

MORRIS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Farewell Lori...You will be missed!!

I am taking this opportunity to bid you all farewell and wish you the best in the future! It was an extremely difficult decision that came with bittersweet parting. I will be continuing my work with extension, through my new position on the K-State campus. With this move I am sure I will grow and embrace new experiences, much like I did when I accepted this position six fairs ago. I have truly enjoyed getting to know the many 4-Hers, families, volunteers, ag producers, and community members in the Flint Hills District.

Each one of you have played a special part in the blessings I have received as your Extension Agent! I will not be far away. Please know my door is always open and I would welcome a visit.

May you continue to "Make the Best Better",

Lori

P.S. My new office is steps from Call Hall



2018 Morris County Fair



Thank you to the Morris County Fair Board, 4-H members and families, and numerous fair supporters for making the 2018 Morris County Fair a success. Congratulations to the 4-Hers for their hard work which resulted in a great display of projects at fair. **Be sure to thank all of your buyers and fair sponsors!** For your convenience, the names and addresses of the award sponsors are listed on the bottom of the trophies or on the envelopes of the cash awards.

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Kansas State Fair Exhibits

Exhibits for the Kansas State Fair need to be brought to the Extension Office by **Thursday, September 6**. Food and horticulture items may be delivered to the office between 7 am and 8 am on **Friday, September 7**. (Please note the time change!)

Fair Board Meeting

The next Fair Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 12** at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at the Fair grounds.

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...

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. Attached to this newsletter is a re-enrollment brochure and new family enrollment brochure with step by step instructions. 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.

VIP

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

Or, if you already know you plan on being a leader this year and you want to get started early, don't be afraid to ask, call, or e-mail us about getting you a renewal or a packet early. We will be happy to accommodate you! Everything needs to be completed **by November 1** to qualify as a volunteer 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>.

Record Books

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

As you are preparing your record books, please remember the following:

***Junior Division (7 & 8 Year Olds)** – When writing stories for your award applications, remember to include **two** stories. One story should be a general 4-H story that describes your 4-H year. The second story should be a project story that describes your project work throughout the year.

***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.

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. 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 at www.flinthills.k-state.edu or 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>

Information continued...



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. 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, 5:10 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.
- 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: michellerp1965@hotmail.com or 776-4699

Lisa Wainwright: spurofthemoment09@gmail.com or 785-466-3132

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 picnic will be held at the Morris County Community Building. 4-Hers and parents are needed to greet guests, serve food, and clean up. Invitations will be sent to all 2018 premium buyers, award sponsors, the Flint Hills Extension Board members, and Morris County 4-H Foundation 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 **Monday, September 10** so an invitation can be mailed to them.

Ambassador Applications

Would you like to see 4-H grow in Morris County? Here is your opportunity! Apply to be a Morris County 4-H Ambassador. Help educate others about the value of 4H. Enjoy interacting with other 4-H members from across the county as well as civic organizations, families, and businesses. Applications are attached to this newsletter and available online at <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/ambassadors/index.html>.

.Applications **must be e-mailed** to Lisa Palmer at palmer50@ksu.edu no later than **Monday, September 24**. All applicants will be interviewed on **Wednesday, September 26**. Applicants must select an interview time once they have turned in their application. Details are on the application.

Achievement Banquet

The annual 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on **Saturday, November 10** in the Community Building at the Fairgrounds.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLf)

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>

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.

Officer Training

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

Here are a few Morris County 4-H Member Winners/Results

Scholarships

2018 Livestock Sweepstakes

We had three 4-H members attend the 2018 State Livestock Sweepstakes. (Left to Right: Chase Bacon, Carissa Dalquest, and Colton Bacon.) Great job!



2018 State Horticulture Judging

We had three 4-H members attend the 2018 State Horticulture Judging Contest. This was their first year and they all did very well! (Pictured Left to Right: Parker Stilwell, Trinadee Fetters, and Lakoddah Downes.)



