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## **Amplifying Life**

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### County Fair Time

The summer is slowly slipping away and 4-H members are trying to wrap up their preparations to exhibit at the fair. Come join us at the fair! There is something for everyone to see.

When we talk about 4-H projects, it is the process that youth go through during the year to help them learn. We hope that they have strengthened their skills in goal setting, planning, and decision making as they choose projects and implement their plans. While working on their projects, 4-H members develop communication skills, teamwork and cooperation, and record keeping skills. The entire 4-H program including the participation in Club Meetings, working on projects, and participating in Community Service projects helps to grow responsibility in our youth.

When you arrive at the fair, there are so many amazing projects to see! There is so much to be proud of, but please don't overlook the skills that the youth learned along the way that can't be seen in their physical project. 4-H has over 30 projects for youth to choose from and many of which will be exhibited at the fair. You can come see the outdoor livestock exhibits and shows, dog and cat shows, or the indoor exhibits including: horticulture and crops exhibits, shooting sports, photography, foods, visual art, and many others.

I want to take the time to invite you to the fair. Come support our youth by looking through the products of their hard work. If you would personally like to participate, you can always join in by taking an exhibit in open class. The concession stand will be open which supports the local 4-H program.

The dates for the upcoming fairs are listed below. We hope to see you there!  
Tri County Fair (Morris, Marion & Dickinson counties) will be held in Herington on July 12 – 14.

Morris County Fair will be held July 21 – July 30 at the Fair Grounds in Council Grove.  
Chase County Fair will be held July 26 – August 3 at Swope Park in Cottonwood Falls.

More information on the upcoming fairs, check our website [www.flinthills.ksu.edu](http://www.flinthills.ksu.edu) or feel free to contact the Extension Office. Shandi Andres, Flint Hills Extension District, 501 W Main, Council Grove, KS 66846. (620) 767-5136 or [sdandres@ksu.edu](mailto:sdandres@ksu.edu)