

MORRIS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Special Recognitions at the Kansas State Fair

Fiber Arts/Knitting - Congratulations to **Laura Buller** for winning Best of Show, Wool Award given by the Kansas Sheep Association.

Photography - Congratulations to **Castyn Andres**, **Cassidy Dalquest** and **Nichole Patry** for the photos they entered at the Kansas State Fair. They were selected by the Kansas 4-H Foundation to be used for promotional purposes. **Ella Kirk's** photo was selected to be on display at Rock Springs and **Jacob Kasten's** photo was selected for the Sunflower Award.



Featured Photo

The 4th annual Featured Photo that was selected at the Morris County Fair to hang in the Extension Office was taken by **Kallie Swisher** of the Neosho Valley 4-H Club.

4-H Enrollment

It's time to enroll in 4-H again! The process 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 waive the fee for new family members.

IMPORTANT: As club elections are completed, Community Leaders will need to be sure the Club Leadership Roster is turned in to the Extension Office.

VIP

By the time you get this newsletter, everybody who was a leader in some capacity last year, has received a packet in the mail to complete their renewals or their rescreening. If you weren't a leader last year and think you would like to sign up as a volunteer leader this year, please let us know so we can get a packet to you. You can also come into the office to pick one up and we can answer any questions you may have. Everything needs to be completed **by November 1** to qualify as a registered leader. You can also find the information and forms on our website: <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/vip/index.html>.

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.

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October Calendar

*If you have items you would like to see 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 will be held on **Wednesday, October 10** at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at the Courthouse Meeting Room.

4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on **Monday, October 29** in the Morris County Courthouse Meeting Room at 7 pm.

Ambassador Meeting

The next Ambassador meeting will be held on **Monday, October 29** in the Courthouse Meeting Room following the 4-H Council meeting.

4-H News cont...

Record Books

Record books and pin applications are due in the Extension Office by **Monday, 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 <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/pinapplicationsrecordbooks/index.html>. 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, 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 <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/pinapplicationsrecordbooks/index.html>. Applications are due **Monday, October 1**.

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 **October 1**.

Project Meeting Forms

Club and county project leader reports for meetings held during the 2017-2018 4-H year are due to the Extension Office by **Monday, 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 or you can pick up at the Extension Office.

Club Officer Books

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

Club Summaries

The Club Summaries are due into the Extension Office by **Monday, 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>



National 4-H Week will be **October 7-13, 2018**. 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 available. National 4-H Week is a great opportunity to share enthusiasm and promote the benefits of the 4-H program to our communities.

4-H Expo

Our annual 4-H Expo will be held on **Sunday, October 7** 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. We will allow 10 minutes for each project talk. Starting at 4:10, 4:25, 4:40, 4:55, 5:10goal 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.
- 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.
- A meal, open to the community as an appreciation for their support of 4-H, starts at 5:15 pm.

Please share this with your clubs and get back to Michelle Poole or Lisa Wainwright (contact information below) with a 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.

For questions, please e-mail or call Michelle or Lisa. "Thanks for all your hard work each of you put in to helping our kids grow in 4-H!" ~Michelle Poole

Michelle: michellerp1965@hotmail.com or 776-4699
Lisa Wainwright: spurofthemoment09@gmail.com or 785-466-3132

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 7 at 5:15 pm** following the 4-H Expo. The meal will be held at the Morris County Community Building. 4-Hers and parents are needed to greet guests, serve food, and clean up. Invitations have been sent to all 2018 premium buyers, award sponsors, the Flint Hills Extension Board members, and Morris County 4-H Foundation Board members.

Information continued...



48 Hours of 4-H - If you are interested in participating in the 4-H Service Challenge on **October 13 and 14**, this would be a great time to register your club community project and invite *potential* members to get involved! For more information, contact our office. Or go to this

link: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/>

Record Book Judging

4-H record book judging will be held on **October 11** from **11 am to 7 pm** in the Extension Office. We ask that each club send at least 3 representatives to help with judging. There will be snacks and drinks provided during the day, a meal for lunch, and pizza for the evening for those who help with judging. Please contact with Extension Office by **Monday, October 8th** to let us know who will be attending and representing your club.

