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Reflection



The 2014 Butler County Fair has come to an end. As I take time to reflect on this year's fair, a lot of thoughts and emotions exist. Tying them all together is rather challenging to say the least.

Let me start with a general overview.

The Fair is the responsibility of the Fair Board. As agents, we are there to make sure policies are met, double check project enrollments when needed, and provide any necessary support. While the Fair is the end-of-the year wrap up for many 4-H'ers, many 4-H'ers go on to State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. The 4-H year does not end until September 30th. I hope the values of attending meetings, completing record books and participating in activities will continue through the end of the year. I hope you take the time to reflect back on your projects: what went well and what are areas for improvements.

With that said, this year's Fair had its highs and lows.

Fair Set-up and Clean-Up—Those that attended did an excellent job! Thank you to those that made it and worked their hearts out for the others who did not attend. You should be commended for your effort and job well done.

During Fair—I saw a lot of good things out of some 4-H'ers and helpers. A few examples: There was one family from North Butler who was out there picking up trash around the arena after the evening shows, all by themselves. Another 4-H mother was putting toilet paper and paper towels in the bathroom. While she wasn't sure on how to load the paper towels, she took the time to ask for help. There were 4-H families in the building who stepped up and threw away trash that was left behind by others. Another family was found circling the building looking for and picking up trash. Several 4-H'ers helped others with their projects. To each of you who took pride in the Fair and stepped up and helped—**THANK YOU!**

On the flip side:

Fair Set-Up and Clean-Up—I don't think everyone understands the time and effort that it requires of everyone to make the Fair happen. The Fair doesn't just happen. I must say, I am a bit disappointed in the number that did not show up to help. I understand that not everyone can make it, however, the few that were there outside of the Fair Board members, did the work and prepared the areas for each and every other person (continued on page 7)

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Leader's Lounge

AUGUST CHECK-UP

- ___ Celebrate the current 4-H year. Begin planning for the club achievement party.
- ___ Start planning for the new 4-H year.
- ___ Start recruiting new members

Review

- ___ *4-H Forecaster* read and important dates marked on calendar.
- ___ Review highlights from the *4-H Forecaster* at your club meeting.

To-Do

- ___ Project leaders notified of the specific responsibilities.
- ___ Project Leaders conducting project meetings.
- ___ Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
- ___ Begin planning for election of club officers.
- ___ Have members think about projects for the new year.
- ___ Check club's progress toward goals.

Promote/Recruit

- ___ Parents' Committee recruiting Organizational Leaders and Project Leaders for the 2014-2015 4-H year.
- ___ Encourage Achievement Pin Award Applications and Record Books

Remember

- ___ Record books, KAPS, Pin Applications and Club Summaries due in September!

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

September 4-H Council

The September 4-H Council Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4th at the 4-H building. If you cannot attend, please call the alternate council member from your club

to see if they can attend. It is important to have all clubs represented.

The following committees will be meeting prior to the start of 4-H Council.

6:00 p.m.—

Achievement Night

6:30 p.m.—Officers Training

6:45 p.m.—Executive Officers

7:00 p.m.—Council Meeting



**A Kansas 4-H
Service Challenge**
October 11-12, 2014



Kansas Youth Leadership & Volunteer Forum

YOUTH

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be November 21-23, 2014 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2015. Registrations will be due Wednesday, October 15th. This event will include: speakers, workshops, consulting groups and election of the State 4-H Council. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14-18 by January 1, 2015 may apply to be

a council member. The duties of the Council Members include planning the next Youth Leadership Forum and other events, and may include assisting the State 4-H functions, working with 4-H public relations, and speaking at local achievement program, forums, and other workshops or conferences. Applications for the State 4-H Youth Council will be available in the registration materials on the State 4-H website at www.kansas4h.org.

ADULT

Are you a volunteer in the 4-H program. Interested in meeting other volunteers from across the state and picking up ideas and suggestions? Need a weekend away? The Kansas Volunteer Forum just might be for you! This is a great opportunity to network with other Kansas 4-H volunteers and pickup useful information to help strengthen your volunteer roll and 4-H Club!
<http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=417>

Record Books, Pins, and Awards

It's time to get your record book and pin applications on!

INFORMATION MEETING

Are you new to 4-H and wondering what are record books, pins and awards—then the informational meeting scheduled for **August 26, 6:00 p.m.** might just be for you!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW.

All KAP's (record books), pin applications, club summaries, college scholarship applications, reporter and secretary notebooks, and special award applications are due into our office **no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 26th**. Don't miss this deadline! All forms can be found online at <http://www.butler.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=66>



WANT TO HELP JUDGE RECORD BOOKS?

