

MORRIS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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Kansas State Fair Awards

Photography

Congratulations to Cooper Andres for being chosen for the Sunflower Award for his photo and to Jayde Price for having her photo chosen for use by the Kansas 4-H Foundation at the Kansas State Fair this year.

Visual Arts

Congratulations to Lexi Todd for being selected to have her painting exhibited at the Rock Springs Ranch throughout this next year. It will be returned at the 2020 Kansas State Fair.

Rabbits

Congratulations to Taizly Hendricks for receiving the Best of Variety Award and the Best Opposite Sex Variety Award with her rabbits at the Kansas State Fair.

Due October 1

Record Books, Pin applications, Key Award applications, project meeting forms (Club and County), Club Officer books (Historian books not included), Club Summaries, Friend of 4-H nominations, and 4-H Alumni nominations are due to the Extension Office by 5 PM, October 1.

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.** 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.

Club Leadership Rosters

IMPORTANT: 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

There are new changes this year for the VIP process! Good...we hope! The process has been simplified immensely from previous years.

- 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.
- For re-screening, you will only be required to complete the Orientation Training and Agent Interview if you have not completed the volunteer screening in the past. The full screening process will be followed for new volunteers.
- 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.

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- ◆ Calendar

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

Kansas State Fair Exhibits

Congratulations to all of the 4-Hers who participated in the Kansas State Fair! Morris County was well represented and we are proud of your accomplishments. If you haven't already picked up your exhibits from the Extension Office, please come by and get them anytime Monday through Friday from 8 am – Noon and 1 – 5 pm.

Fair Board Meeting

The next Fair Board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 9** at 7 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

4-H Council Meeting

There is no 4-H Council meeting held in September. The next meeting will be held on **October 21** with the new representatives from each Club.

New Office E-mail

You may start seeing a new e-mail popping up from time to time. This e-mail sends to everyone in our office automatically. We would like to start using it a little more often. Feel free to contact any of us using this new e-mail: mr@listserv.ksu.edu

Morris County 4-H Updates

Continue from front page:

This new volunteer process starts October 1 along with 4-H enrollment and re-enrollment. Once your information is complete, it will 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.

Record Books



Record books and pin applications are due in the Extension Office by **Tuesday, October 1**. An order of assembly for record books is posted on our website along with a check list and several other forms you may find helpful. Forms are online at

<https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/pinapplicationsrecordbooks/index.html>. If you have question about completing record books, filling out pin award applications or what pin application you can apply for, please contact the Extension Office, 767-5136.

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 **Tuesday, October 1**.

Club Summaries

The Club Summaries are due into the Extension Office by **Tuesday, October 1**. You can find the updated form on our website at: <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/pinapplicationsrecordbooks/index.html>

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 Tuesday, October 1**.

Project Meeting Forms

Club and county project leader reports for meetings held during the 2018-2019 4-H year are due to the Extension Office by **Tuesday, October 1**. 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 at <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/index.html> or at the Extension Office.

Club Officer Books

Club secretary, reporter, and treasurer books need to be submitted to the Extension Office on **Tuesday, October 1**. Clubs do not need to turn in their Historian book.

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week will be **October 6-12, 2019**. This year's theme is "Inspire Kids to Do". 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.

An email was sent to all club members about an opportunity to participate in a Morris County 4-H promotion activity coordinated by the Morris County Ambassadors.

4-H Expo

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

- 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 starting at 4:10.
 - 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.
 - We will do a Dog Agility Demonstration like we did last year.
 - County Project Leaders can also have a table/booth. And they are invited to give a talk or demonstration as well.
 - The meal, open to the community as an appreciation for their support of 4-H, starts at 5:15 pm.
 - Bring canned goods to be donate to Care & Share
- Please share this with your clubs and get back to Crystal Carson, Alicsa Mayer, Aleece Priest (contact information below) or the Extension Office so it can be added to the list of members who are planning on giving talks at the Expo, or with any other ideas you may have or would like to do.
- * Crystal Carson: clcarsonfarms@gmail.com or 785-561-0474
 - * Alicsa Mayer: bicky128@hotmail.com or 785-499-3534
 - * Aleece Priest: adpriest4@gmail.com or 620-766-7114

Be sure to sign up for your booth, so tables can be set up.

Friend of 4-H Appreciation Picnic

The annual appreciation picnic will be on **Sunday, October 6 at 5:15 pm** following the 4-H Expo. The picnic will be held at the Fair Grounds Community Building. 4-Hers and parents are needed to greet guests, serve food, and clean up. Invitations have been sent to all 2019 premium buyers, award sponsors, the Flint Hills Extension Board members, the Morris County 4-H Foundation Board members, and Fair Board members.

