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Looking Ahead



If April showers bring May flowers, I'm starting to think that we won't have many May flowers.

According to the National Weather Service, this year is the driest start to the year since 1936! Not to mention, as I type, the day before we topped out at 101 degrees in Northern Butler County. HOT and DRY in MAY. Yikes!

Last month 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 the April issue, I talked about Lesson 3 and Lesson 4: Everyone and Everything walks the talk. This newsletter, I am going to talk about Lesson #2—Pay fantastic attention to detail.

Did you know that on Main Street in Disneyland, there are 37 hitching posts? While this number may not be that high, it's quite impressive that each one of them is stripped down and repainted—nightly. All of the hitching posts do not receive the same amount of wear, but the high-wear points are done every night, attention to detail is part of the company's culture.

In our 4-H Clubs, how much attention

do we pay to detail? What are people's first impression of your club when they come to visit? Are the new families being made to feel welcome? Are new families understanding the process and receiving the help or any clarification they need? Are 4-H'ers being encouraged to work and spend time on their projects. Are project leaders holding meetings to work with youth? If you don't have club project leaders have you spoke to other clubs to see if your 4-H members can participate?

Fantastic Attention to Detail. Sometimes it may seem that we dwell on the small stuff too long, sometimes not enough. The point, either way, is the detail. What kind of image and atmosphere is established for new families and current families? The more attention we pay to detail, the more likely they are to remain members of the club, get involved, and become active. Sometimes, it really is the small things that make all the difference.

As you continue through the year and think about the start of the new year, take a few extra minutes to ponder what details may be getting left out or glossed over!

~Charlene

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Leader's Lounge


Who's ready for school to be out and summer to arrive? Are you prepared for all the summer activities? Make sure and take a look at the monthly check-up to help you keep on track before the craziness of summer arrives!

Review

- _____ 4-H Forecaster for important dates
- _____ Review information with your club

To-Do

- _____ Check on your project leaders progress.
- _____ Start preparing for fair: club displays, banners, etc.
- _____ Work with youth to update pin apps & KAP if already started
- _____ Plan summer activities: club tour, picnic, swim, etc.
- _____ Check club mail-box at Extension Office



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

Promote/Recruit

- _____ Current Parents' Committee should start looking at recruiting new Organizational Leaders or Parent's Committee members for the next year.

Remember

- _____ Check out the deadlines in the newsletter and make sure all of your members are aware of them!

Other Tid Bits....

Shout Out to North Butler! I received an email from their community leader who was thinking about information shared at the Community Leader training I held! They had their parliamentarian lead an activity, gave a quiz and then had the members answer questions. That gave youth the opportunity to speak at least three times at their meeting! Great job!

I had the opportunity to visit Towanda Rustlers 4-H Club the first Monday of May. I took the judging activity that we did at the Community Leader training and taught kids (and reviewed for others) how to judge and mark cards.

I am available to come out to your club meetings and speak or present an activity. Just let me know!

Word Search

S C G A G N W Y T N Z G W Y E
 T F L N N G U V S J R Y H G X
 N Y A O I Z D F Q E K G P O T
 E G M O V K K M E F N I N L E
 R T A O G E O N X I H Y H O N
 A G G N I K R O W D O O W M S
 P G A R D E N E C E R Q T O I
 H S O E P K S Y T W S B D T O
 V O L U N T E E R S E K V N N
 Y R T E K C O R S V N W N E T

CLOVER

COOKING

ENTOMOLOGY

EXTENSION

FUN

GARDEN

GOAT

GREEN

HORSE

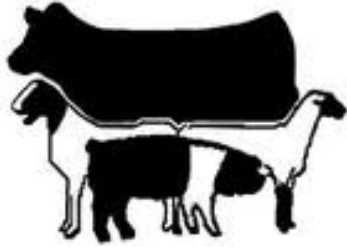
PARENTS

ROCKETRY

SEWING

VOLUNTEERS

WOODWORKING



Youth Livestock

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

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.

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!!!

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 and turned into the Extension Office

August—4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan

Fun Summer Snack

Are you looking for a fun, yummy and healthy fruit snack? We have just the recipe for you!

This is called the **Magical Fruit Salad**. So simple and so delicious!

Ingredients

1 can (20 oz.) pineapple chunks, drained

1/2 lb grapes (rinsed)
2 bananas
1 3/4 C milk (non-fat or low-fat)
1 pkg instant pudding mix (3 1/2 ounces) - vanilla, lemon, etc., you can also use sugar-free pudding mix

Instructions

In a large bowl add the pineapple

and grapes. Peel the bananas and cut into bite sized pieces. Add the banana pieces to the bowl. Slowly add the milk to the fruit. Then add the pudding mix and stir. Let the mixture stand for 5 minutes then serve! Refrigerate any leftovers within 2 hours.