2018 Dairy Judging

We had two 4-H members attend the 2018 Dairy Judging Contest: Sierra Meade and Gavin Carson. This was their first year and they did a really good job!



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>

Upcoming Activities

Flint Hills Heritage Day

High Ground Museum
Saturday, September 15, 2018

6 miles NE of Council Grove on Hwy 4. Lloyd and Marlene Florence 620-767-5357. Kids sack races with prizes. Corn grinding for kids. Roberto, the Balloon Man is back! Horse powered haying, 1913 stationary hay press operation, 1905 and 1915 working hand powered cider presses, blacksmithing demonstration, hot horse shoeing demo, cow chip throwing contest, vintage cars and tractors, live music, special guests, spinning wheel demo, food and drinks served all day! Come and join in the fun! Follow the signs to get there. For a full detailed flyer, you can see it on our website at <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/index.html>

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.

Other Tid-Bits

Fair Board Meetings

It has been voted on and approved that Fair Board meetings **will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 pm** at the Fair Grounds Community Building.

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. We plan on doing the same thing again this year. So, once they're gone; *they're gone!*

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!

Courthouse will be Closed

Our office (and the Courthouse) will be closed on **Monday, September 3** for Labor Day.

We have been notified that the Courthouse is going to be closed on **Friday, September 14, 2018**, an unscheduled holiday. Since it will be closed that day, our office will also be closed.

Remember the Council Grove Library has a cricut machine available for use if needed.

Contests and Events

Kansas State Fair: "Look, Listen and Learn": This year we are excited to pilot a new program called "Look, Listen and Learn" at the Kansas State Fair - We are asking Extension Staff to identify youth in their Local Extension Units that they think would provide a dynamic 30 second video explaining their project, how they created it, what they learned and then to end their video with '_____ Grows Here' (insert responsibility, friendship, leadership, etc.). Additional information is included in the document found on our website at <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/fair/Statefair.html>. We will display QR codes for individuals to scan to watch the video on YouTube while they are in front of the project in the building. For the 2018 State Fair we will be starting with 5-6 of these videos.

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.

Important Dates

Extension Office Closed: *Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day*
Friday, September 14th for Training

4-H EVENTS

September 1 - get a jump start on **VIP**; Call the office to determine your current status.

September 6-7 - **Kansas State Fair entries due**

September 7-16 – **Kansas State Fair**

September 10 - **Guests** for Appreciation Picnic need to be turned in to Office

September 24 - **Ambassador** application **deadline**

September 26 - **Ambassador Interviews**

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!

October 1 - **4-H Enrollment** begins & **VIP**

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)

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

October 10 - **Fair Board Meeting** - Fairgrounds

October 11 - **Record Book Judging** - Court-house

October 15 - **KYLF registration deadline**

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

October 29 - **4-H Council Meeting**

November 10 - **Achievement Banquet**

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

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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If you have items you would like to see in the monthly newsletters, please notify the Extension Office by the 23rd of each month. Thank You.

# September 2018



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| 2                               | 3<br>OFFICE<br>Closed<br>Labor Day                            | 4   | 5                                             | 6<br>Non-Perishables<br>due in Office | 7<br>Perishables<br>due in Office<br>Kansas State Fair<br>Begins | 8   |
| 9                               | 10<br>Guest Lists for<br>Appreciation Picnic<br>Due in Office | 11  | 12<br>Fair Board Meeting<br>7 pm Fairgrounds  | 13                                    | 14<br>OFFICE<br>and<br>Courthouse Closed                         | 15  |
| 16<br>Kansas State<br>Fair Ends | 17                                                            | 18  | 19                                            | 20                                    | 21                                                               | 22  |
| 23                              | 24<br>Ambassador<br>Applications<br>Due in Office             | 25  | 26<br>Ambassador<br>Interviews<br>6:30 - 8 pm | 27                                    | 28                                                               | 29  |
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