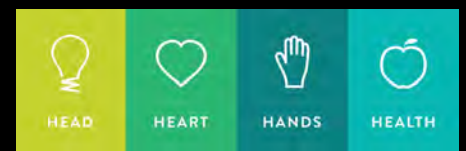


# FLINT HILLS DISTRICT 4-H NEWS

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## District Club Day

All district club day information can be found here: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/district-club-days/districtclubdays.html>. Resources and score sheets for each event are being added. All participants who have entered should receive an email with the schedule and all virtual participants should receive an email with necessary directions.

## Regional Club Day

The date for regional club days has been set for March 20, 2021 and will be held in Burlington this year. Top blue's and alternate top-blue's will be contacted immediately following District Club Days. A top blue will be chosen for both Morris County and Chase County participants.

## Discovery Days

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be held virtually in 2021. The event will be held June 1-4. Look for more details soon.

## K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Applications are now available for the 2021 K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy, June 15-18. This year's program will offer a hybrid format of virtual instruction, followed by a closing, one-day, in-person experience on the Kansas State University campus. Students will participate in tours and workshops virtually beginning on Tuesday, June 15 through Thursday, June 17. Conditions permitting, students will gather on the K-State campus Friday, June 18 to connect with their cohort, faculty and industry leaders.

Participation is limited to 20 students to ensure individualized attention from counselors, professors and industry leaders. No housing will be provided in 2021, and transportation to and from the event will be the responsibility of the participant. All other costs have been generously provided by LMIC.

For questions about the academy, please contact Sharon Breiner, Director, at [sbreiner@ksu.edu](mailto:sbreiner@ksu.edu) or 785-532-6533.

# 4-H ACTIVITIES & TRAINING

## Horse Panorama

State 4-H Horse Panorama will be virtual in 2021. In partnership with the Horse Action Team, we will be moving all divisions of Panorama to a virtual format. The current schedule is as follows with specific times released along with additional registration details:

Digital Uploads (Photography, Logo, Poster, Power Point, Ad Layout, Exhibition Model Horse Show) - Uploads will open March 26 and close April 7. Judging will begin after April 7 with feedback given to youth.

- Hippology- April 10
- Quiz Bowl Preliminaries via Qualtrics- April 10
- Quiz Bowl Finals via Zoom- April 11
- Public Speaking, Demonstration, & Project Talks- Zoom with judges by scheduled date/time, April 10-14. Sign-ups will be available.

## YQCA Training Sessions

Mark your calendars! Shannon will be hosting two training sessions for those needing to become YQCA certified! YQCA stands for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. Any individual that plans to show market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or purebred breeding females at the 2021 Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show must be YQCA certified to participate. However, anyone is welcome to attend a training session to become certified. Each session will be held in the Morris County Community Building at the Fairgrounds. The dates are: March 28 and April 25, both starting at 1 pm. Use the following link to register online for which training you would like to attend, <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>. The cost of the training is \$3 which you will pay online when you register. Please use your 4-H Online login information for the sign-up.

## Horse Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest has been rescheduled to Friday, April 23rd in Hutchinson at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. The contest will consist of both Intermediate and Senior 4-H Divisions spread out in both Expo I and Expo II. Division entries will be limited based on first come first serve. Due to the limitation, registration opening will be repeatedly publicized in advance. Further details, including contest times, will be released soon.

## Kansas Junior Producer Days

The 2021 KSU Junior Producer Days will be hosted virtually as week-long educational events this year. Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Week will be March 15-20. There will be a few presentations throughout the week, with the program wrapping up on Saturday morning. A tentative agenda is included on the flyer, which is attached. All of the sessions will be recorded and shared with those who register, so families may participate at their own pace and as their schedule allows.

The junior day events will be free this year, thanks to our gracious sponsors, but all participants will still need to register. This includes both youth and adults. Families also need to use an email address someone from the household checks on a regular basis, as that is the method of communication we will use to share links and specific details with attendees. Participants will need to register by March 8 to receive the appropriate information. Here is the registration link:

Meat Goat: <https://bit.ly/KSUJrMeatGoatWeek>

## Sunny Hills 4-H Camp

Face-to-face camp is being planned. Capacity numbers for Rock Springs will be determined in early March. Registration will be open March 15 - May 1. Camp Counselor applications are included in this newsletter. Applications are due May 1. If counselors are accepted for 2021 camp, they will be notified by May 15.