NOTE: This is also a good time to complete your Agent Interview if you need to. Call our office to schedule a time. (620-767-5136)

Club Elections

IMPORTANT: As club elections are completed, Community Leaders will need to be sure the Leadership Roster for the club is turned in to the Extension Office.

Club Leader/Project Leader Training (including VSP completion)

Wednesday, October 24

This year we are doing things a little differently. We are going to incorporate the option to complete your Volunteer Screening application and steps if you haven't already, and if are planning to attend this training. (Remember, the deadline is November 1.) We will have computers set up for all those who need to do the Orientation and National Background check segments. The Club Leader training and Project Leader training will follow in consecutive order.

VSP completion - 5-6 pm
Club Leader Training - 6-7 pm
Project Leader Training - 7-8 pm

Please contact our office to let us know if you plan on attending one or both of the training sessions. Please let us know by **Monday, October 22**, if you plan to attend.

Officer Training

Officer Training will be held the evening of **Tuesday, November 6** from **6 - 8 pm** in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

Achievement Banquet

The annual 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on **Saturday, November 10** in the Community Building at the fairgrounds. Dinner is scheduled for 6 pm and the program will start at 7 pm.

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 29 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 by Thursday, November 1.**

Club Assignments. Each club is assigned to a committee for the Achievement Banquet. **Decorations, Tables, & Chairs – Burdick Hustlers and Willing Workers**

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 – Neosho Valley

Responsibilities include taking tickets on the evening of the banquet and handing out programs to attendees.

Trash & Clean-Up – Dwight Sunflowers and Flint Hills

Responsibilities include putting away tables and chairs as well as cleaning up following the banquet.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

(KYLf) and Kansas Volunteer Forum (KVF) = Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend



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 17-18, 2018

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2019

Early Registration Deadline: October 15, 2018

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>

Morris County Conservation District Senior High School Scholarship

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 21st**. The recipient will be presented the scholarship at the January 26th 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>

Other Tid-Bits

Shirts for Sale

2 - Youth Small - 2017 Fair Shirt- \$3 each
1 - Youth Medium - Orange - \$3
1 - Adult XS - Ambassador's button up, long sleeved, collared - blue/white - \$3
1 - Adult large - 2018 Fair Shirt - \$9



2019 Morris County Fair Theme

We are asking for people to come up with ideas for a theme for next year's fair. Please send us your ideas or let us know if you stop by the office some time. If your theme is chosen, you will receive a prize!

Help with Santa Visits

The Morris County Chamber of Commerce would like some assistance from the 4-Her's. They are needing about 6 - 10 youth to help with Santa visits on Friday, December 15 from 10 am to 2 pm. Just one or two clubs need to accommodate. Please contact Reba Sumner at chamber@councilgrove.com if you are interested. Or you can call the Chamber at 620-767-5413.

Notecard Sets for Sale

The notecard sets we have had in our office since last winter are now on sale for half price: \$4 per set of 12 with envelopes. Please make checks payable to the Morris County 4-H Council. They would be great to use for 'thank you' cards, gifts, etc. They were given out last year at the Achievement Banquet with photos exhibited by our 4-H members at the 2017 Morris County Fair. So, once they're gone; *they're gone!*

Our new one's are in and will be ready for sale soon!

Outstanding Checks

The Morris County 4-H Council checking account has some outstanding checks from the first of the year. We did not specify that they would be voided by a certain date, but we ask that you please cash them in as soon as possible. If you have lost or misplaced a check you received from us, please notify us so we can address the issue. Thank you!

We received no response to this from last month and none of the checks have been cashed. We will give it one more month and then they will be voided and no longer valid.

