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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!

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Morris County Fair

To see pictures and videos from this year's Fair, please refer to the KSRE Facebook page. Congratulations again to all the 4-Her's for their hard work and another great year. *Note: Next year's Fair will be held July 17-26, 2021!*

We Are Open!

Just a reminder our office is open daily 8-12 and 1-5.

4-H Council

Next meeting will be Monday, October 19 with 2020-21 representatives. Meeting will be held in the Courthouse meeting

Fair Board Meeting

September 16 at 7pm



2020 Livestock Sweepstakes

The 2020 Livestock Sweepstakes was held on August 22nd-August 23rd. Normally the contests are held on the Kansas State University, but due to COVID-19 concerns, all contests were held in a virtual fashion. The weekend consisted of Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skillathon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl. The Flint Hills Extension District was represented well this year. Carissa Dalquest participated in the livestock judging portion where she placed in the Top 10 individually.

Other 4-Hers that participated in Livestock Sweepstakes were: Castyn Andres (Livestock Judging, Meats Judging), Cooper Andres (Livestock Judging, Meats Judging), Cassidy Dalquest (Livestock Judging), Mandy Wainwright (Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, and Skillathon), Augustus Wainwright (Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Quiz Bowl, and Skillathon), Alexandria Priest (Quiz Bowl, Skillathon), Gavin Carson (Skillathon), and August Carson (Skillathon).

Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show

This year's Kansas All Breeds Dairy Show featured two Morris County 4-Hers. Gavin and August Carson are pictured with their entries. Gavin placed 10th in Skillathon, 15th in junior dairy judging, and Grand Champion aged fresh cow. August participated on the 2nd place quiz bowl team and was Reserve Champion aged fresh cow. Congratulations to you both on your accomplishments!



enrollment and deadlines

4-H Enrollment

It is almost time to enroll for 4-H again! It is the same as last year. You must enroll via 4-H Online. The link is <https://ks.4honline.com>. **New enrollments and re-enrollments begin October 1 and need to be completed by November 1.** The system is accessible with a dial-up connection or with iPads, tablets, and smart phones. The Extension Office will be happy to provide help to families who do not have internet accessibility. If you need a copy of re-enrollment brochure and new family enrollment brochure with step by step instructions, please call the office. For the new 4-H families, brochures will be available from the Club Leaders, the Extension Office, and you can also find them on our website at <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/>. Please let us know if you have any questions. You can call our office at 620-767-5136. Just a reminder that there is a \$15 enrollment fee. The 4-H Foundation will pay the fee for those who turn in record books. They will also pay the fee for new members and new families.

Record Books

Record books and pin applications are due in the Extension Office by Monday, October 5. Forms are online at www.flinthills.ksu.edu. As you are preparing your record books, please remember the following:

- Junior Division (7 & 8 Year Olds) – Will be using the Junior KAP form this year. When writing your stories, remember they need to be project-specific. You can include information from your 4-H year as it relates to your project.
- Intermediate Division (9-13 Year Olds) and Senior Division (14 & Older) – When writing your stories for your KAPs, remember that your story needs to be project specific. You may include information from your 4-H year as it relates to your project.
- Permanent Records – Remember that the permanent record is a continuous document of the activities throughout your 4-H career. In other words, the current year's activities should be added to the previous year's document.
- Application Signatures – Remember to have your award applications and pin applications signed by your club leaders and a parent/guardian. Be sure to use the most updated check sheet.

An order of assembly for record books is posted on our website. If you have questions about completing record books, filling out pin award applications or what pin application you can apply for, please contact the Extension Office.

Club Leadership Rosters

As club elections are completed, Community Leaders will need to be sure the Club Leadership Roster is turned in to the Extension Office. These will be e-mailed to the Club Community Leaders.

Volunteers

- Every community and project leader (Club and/or County) will need to update, or start a profile in 4-H Online if you haven't already done so. Once you update your profile it will automatically renew your VIP status every year. There is no longer a need to fill out the renewal form.
- The State is still requiring you to re-screen every 3 years after your initial year. **You will complete the form online via 4-H Online--no more paper copies.** We will submit the National Criminal Background Check for you as long as you have completed the Validity check in the past. A second background check is not required.
- You will only be required to complete the Orientation Training and Agent Interview if you have not completed the volunteer screening in the past. You will also need to complete the CBC (Validity) background check if you have not completed it in the past. The link will be provided to you.
- One other major change is that 'episodic' volunteers have been changed to 'Adult Helpers' instead. Now it is more defined, so hopefully it won't be as confusing as it was before.