## Grand Drive Scholarship

The Kansas State Fair is now accepting applications for their Grand Drive Scholarship program. The link is provided below. Applications are due April 15, 2021.

<https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/participate/grand-drive-scholarships1?fbclid=IwAR1PuZMW2aXUKtTG12MuSfJ9f2Lv3r0iIRdXHyDH20lt7nC9Vx6mN6CLDs>

## Shooting Sports

Weekly practices are being held every Sunday beginning at 1pm at the Fair Building. Shooters must sign up using the online form. The link and details can be found on the Morris County Sharp Shooters Facebook page. For questions, please contact Tim King at 620-767-2133 or [bassfish34@gmail.com](mailto:bassfish34@gmail.com).

# DISTRICT 4-H DATES

## March

5-6 - Equifest  
6 - District Club Days at Cottonwood Falls  
9 - Morris County beef weigh-in and tagging  
15 - Morris County Ambassador meeting  
15-20 - Junior Meat Goat Producer Day  
20 - Regional Club Day at Burlington  
28 - YQCA Training

## April

10-14 - Virtual Horse Panorama  
19 - Morris County 4-H Council meeting  
19 - Morris County Ambassador meeting  
23 - State Horse Judging Contest  
25 - YQCA Training

## May 1st Deadline

Last day to add or drop projects from the enrollment list.

Horse ID's are due to the Extension Office.  
Market beef and market heifer nominations and DNA due for state shows.

## Looking Ahead...

June 14-15 - Camp Counselor Training  
June 15-18 - Sunny Hills 4-H Camp  
June 27-30 - Campference  
July 9-11 - Tri-County Fair for Morris County 4-Her's  
July 17-26 - Morris County Fair  
25-29 - Chase County Fair  
September 10-19 - Kansas State Fair

## Other Updates...

### 4-H Online

Currently, families are unable to change project enrollment lists. This must be done through the Extension Office. Developers of the program are working to fix this issue, we will let you know when it has been corrected.



# AGENT'S TIP OF THE MONTH



## *Staying Updated on Records*

Now is the best time to get project materials organized!

\*Print or download your project report forms. Since the new forms have a space to itemize expenses, record directly onto your forms as the year progresses.

\*Print your pin application so you can record activities as you participate in them.

\*Print your check sheet so you can record activities as you participate in them.

\*As you take project pictures, save them in a folder so you don't have to search for them later.

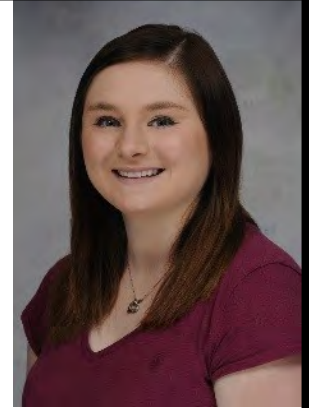
\*Find a space to record activities in a calendar, color coded on your own calendar, or even a notes page on your phone. Find something that works for you! Find a consistent time to make sure everything is recorded... before monthly meetings, beginning of the month, end of the month, etc.

\*Look for fair books in the upcoming months with details for exhibiting at the fair. If you are new to 4-H, ask a leader or agent for details on last year's requirements to help you prepare exhibits for the fair until you receive the new fair book.

The website is continually being updated. If you would like to see something added on our website so it is available, please let us know so we can get it added.

*Shandi*

## Horse Project Levels Testing



If you are involved in the horse project and are thinking about participating at the District Horse Show, you must have completed at least Level One of Levels Testing. This year, they are still allowing the riding portion of the test to be evaluated online via zoom. To complete the levels testing, please contact me at either office and I will help you and your child begin the process. The cost to complete each level is \$10 (\$5 for the written test and \$5 for riding). Payment needs to be submitted to the State 4-H office along with a signed coversheet and leadership form. Youth can complete multiple levels in a year, but they must be done in order. Each exam contains 50 questions and must be completed in one sitting. A 70% is required to pass all 4 exams. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding levels testing or the District Horse Show.

*Shannon*



## EID Tags and Weigh-In

We will be using EID tags for all livestock animals in 2021. Tags will cost \$3.25 each. The livestock sale committee will purchase tags for this first year. They will pay for up to 2 tags per specie for each 4-Her. Any additional tags will be the 4-Her's expense for this year. Market steers will need to be tagged using the EID tags. Arrangements can be made to tag steers anytime after March 1. Beef project members should expect an email with details the first week of March. Weigh-in and tagging is scheduled for May 8, from 9 am - noon. If you are unable to attend the tagging deadline, please contact the Extension Office to make arrangements to tag your animals. **May 15 is the deadline to tag all market animals. No tag, no show, no sale.**

## Plan B Animals

Buyers for the livestock premium sale who plan to use plan B, will need to make arrangements at the locker of their choice. The Fair Board will not have an alternative locker location secured for these animals.