If you are interested in helping judge record book, adult or teen leader over the age of 13, please let Charlene know! This is a great learning experience. Those that have participated in the past really enjoyed the opportunity, as well as, picked up ideas and lessons learned from judging them.

We exchange our senior record books with Cowley County. They judge our senior KAP's and we judge theirs. We also judge our junior and intermediate KAP's.

Don't worry if you have never judged before, we will help you get started! This is a great opportunity to learn, volunteer and give back!

Judging will take place on October 2nd from 9:30 a.m. until finished. Lunch will be provided if we run into the lunch hour. Any time you can volunteer (even if only for 30 min) is greatly appreciated!



Volunteer Process CHANGES

Long live the times where everything stays the same! In an effort to create a better, safer, and more thorough volunteer process, the current volunteer process for 4-H is being changed by the State! The current Volunteer process (also known as VIP), ends on July 31st and the new takes effect on August 1st. What does that mean and what will it look like?

Returning Volunteers

The only change to returning volunteers is that they will be required to undergo a background check every three (3) years. If we have not received a current VIP on hand in the last two years, they are required to start the VIP process over.

New Volunteers

This is where the biggest changes will come from. Not only will they be required to have a background check BEFORE conducting any activities with you, they will also be required to participate in a face to face interview.

This new process will not be speedy. Community Leaders, please keep this in mind as you go through the process of identifying volunteers to lead project meetings, etc. This is going to take some time. The sooner you start identifying them, the sooner we can start getting them through the process.

There is a rather substantial financial burden to the new VIP process. This is due to the cost of the backgrounds.

We do not know what that will look like, but stay tuned we will let you know how that will end up panning out.

As we begin this process next month, we ask for your patience and cooperation. We will make this as efficient as possible.



Important News and Deadlines



August 14-15—All Breeds Junior Dairy Show, Salina

August 23-24—4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan

August 26—Record Book and Pin Application Training

September 4—Noon-4:00 p.m.—bring exhibits to 4-H building to be taken to State Fair—SEE STATE FAIR PAGE IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS

September 4—4-H Council Mtg 7:00 p.m.

September 5—14—Kansas State Fair

September 15—Kansas 4-H Sports-fishing tournament ends.

September 19th—Ambassador Applications Due

September 19-22—Kansas Junior Livestock Show

September 26th—KAP's, Special Awards, Pin Apps, Club Summary, College Scholarship Apps Due

November 21-23—Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (14-18 years old)

Shooting Sports

Hunter Education

The September Hunter Education Course is scheduled for Friday evening, September 12, from 6 to 9 p.m., and continuing on Saturday, 13, from 8 a.m. to about 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required by contacting the Extension Office. Participants must pick up a student manual prior to start of the course, read each chapter, and answer all questions at the end of each chapter. This course is available to all youth age 11 and over, and to adults.

The October course is scheduled for Saturday, October 11. This is the field day for the intranet assisted course. To take this course you must first register for it at the Extension Office and pick up a flyer with the instructions for taking the intranet portion of the course. The Field day class starts at 8 a.m. Check-in and pretesting is from 7:30 to 8 a.m. and will conclude at about 3 p.m.

Rifle and Archery Projects

Rifle and Archery project meetings for the 2014-15 4-H year start in September. Both project groups meet at the 4-H Building. Archery meetings start on Thursday, Sept. 11 and Rifle meetings start on Tuesday, Sept. 9. Enrollment is from 6:30 to 7 p.m. for both groups, and the project meetings run from 7 to

8 p.m. Participants that have not completed the basic course must attend the first meeting. Both groups will continue to meet weekly through November. Preregister by filling out a Shooting Sports participation form, and 4-H enrollment card if you are not a member of a community club, at the Extension Office. There is a \$10 participation fee for Archery and a \$15 fee for Rifle.

Pistol Project

Advanced Air Pistol will meet from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. on the same evenings as Rifle, starting Tuesday, Sept. 9. Basic Air Pistol will meet at the same time as Rifle. Basic participants will have to choose whether to shoot rifle or pistol. There is a \$10 participation fee for Pistol.

Shotgun Project

A basic shotgun course is scheduled for Saturday, November 8. The course will start at 9 a.m. and conclude at about

3 p.m. For location and detailed instructions, register at the Extension Office and pick up the instruction sheet.