The volunteer renewal process will begin October 1 along with 4-H enrollment and re-enrollment. If you completed it last year, it should remain as your permanent record in 4-H Online. It will just need to be edited each year going forward. You will receive an e-mail or letter if you need to complete anything other than updating the profile.

4-H Key Award

4-Hers who are 16 years old or older may apply for the 4-H Key Award. Requirements for the award include completing at least four years of 4-H work, being enrolled in the leadership project for at least four years, and fulfilling at least nine other requirements on the application. The application can be found on the Flint Hills District website at flinthills.ksu.edu. Once at the website, click on the 4-H Youth Development tab on the left-hand side of the screen and then click on the Morris County Information tab. Applications are due **Monday, October 5.**

Friend of 4-H and 4-H Alumni Nominations

Each year, 4-H clubs in Morris County are asked to nominate individuals they feel have contributed to the 4-H program and are worthy recipients of the Friend of 4-H or 4-H Alumni awards. Both of these awards are given out at the 4-H Achievement Banquet. If you have someone you think would be a great candidate, let your club leader know. Nominations are **due with the 4-H Club Summary on Monday, October 5.**

kansas state fair and 4-h updates

Kansas State Fair Info

Entries have been submitted for the virtual judging of the Kansas State Fair. Good luck to all of the participants. A link to follow the results will be emailed out. Good luck to those participating!

Club Summaries

The Club Summaries are due into the Extension Office by Monday, October 5. You can find the updated form on our website.

Club Officer Books

Club secretary, reporter, and treasurer books need to be submitted to the Extension Office on Monday, October 5. Clubs do not need to turn in their historian book.

4-H Expo

Our annual 4-H Expo will be held on Sunday, October 4 from 4-6 pm at the Morris County Fairgrounds.

We would like each club to provide a member or several members willing to give project talks, demonstrations, or readings. We will allow 10 minutes for each project talk beginning at 4:10. Our goal is to have at least 5!

We would also like to encourage each club to have a booth displaying their club's various information and accomplishments. A 'brag booth' of sorts.

County or Club Project Leaders may also have a table/booth to share about their project.

Refreshments in lieu of a meal, open to the community as an appreciation for their support of 4-H, begins at 5:15 pm.

Please share this with your clubs and report to the Extension Office, with a list of members who are planning on giving talks at the Expo, those wishing to have a booth or with any other ideas you may have.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

What: Come and build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2020 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF.

This year's theme is: "Let's Taco 'Bout Leadership"

When: November 21-22, 2020

Where: Virtually

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2020

Registration: Open late Summer of 2020

Early Registration Deadline: October 15, 2020

Look for more details soon!

48 Hours of 4-H

What: Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Find all the information here and start planning your projects. Please register your projects and then follow up with a report so we know about all the great things that happened across the state. 48 Hours of 4-H is the perfect compliment to **#InspireKidstoDo**

When: October 10-11, 2020

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni, Partnerships, Community Organizations, Potential 4-H Families

More details for the 2020 event can be found here:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html>

Project Meeting Forms

Club and County Project Leader reports for meetings held during the 2019-2020 4-H year are due to the Extension Office by Tuesday, October 5. These forms are used to report 4-Her attendance as well as presentations given by 4-Hers at club and county project meetings. The form can be found on our website.

National 4-H Week

National 4-H week will be October 4-10, 2020. Clubs are encouraged to inform their communities about the 4-H program during this week. 4-H members should be prepared to discuss contests, presentations, displays, and other ways to promote 4-H. If your club wants ideas for activities during National 4-H Week, contact the Extension Office, as there are some great promotional materials. National 4-H Week is a great opportunity to share enthusiasm and promote the benefits of the 4-H program to our communities.

Friend of 4-H Appreciation Picnic (modified)

The annual appreciation picnic will be on **Sunday, October 4 at 5:15 pm** following the 4-H Expo. Refreshments will be served at the Fair Grounds Community Building. 4-Hers and parents are needed to greet guests, serve food, and clean up. Invitations will be sent to all 2020 premium buyers, award sponsors, the Flint Hills Extension Board members, the Morris County 4-H Foundation Board members, and Fair Board members. Clubs are asked to send the names and addresses of any additional people you would like invited, who have supported the club and its members, to the Extension office by **Wednesday, September 9** so an invitation can be mailed to them.