## Record Book Check Sheet

The check sheet (green sheet) has been updated and is available on the district record keeping web page. Members are still asked to exhibit at the Fair for every project they are enrolled in. Members will be required to complete project report forms for at least half of the projects they are enrolled in.

## Congratulations!

2020-2021 Chase County 4-H Council officers:

President - Sophia Glanville

Vice President - Laura Koch

Secretary/Treasurer - Grace O'Brien

Reporter - Cooper Schroer



## Reminders for Fair

All members must be enrolled in 4-H Online, exhibit each enrolled project at the Fair, and attend at least one half of regularly scheduled club meetings to complete the 4-H year. Updated record book policies can be found with information about the check sheet.

Members who exhibit market steers, market heifers, market hogs, or market lambs, must meet the minimum weight requirements to be eligible to participate in the premium sale, or floor bids for their animals.

Market steers and heifers - 1000 #

Market lambs - 100 #

Market hogs - 220 #



## Project Meetings

Project Leaders, please let the Extension Office know any updates you would like included in future newsletters. If you are in need of a zoom link set up to hold a virtual project meeting, please let us know.

## COVID Protocols

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JR MEAT GOAT  
PRODUCER DAY 15-20



USD 284  
NO SCHOOL

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YOGA TRAINING

REGIONAL CLUB DAYS



Luke Budke  
Cassidy Dalquest  
Dana Davis  
Trinadee Fetters  
Riley Forge

Jace Goodman  
Archer Hodges  
Joseph Inlow  
Jameson Lutt

Cassie Mitchell  
Curtis Mitchell  
Samantha Mitchell  
Hayvin Thornhill  
Taegan Wilkens

# A Flashback in 4-H History



MORRIS COUNTY- ROCK SPRINGS RANCH- JUNE 16-19 1963.



## Important Dates

**Fair Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 10

**Ambassador Meeting**  
Monday, March 15

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## 4-H Lock-In

Save the date! The annual 4-H Lock-In is scheduled for Friday, May 14 at 7pm until 7 am on May 15. If lock-in switches to a virtual format it will be held 7-10 pm on the 14th. Check back in the April newsletter for further details.

## Morris County Fair

The theme choices for the 2021 Morris County Fair will be posted on facebook soon. Look for the post and get your vote in!



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## Weigh-In and Scales



Beef weigh-in and tagging will take place on March 9 at Derek Schrader's (16333 Hwy 177, Alta Vista) from 6-8 pm. Then, small animal weigh-in and tagging will be from 2-4 pm on May 2 at the Morris County Fairgrounds.

## Konley Harding Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for a \$1,000 academic scholarship in memory of Konley Harding. Applicants must be a current or former 4-H member and a graduating high school senior planning to pursue higher education at a four year college, community college, or vocational technical school. Preference will be given to applicants seeking an agricultural related field of study. Applications are due May 8 and are available in the Extension Office or on the website at: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/scholarships/index.html>.

## Project Day

2021 Project Day was postponed. Look for new plans soon!

## Dog Project Meetings

Hi, my name is Michelle Poole, the County Dog Leader. For those enrolled in this project, please add these dates to your 4-H Calendar. I am looking forward to another successful year. My email address is michellerp1965@hotmail.com.

- Sunday, March 14 at 4:00 pm (This is the end of spring-break week)
  - Sunday, April 11 at 4:00 pm (a week after Easter Weekend)
- Note: May meeting date is yet to be determined.
- June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays.
  - July 6, and 13 at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays.

Note: For summer meetings (June and July), please come as much as you can.

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AMPASSADOR MEETING  
JR MEAT GOAT  
PRODUCER DAY 15-20



ST. PATRICKS DAY

USD 417 SPRING BREAK 2-2-26

USD 481 SPRING BREAK 15-19

USD 417  
EARLY DISMISSAL

REGIONAL CLUB DAYS

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NO SCHOOL  
EQUIEST

DISTRICT CLUB DAYS  
EQUIEST

USD 481  
NO SCHOOL

YOGA TRAINING

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