

# THE 4-H NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024

## A Minute with Madeline



### Summer Full of Service!

Summer is a great time to get outside, go on vacation, and prepare for the fair! Summer is also a great time to get out in your community to help neighbors in need. We all know the part of the 4-H pledge “I pledge my hands to greater service.” Living out this part of the 4-H pledge doesn’t stop just because the fun of summer begins.

More youth (59%) than adults (49%) are volunteering in their communities annually, according to University of Nebraska – Lincoln Extension. These numbers show just how important the service hours of our youth are to communities around the country. According to University of Nevada, Reno Extension, the benefits of volunteering to youth include: “Learning to respect others; learning to be helpful and kind; learning to understand people who are different; developing leadership skills, becoming more patient, and better understanding of citizenship.”

Here is a list of places to consider serving this summer:

- Meals on Wheels
- Senior centers
- Local hospitals
- Concession stands at local events
- Red Cross
- Local museums
- And so many more!

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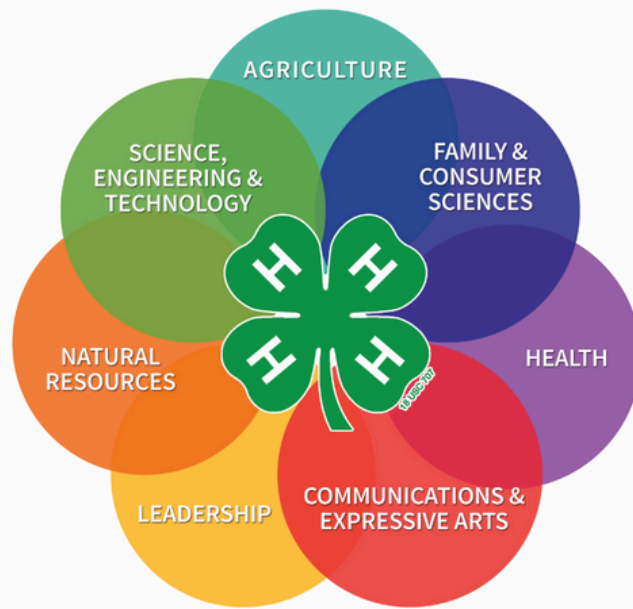
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# A MINUTE WITH MADELINE CONT.

If you are someone with youth in your life and want to encourage them to volunteer in their community this summer, follow these tips from University of Nebraska – Lincoln Extension!

- *Provide youth with information about volunteer opportunities.* One of the top reasons that youth do not volunteer is very simple – they do not have the information about opportunities. Parents and involved adults should help youth find opportunities in their own communities, schools, local organizations and churches. It might just take a few phone calls, visits to volunteer sites, or even searches on the internet to receive more information. Adults should also help youth consider their choices. This includes studying available information to make sure that the activities are safe, lead by competent people, that experiences offered are engaging, and that activities are well organized.
- *Invite/Ask/Encourage youth to volunteer.* After finding information about volunteer opportunities, it is also important to invite the youth to volunteer, or to directly communicate expectations for service to others. Many youth report that they did not think of volunteering because nobody ever asked them.
- *Help youth work through practical barriers.* Go through the practical issues and logistics of how the child/youth could actually volunteer. Help them think about and work through issues such as scheduling, transportation, how to put in an application (if there is one), and other steps entailed in volunteering. For instance, the top reason youth do not volunteer is lack of time. Parents can help youth structure their time better, and consider the amount of time they might want to commit to volunteer work.
- *Help youth find an opportunity that fits his or her interest/skills.* Many youth drop out of volunteering because the activity is too hard, too easy or simply uninteresting. There are a host of opportunities that can match each person's interests and skills. Consider whether the potential volunteer enjoys face-to-face interactions (e.g., mentoring) or solitary activities (e.g., community gardening). Also, try to help youth find volunteer opportunities that are age-appropriate.
- *Alert youth to the rewards of volunteering.* While the essence of volunteering is really to provide service without rewards, there are some tangible benefits that youth can get out of volunteering. Alert youth to these practical benefits. For instance, point out to youth that they can gain skills that might improve their marketability, and that volunteer activities enhance their resume. These benefits might make them more attractive to future employers or colleges. Many schools also have service learning components, so youth might actually get school credit for their services.
- *Be a role model.* It goes without saying that parents and other adults can encourage youth to volunteer by being volunteers themselves. Getting youth to volunteer is more effective if the person asking sets a good example. If the person asking is a volunteer or volunteered in the past, youth are more encouraged to volunteer.
- *Make it a family event.* Parents are always looking for ways to have family time, and to find activities that the whole family can do together. Finding a volunteer activity, or even starting their own, could be a great opportunity for a family to be involved in something together. Perhaps a family can think of something to do each month to help others.