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! Please register your projects and then follow up with a report so we know about all the great things that

Morris County 4-H Info, Activities, and Applications Continued....

happened across the state. 48 Hours of 4-H is the perfect compliment to #InspireKidstoDo. Start planning your projects now!

When: October 12-13, 2019

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

If you're interested in completing a community event during 48 Hours of 4-H, then please click on this link to obtain all the 2019 information: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html>

Achievement Banquet

The annual 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on **Saturday, November 2** at 6 pm in the Community Building at the Fairgrounds. Dinner is scheduled for 6 pm and the program will start at 7 pm. This year's theme is 'Let 4-H Light Your Way'.

Tickets. Tickets are \$4.25 each. Tickets are now available in the Extension office or will be available at the 4-H Council meeting on October 21 for club leaders to pick up. Tickets can be purchased from the Extension Office or through your club leader. **Ticket orders need to be submitted to the Extension Office no later than Wednesday, October 23.**

Club Assignments. Each club is assigned to a committee for the Achievement Banquet. **Decorations, Tables, & Chairs** – Willing Workers and Flint Hills Responsibilities include helping to set up tables, chairs, and decorations prior to the banquet on Friday evening, November 9 at 4:30 pm.

Programs & Tickets – Burdick Hustlers Responsibilities include taking tickets on the evening of the banquet and handing out programs to attendees.

Trash & Clean-Up – Dwight Sunflowers and Neosho Valley Responsibilities include putting away tables and chairs as well as cleaning up following the banquet.

Record Book Judging

4-H record book judging will be held on **Tuesday, October 15** 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 **Friday, October 11 to let us know who will be attending and representing your club** so we can plan for food. This is a great opportunity for parents and leaders to gain ideas on ways to help 4-Hers improve on completing their record books.

Club and Project Leader Training

All club leaders and project leaders are strongly encouraged to attend leader training. Both trainings will be held on **Monday, October 28**. Community Leader training will be from 6 - 7 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room followed by the Project Leader training from 7 - 8 pm for project leaders at both the club and county level.

Officer Training

Officer Training will be held the evening of **Tuesday, November 5** from **6 - 8 pm** in the Courthouse Meeting Room. Please be sure new officers mark it on their calendars.

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 **October 1 by 5 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. Click on the link below for the application.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/docs/Candidate%20Application%20202019.pdf>

Kansas 4-H Equine Extravaganza

This is a new event this year and will include youth and adults! Youth topics will include showmanship, horsemanship, quiz bowl, judging, hippology, achievement level 1. Adult topics will include 4-H horse project overview, 4-H horse web site, conducting project meetings, and organizing contests. They will also have 4-H Horse achievement level evaluator training. Registration will be \$20 which includes lunch and t-shirt. Registration is available at the link below and closes **October 15**.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html>

When: Saturday, November 9

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Time: 8 am - 4:30 pm

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

What: Come and build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2019 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF.

When: November 23-24, 2019

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

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

Registration: Open late Summer of 2019

Final Registration Deadline: November 1, 2019

The Morris County 4-H Foundation will pay 40% of the fee to help support the Morris County 4-Hers planning to attend KYLF. To register go to <http://www.cvent.com/events/2018-kansas-4-h-leadership-weekend/event-summary-1dc75409a19446a2b3e205b821201eea.aspx>

Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum

The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum is open to all 4-H Volunteers. Come learn knowledge and skills that will assist you in continuing to help youth see new possibilities, opportunities and learning. Lifetime KA4-HV members qualify for a \$25 scholarship (net cost \$140 or \$165). Use the coupon code 'KA4-HV' to get the scholarship. You may pay your dues (\$50 lifetime) at the Forum and qualify for the scholarship.

Please click on this link to get more info and to register: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-volunteer-leader-forum/index.html>

Scholarships

Morris County Conservation District Senior High School Scholarship Application

The Morris County Conservation District is offering a Senior High School Scholarship for \$500 again this year. Applicants must be pursuing a degree in a natural resource field. They need to include a 500 word essay, a copy of their school transcript and provide two letters of recommendation that are not relatives. The **deadline is December 20, 2019**. The recipient will be presented the scholarship at the January 25, 2020 annual meeting. The application is attached and is on our website at <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/scholarships/index.html>

Shandi's Tip of the Month



Each person has their own personality for recording dates, information, and tracking details. I want to encourage you to take a little time for reflection as we wrap up this 4-H year and turn in record books to give some thought to your tracking process. 4-Hers often need help from parents to track everything they participate in through 4-H during the year. Do you need to make any adjustments to

your system to help with record books next year? Are there any areas that you need to focus on for next year or expand your involvement in?