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

Basic Shotgun Course Information

Saturday, November 8, 2014

The Saturday, November 8, basic shotgun course is being held at Michael Murphy Sporting Clays, 6400 SW Hunter Road. Start time is 9:00 a.m., and will end at about 4 p.m. Bring your own lunch and drinks. Ice chests will be available for storing them. If you are not currently enrolled in 4-H, your parent will need to complete a participation form before you can participate in the course. This can be done Saturday morning at the range. Your parent must be present to sign the form. If not, you must bring the completed form with you. You cannot participate without the signed form.

Bring your own shotgun, either a 12 ga. or 20 ga. No 410-s. An improved cylinder choke is preferred. If you do not have a suitable shotgun, a limited number of shotguns can be provided. Ammunition is provided. Contact Gene Maggard at 316-742-3746 to let him know if you have your own shotgun and its gauge, or if you have any questions. Signup for this course must be completed by November 5.



For Information on Shot Gun Practices and Matches:

Text 1-816-479-2033

In the message area: text @Shoot 14

Then follow any directions that are given. This is for **Shot Gun Project** only. Once you have done this. You will receive text message updates for any scheduled practices and matches for the Butler County 4-H Shotgun Project.

4-H Ambassadors



4-H Ambassador's—What are they? They are a group of 4-H'ers between the ages of 14 & 18 (as of January 1) who are interested in being the face and voice of promotion for Butler County 4-H Activities.

They participate in and host events. Some events include Ambassador Day Camp, Barnyard Olympics at the Fair, Mini-Fair, help with the achievement banquet and officer training. They also help promote 4-H'er and help deliver promotional material to every third grader enrolled in school! They have a lot of fun!

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the Butler County 4-H Ambassadors, applications are due in the Extension Office on September 19th by 5:00 p.m. The Ambassadors are an energetic, fun group to be a part of. The application can be found online at www.butler.ksu.edu or you can pick one up at the Extension Office. Join this fun group today!

Fair Thank You's

Fair is over and the dust has settled. The Fair takes a plethora of volunteers and support from buyers to make it successful. Have you sent your Thank You notes? Do you know who to send Thank You notes too? Here is a list of suggestions that we strongly encourage you to write a note of Thanks. Without the support of these individuals, the Fair would not be as successful as it is:

- Food Buyers (we will have a list available of those who purchased food. Even if you don't know who bought your food – you are encouraged to pick out 4 or 5 random names and write notes of Thanks. DID YOU KNOW – the food auction helps support scholarships for you to attend 4-H Camp and other activities?)
- Livestock Buyers – You are required to get the buyers signature on a card if you wish to participate in next year's event. How many of you went out into the crowd, found the buyer of your animal and said THANK YOU immediately following your animal exiting the sale ring and/or even offered to get them a drink? Our buyers are our heart and souls. Without them, the premiums won't be there. Did you have an add-on when you picked up your buyer's card? If so, you need to write a Thank You to them as well. If you need addresses, please contact our office – we can help you out
- Superintendent's – I encourage you to write a Thank You note to the Superintendent's of the Division's your child participated in. Need their address...call our office. Volunteers are a critical aspect of the Butler County Fair.
- Fair Board and Executive Committee – These are the shakers and doers of the Fair. Without them, well, we wouldn't have a Fair. Let me tell you, there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes getting everything ready for the Fair, A LOT.
- Darren Jackson and Dave Kehler – These two individuals have put in a WHOLE LOT of time prepping the Fairgrounds. I can honestly say – I had no idea how much until I stepped in to my position. They spent a lot of hours on the grounds.
- Stan and Connie Chilcott – They are responsible for the program that tracks placings, figures prize money's, does the show and auction programs, and so much more. Make sure and give a shout out to all their helpers who help make it successful.
- Mary Lou Harms – Mary Lou provides a lot of support to the Fair before, during and after keeping up on the financial side of things, along with getting bills and judges paid.
- The Extension Office staff – these individuals work year round to help the 4-Her's out.
- Auctioneers – Our auctioneers at the Fair do a fabulous job getting the most they can for the youth and the projects. We need to let them know our Thanks!
- Judges – Why not write a letter to the judge and thank them for helping out, even if you aren't happy about your placing! Without judges, we wouldn't have a Fair!
- Project Leaders and Community Leaders – need I say more?
- Butler County Board of County Commissioners – they support our program. We need to let them know just how much we appreciate their support.

Thank You!

Reflection Continued

that was not there. The work got done, but it could have happened quicker had more been in attendance. Everyone should have ownership when they are participating in something. You should have pride, chip in, and help to make it the best you can.