# LEADER'S LOUNGE

## June Check-Up

- Encourage 4-H'ers to invite their friends to attend a meeting
- Ask your 4-H parents to encourage others to get involved

## Review

- Read the 4-H Newsletter and mark important dates on the calendar
- Review highlights from the 4-H Newsletter at your club meeting
- 4-H/FFA division rules for county fair (available [HERE](#))

## Promote/Recruit

- Club participation at the County Fair
- Encourage your local community to come out to the fair!
- 4-H Camp at Rock Springs 4-H Camp

## To-Do

- Check in with project leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office
- Return any extra club Fair Books to the Extension Office
- Help 4-Her's plan and prepare projects for the fair
- Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club
- Check out the Kansas 4-H Club Resources page [HERE](#)

## Remember

- Make it a fun and rewarding year!
- Pre-entries for the county fair open on June 1st (**ALL** projects require pre-entry)
- Pre-entries CLOSE June 24th at 11:59 p.m.
- 2 meeting Project Auction requirement deadline July 15th



# IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

## June

- **June 1st:** Pre-entries open for the Butler County Fair (ALL projects require pre-entry)
- **June/July:** 4-H Comp Sessions, Rock Springs Ranch
- **June 5th:** 4-H Council Meeting
- **June 5th:** Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes
- **June 5th-7th:** Discovery Days
- **June 13th:** Breeding Animal Tagging Deadline
- **June 13th:** Dairy Cattle ID paperwork Due into the Extension Office
- **June 14th-16th:** Geology Field Trip
- **June 15th:** Small Livestock and Commercial Heifer State Nominations Due Online and DNA Postmarked
- **June 15th:** Animal Registration Papers in Exhibitor's Name
- **June 15th:** YQCA Deadline for the Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- **June 18th:** 4-H Ambassador Day Camp
- **June 20th-22nd:** Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show - Salina, KS
- **June 21st-22nd:** Insect Spectacular, Hays
- **June 24th:** Pre-entry Deadline for the Butler County Fair
- **June 25th:** South East 4-H Challenge Day
- **June 27th:** South East 4-H Animal Science Challenge Day

## July

- **July 1st:** Superintendent Meeting
- **July 4th:** Extension Office Closed
- **July 6th:** Butler County Fair Fashion Revue
- **July 12th:** Club Quarterly Report Due
- **July 13th:** Butler County Fair Horse Show
- **July 15th:** Butler County Fair Auction Meeting Requirement Deadline
- **July 15th-26th:** Extension Office Hours 8 am-5 pm
- **July 18th-23rd:** Butler County Fair
- **July 22nd-August 7th:** State Fair Entries Accepted at the Extension Office
- **July 25th-26th:** Extension Office Closed

## August

- **August 7th:** State Fair Entries Due to the Extension Office
- August 12th: State 4-H Wheat Expo, Manhattan
- August 10th: State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest
- August 31st: Kansas State Fair Dog Show, Hutchinson
- August TBA: State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

\*See the full 2023-2024 Calander [HERE](#)\*

# STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATION INFORMATION

The state livestock nomination season has arrived! In 2022, we transitioned to an online nomination system, which will continue.

It is going to be **IMPERATIVE** for you to plan ahead! You will not be able to wait until the last minute and successfully complete the nomination process.

Moving to an online system helped streamline the process from nomination, to entry, through participation in the state shows. Both steps will continue to be required – complete nomination and show entry. Additionally, the deadlines have not changed and will continue to be enforced. You will have to submit your information online, through ShoWorks, and postmark your completed and signed DNA envelopes by the appropriate date. Then, after your nominations are complete and have been verified, you'll submit your official show entries directly through the specific show in which you would like to participate – the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS.

All state nomination information can be found [HERE](#).



## 4-Step State Nomination Process:

1. Purchase Official DNA Envelopes. Only DNA envelopes ordered after 2022 will be accepted.
2. Enter Animal & Exhibitor Data through Online System (ShoWorks) by Nomination Deadline.
3. Mail Completed DNA Envelopes & Copy of Online Submission Receipt by Nomination Deadline.
4. Online Approval by Extension Agents (4-H) & FFA Advisors (FFA).