**4-H enrollment,
re-enrollment, and VSP
renewals begins Thursday,
October 1**

Kansas 4-H Youth Council Applications

Ages 14-18 (before January 1, 2020) may apply as a Council Representative. Applications, in their entirety, must be completed and submitted online by **September 21 at 11:50 pm**. Elections will be conducted at KYLF. Please contact Beth Hinshaw with any questions you may have. Her contact information is bhinshaw@ksu.edu or 620-669-3888. Additional information can be found at:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html>

Achievement Banquet

The annual 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 14 at 6pm in the Community Building at the Fairgrounds. Look for more details to come soon.

Record Book Judging

4-H record book judging will be held on **Tuesday, October 13** from **11 am to 7 pm** in the Extension Office. We ask that each club send at least 3 representatives to help with judging; more are always welcome to join us. There will be a meal provided for lunch and dinner for those who help with judging. Please contact with Extension Office by **Monday, October 12 to let us know who will be attending and representing your club** so we can plan for food.

Club and Project Leader Training

All club leaders and project leaders are strongly encouraged to attend leader training. Training will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, November 3 from 6-8 pm.

Officer Training

Officer Training will be held in person at the Fair-building to allow for greater social distancing on Monday, November 2 from 6-8 pm.

State FCS Judging

All 4-H members with a 4-H age of 9 or older are eligible this year to participate in the state Family and Consumer Science judging contest. (even if you didn't participate at the County contest). Look for an email with details!

2020 State Horticulture

The State Horticulture Judging Contest was held virtually on August 15 and 16. Those participating from Flint Hills District were: Trinadee Fetters, Kinslea Glanville, and Jacob Kasten.



Shandi's Tip of the Month

Wrapping up 2019-20 and Preparing for 2020-21

Just a reminder that our 4-H year ends on September 30 and the new year begins on October 1. One of the models that we follow is the Do-Reflect-Apply concept.

DO is the working portion of the 4-H year

REFLECT is documented through the use of record books. This is a chance to think and identify challenges, strengths and weaknesses, and favorites parts of the project. This is also where you summarize what you learned, expenses, income, and your goals for next year.

APPLY is the process of choosing our new projects, setting goals for the new year, and creating a plan how to “Make the Best Better”

Some may argue that “I didn’t have the best at the fair” but it is always important to remember that projects are about doing your best. Think of it as “how do I do better than I did last year?”

As always, if you have questions please don’t be afraid to reach out. You are welcome to call or email us at the office, check with a club leader, project leader, or even a mentor in the community.

Shandi



Shannon's Tip of the Month

Are Crabapples Safe to Eat?

Crabapples are safe to consume as long as you don’t eat too many of them. Actually, the only difference between crabapples and apples is the size of the fruit. By definition, crabapples have fruit that are 2 inches or less in diameter, and apples are more than 2 inches in diameter. By this definition, most of the apples grown from seed will be crabapples. The fruiting apples are grafted.

So did people ever plant crabapples from seed? Of course they did. Just think of Johnny Appleseed! But those apples were normally used for jelly, applesauce, and cider and not for fresh eating. Even in Johnny Appleseed’s day, dessert apples were grafted.

There is one other caveat with using crabapples from a tree in the landscape. Make sure the tree hasn't been sprayed as an ornamental with a pesticide that isn't labeled for fruit tree apples. If it has, then the fruit should not be used.

(Ward Upham)

Shannon



Important dates

4-H EVENTS

September 10-12 - **State 4-H Horse Show**
September 11-20 - **Kansas State Fair**
October 1 - **4-H Online opens for enrollment, re-enrollment, and VIP renewals**
October 5- **KAPs, Pin Applications, Record Check Sheets, Club Record Books, Club Summaries DUE**
November 14- **Morris County Achievement Banquet**
November 21-22 - **KYLF (Kansas Youth Leadership Forum)**

LIVESTOCK EVENTS

October 2-4 - **Kansas Junior Livestock Show**

Extension Office Closed: Monday, September 7th (Labor Day)



Marcelo Balboa

Noah Balboa

Jayden Patry

Eli Day

Haylee Nielsen

Alison Bachura

Kasey Wilson



Joshua Small

Ransom Tiffany

Anna Schrader

Laramie Mayer

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 First day of school 	2	3	4	5
6	7 Office closed for labor day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 FAIR BOARD MEETING	17	18	19
20	21 4-H Council meeting	22 Autumn begins 	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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