The Kansas Junior Livestock Show took place on October 1-3 in Hutchinson at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. The Flint Hills District was represented well with two 4-Hers from Morris county, and one 4-Her from Chase county participating. Tayle Black from the Flint Hills 4-H club was named the Reserve Champion Light AOB Gilt as well as Grand Champion Intermediate Swine Showman. Other 4-Hers that showed their livestock at KJLS were: Carissa Dalquest (Flint Hills), and Paisley Voboril (Toledo) (Not pictured).

Welcome Chelsea

Chelsea Bartels will join the Flint Hills District as a Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent. She will begin November 1st and her primary office will be in Cottonwood Falls. Chelsea earned her bachelor’s degree in Animal Science and Industry from Kansas State University.

Chelsea’s email address will be chelse1@ksu.edu and has been added to the top of the newsletter.

Stop by the Cottonwood Falls office on Tuesday, November 2nd to welcome Chelsea to the Flint Hills District office and enjoy refreshments.

Ambassadors

Thank you to the 2020-2021 Ambassadors for all your hard work over this strange year.

Welcome to our new District Ambassadors team of 2021-2022!
Sophia Glanville, (Chase County) Mark Andres, and Samuel Barr (Morris County)
4-H Activities & Training

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) has been scheduled for November 20-21 at Rock Springs Ranch. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2022. This event will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The goal of KYLF is to build leadership skills through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. Registration opens in late August/early September. The deadline to register is October 15th at an early bird rate, or before November 1st at the regular rate. Please contact either Shannon or Shandi with any questions regarding this event. To register go to https://web.cvent.com/event/e673acef-8f76-4536-8f4f-1765b2afbf5a/summary

2022 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

Families should have a paper mailer from the State 4-H office with an update regarding camp next year. Sign up for 2022 camp will use the link: https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/. Early bird registration for 4-H families will open September 1, and this website will be the hub for all 4-H camp information. They are offering a tiered pricing model for families to select from. A 10% early bird 4-H discount will be offered and run through October 31. At the time of registration, campers will be required to make a 10% deposit, with the rest paid in full by May 1. They have developed multiple options for payment of camp fees this year including a monthly payment option with credit card or E-Check or pay in full by May 1st.

Camp options will be available for all 4-H members who will be going into 3rd-12th grade for the school year following the camp season. The menu of sessions will include 10 options to be offered June 8-July 23. Flint Hills District has targeted Session #4: June 19-22 for attendance. Agent(s) will plan to attend camp during these dates and encourage any Flint Hills District 4-H members to attend during this session. If these dates won’t work for your family, choose another session that works better for you, if you wish.

If you have any questions regarding the new process, please let us know.

4-H Purple Ribbon Foods Exhibits

Each year many 4-Hers receive purple and champion awards on their baked products at Kansas county fairs. The Kansas Wheat Commission Test Kitchen would like to invite youth to share their prize-winning recipes.

We would like to spotlight 4-Hers and their spectacular recipes in a variety of ways such as social media, recipe booklets and our websites. This will be a great way to promote the 4-H foods project and the skill of home baking.

The recipe submitted may be a cake, pie, cookie, quick bread, yeast bread or roll recipe. Please include the recipe source and any modifications made to the original recipe.

I encourage 4-H members to submit their purple ribbon and champion recipes to be considered for this project. A limited number of recipes will be selected and tested for publication. Please submit the complete recipe and photo of the product, if available, by December 15, 2021 to cfalk@kswheat.com.

K-State Swine Day

Kansas State University’s annual Swine Day planned for Thursday, Nov.18. The fee to register is $25 per person if paid by Nov. 10, and $50 after that date or at the door. Students may attend free of charge if they register by Nov. 10. Registration is available online at KSUSwine.org or by sending a check payable to the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and addressed to KSU Swine Day, 218 Weber Hall, 1424 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS. 66506.

This event is planned to be hosted in-person, following COVID procedures at the time.

For more information, contact Lois Schreiner at 785-532-1267 or lschrein@ksu.edu.

YQCA Training

Mark your calendars! Shannon will be hosting three training sessions for those needing to become YQCA certified. YQCA stands for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. Any individual that plans to show market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or purebred breeding females at the 2022 Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show must be YQCA certified to participate. However, anyone is welcome to attend a training session to become certified.

The sessions will be held in the Morris Co. Courthouse Meeting Room. The dates are: February 6th, March 6th, and April 3rd. Each session will begin at 2:00 PM and you only must attend one training session. Use the following link to register online https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login. The cost of the training is $3 which you will pay online when you register.

Please use your 4-H Online login information for the sign-up.