**\*Nomination Only Makes Animals Eligible** - A complete nomination does NOT constitute show entry. Nominations make market animals or commercial breeding females eligible to be entered and shown in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS. After completing the nomination process, exhibitors must submit show entries, and pay the affiliated entry fees, directly through each show's entry link by the entry deadline to participate.

**\*\*Resources** - ALL families are encouraged to use the **Rookie Guide** and **specie checklists!**

**\*\*\*First Steps** - Exhibitors need to have completed their YQCA training for 2024 and downloaded their certificate before beginning the nomination process. Families should also locate their KSU Family Name and Nomination # before logging in to ShoWorks.

**\*ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL DNA HAIR SAMPLE ENVELOPES (PURCHASED IN 2022 OR 2023).\***

Mail completed and signed DNA envelopes and copy of ShoWorks receipt listing nominated animals to:

Kansas State University  
c/o State 4-H/FFA Shows  
ATTN: Lexie Hayes  
214 Weber Hall  
1424 Claflin Road  
Manhattan, KS 66506-0202



# 4-H/FFA Butler County Fair

## Pre-Entry Letter

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TO: Butler County 4-H & FFA Families  
FROM: Madeline Wallace, CEA 4-H & Youth Development & Anna McLaughlin, Office Professional  
Miranda Depenbusch & Luke Guyann, Bluestem FFA Advisors, Karlea Clark, Flinthills FFA Advisor  
DATE: May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
RE: 2024 Fair Pre-Entry Procedures for ALL PROJECTS

Dear 4-H & FFA Families,

Let's get excited for the 2024 Butler County Fair ... **but FIRST** ... PRE-ENTRIES!  
Here is what you need to know – **please read carefully!**

- **ALL projects will require online pre-entry; pre-entries are due by 11:59 PM on June 23rd.** The pre-entry website will close at midnight. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
  - Pre-entries will be done at <http://butlerks4h.fairentry.com>
    - 4-H Members – **SIGN IN** with your 4-H Online Account
    - FFA Members must create a new account separate of 4-H Online
  - If your 4-H'er is not enrolled in a project, you will not be able to enter it in the Fair
  - All forms, information, and help videos can be found at <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4hfair/Fair%20Forms.html>
  - Make sure you make an entry for **EVERY** project!
- **It is your responsibility to check the 4-H/FFA Fair division rules for guidance, make sure your 4-H'er is enrolled in the right projects, and has completed any and all necessary forms and training by their respective due dates.**
  - To double-check your 4-H'ers enrollment, log into 4-H Online and look at their projects. Project enrollment to participate in the Butler County Fair was due by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - The 4-H fair division rules are online at: [butler.k-state.edu/4hfair/](http://butler.k-state.edu/4hfair/)
- **Livestock Exhibitors** – If you tagged an animal, you will be required to enter their tag number and upload registration papers if registered.
  - If you family nominated –Enter all animals between the 4-H'ers/FFA Members as necessary. **Each 4-H'er /FFA Member that plans to exhibit at the fair, must have at least one animal entered under their name.** For example, if you nominated 4 head, you will only make 4 entries between your 4-H'ers. We can move the animal to your appropriate child at check-in if necessary. **DO NOT make double entries for each animal – you can only enter 2 breeding and 2 market animals per division, per exhibitor.**
  - If you have dual nominated animals, you will be required to declare if they are breeding or market at this point.
- **Public Speaking and Fashion Revue/Clothing Construction**- You must pre-enter online, but following the pre-entry deadline, everyone who entered will receive an email with their scheduled times.
- **Fashion Revue** participants, you will receive an email following pre-entry to complete your script.
- **Entry Cards for Static Exhibits** – All entry cards will be printed off for 4-H/FFA divisions from the pre-entries. **Cards will be available for pick-up at our Extension Office beginning July 5<sup>th</sup>. Any cards not picked up prior to Fair will be available in the Extension Office and must be picked up prior to your judging event!**
- **Cloverbuds** – Can participate in Fashion Revue and Show and Share. Refer to the Fairbook for additional info.

If you have any questions regarding pre-entry in the 4-H/FFA Divisions, please direct your questions to the Butler County Extension Office or your respective FFA Advisors. Our Extension Office phone number is 316-321-9660. If you need computer access to do the online entries, please call the office to schedule a time to come by (M-Th, 7:30a-5p & Fri 7:30-11:30a). We are happy to help you!