Contests and Events

2018 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl - The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be **October 20-21** at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The theme is "4-H Dogs Under Construction". If you are interested in attending and would like more information, please go to <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/index.html>. Registration is available now. **Deadline for registration is October 8.** Remember, the Morris County 4-H Foundation will pay 40% of the fee.

Great Plains Nature Photographers - fliers for this event were handed out at the State Photography Judging Contest at the State Fair. It will be held in McPherson, KS at the Opera House on Saturday, **November 10** from 8:30 am to 4 pm. Adults are \$15/person and students are free with school ID. For more information, contact our office and we can e-mail you the flier. If you plan on attending, they would like your **registration submitted by October 30.** If you're not sure, you can still register at the door between 8 am and 8:30 am that morning. Michael Fosberg will be leading the program. Michael is well know for his ability to cover the unique landscape and wildlife of the region, while also recognizing the needs of local farmers and ranchers.

2018 Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Robotics Experience - The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Program and the Kansas Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson are teaming up to provide fun, hands-on and science-based programming for Kansas 4-H youth. This fourth program will feature "Robotics." This event will be **Friday, November 16 through Saturday, November 17.** Cost will be \$115 for youth between 9-18-years old and \$115 for all adult participants. The Cvent registration system will be used, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html> after October 1, 2018. Registration deadline is November 4. There will be a minimum number required or the Robotics SpaceTech Experience will be cancelled. The program is limited to the first 60 who register on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, contact our office or Deryl Waldren at dwaldren@ksu.edu or 785-462-6281.

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend - The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and the Kansas Volunteer Forum are both under the new title of Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend. The two events will be held simultaneously **November 17-18** at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Early bird registration deadline is **October 15.** Actual deadline is November 1. Remember, the Morris County 4-H Foundation will pay 40% of the fee.

International Exchange Opportunities - 4-Her's interested in traveling to japan, Costa rica, South Korea or Norway via the States' 4-H International Exchange programs or wanting to go from Kansas under IFYE (International Foreign Youth Exchange) program in 2019, should complete their application packets this month. Flyers about each program may be found on the Kansas 4-H web site: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/kansas-4-h-international-exchanges/>.

Important Dates

Extension Office Closed: Not in October!!

4-H EVENTS

October 1 - **Record Books, Pin Applications, Key Award Applications, Club Summaries, Nominations for Friend of 4-H and 4-H Alumni Award, Club Officer books, and Project Meeting Forms** are ALL DUE!

Oct 1 - Nov 1 - 4-H Enrollment, Re-enrollment, and VIP needs to be completed.

October 7 - 13 - National 4-H Week

October 7 - **4-H Expo & Appreciation Picnic**

October 8 - Deadline for Record Book **Judges** (3 reps from each Club) Notify Extension Office.

October 8 - **4-H Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl registration** deadline

October 10 - **Fair Board Meeting** - Courthouse Meeting Room

October 11 - **Record Book Judging** - Courthouse 11am - 7pm

October 15 - **KYLF/KVF registration** deadline

October 20-21 - 2018 Kansas 4-H **Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl** - Rock Springs

October 22 - **Notify Extension Office** if you plan on attending Leader Training on Oct 24.

October 24 - **VSP/Leader Training** (Club & Project Leaders)

October 29 - **4-H Council Meeting** (followed by **Ambassador** meeting)

November 1 - deadline to RSVP for Officer Training

November 1 - deadline for ordering Achievement Banquet tickets

November 6 - **Officer Training**

November 10 - **Achievement Banquet**

November 17-18 - **KYLF at Rock Springs**

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January 17, 2019 - **NE Area KAP Screening**

January 19, 2019 - **NE Area Leadership Event**
Rock Springs 4-H Center

June 5-8, 2019 - Sunny Hills Camp. Mark it on your calendars!

June 23-26, 2019 - Campference

LIVESTOCK EVENTS

October 5-7 - (**KJLS**) Kansas Junior Livestock Show

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