

English Equitation:

____ Class 105: English Equitation (member all ages)

____ Class 106: Walk/Trot English Equitation
(member all ages)

******15 minute break/possible lunch break**** Western horses ONLY may warm up in the arena**

Western Pleasure:

Exhibitor may NOT show in more than one Western Pleasure class with the same horse

____ Class 108: Junior Horse Western Pleasure
(horse - 5 and under: member all ages)

____ Class 109: Western Pleasure (Age 14 and Older)

____ Class 110: Western Pleasure (Ages 10-13)

____ Class 111: Western Pleasure (Age 9 and under)

____ Class 112: Non-stock Type Western Pleasure
(member all ages)

____ Class 113: Pony Pleasure
(horses 56" and under, member all ages)

____ Class 114: Walk-Trot Western Pleasure
(member all ages)

____ Class 115: 2-yr. Old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure
(will be held if 5 or more exhibitors qualify under the State 4-H rules.)

Western Horsemanship:

____ Class 116: Western Horsemanship (Age 14 and Older)

____ Class 117: Western Horsemanship (Ages 10-13)

____ Class 118: Western Horsemanship (Age 9 and under)

____ Class 119: Western Horsemanship (walk/trot,
member all ages)

Trail:

____ Class 120: Trail (14 and Older)

____ Class 121: Trail (Ages 10-13)

____ Class 122: Trail (Age 9 and under)

____ Class 123: Walk/Trot Trail (member all ages)

Reining:

____ Class 124: Reining (Age 14 and Older)

____ Class 125: Reining (Ages 10-13)

____ Class 126: Reining (Age 9 and under)

Timed Events:

____ Class 127: Poles (Age 14 and Older)

____ Class 128: Poles (Ages 10-13)

____ Class 129: Poles (Age 9 and under)

____ Class 130: Barrels (14 and Older)

____ Class 131: Barrels (Ages 10-13)

____ Class 132: Barrels (Age 9 and under)

____ Class 133: Flags (Age 14 and Older)

____ Class 134: Flags (Ages 10-13)

____ Class 135: Flags (Age 9 and under)

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