# 4-H/FFA Butler County Fair Pre-Entry Tip Sheet

## 9 Tips for Butler County Fair 4-H/FFA Pre-Entries



### 1. Don't Forget to Click "Submit"!

When you have finished your pre-entries, make sure that you select "Submit". You will receive a confirmation email once entries have been submitted. **If you didn't get an email, you are not entered!**

### 2. Log In With Your 4-H Online Account!

Log In through the 4-H Online option. You will use your 4-H Online username and password. Believe us when we say this will make pre-entries much easier!

### 3. Do NOT Create a New Account!

"Create a New Account" is ONLY for FFA Members. 4-H Members need to pre-enter through their 4-H Online Account.

### 4. Do NOT Duplicate Entries!

Not sure if you will be bringing a color photo or black and white photo? Just choose one to pre-enter into (i.e. black and white or color photo class). **Class changes can be made at the time of fair, not division changes!**

### 5. Showmanship is a Separate Pre-Entry!

If you want to do showmanship, you must pre-enter! We cannot add showmanship after pre-entries close.

### 6. Registration Papers MUST Be Uploaded!

All registration papers MUST be uploaded at the time of pre-entry. This will help us move things along quicker at check-in!



### 7. Only ONE Pre-Entry for Club Banners!

Dedicate someone in your Club to pre-enter your banner. We do not need 5 pre-entries for the same banner!

### 8. Pre-Enter for EACH Project!

If you \*might\* bring 5 photographs, pre-enter 5 photographs. You can drop extra entries at check-in, but you cannot add more!

### 9. Some Static Projects Will Need to Select a Judging Timeslot!

The following static projects will be prompted to select a judging timeslot: Foods, Fiber Arts, Geology & Lapidary, Entomology, Photography, Leathercraft & Jewelry, & Visual Arts. Please make sure you know when your judging time is!



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# 2024 BUTLER COUNTY FAIR

## Fair Dates

July 18th - 22nd, 2024  
July 23rd Clean up and  
release of exhibits

## Pre-Entries

- Pre-Entries are required for all 4-H/FFA projects
- Cloverbuds will only need to pre-enter if participating in Fashion Revue
- Butler County will be using FairEntry once again this year for pre-entries
- Make sure you receive your confirmation e-mail!

## Fair Rules

The 2024 4-H/FFA Rulebook has been posted on our website at

<https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4hfair/>

## Important 2024 Deadlines

- **June 1st:** Pre-Entries Open
- **June 13th:** Dairy Heifers/Cow ID Deadline\*
- **June 13:** Breeding Animal Tagging Deadline\*
- **June 15th:** Livestock Registration Paper Deadline\*
- **June 24th:** Pre-Entries Close at 12 a.m.
- **July 15th:** 4-H Meeting Requirement Deadline

\*See Animal Tagging Guidelines chart [HERE](#)





# 2024 BUTLER COUNTY FAIR UPDATES

## New for 2024

### Educational Exhibits

- Veterinary Science Project
- Wildlife Project

### Buymanship

- Is now “Shopping In Style”
- Included educational exhibits

### Project Auction

- “The Butler County fairboard has approved to align the Butler County Fair auction with that of the new K-State 4-H rules. The Butler County Fair auction will allow auction items to go on to show at the State Fair and KJLS.”



### Show Opportunity

#### Sign up and show this spring

To qualify for the Walnut River Rematch, the exhibitor must show at the *Walnut River Showdown* on April 27, 2024

#### Show again at the County Fair

Exhibitor will designate 1 Market Beef and/or 1 Heifer at the Spring Show to compete in the **Rematch** at the Butler County Fair

#### Exhibit in the Rematch Class

Prizes will be awarded for all qualified cattle entered in the Walnut River Showdown “Rematch” classes at the Butler County Fair

At the 2024 Butler County Fair

July 19-23

Questions: 316-734-6560

[www.walnutrivershowdown.org](http://www.walnutrivershowdown.org)