***You can also use any other fruit of your choice! You don't have to use the fruit listed here!



Horse Project News



The annual **Butler County Spring Horse** show is just around the corner! Pre-entries are due into our office by 5:00 pm on May 23rd. You can still sign-up until the day of the show, it will just cost a little bit more to do so!

Some of you may have heard about the EHV-1 case that has occurred in Kansas. I am no expert on this and only know what I have been told from local veterinarians and have received from veterinarians at Kansas State University. With that in mind, here are a few tips to remember when going to any

event with your horse.

- Do not use a “community” watering tank and do not share your watering buckets with other horses outside of your own.
- Do not share equipment (manure fork, shovel, rake, etc.)
- Keep your horse from having direct nose to nose contact with other horses other than your own.
- If your horse is sick or recently been sick, stay home!

District Horse Show

The district horse show will be held on July 7th at Kingman County. Youth must be 9 by 4-H age and have completed the necessary Level 1 and/or 2 testing depending on their age. Pre-entries are due into our office by 5:00 pm on July 10th. Coggins papers are required and should accompany your registration forms and payment.

If you need Level 1 and/or 2 testing, please contact our office ASAP so we can get you in to take your test and help get the riding portion coordinated with an approved tester.

Camps

We have great numbers going to camp this year! Let's start with 4-H Camp! Butler County will be taking 10 counselors to 4-H Camp this year! To complement that, there are 6 rookie campers and 56 regular campers attending 4-H Camp this year! Campers will get the opportunity to help with a Numana packaging event! Another great “fish” activity will

also take place where they will learn about feeding the world. This will be a GREAT compliment to the Numana event! Pay It 4-Ward is the theme for this year's camp! I am please to be taking an adult volunteer to camp again with me to help this year!

Discovery Days is also just

around the corner and we have more Butler County 4-Her's attending this year! I am also thankful for an adult volunteer who will be attending in my place this year. Seven youth will be learning about career opportunities, gaining knowledge, making friends, and having a great time!



Fair News

The Fair is quickly approaching! By the time you receive this newsletter, the Fair Books should be in the hands of your community leader! We have one Fair Book per family, so please make sure and hold on tight to it and don't lose it!

You will note a couple of *corrections* in the book. Labels have been put in two places to make the corrections. The first one is on page 29 in the Sheep Division. Class 176—Commercial Yearling Ewe.

The second correction can be found on page 33 under the Clothing Division—a new award is available “Best Use of Wool”. Wool must be 60% or more wool. There will be a cash award and a pair of Gingher Shears presented to the winner which will be chosen from all exhibits that contain 60% or more wool. This award is presented by current 4-H'er Renata Goossen. She wants to encourage 4-H members to use wool in constructing garments.

Entries

We are trying a new system to make entries via email. We are hoping to get a good number of exhibitors (families) to pre-enter this way. Each member of the family can make their pre-entries on this form. All information will be included. You will be able to save a copy for your family The first step is

to send your family email address to bucofair@gmail.com. This email address is listed on page 9 of the Fair Book. When you send an email to bucofair@gmail.com, please put your family name in the Subject line and the email address you want the information sent to in the body of the email. We will then send an email back to you and it will take you through entering your pre-entries. **PLEASE NOTE**—this is only for those that require pre-entries that are due on Friday, July 11th at 5:00 p.m. Also, you are not required to utilize the email method, but are encouraged to!

Poultry Testing

The annual poultry testing will be held on Wednesday, July 9th from 4:00 pm—6:00 pm. This pullorum-typhoid test is required if you will be exhibiting poultry at the county fair. The number of birds you need tested is due into our office by June 27th. Make sure and save the date. If you do not attend the Butler County testing, you will be required to make arrangements on your own and bring proof with you to the county fair.

Special Edition Newsletter

We are working on a special edition newsletter strictly for the fair! Stay tuned and be watching for it!

“Wisdom is the power
that enables us to use
knowledge for the
benefit of ourselves
and others.”

~Thomas J. Watson

SAVE THE DATES!!! July 26—July 31, 2014

Important News and Deadlines

May 22—Mini-Fair

May 23—Pre-entries due for Spring Horse Show

May 28-31—4-H Camp

June 7—Spring Horse Show

June 7—Butler County Spring Horse Show

June 10th—pre-entries, copies of coggins papers, and payment due into the office for the District Horse Show. (original coggins and Horse ID will need to be presented at the show)

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. And turned into the Extension Office

June 23rd—Ambassador Day Camp for 5-9 year olds. Be watching for more information.