During Fair—Fair was bitter-sweet. While there was a lot of good, there was also a fair share of negativity. I am a firm believer that in times of adversity a person's true character shines.

A 4-H dad and business person once told me, "Listen to the silent majority not the vocal minority." Bad mouthing, spreading rumors, and bringing people down teaches our 4-H'ers and future leaders nothing other than other how to carry on those same traditions. To

that I ask, what does a person gain? I challenge you to teach children: while it's okay to be upset and not agree with something, there are rules. When you don't agree with them or feel that a change should be made, provide a proposed solution!

Flipping the coin back over to the positive, the Fair Board members worked tirelessly, incredibly long hours and yes, some thankless hours. Certainly this Fair was not as smooth sailing as we would have liked. In the midst of all it, like it or not, we need events that ruffles the water once in awhile. They allow everyone to step back, take a look, and reevaluate everything in the big picture. While this may not seem like a positive, it is. So-

ciety changes. With those changes, we as individuals, organizations, groups, etc. must figure out how to adapt them.

Now that Fair is over, it's time to look ahead to the upcoming 4-H Year. Take some time to relax, finish record books and pin applications and set your goals for the 2014-2015 year. What can you, your family, and our office do to make it the best we can? Let's put our best feet forward and work together to help achieve the dreams and goals of the 4-H'ers while embracing the very foundation 4-H is built on "To Make the Best Better."

If you have any questions or want to talk 4-H, don't hesitate to give me a call. I also maintain an open door policy, so feel free to drop in next time you're in El Dorado.

~Charlene

Online 4-H Enrollment



The 4-H enrollment system is changing once again! Last year we transitioned to a new system and now this year, we learn the system we had to transition too is no longer being supported! As a result, we will be changing 4-H program systems once again!

What this means to you as fami-

lies, is that you will have to do all of your enrollment online... eventually. If you do not have Internet access, you will need to let our office know. This is a State requirement. We are still in the very early phases of learning about this new system.

FOR THE 2014-2015 YEAR:

1) You will need to turn in your "hard copy" enrollment cards and participation forms in October as normal.

2) Beginning in Nov, Date to be announced, you will **BE REQUIRED** to set up your account online and enter your information there.

Stayed tuned and thank you for your patience as we move ahead.

Fair Judging Contest Results

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Senior (Qualify for State Fair)

Johnna Nystrom
Garrett Robbins
Javen McCreight
Katelyn Hageman

Alt. Garret Wescott

- Int. (Qualify for State Fair)

Brandy Riggs
Roman Merck
Austin Broadie
Lucas Scott

Alt. Sarah Sorum

- Junior Division

Austin Taylor
Cael Sorum
Clayton Carr
Sydney Sorum

Horticulture Judging Contest

- Senior

Renata Goossen, 1st
Cherokee Reagan, 2nd
Faith Hadley, 3rd

- Intermediate

Brandy Rigg, 1st
Austin Broadie, 2nd

Livestock Judging Contest

- Senior

Colton Alemand, 1st
Elliot Merck, 2nd
Erik Eisenbarth, 3rd
Brandy Rigg, 4th
Anaya McCune, 5th

- Intermediate

Shelby Varner, 1st
Jeffrey Garcia, 2nd
Austin Broadie, 3rd
Shelby Henley, 4th
John Michael Arnold, 5th

- Beginner

Karly Girty, 1st
Kaden Stanley, 2nd

Daron Potter, 3rd

Madelyn Stackley, 4th
Chase Guthrie, 5th

Kansas State Fair

The Kansas State Fair is just around the corner. Remember, if you want Charlene to take your 4-H exhibit to the State Fair: (SMALL, NON-BREATHING ITEMS ONLY!

Due to limited space—anything requiring boxes or extra support cribbage to transport cannot exceed 12"x 12"x12" This does not include poster boards that can lay down flat): You need to bring

your item to the Extension Office between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4th. Items cannot be accepted before 1:00 p.m.

Good luck to everyone participating in the Kansas State Fair!!!