# CLUB NEWS

## North Butler April



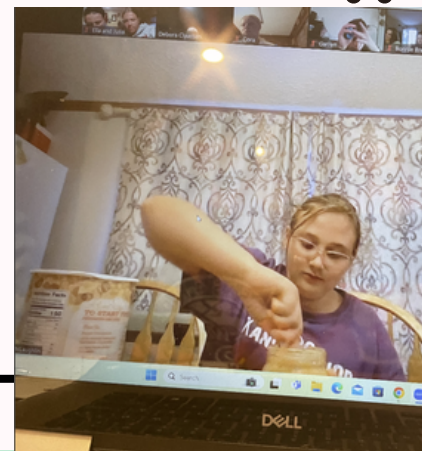
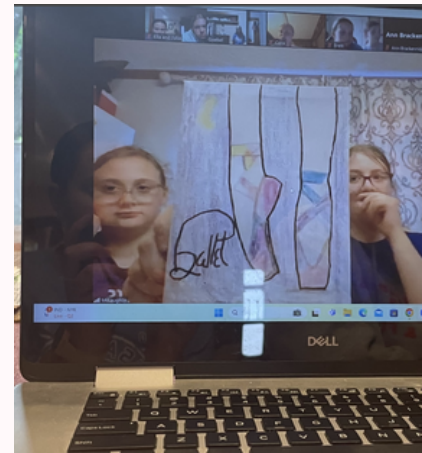
The North Butler 4-H Club's monthly meeting was held on April 8, 2024 at Emmaus Church. This meeting was our exchange meeting with the Towanda Rustlers. Towanda Rustlers did their business meeting first. Then, North Butler's meeting was called to order by President, Caleb K. Roll call was answered by saying "One place you have gone to for vacation is". This was answered by 13 members. Minutes were read by secretary Hope M. and Treasure's report was given by Ella A. Julia A. gave the reporter's report. In the leader's report, Debora Claassen reminded everyone that the last day to sign up to add/drop projects for the fair was May 1st and upcoming paperwork deadlines. The club then sang "Happy Birthday" to Carson, Cora, Julia, and Kaira. The club also welcomed new members, Wally and Corbin, to the North Butler 4-H Club. There was no old business. In new business, the club voted to move the next meeting to May 6. Meeting was adjourned. To begin the program, Ella A. did a project talk about "Different breeds of Cows." Then, Towanda Rustler's members read a K-State Bill Synder short story and silly poem to both clubs. Refreshments were served by the Amend and Miller Families.  
-Julia A., North Butler 4-H Club Reporter

## North Butler May

The North Butler 4-H Club's monthly meeting was held on May 6, 2024 via Zoom due to the stormy weather. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Cora B. Julia A. led the "Pledge of Allegiance" and Ella A. led the "4-H Pledge". Roll call was "My favorite candy is" and was answered by 12 members. Treasure's report was given by Ella A. and the reporter's report was given by Julia A. There was no old or new business. During the leader's report, Debora Classen reminded the club that if you want to be in the fair, members need to have YQCA completed by May 30. Also, she reminded the members that there is a 4-H Council meeting on June 3. The club then sang "Happy Birthday" to Ella A. and Anna K. Meeting was adjourned. The program began with Maya K. leading us in a song called "The First Grasshopper." Next, a project talk by Hope M. was given over art, as she showed us her drawings. A second project talk was given by Harley M., as she talked about her steer and cows. A third project talk was by Maggie G., who showed us her crafts of rubber band bracelets and fidgets. Lastly, Rustin did a demonstration on "How to make protein balls."

The next meeting will be June 10, 2024 at Emmaus Church.

-Julia A., North Butler 4-H Club Reporter



# MEET THE INTERNS

We are so excited to welcome two interns to our Butler County Extension Office for the summer! This opportunity to have the interns is possible because of the Summer Engagement Grant through Kansas 4-H and the Kansas Department of Education. Jillian and Cally will be providing STEM, financial literacy, health and fitness, and other programs to youth aged 5 years old to 18 years old throughout Butler County. Contact the Extension Office if you are interested in their summer programs!



## Jillian Foes.

Hello, my name is Jillian Foes! This is my second year as a Summer Engagement Intern! This past May, I graduated from Emporia State and in the fall I will begin my teaching career in Maize. I am very excited to begin programming around the county this summer! We have the opportunity to utilize some awesome curriculum this summer, and I cannot wait to see all the kids that we'll be able to reach!

## Cally Miller

Hi, my name is Cally Miller! I was born and raised in Northern Butler County. I am a proud graduate of the Circle High School class of 2023. This fall, I will be a sophomore Butler Community College where I am a member of the Livestock Judging Team. I have also been a part of Butler County 4-H for the past 12 years! In my spare time, I enjoy showing Hereford Cattle at the local, state and national level. Fishing is also a favorite of mine! I am excited to be a summer intern this year! I am looking forward to going to the different programming activities throughout Butler County and getting to meet everyone!

