



Fun Times at the County Fair!!!



It is that time of the year when we are excited to attend the county fair. 4-H members are working hard to get their exhibits ready including their animals. It isn't just a FUN time during fair in Wallace county, but all of the counties in the district including Sherman, and Cheyenne.

I would like to start off with saying thanks to all our volunteers that help the staff get through the county fair. We appreciate all the help from many people, including our 4-H leaders, Fair board members, Superintendents in both the CAB and out at the Show Arena, including those that help with the Horse show and Dog show. That's also including our 4-H members that work hard to make the county fair a great place to be. It takes a lot of people in your communities to make the County Fair run smoothly. So again a **BIG THANKS!!!**

What makes a great fair is also the 4-H youth. I enjoy watching them get excited about showing their animals, preparing their food items, watching their projects come into the Exhibit Hall for everyone to see.

I would like to encourage EVERYONE to bring something to the County Fair to exhibit in open class so we can admire what your talents are. If you have questions about how to enter call your local Extension Office to get the details. All three counties have county fair books for you to pick up if you are interested in bringing your talents to share with others.

Photography is a category that gets a lot of attention. From 4-H youth to any age in the open class exhibits everyone likes to take a look. We also have open class foods, crafts, sewing, quilts, and art work. Come to our office and pick up a County Fair Book to see what you might like to bring.

Now, I would like to finish this column on my time working as the Extension Agent in Wallace County. I started working in the Wallace County Extension office in the Wallace County Court House in June of 1998. So yes, that means I've been the Wallace County agent for 28 years. We also had an AG agent, Tim Jones that helped me get through it. Around 2016 to 2017 we moved to the old Witzel and Rhea building and that's where we are today owned by the county.

My first office professional was Sherri Vincent, then Judy Raney, then Victoria Juarez, then Laura Bolen and my last one has been Wendy Benisch. All of these ladies were **exceptional employees.**

I would like to share some of my enjoyments. First of all thanks to all of Wallace Co, Sherman Co. and Cheyenne Co. for being so welcoming in your communities. I've enjoyed giving many programs in each county.

Some of my fondest memories are doing Day camps. The kids always liked to have fun in the park, doing many activities. I was also one of the Agents in the area that took kids on our Adventure trips to canoe in Nebraska and hiking in Colorado. Lots of fun memories!

I enjoyed taking kids and youth counselors to camp every year to Rock Springs. Agents would do activities with each group and the kids had lots of fun! Other trips were Discovery Days in Manhattan, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum at Rock Springs and Citizenship In Action at the State Capital. All good times, watching youth grow.

There is only so much I can get on this page, but, **I want to thank everyone for your support!!**