Family and Consumer Sciences

Judging Contest Results

Intermediate FCS Judging -- 350 possible points

Austin Broadie	319 – 2nd
Shelby Varner	323 – 1st
Trena Garcia	302
Roman Merck	297
Jeremiah Goebel	313 – 3rd
Brandy Rigg	305
Dalton Perez	229
Elizabeth Johnson	256

Senior FCS Judging – 400 possible points

Renata Goossen	380 – 1 st tie
Amanda Becker	368 – 2nd
Danielle Chilcott	367 – 3rd
Garrett Robbins	356
Shayla Cornell	359
Elliot Merck	380 – 1 st tie
Shelby Varner	366

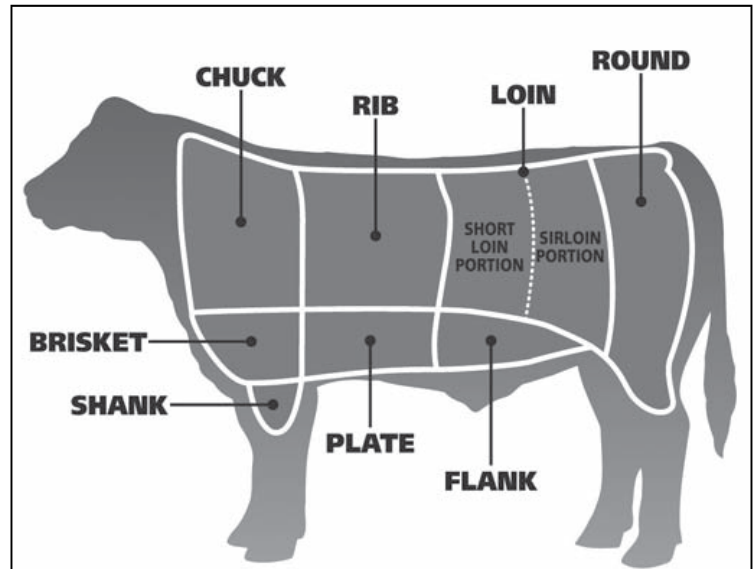


Figure 1. Cuts of Beef

Image courtesy The Beef

Checkoff

Rest of information can be found at:

These 4-H'ers judged the Junior classes and will receive participation ribbons– 200 possible pts.

Baylor Henry	174
(Baylor – you got 90 out of 100 pts on the Intermediate Class – Vitamin C)	
Skylor Henry	175
Kylee Barlett	171
Miranda Waldorf	169
Haleigh Borg	164
Lucy Goebel	141
(Lucy – you got 75 out of 100 points on the Intermediate Classes)	
Cally Miller	193
Katie Webb	167
Anna Webb	183
Mallory Potter	173

The Intermediate FCS Team that won the Kansas State Fair in 2013 went on an education tour on Tuesday, August 5th. Visits included, Cargill, Cocoa Dolce Kitchen & Store, Sister Moses Boutique, Imagine That Toys, Green Acres Market and the Farmers Market. Renata Goossen, Shelby Varner, Taylor Barlett & Roman Merck had a great time! Look for their tour recaps in the Sept. Newsletter!



Picture from Green Acres

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State Fair Entry Label here				Exhibitor's Signature _____	

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KANSAS STATE FAIR 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY ID FORM

1. FILL OUT THE ABOVE ID FORM, CUT OFF (do not trim edges), AND ATTACH TO THE PHOTO MOUNT BOARD. Use 1" wide masking tape--fold tape around edge of mount; **do not stick tape to front of mount.**

2. Place the **State Fair Photography Entry Label** (provided by the State 4-H Office), on the space provided on the PHOTOGRAPHY ID form. This label replaces the State Fair Entry Card. State Fair Entry cards are not used in Photography.

3. PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRIES MUST BE MOUNTED ACCORDING TO STATE FAIR RULES. Studio mount board must be used. Use the Photo Display Instructions as a guide for correct photo and ID form placement. Mounting location (1" down from the top and centered on the board).

4. CORRECT MOUNTING ADHESIVE MUST BE USED--use only adhesives designed for permanent photography mounting. Do not use rubber cement, or other household glues.

5. Remove white border from the enlargement before mounting. Be sure to check the size of the print before mounting. **It must not be smaller than 7" x 9" and not larger than 8" x 10".**
6. Photos improperly mounted (location, size, border not removed, etc.) will have their ribbon placing lowered one place.

7. For Class 4805 **only--Digital Composite Image**
Photo must be from an original(s) taken by the exhibitor. Exhibitor must include a second 11" x 12-1/2" mount board mounted with a standard size print(s) of all photos used and 3 x 5 card(s) explaining what manipulation was done. May include additional photos (standard size and may be layered) showing editing steps. Place both matte boards in the same two protective plastic bag.

8. Print your name, address and Extension Unit, (County or District Name and County) and location where the photograph was taken on the back of the matte board.

9. READ AND FOLLOW THE RULES IN THE STATE FAIR YOUTH PREMIUM BOOK. The rules in the current Premium book will always take priority over any other rules.