If there is a youth member or volunteer that you would like to recognize, please fill out this [Google Form](#).



*Come and*

# CHASE THE WAVES

*with the Butler County  
4-H Ambassadors*

Tuesday, June 18th, 2024  
1:00-5:00 p.m.



**Free Day Camp for ages 5-9 years old. Limited to the first 20 registrations. Fun day of games and crafts.**

**Light snack will be provided**

Register Here: <https://forms.gle/aFDSNGSoRSHCxtnm7>



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AGENT, ARE TEAMING UP TO BRING YOU THIS GREAT  
EVENING OF LEARNING

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- WHAT HERBS GROW WELL IN THE AREA
- HOW TO GROW HERBS
- HOW TO PRESERVE HERBS
- HOW HERBS CAN SPICE UP YOUR MEALS
- WHAT HEALTH BENEFITS HERBS OFFER

MARK YOUR CALANDERS FOR:

**MONDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2024**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY/  
4-H BUILDING**  
**200 N. GRIFFITH**  
**EL DORADO, KS 67042**

**\$5/** PERSON  
**PRE-REGISTRATION**  
**AND PAYMENT IS**  
**REQUIRED**  
CALL 316-321-9660



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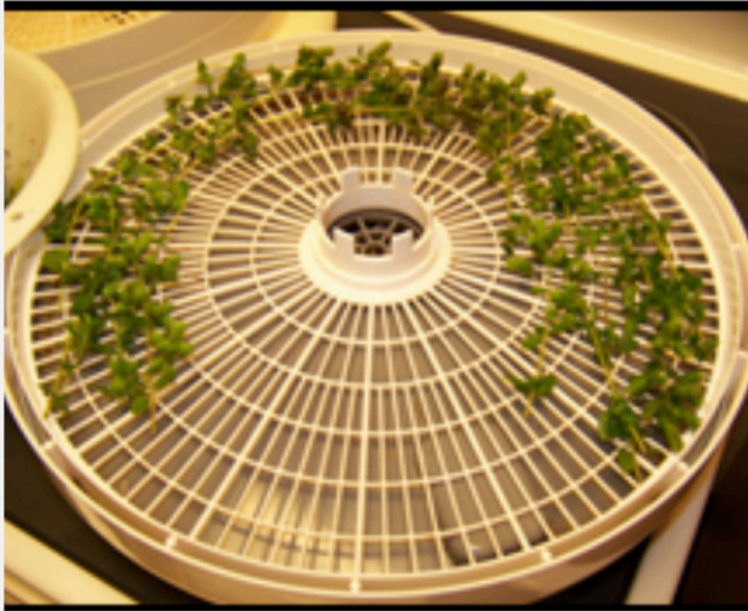
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# PRESERVE IT FRESH, PRESERVE IT SAFE



Are you interested in food preservation? Do you need to brush up on current food preservation methods? Come join us for hands-on workshops to learn about pressure canning, waterbath canning, dehydration and freezing your food harvest!

**INSTRUCTOR: KAREN BLAKESLEE, M.S.  
RAPID RESPONSE CENTER  
COORDINATOR**

**When: Wednesday, June 19  
(9 am - 4 pm)**

**Where: Eureka United Methodist Church  
521 N Main St.**

RSVP by June 10th to the Extension office at 620-583-7455 or by emailing [benjam63@ksu.edu](mailto:benjam63@ksu.edu)

Cost to attend is \$30. A meal will be provided.

**Take home what you make!**

# Upcoming Intern Programming

June 2nd - 15th

<p>📅 Wed, June 5 10:15 a.m. Towanda Public Library</p>	<p>📅 Thu, June 6 10:30 a.m. Whitewater Public Library <i>Space STEM Challenge</i></p>	<p>📅 Tue, June 11 2:00 p.m. El Dorado Public Library <i>Food, Fun, and Fitness</i></p>
<p>📅 Wed, June 12 10:15 a.m. Towanda Public Library</p>	<p>📅 Wed, June 12 1:30 p.m. Douglass Public Library</p>	<p>📅 Thu, June 13 10:30 a.m. Whitewater Public Library <i>Reading Makes Cents</i></p>

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**Ribbons Galore in 2024**  
Butler County Fair  
July 18-22, 2024

Join Us For Our 2024 Quarterly Extension Connection

# Mug Mingle



**Grab a mug and mingle with your local Butler County Extension Staff**  
Friday, June 28th from 7:45-9:00 a.m.  
Save the Dates : October 11th

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