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*If you have items you would like in the monthly newsletters, please notify the Extension Office by the **20th of the month.***
Thank you!

Ambassador Meeting

Monday, December 21

Fair Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 13

4-H Council Meeting

Will be held via Zoom on
Monday, January 18



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Achievement Banquet

The 4-H Achievement Banquet was held on Saturday, November 14th. To accommodate for COVID, the banquet was held drive-in style. Attendees were able to tune in on their FM radio to listen to the ceremony. A big thanks to the committee for helping plan and make this happen!



4-H Alumni Award

Congratulations to Mindy Andres who was the recipient of the 2020 4-H Alumni award. Mindy was a 12 year member of the Santa Fe Trail club. Her continued contributions to our community are greatly appreciated.

Friend of 4-H Award

Congratulations to Michelle Poole who was the recipient of the 2020 Friend of 4-H award. Michelle currently serves as a Fair Board member and County Dog Project Leader. Her passion for 4-H can be seen in all that she does.

Key Award Winner

Congratulations to Chase Bacon!
Chase is in his 12th year of membership with the Flint Hills 4-H Club. He was presented with the Key Award and a \$50.00 premium from the Morris County 4-H Foundation.



ACTIVITIES AND 4-H INFO

Northeast Area KAP Judging

4-Hers who were named a Senior County Project Award winner and who have passed their 14th birthday BEFORE January 1, 2020, but NOT their 19th birthday before January 1, 2021 are eligible to participate in the Northeast Area KAP Screening.

4-Hers may submit a KAP for each project in which they were named a champion. KAPs need to be turned into the Extension Office by **January 14 at 5 pm**. Please make sure you have used the senior KAP forms that have a revised date of September 15, 2014. Before you turn in your KAP book, you are also **encouraged to make revisions and/or improvements** to your book, especially the suggested changes that were mentioned on your score card. 4-Hers who are eligible to participate in the Area KAP screening are listed below by project:

Beef - Samuel Barr	Leadership - Anna Schrader
Dairy Goat - Sierra Meade	Photography - Rylee Powell
Dog - Sierra Meade	Plant Science - Mark Andres
Foods - Mark Andres	Swine - Chase Bacon
Horse - Mandy Wainwright	Visual Arts - Hayvin Thornhill

2020 Notecards

This year's notecards from the 2020 County Fair are in and they look fantastic! They are available for purchase in our office and are priced at \$5.00 per set of 12 blank cards and envelopes. They make wonderful gifts!

Project Day

Our next Project Day is scheduled for Sunday, February 21, 2021. Any project leaders interested in holding meetings, please let us know. Current plans are to hold this event face to face. In the event that guidelines won't allow, it will be converted to a zoom event.

4-H Club Day

The Morris County 4-H Club Day will be held on Saturday, March 6 Look for the registration form in the January newsletter!

Tri-County Fair Board

We are looking for two representatives willing to serve on the Tri-County Fair board for Morris County. Please contact the extension office if you would be interested.

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports safety day is being rescheduled and will be set up as a zoom training. An online sign-up will be utilized for practices this year. Project members should look for all details in an email soon.

Record Keeping Workshop

There will be a change to the record keeping process for the 2020-21 4-H year. We will move to a new system of record keeping and project report forms. This means we will NOT be using the KAP for record books this year. The process has been simplified and streamlined. Please plan to join a Flint Hills District 4-H Zoom to learn about the new system and forms. The zoom will be recorded so it can be viewed at a later date for those unable to join or who wish to re-watch the training. We will also follow up with a second zoom in January to review any needed information, cover any basic record keeping procedures, and have time for Q&A.

Thursday, December 17 at 6:30 pm

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/92611875154>

Dial in by phone: (312)626-6799

Meeting ID: 926 1187 5154



Monday, January 18 at 6:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/95851943115>

Dial in by phone: (312)626-6799

Meeting ID: 958 5194 3115

Carcass Contest Winners

Winners for the 2020 Carcass Contest were announced at the Achievement Banquet. Grand Champion Beef was awarded to Michelle Patry, Reserve Beef to Castyn Andres. Grand Champion Swine was awarded to Kyler Rose, Reserve Swine to Colton Bacon. Congratulations to all of you!



Pictured: Contest Judge, Colton Bacon, Michelle Patry, Castyn Andres



Shandi's Tip of the Month

Often we hear the terms proactive vs. reactive. The definition of proactive is: creating or controlling a situation by causing something to happen rather than responding to it after it has happened. Many of our 4-H events are planned and proactive, community service activities are usually a mix of both. How can we think ahead to help be proactive?

Establishing routines can help individuals and families to be proactive. In 4-H, we talk about the Experiential learning model of do, reflect, apply. The previous 4-H year has wrapped up, reflection through record books has been completed. Now is the time to apply that learning to the new year. Projects can be added or dropped until May 1. What routines might you establish to help track activities, expenses, and records? Some have a check list to complete during the club meeting, some color 4-H events on the calendar, some make a list at the end of the month. Find a system that works for you! The record keeping process has been simplified and streamlined to make it easier for this 4-H year. Take the time to join in the Zoom training to learn more as you decide on your routines and systems that work best for you.

Shandi



Shannon's Tip of the Month

Are Poinsettias Poisonous?

At times, an old time rumor is resurrected that poinsettias are poisonous. This is NOT true. Though there may be an allergic reaction to the milky sap, there has never been a recorded case of poisoning. This rumor has been so persistent that members of the Society of American Florists have sought to dispel it by eating poinsettia leaves for the press.

The AMA Handbook of Poisonous and Injurious Plants states that the poinsettia "has been found to produce either no effect (orally or topically) or occasional cases of vomiting. This plant does not contain the irritant diterpenes" which is the toxin in other members of the genus Euphorbia to which poinsettia belongs. (Ward Upham)

Shannon



IMPORTANT DATES

4-H EVENTS

December 17 - **Record Keeping Workshop**
January 18 - **Record Keeping Workshop**
January 18 - **4-H Council Meeting**
February 15 - **4-H Council Meeting**
February 21 - **Project Day**
March 6 - **Club Days**
April 19 - **4-H Council Meeting**
June 14 - **Counselor Training**
June 15-18 - **Camp**
June 21 - **4-H Council Meeting**
June 27-30 - **Campference**

July 9-11 - **Tri-County Fair**
July 17-26 - **Morris County Fair**
July 21 - **4-H Council Meeting**
August 16 - **4-H Council Meeting**
Sept 10-19 - **Kansas State Fair**
Oct 1-3 - **Kansas Junior Livestock Show**

LIVESTOCK EVENTS

Dec 11-13 - **Beef Expo**

Office will be closed: Wednesday, December 23 - Friday, December 25



Mordecai McFadden

Chase Bacon

Kolby Rose

Macey Hensley

Samuel Barr

Taylon Hendricks

Andrew Schrader

Aiden Newey