Welcome Deb Andres

The Flint Hills District Board and staff extend a warm welcome to our new Family & Community Wellness Agent, Deb Andres, M.S., CFCS-HDFS. While not a stranger to the area, Deb began her new position on Monday, July 8, her primary office location is in Council Grove.

She will be working with groups, organizations, and individuals in both Chase and Morris County in the areas of nutrition, health, wellness, family relations, adult and youth education, community engagement/development, and older adults transition to- or living in- retirement. As a trained SHICK (Senior Health Insurance Counseling of Kansas) provider, she especially looks forward to working with Medicare beneficiaries looking for guidance on the important decisions that surround a person’s 65th birthday. Deb will also work with those approaching retirement to help navigate four key areas for experiencing a healthy retirement: foundational relationships, healthy living, achieving balance, and planning for the future.

She will assist in providing support to 4-H families in the Flint Hills District and looks forward to working with the programs and projects as an Extension Agent, rather than the parent experiences she has had with her own children.

Deb and her husband, Duane have been married for over 33 years and lived most of that time in northern Morris County on the Andres family farm homestead where they raised their daughter, Jessica (deceased) and 3 boys: Mark, Joey, and Zach. More recently, they moved to the edge of Council Grove and enjoy time spent with family and friends, church family, singing, and traveling. Duane works as a para-educator at Council Grove Junior High and drives a bus route for USD 417.

Kansas State Fair

In lieu of ribbon premiums for entries in the 4-H Project Areas, the State Fair will once again give two tickets to exhibitors. This will be processed with State Fair entries; no additional form is necessary.

Check out the Kansas State Fair Book if you have questions on your exhibits going: https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/fair/documents/KSF%20Book_February%202024%20CLEAN%20%2323_24.pdf

Complete 4-H Schedule: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/2024_kansas_state_fair_doc/2024%20KSF%20Schedule%20POST.pdf

State Fair entries and additional State Fair ticket orders are due to the Extension Office on **Thursday, August 8th**. Please do not bring your exhibit at this time. See the Club pages for drop off information to the Offices.

2024 State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2024, in Manhattan, Kansas. Our contest is hosted for the day by the Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources.

Intermediates must be 9 thru 13 before January 1 of the current year. Seniors must be 14-18 before January 1 of the current year.

The objective of 4-H Horticulture Judging is for members to grow in their ability to think, to reason, and to make logical and scientific judgments, through plant identification, knowledge testing and judging classes.

Registration begins at 9:30am and Awards will conclude the day at 2pm.

Cost per person will be $18 per youth. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

Registration is due no later than August 1st.
4-H Livestock Sweepstakes
The 2024 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be hosted on the K-State campus in Manhattan August 17-18.
All Kansas 4-H'ers are invited to participate in this livestock learning and competition experience. The Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl in one action-packed weekend. 4-H'ers can test their knowledge and display their expertise in a variety of livestock-related events. This is also the qualifying event to select youth who will represent Kansas at each of the national 4-H contests. Awards will be given in each contest, in addition to overall Sweepstakes buckles to the team and individual placing the highest in all four contests!

All entries must be submitted online through local extension units by August 1. Contact local extension offices for entry information and/or details on local-level qualifying opportunities.

Entry Deadline - August 1st

Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show
The 4-H Horse Safety Webinar and Quiz are now available to you at https://bit.ly/3zbn5XC. Both the Webinar and Quiz are required prior to entering the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show. Once you have watched the webinar, you will receive a link to complete the quiz. A passing score of 75% is required and members can take the quiz until they receive a passing score. Horse show Entries are due August 1st.

Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS)
Hello Kansas Youth Livestock Families!
We hope you can join us September 27-29, 2024, in Hutchinson for the 92nd Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS)! Entries for KJLS now are open at https://kansasjls.fairwire.com/.
Please have your entries in by 11:59 p.m. on August 15. Late entries will be accepted through August 31, but fees will double for those submitted after August 15.
While entering your livestock, be sure to enter Showmanship and the KJLS LEAD Challenge.
All KJLS details, including rules and the show schedule, can be found at www.kjls.net.
If you have questions about the entry process or anything related to KJLS, do not hesitate to reach out to Ryan Higbie who the Director of Livestock Show & Events for KJLS is. His email is kjls@kla.org and his phone number is 785-817-1350.

Kansas State 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl
What: 2024 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl: DOGZ of OZ
When: October 19-20, 2024
Who: The educational sessions are open to youth and adults interested in the Kansas 4-H Dog project. To participate in the quiz bowl and public speaking 4-H enrollment is required.
Agenda - COMING SOON!
Fees - COMING SOON!
Registrations are due on or before September 30, 2024

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)
What: Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2025 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

Objectives:
- Broaden your understanding of the meaning of leadership and the qualities of a leader.
- Practice leadership skills you can use in other situations, like your local club, school and community.
- Improve interpersonal communication skills.
- Gain confidence.

