



# The 4-H Forecaster



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## Reflection



The 2015 Butler County Fair has ended. I hope that everyone is recouped from the heat and exhaustion and ready to set sail into the 2015-2016 school year!

When reflecting back on this year's Fair, I can't help but smile. Sure there were some glitches, but those come with just about anything we do. I prefer to call them opportunities for improvement. Maybe it's double checking our paperwork, rules or our enrollments.

Maybe it's readjusting or revisiting our feeding program for our livestock to make sure they are at the right weight/spot/condition for fair.

Maybe it's making sure there is a family member, friend or neighbor who can help your child out when you're busy. What ever it is that may have took a smile off your face or resulted in your head hanging a little low, ask yourself "What can I do to make it better next time?"

Despite these, there are many smile worthy moments that occurred at Fair! Set-Up on Friday the 24th and clean up on the 30th had to make record time!

It seemed like the rush was on for clean-up on the 30th with the rain. A lot of families were chipping in and helping everyone get the clean up done both in the buildings and out in the barns. You all deserve a big pat on the back!

I also witnessed many 4-H'ers, from younger to older, helping out their fellow friends and 4-H'ers. Whether it was helping carry items in the buildings or helping them with animals, it was wonderful to see so many helping each other out. Laughter could be heard throughout

fair and smiles could be seen no matter where you looked.

As you and your family take a moment to reflect back on the year, please take time to thank those

that have helped and supported you along the way; before, during and after fair. Friends, family and volunteers all make the 4-H program successful. The program wouldn't happen without each and everyone of you!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and don't forget to read the rest of the Newsletter for lots of information!



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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

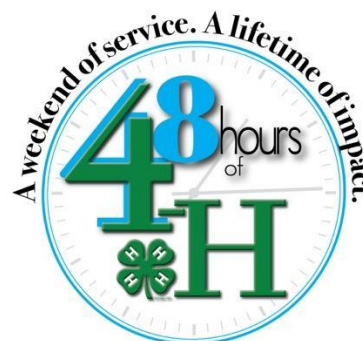
The September 4-H Council Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3rd at the 4-H building.

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



## Kansas Youth Leadership & Volunteer Forum

### YOUTH

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be November 20-22, 2015 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](http://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 25, 6:00 p.m.** at the Extension Office 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 25th.** 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 1st 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!



# VIP's—Take Note!

The finish line for the current 4-H Year is in sight! While we are waiting on the final details to roll out with all the 4-H Online enrollment, I want you all to start thinking about the VIPs.

## Returning Volunteers

At this time, it appears returning volunteers will need to complete the renewal paperwork and update their 4-H online account AFTER October 1st. All returning volunteer will have to go through a criminal background check and Child Abuse Neglect Registry Check. We will let everyone know when we are ready to start that process.

## New Volunteers

New volunteers 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 with their community club leader.

This new process is not speedy. This year as volunteers went through the process, we found out that paper work on the State side is taking at least 4 weeks to process as compared to what they originally thought would only take 2 weeks. 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.

New volunteers will also be required to set up and create a 4-H Online account.

## Junior Leaders, Ambassadors & 4-H Camp Counselors

All Junior Leaders, Ambassadors and potential camp counselors will need to fill out the VIP paperwork AND complete the Child Abuse Neglect Registry Check. The Child Abuse check is required to be completed every year.

Stay tuned for more info as the new year gets closer!



# Important News and Deadlines



August 13-15—All Breeds Junior Dairy Show, Salina

August 15—Ks. Jr. Livestock Show entries due

August 22-23—4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan

August 25—Record Book and Pin Application Training

September 10—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 3—4-H Council Mtg 7:00 p.m.

September 11—20—Kansas State Fair

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

September 18th—Ambassador Applications Due

September 25th—KAP's, Special Awards, Pin Apps, Club Summary, College Scholarship Apps Due

October 1st—Record Book Judging

October 2nd-4th—Kansas Jr. Livestock Show

October 24th—Office Training/Family Fun Event

November 20-22—Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (14-18 years old)

# Shooting Sports

## Hunter Education

### Hunter Education Field Day - September 12

Pre-Enrollment is REQUIRED. This is an internet assisted Hunter Education Course. September 12 is the field day for the course.

Check-in is from 7:30 am to 8:00 am. Class starts at 8:00 am and will end at about 3:30 pm. There will be a lunch break from about 11:30 am to 12:30pm.

You must have access to a computer AND a printer in order to complete the online portion of an Internet-Assisted course.

**DO NOT REGISTER FOR AN INTERNET-ASSISTED COURSE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER AND A PRINTER!**

This independent study method, a three-part process, requires pre-registration in an Internet-assisted Field Day and Testing Session, completion of the

Kansas online hunter education course AND active participation in an Internet-assisted Hunter Education Field Day and Testing Session.

**DO NOT TAKE THE ONLINE COURSE UNTIL YOU HAVE PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE INTERNET-ASSISTED HUNTER EDUCATION FIELD DAY AND TESTING SESSION OF YOUR CHOICE.** Call 316-321-9660 to Pre-Register and to get additional instructions.

