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Making a Difference



Can you believe, Fair is almost here! By the time you receive this newsletter, the Fair Horse Show and Supporter's Picnic will have already taken place!

In this newsletter, you won't find specific Fair information. For that, please refer back to the Special Edition Newsletter that went on June 30th. If you can't find it, go to our website www.butler.ksu.edu, click on 4-H & Youth on the left hand side of the page then click on the newsletter tab under 4-H & Youth.

The past few of months I started talking about the *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. In this issue, I want to touch on Lesson 6—Reward, Recognize and Celebrate.

Motivation is something that as an employer, an organization, a group, etc. that we must embrace and build into a plan. Disney, for example, receives many letters from guests each year. Many of these letters refer to a cast member they interacted with while on their stay Disney. The supervisor takes the letter and reads it aloud to the cast members within that department. The letter is then posted on a bulletin board for all to see.

The lesson here is to take time. How, you ask? What are you doing to recognize your club volunteers, your 4-H members, or your parents that are lending an extra hand.

With Fair upon us, take those few extra moments to tell a volunteer Thank You. Thank them for their help with a project, handing out cards, lining up the youth for various projects, etc.

Tell a youth good work with your project. Give them specific feedback. "...It looks like you put a lot of time in to your project..." Ask them to tell you about their project. Some youth embrace the opportunity to share their stories! It's not the color of the ribbon that counts, but the time, effort, dedication and energy put forth to do those projects.

As parents, 4-H'ers, and leaders, we can all take those few extra moments to share our appreciation for others. Thank You for all that each of you do to help others out and lend those kind words of encouragement!

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!!!!

~Charlene

Fair Clean-Up and Ribbon Money Pickup

When the last day of Fair arrives, everyone is tired and ready to go home. However, it is important to remember that we need to leave the facility as clean as, if not cleaner, that we found it in. Every 4-H'er who participated (non-livestock and livestock youth) in the Butler County Fair needs to be there to clean-up. As soon as clean-up is finished you will receive your money for the ribbons you earned at Fair! The more people to help, the quicker the clean-up goes. Here is a break-down of how Thursday morning works.

7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. – Release and removal of all exhibits, displays & equipment from the buildings and barns.

7:30 a.m. – Clean of building and barns (Everyone is expected to help)

As soon as the building and barns are clean – Prize money is handed out down at the arena. This includes the prize money for the youth who only had exhibits in the buildings.

Livestock exhibitors – please refer to the two paragraphs on page 9 in the Fair Book for additional IMPORTANT information!

Community leaders and veteran 4-H families, please help share this information with the new 4-H families. It is everyone's responsibilities to get things cleaned up.

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Leader's Lounge

JULY CHECK-UP


The final countdown is on...fair, pin applications, KAP's, Annual Summaries, etc.!!! Where has the year gone? Where are we now? Let's take a look...

Review

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

To-Do

- Check project leaders on progress.
- Ready for the County Fairs. Entry cards picked up and distributed to club members.
- Project Leaders conducting project meetings.
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
- Continue...or start 4-H records
- Update 4-H Records, KAPs and Pin Applications.
- Annual Club Summary up-to-date



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

Promote/Recruit

- Parents' Committee recruiting "new" leaders.
- Preparing for fair: concession stand times confirmed; judging schedules confirmed.
- Encourage exhibiting at fair.
- Promote Kansas 4-H Volunteer Leaders Forum.
- Promote North Central Volunteer Leaders Forum.

AUGUST CHECK-UP

- Celebrate the current 4-H year...begin planning for the club achievement party.
- Start planning for the new 4-H year.

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 2012-13 4-H year.
- Encourage Achievement Pin Award Applications.

Remember

- State Fair Pre-Entries Due to Extension Office by Thursday, August 7, 5:00 PM**
- Record books, KAPS, Pin Applications and Club Summaries due in September!**

Kansas State Information

We haven't even made it through all of Fair and here we are talking about State Fair! Lots of important information is found below, so please read carefully, especially if you plan to participate in the State Fair!

TICKETS, ENCAMPMENT BUILDING & PARKING HANG TAGS

Attached to this newsletter is a ticket order form. Pay special attention to that and the deadline for turning it in to our office!