A few ideas for tracking activities could be:

- Keep a list or calendar of only 4-H activities
- Keep a calendar and highlight 4-H activities, make notes of talks, leadership, citizenship
- Make a list of projects with space for notes of activities for each
- Have a designated tote for all 4-H papers to be put (i.e. feed receipts, program, etc.)
- Keep a binder as a scrapbook for the year

To help in the process for next year, you might consider printing a blank green sheet, pin application, and KAP form now to help keep things throughout the year.

You know the saying "Out of Sight, Out of Mind"? The same works with record books, keep your list or calendar easily accessible so it can be updated periodically to help create a smoother process next fall. We will plan for a record book workshop after the first of the year.

Shandi

Other Tid-Bits

2019 Notecard

We have the new notecards from 2019 Fair photos in and ready for sale. They are \$5 per set of 12 blank cards and envelopes. They make great gifts! Stop in and get yours today. These will also be available for purchase at the Achievement Banquet.

2020 Fair Theme

Please be thinking about next year's fair theme. If you come up with a great idea, please let us know and we will put it in the drop box. Or put it in the box yourself if you're in the office some time.

NEW Shooting Sports: Shotgun Division

If anyone is interested in enrolling in the shotgun division of the project, please let the Extension Office know right away.

Shannon's Tip of the Month

According to Ward Upham in the September Horticulture Newsletter, "The fall season can be an excellent time to plant trees. During the spring, soils are cold and may be so wet that low oxygen levels inhibit root growth. The warm and moist soils normally associated with fall encourage root growth. Fall root growth means the tree becomes established months before a spring-planted tree and is better able to withstand summer stresses. The best time to plant trees in the fall is early September to late October. This is early enough that roots can become established before the ground freezes. Unfortunately, certain trees do not produce significant root growth during the fall and are better planted in the spring. These include beech, birch, redbud, magnolia, tulip poplar, willow oak, scarlet oak, black oak, willows, and dogwood.



Fall-planted trees require some special care. Remember, that roots are actively growing even though the top is dormant. Make sure the soil stays moist but not soggy. This may require watering not only in the fall but also during the winter months if we experience warm spells that dry the soil. Mulch also is helpful because it minimizes moisture loss and slows the cooling of the soil so root growth continues as long as possible."

Shannon

Important Dates

Extension Office Closed: Our office will be closed on **Monday, September 2** for Labor Day.

4-H EVENTS

October 1 - **All Due:** record books, pin applications, key award applications, officer club books, club seal forms, project meeting forms, nomination forms for Alumni of 4-H and Friend of 4-H.

October 1 - New 4-H Year: **Enrollment/Re-Enrollment**

October 1 - **Volunteer Sign-Up/Update in 4-H Online**

October 2 - **Ambassador Interviews**

October 6-12 - National 4-H Week

October 6 - **4-H Expo/Appreciation Picnic**

October 11 - **Record Book Judging Attendance deadline**

October 12-13 - 48 Hours of 4-H

October 15 - **Record Book Judging**

October 15 - **Deadline for early bird KYLF registration at a discounted rate**

October 19-20 - Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl

October 21 - **4-H Council Meeting**

October 29 - **Club and Project Leader Training**

October 31 - **4-H Enrollment ends at Midnight**

November 1 - **Final Deadline for KYLF registrations**

November 2 - **Achievement Banquet**

November 5 - **Officer Training**

November 23-24 - **KYLF**

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(Mark Your Calendars)

June 6-7 - **Camp Counselor Training**

June 7-10 - **Sunny Hills Camp**

June 22-25 - **Campference**

July 18-27 - **Morris County 4-H Fair**

LIVESTOCK EVENTS

September 27-29 - **Kansas Junior Livestock Show**

November 9 - **Kansas 4-H Equine Extravaganza**

November 21 - **K-State Swine Day**

October 2019



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 4-H Enrollment/VIP Updates Begin Due by 5 pm: record books, pin applications, key award applications, club officer books, club seals, project meeting forms, nominations for friends of 4-H and alumni	2 Ambassador Interviews 5:30 pm	3	4 Deadline to sign up for Record Book Judging - need at least 3 reps from each club	5 National 4-H Week Ends 48 Hours of 4-H Begins
6 National 4-H Week Begins 4-H Expo 4-6 pm Appreciations Picnic 5:15 pm	7	8	9 Fair Board Meeting 7 pm	10	11	12
13	14	15 Record Book Judging 11 am - 7 pm	16	17	18	19
20	21 4-H Council Meeting 7 pm	22	23 Deadline to turn in Achievement Banquet Ticket Orders	24	25	26
27	28 Club & Project Leader Training Club Leaders: 6-7 pm Project Leaders: 7-8 pm	29	30	31 4-H Enrollment & VIP Updating Ends Halloween 		

October 2019 4-H NEWSLETTER

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More 4-H Info & Activities