## Rifle and Archery Projects

Basic Rifle and Archery classes begin in September and will meet weekly through Thanksgiving. Rifle starts on Tuesday evening, Sept. 8, and Archery starts on Thursday evening, Sept. 10. Check-in is from 6:30 to 7pm and the classes run from 7 to 8pm. All equipment and supplies are provided. If Archery participants have their own bow that they prefer to shoot, they can bring it. If it is suitable, they may use it.

## Shotgun Project

There will be an all day Saturday basic shotgun course in September or October. The date is not yet set. If you wish to participate, fill out a 4-H Shooting Sports enrollment form and turn it in to the Extension Office. When the date is set you will get additional information.

There is a \$15 fee for Rifle and a \$10 fee for Archery. Pre-registration is required by contacting the Extension Office and completing a Shooting Sports enrollment form. For questions, call Gene Maggard at 316-742-3746.

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



## 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 18th 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](http://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.
- Jacob Cooper for donating and maintaining the new signs for the Champion and Reserve Champion Livestock projects.
- 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!  
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# National 4-H Congress

It is a great honor to have Butler County represented at the 2015 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia this year! Danielle Chilcott became the lucky recipient out of the Foods and Nutrition KAP division on the State level to become a delegate. While she did not have the State winning KAP, she ranked high enough to be the next eligible recipient to attend. If the winner is not able to attend 4-H Congress, they contact the next highest ranking until one is able to attend!

## What is National 4-H Congress?

National 4-H Congress is a unique leadership opportunity for 4-H members from all 50 states. The event focuses on leadership,

youth empowerment, community service, career development, and cultural diversity. The event brings over 1000 4-H members to Atlanta over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The planning committee takes advantage of Atlanta's standing as an international city and exposes delegates to as many venues in the city as possible including the Centennial Olympic Park, the World of Coke-A-Cola, CNN Center, Carter Presidential Library and the Martin Luther King Center. There are many outstanding workshops along with keynote addresses that round out the experience. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for 4-H members. (<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/nat4hcongress/>)

Congratulations Danielle and we look forward to hearing about your travels!



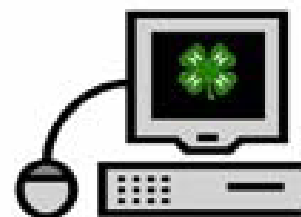
# Online 4-H Enrollment

4-H Online will be used for the 2015-2016 4-H Enrollment year. All enrollment will be online **ONLY** this year. This means one less piece of paper for you to worry about filling out! This also means, one less step that we will have to help you double check your project enrollments.

4-H Enrollment will open up online on October 1st. Anything that is done prior to October 1st will not roll over to the new 4-H year. We will send out an email as soon as we open the system!

Health Participation Forms will still be required in order for your enrollment to be complete.

Stay tuned for more information as the enrollment process draws closer!



# Fair Judging Contest Results

## PHOTOGRAPHY

- Senior (Qualify for State Fair)

Brandy Riggs, 1st  
Amanda Becker, 2nd  
Johnna Nystrom, 3rd  
Bailee Goad, 4th

1st Alt. Elizabeth Mitsch  
2nd Alt. Sarah Cerney

- Int. (Qualify for State Fair)

Jett Schmidt, 1st  
Colby Barradas, 2nd  
Katelyn Koch, 3rd  
Sarah Sorum, 4th

1st Alt. Sarah Hinnen  
2nd Alt. Trevor Johnson

- Junior Division

Clayton Carr, 1st  
Katelynn Heape, 2nd  
Sydney Sorum, 3rd



## Horticulture Judging Contest

- Senior

Renata Goossen, 1st  
Cherokee Reagan, 2nd  
Brandy Rigg, 3rd  
Jacquelyn Bonger, 4th

- Intermediate

Sarah Sorum, 1st  
Gabby Walker, 2nd  
Sydney Sorum, 3rd



## Livestock Judging Contest

- Senior

Colton Alemand, 1st  
Anaya McCune, 2nd  
Brandy Rigg, 3rd  
Peyten Girty, 4th  
Erron Eisenbarth, 5th

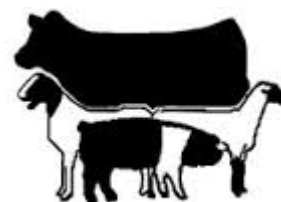
- Intermediate

Shelby Varner, 1st  
Shelby Henley, 2nd  
Sam Colangelo, 3rd  
Hadley Girty, 4th  
John Michael Arnold, 5th

- Beginner

Macey Lewis, 1st  
Katie Webb, 2nd  
Alli Willour, 3rd  
Kyle Miller, \*\*  
Emma Willour, \*\*

\*\* There was a tie between 4th and 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!!!



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	Class #: _____ Years in 4-H Photo project: _____			Exhibitor's Signature _____	
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