TAKING ENTRIES TO THE STATE FAIR

OPTION 1

If you are taking your 4-H entry to the State Fair yourself:

1. Turn in your State Fair Entry Form at the Extension Office by August 7.
2. Pick up entry cards (which we will receive from the state office sometime the end of August) at the Extension Office before going to the State Fair.

OPTION 2

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):

1. Turn in your State Fair Entry Form at the Extension Office by August 7.
2. Bring your exhibit to the 4-H Building, between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4.

Exhibits **WILL NOT** be accepted before 1:00 p.m. due to not having any secure storage.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the Extension Office at 316-321-9660.

CONGRATULATIONS to Renata Goossen and Cherokee Reagan!!! Renata won the SE Area Horticulture Judging Contest in Emporia on June 12th. Cherokee brought home the 2nd place spot!!! FABULOUS job ladies!

Record Keeping



Are you a new 4-Her or lost by record keeping?! Be sure to keep track of activities you are doing in each project! When it comes time to fill out the record book, you will have all the information ready to go, instead of having to dig for it! Remember, All forms

can be found online.

If you haven't started filling out the forms, or have the forms, here is where to go:

- 1) www.butler.ksu.edu
- 2) Click on 4-H & Youth
- 3) Scroll down to records/awards/scholarships

There you will find all the forms. If you have questions, give your community leader a call. They can help you out. It's better to start now than wait for the next newsletter with deadlines approaching and not have started!

Happy Record Keeping!!

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



July 19—Fashion Review

July 26-31—County Fair

July 31—Current VIP Process Ends

August 1—New VIP Process Starts

August 1—Kansas State Fair Horse entries due

August 7—State Fair Pre-Entries due into our office

August 7—Ticket order forms due into our office

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

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

September 5—14—Kansas State Fair

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

September 19-22—Kansas Junior Livestock Show

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

Shooting Sports

Hunter Education

The first Hunter Education Course is scheduled for Friday evening, August from 6 to 9pm, and continuing on Saturday, August 9, from 8am to about 4pm. Pre-registration is required by contacting the Extension Office after July 1. 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.

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 7pm for both groups, and the project meetings run from 7 to 8pm. 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 6:45pm 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.

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

Post Fair Pool Party

Splish Splash

There's a Party Going On!!

All 4-H'ers and Families Welcome!!

Saturday, August 2, 6:30 to 8:30

El Dorado City Pool

\$1 per person admission

Hosted by the Cassoday Boosters 4-H Club



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**2014 BUTLER COUNTY ORDER FORM
STATE FAIR 4-H EXHIBITOR TICKETS, ENCAMPMENT BEDS,
PARKING HANG-TAGS**

DUE AUGUST 7 TO THE BUTLER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Name of Exhibitor _____ No. Of Exhibits _____

Address of Exhibitor _____

City, State, Zip _____

Admission tickets are required Fri., Sept. 5, 11:00 AM thru Sun., Sept. 14, 6:00 PM

No. Of Youth Participant (Ages 9-18) Advance Gate Tickets at \$3.00 Each _____

No. Of Adult (Ages 13-59) Advance Gate Tickets at \$6.00 Each _____

No. Of Senior (Age 60+) Advance Gate Tickets at \$4.00 Each _____

No. Of Encampment Spaces at \$15.00 Per Night _____

Nights Requested _____

Names and Ages of Individuals _____

(Limited to Adults & 4-H'ers 7 years old and Over Only) _____

Delivery/Release Hang-Tags (No Charge) - pick up at gate (good for 30 minutes only)

This Hang-Tag Does Not Allow Parking on Grounds (ticket required for that day)

Yellow Lot Daily Parking at \$10.00 Per Day - Quantities Available are Limited _____

(Ag Mechanics & Dog Show Exhibitors Only)

Circle Dates Needed & How Many of Each: Sept. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,

Purple Lot Daily Hang-Tags at \$10.00 Per Day - Quantities Available are Limited _____

(Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, and Goats Exhibitors Only)

Circle Dates Needed & How Many of each: Sept. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,

Tan Lot Daily Hang-Tags at \$10.00 Per Day - Quantities Available are Limited _____

(Horse Exhibitors Only - Must have a horse trailer to park in this lot. Tow vehicle to remain hitched at all time to trailers.)

Circle Dates Needed & How Many of Each: Sept. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,

Total Amount Due \$ _____

**Return to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. August 7
Payment Must Accompany this Order.
Make Checks Payable To: Butler County 4-H Council**