4-H Families,

What a great fair! Thank you for participating in the Butler County Fair and showing me how great the fair can be! There were a lot of changes this year with the new online Fair Entry program and me as new staff. I want to thank you for your cooperation and willingness to adapt. I truly believe that Butler County has an amazing program. Keep up the good work!

Well, I guess it is time to move on from fair to a new 4-H season. I look forward to learning new things about Butler County and helping our program grow. With a new year come new things, so remember to watch your mailbox for the “Clover Comments” and your email for important messages.

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Deadline Reminders!

- August 4 ....................... State Fair Exhibits Due to the Extension Office (non-food)
- August 10 ...................... State Fair Exhibits Due to the Extension Office (food)
- August 10 ............................... Omaha Zoo Trip Registration Due
- August 28 ............................ 2015-2016 County Council Applications Due
- September ............. Record Books/Recordkeeping Award App Due to Club Leader
- September 30 .......... Club Leaders - Recordkeeping Evaluation Forms for Awards Due
- September 30 ................................. Project Award Application Due

Fair News

State Fair Winners:

Congratulations to all Butler County 4-Hers who are exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair!

- Non-food items need to be at the office by August 4th.
- Food items and living plant exhibits need to be at the office August 10th.
- Make sure to have all pieces of your exhibit labeled with County, Name, and Class Number!!

Your exhibits will be available for pick up from the office after the state fair beginning August 25th.

Herdsmanship Winners:

Congratulations to the following clubs who won herdsmanship at the Butler County Fair! Thank you for doing your part to keep the fair clean and showing the community how 4-H values our animals.

- Beef - Monroe Clever Clover
- Dairy - Albion Go-Getters/Albion Dandy Dozen
- Goats - Coldwater/Dayton Busy Gophers
- Horse - Butler County Young Riders
- Rabbits - Greene Golden Eagles
- Sheep - Monroe Clever Clovers
- Swine - Albion Dandy Dozen
Swine Show Exhibitors:
Please take time to write a thank you to the trucker for delivering pigs free to Hormel.

Keith Kalkwarf
25726 Grand Ave
Aplington, IA 50604

Trophy Winners:
Remember to write a thank you to the sponsor of any trophy you won at fair!
They love to hear from you!

Booth Decorating Winners:
Wow! Way to go with your Club Booths this year!! I was very impressed and thought the Youth Building looked great! Congratulations to the top three winners. You will receive your awards at the Awards Program later this year.

1st Place - Butler County Young Riders
2nd Place - Greene Golden Eagles
3rd Place - Shell Rock Rockets

4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign
Way to go! Butler County was well represented in the 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign this past year as All clubs donated at least $3.00 per member, 4th-12th grade. Let’s keep this up!

Your Campaign Contribution Supports:
- State 4-H Youth Conference
- Facility and improvements for the Iowa 4-H Center
- Financial Aid for 4-H Program Fees and Event Registrations

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https://www.facebook.com/ButlerCountyIA4H

View our Website at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/butler/4h

4-H PLEDGE
I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.
Head’s Up!

Leaders:

- There are two meetings coming up. **Mark your Calendars!**
  - Post-Fair Leader’s Meeting: September 10 - 7:00pm @ Extension Office
  - Mandatory Leader’s Meeting/Training: November 12

- Record Book Evaluations and Recordkeeping Award nominations are due to the extension office by September 30th. Collect record books from your members in September.

- National 4-H Week is October 4-10. Clubs are encouraged to do a community service event and decorate windows of a local business. Share your plans with me!

Record Books:

**Record Books are due to your club leaders in September.** Expected Standards and Requirements for Butler County 4-H’ers can be found on our website. All project record sheets can be found there as well. You could receive a Recordkeeping Award!

[http://www.extension.iastate.edu/butler/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/butler/4h)

The Expected Standards and Requirements for Recordkeeping information and form is included in this newsletter!

Project Awards!

You can’t get an award if you don’t apply! If you are an Intermediate or Senior 4-H’er, you can apply for a project award. To apply, a member must have been enrolled in a project area for at least 2 years, answer 3 questions, and provide supporting materials like your record book. A committee will evaluate your goals to see that you have shown growth through 4-H.

- Applications can be found in this Clover Comments or on our website.
- **Award applications are due to the office by September 30!**
- Members can win an award once as an Intermediate and once as a Senior.

**National 4-H Week is October 4-10 this year!!**

This is a week to celebrate 4-H! Let’s showcase the great things that 4-H offers young people and highlight the incredible 4-H youth in Butler County who work each day to make a positive impact on the community. Clubs are encouraged to do a community service event during this week and decorate a window of a local business. Share your plans with me and then post them and pictures on our Facebook page!
Opportunities

Omaha Zoo Trip:
Join other 6th, 7th, and 8th grade 4-H’ers on a trip to Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo! For only $100 you can ride a charter bus to Omaha, visit the zoo animals, learn, spend a night with the gorillas, and meet new 4-H friends. Hurry! Space is limited! Register by August 10.
** Registration forms are included in the newsletter, or visit our website.

Make a Tee-Pee!
You or your 4-H club have the opportunity to make a Tee-Pee! Prairie Rose Fabrics in Clarksville has generously donated many bolts of fabric to Butler County 4-H. The fabric is to be used for making play Tee-Pees that can be donated to libraries, children’s hospitals, daycares, etc. This is a great way to serve our community. Come in a pick up a bolt of fabric!

Wanted: County Council Members
Do you have ideas to make Butler County 4-H better? Are you looking for a way to get more involved in 4-H? **Step up and join the 2015-2016 Butler County 4-H Council!** By joining County Council, you will become one of the youth leaders of our program. This leadership role will provide you the opportunity to get involved, promote 4-H, and learn important life skills.

- **Apply by August 28th!** Eligible youth include 4-H’ers that will be in 9th-12th grade.
- Applications are online: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/butler/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/butler/4h) or stop in to pick one up.
- Contact Holly with any questions!
- **Current 2014-2015 County Council members are required to re-apply.**

Join FIRST® LEGO® League!
The Lego Wizard club is looking for new members age 9-14 who are interested in science, like to compete, and like to play around with robots. They are even looking for parents to become a new coach! Contact Holly at the extension office if you are interested.
**The FLL® season begins in August, so hurry and sign up!**
OUR VISION
A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSTIVE CHANGE

August
3  Region 9 CYC Meeting - Holly @ Bremer
4  State Fair Exhibits (non-food) due to the Extension Office
5  Extension Council Meeting - 7pm @ Extension Office
10  Omaha Zoo Trip Registration Due - to Bremer County Office
10  State Fair Food Exhibits due to the Extension Office
11  Staff taking State Fair Exhibits to the Iowa State Fair
13-23  Iowa State Fair
24  Staff picking up Exhibits from the Iowa State Fair
26  4-H and Youth Advisory Committee Meeting - 7pm @ Extension Office
28  County Council Application due to the Extension Office

September
2  Extension Council Meeting - 7pm @ Extension Office
7  Office Closed - Labor Day
10  Leader’s Post-Fair Meeting - 7pm @ Extension Office
19-20  Omaha Zoo Trip
27  County Council Meeting (first meeting for 2015-2016 council)
30  Record Books Due
30  Project Awards Applications Due