June 27th—Bird counts due for the pullorum-typhoid blood test for county fair. (See July 9th below)

July 7th—District Horse Show, Kingman Co.

July 9th—Poultry Testing (pullorum-typhoid) for the County Fair. This test is required for to participate in the county Fair. Will be held at the Fairgrounds from 4:00 pm—6:00 pm.

July 12—Co. Fair Horse Show

July 14—Supporter's Picnic

July 19—Fashion Review

July 26-31—County Fair

August—4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan

September 5—14—Kansas State Fair

September 19-22—Kansas Junior Livestock Show



Pictures are Worth...

I have heard time and time again, pictures are worth a thousand words! Pictures tell stories and capture the moment. In Extension, we hold numerous events. This is where we **NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Throughout the year we hold educational meetings, activities, participate in afterschool programs and various other activities. However, we seem to lack in the amount of pictures we get to “capture the moment” as we are generally the one leading and/or coordinating the activities.

With that in mind, we are looking for you, the 4-H'er, to help us “tell the story” of our events with pictures! We understand that if you can attend one, but not another, as schedules change! However, if you are interested in bringing your camera to events and taking pictures for us, please let me know! You can either email me at cmmiller1@ksu.edu or call our office at (316) 321-9660. We will get your name and email address and then contact you to see who is available to help us out with activities!

Here are the benefits:

- ⇒ Leadership opportunity
- ⇒ Looks good in your record book
- ⇒ Meet new people
- ⇒ Gain knowledge on the event that is taken place
- ⇒ You get to volunteer
- ⇒ Practice your picture taking skills

Don't miss this opportunity to submit your name! We would enjoy having you help take some pictures!

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Calling all
4-Hers to
the...



2014 Butler County 4-H Mini-Fair

Thursday May 22 from 6pm- 8:30pm



Get your friends together for the **pancake eating contest** and **water balloon toss**. Monetary prizes awarded!

Individual competitions include **Horticulture** judging, **Hands on Food Demo**, **Project Show and Tell**, **FACS** judging, and **Pets**.



Cupcake walk every 15 minutes

Make homemade **pretzels** and learn to make **braided bread**

Enjoy a **fruit kabob**

Be creative with a **craft project**

Don't forget to bring quarters to put your friends in the **Clover Clink!**

Clover Clink



Pick up all projects by 8:30pm (**do not leave animals unsupervised**) and stay to clean up and you will get a chance to win one of 4 \$5.00 gift cards!

Rules and Guidelines

Project Show-N-Tell (begins at 6pm)

1. Exhibits from any project may be entered, but bring only projects that will not be exhibited at fair.
2. Exhibitors may participate individually or as a team.
3. You may bring hand-outs or samples to go along with your exhibit.
4. Table space up to a 2' x 3' area will be provided. If you need a larger area, please contact the extension office.
5. Can be a display or poster. Have a favorite project, bring something and tell about it!
6. It's fun!

Horticulture Exhibit (begins at 6:15pm)

1. Exhibit categories: Small vegetables (plate of 12), Medium vegetables (plate of 5), Large vegetables (plate of 1)
2. Exhibits must be grown by the 4-H member.

Food, Family, Fashion & Finance! (6pm-7pm)

1. You will learn about each topic through the FACS Judging Contest
2. Plus, you will get to create your own best tasting salad ever!
3. There will be 3 classes
4. Participation in the FACS judging contest and the salad-making demonstration will get your name entered into a drawing! 3 names will be drawn!

Horticulture Judging Contest (6:30-7pm)

1. 4-H member will identify various plants and rank them in order from best to worst.

Pets (begins at 6:15pm)

1. Any cat, dog, hand size pet, fish, etc. may be entered.
2. The pet must be contained or leashed, except when being judged.
3. Exhibitors will tell the judge about the animals and its care.

Pancake Eating Contest (7:30pm)

1. Teams of 4 must sign-up and pay by 7pm.
2. Each team will rotate its members eating one pancake at a time for 3 rotations (12 pancakes total). The team with the fastest time will win.
3. Prizes: 1st Place- \$16, 2nd Place- \$12, 3rd Place- \$8.

Water Balloon Contest (Immediately following the pancake contest)

1. Teams of 2 must sign-up by 7pm. Teams will be Junior (12 & younger) and Senior (13 & up).
2. Prizes: 1st Place- \$8, 2nd Place- \$6, 3rd Place- \$4.
3. Junior teams will compete before senior teams. Each team will toss water balloons, taking a step back in between each one until the balloon drops or breaks. The team with the longest toss will win.

Exhibitors may receive only 1 purple participation ribbon but can participate in more than one event.

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)

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