When: November 23-24, 2024
Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center
Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2025
2024 Fees will be set in late summer/early fall
AUGUST
August 8 - State Fair Entries & Extra Ticket Orders Due to the Extension Offices
August 10 - State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest
August 12 - State Wheat Expo
August 12 - Chase County 4-H Council Meeting @5:30pm
August 17-18 - Livestock Sweepstakes
August 19 - Morris County 4-H Council Meeting @6:30pm

SEPTEMBER
September 2 - Extension Offices Closed-Labor Day
September 6-15 - Kansas State Fair
September 27-29 - KJLS

LOOKING AHEAD
October 1 - 4-H Enrollment Opens
October 12-13 - 48 hours of 4-H
November 2 - Morris County 4-H Achievement Banquet
November 11 - Extension Offices Closed-Veterans Day
November 23-24 - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
November 28-29 - Extension Offices Closed Thanksgiving
The next Council Meeting will be scheduled for **August 12th at 5:30 pm.** It will be at the Community Building in Cottonwood Falls. **As a reminder, if you as the council representative are unable to attend, please let your alternate know so that they can attend in your place. Thank you!**

**Key Award**

The Kansas Key Award is one of the highest honors awarded to 4-H members across Kansas. As a reminder the basic requirements are:

- The 4-Her must have passed their 16th birthday by January 1 of the current year.
- Completed four or more years of 4-H work.
- Enrolled in 4-H Leadership four or more years.
- They also must meet at least 9 of 11 optional requirements. If you are interested in applying for the Key Award, it is important you take a look at those requirements at least 4-5 years prior to applying.

**Record Books**

You will only need to complete one personal page and one copy of the permanent record. Each member will need to complete records for at least half of the projects that you are enrolled in (if half is not a whole number, round up). If you are enrolled in the Leadership project this must be one of the projects that you complete records for to complete this project for the year.

- Please find the Chase County 4-H Record Book Order of Assembly page here: https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/chase-county/Chase%20County%204-H%20Record%20Book%20Order%20of%20Assembly%2020-22.pdf
- Leaders will collect club record books but will not score them at the club level. Please check for completion and that all signature lines are signed.
- Record books and club officer books will be due to the Extension Office by September 23rd.
- Books will be swapped with another County for scoring. Look for a date soon for leaders or volunteers to sign up and evaluate record books from another County.

**Thank You Notes!**

Remember as the Fair wraps up and you collect your ribbon money, merchant prizes and/or premiums from the livestock sale, get your Thank You Notes written and in some cases your goodies baked and delivered to those who have so graciously donated to this year’s Chase County Fair.

**Judging Results**

**Photography Judging**

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**Junior Division**

| 1st- Oakley Mayes     | 1st Overall- Karlie Gibb |
| 2nd- Lakin Spain      |                        |
| 3rd- Eli Mushrush     |                        |
| 4th- Rhett Litke      |                        |

**FACS Judging**

**Perfect Scores**

- Karlie Gibb
- Kailyn Budke
- Bryson Koch
- Eva Schlup
- Lydia Peters
- Heidi Hansford
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**Livestock Judging**

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| 1st Overall- Vonda Danford |

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**Fair Survey**

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2024 Chase County
**Fair Survey**

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**Fair Board Meeting**

The Morris County Fair Board will host their fair wrap-up meeting on Tuesday, August 6th at 7pm at the Morris County 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds. Attendance is welcome to give constructive feedback. There will be a time limit on how long each person has to speak.

**2024 Fair Wrap-up**

A huge thank you to all of the 4-H members, parents, leaders, superintendents, fair board members, and volunteers who worked to help the Fair run smoothly from start to finish. Thank you to each and every one of you who stepped up to fill a hole when asked.

Please remember to fill out your thank you cards as soon as possible.

Livestock premium sale participants: Please be sure to have your cards signed when you deliver your thank you cards. These should be turned in to the office by Thursday, August 29 at 5 pm.

Congratulations to all who participated in the fair! It is always exciting to see each of the projects brought to showcase at the fair!

**Morris County Achievement Banquet**

Mark your calendars! The date for the Achievement Banquet has been set for Saturday, November 2nd.

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**Fair Wrap Up**
Meeting at Fairgrounds @7pm

**State Fair Entries & Extra Ticket Orders DUE**

**State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest**

**State Wheat Expo**

**Livestock Sweepstakes**

**USD 417 & 481 First Day of School**

**Livestock Sweepstakes**

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**Livestock Verification Cards Due to Office**

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