4-H Enrollment, Re-Enrollment, and VIP Renewals on www.v2.4honline.com
District 4-H Dates

November
November 1- Chase Co. 4-H Council meeting
November 2- Chelsea’s Welcome Reception
November 13 - Morris Co. Achievement Banquet
November 16 - Chase Co. Officer Training
November 18 - Swine Day
November 20-21- KYLF
November 21- Chase Co. Achievement Banquet
November 25-26 - Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving

December
December 20 - Morris Co. Conservation Scholarship Deadline
December 24-31 - Office Closed

Looking Ahead
January 17- Record Keeping Workshop @ Morris Co. Courthouse (Zoom Link available for hybrid attendance)
January 17 - Morris Co. 4-H Council Meeting
February 6 - YQCA training
February 21 - Morris Co. 4-H Council Meeting
February 27 - Morris Co. Project Day
March 5 - District Club Day, Morris County Host
March 6 - YQCA training
March 15 - Morris Co. Beef Weigh In
April 3 - YQCA training
April 18 - Morris Co. 4-H Council Meeting
May 1 - Morris Co. Small Animal Weigh In
June 19-22, 2022 - Rock Springs 4-H Camp session #4
July 8-10 - Tri-County Fair
July 21-29, 2022 - Chase Co. Fair
July 23- Aug 1, 2022 - Morris Co. Fair

Livestock Shows
A complete list of shows available can be found here: https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/

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New 4-H year!

With the start of the new 4-H year, take a few minutes to look over the updated project guide. The guide can be found online: https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1065.pdf

This is a great place to start when you are considering trying a new project. Most projects have some resources posted on the state website as well as updated project pages and challenge pages. Check out the links to project resources here: https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/

Remember the drop/add deadline is May 1st. List of members enrolled in the projects will go out to project leaders and club leaders in November. Be sure to get enrollment completed so members names can be included with the reports for leaders.

As always if you have any questions regarding the enrollment process or choosing projects, please be sure and ask.

Shandi

The Beginning of a New Year

As we begin the process of planning for new projects and activities for the upcoming 4-H year, I first want to congratulate you all on your accomplishments during the 2020-2021 4-H year! Your hard work did not go unnoticed, and I look forward to seeing what you all are able to accomplish this upcoming year.

As we begin choosing our livestock projects for the new 4-H year, keep in mind the following dates and be sure to add them to your calendar for 2022. Remember that YQCA training is required if you are planning to show livestock at the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

February 6th- YQCA Training at 2:00 PM
March 6th- YQCA Training at 2:00 PM
March 15th- Market Beef Weigh-In at 6:00 PM
April 3rd- YQCA Training at 2:00 PM
May 1st- Small Animal Weigh-In at 2:00 PM

If you have any questions regarding these dates, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Shannon
The Fair Board voted to allow market goats to sell in the Livestock Premium Sale for the 2022 Fair. Members will still be limited to selling one animal per species through the premium sale. Extra animals who have made weight can be sold to the floor buyer if they wish. All market animals must be tagged with a 4-H eID tag by the 4-H tagging deadlines. These dates will be announced later.

It was voted at the October Fair Board meeting that Hogs, Goats, and Sheep weigh in time will be changed to 5:00-8:00 on Monday for the 2022 Fair.

If you haven’t seen it yet, additional concrete was poured to add additional space at the beef wash racks.

There have been some project changes at the State level. The fair book is being revised to update and include these project changes. Be sure to look over the complete project list when selecting projects for the 4-H year and look for updates in next year’s fair book.
Happy Birthday to you!

Dominic Barrett
Madison Brown
Emily Cravens
Bailey Ehrlich
Owen Eidman
Lilly Hinkson
Joshua Jones

Brittley King
Tyler King Jr.
Bryson Koch
Alexys Miller
Alex Priest
Parker Stilwell
Mallory Wells

A Flashback

Presented Key Awards

Three Morris county 4-H members received the Key Award Saturday night for their outstanding work in the 4-H program. Honored were: Barbara Reveal (left), Busy Workers; Karla Dierking, Willing Workers; and Stephanie Mowry, Dwight Sunflowers.
Club Leadership Roster
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.

Achievement Banquet
The date for the Achievement Banquet has been set for Saturday, November 13th from 6-8 pm. We will plan to begin with the meal, followed by the program. Mark your calendars! We’ve been busy getting ready for the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet! It’ll be here before we know it! Please plan on attending on Saturday, November 13 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 “Barn Lights and Country Nights”. Feel free to dress for the theme.

Tickets are $4.25 each and can be purchased at the door if you didn’t get your orders in on time.

Club Assignments
Decorations, Tables, & Chairs – Flint Hills and Dwight Sunflowers
Responsibilities include helping to set up tables, chairs, and decorations prior to the banquet on Friday evening, November 12 at 4:30 pm.

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

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

Morris Co 4-H Foundation support of Camp
The Morris County 4-H Foundation voted to pay $236 toward registration fees for Morris County 4-H members to attend camp in 2022. We will coordinate for this credit to be applied to accounts between April 15 and May 1. Please let me know if you have any questions on camp for next year.

Last Chance, Is It Yours?
Lost and Found items from the Morris County Fair. Please come get them at the Extension Office.

Important Dates
Fair Board Meeting
Tuesday, Nov.2, 7 PM
4-H Council Meeting
Monday, Jan. 17, 7 PM

Morris County Conservation District 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, 2021. The recipient will be presented the scholarship at the January 29, 2022 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

4-H Enrollment
Time is almost up to enroll in 4-H again! It is the same process as last year. You must enroll via 4-H Online, version 2. The link is https://v2.4honline.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/. Please let us know if you have any questions. You can call our offices. Just a reminder that there is a $15 enrollment fee. The Morris County 4-H Foundation will pay the fee for new members and any member who turned in a record book. Choose payment by check at check out and payment will be submitted from our office.

Families should review years in project as they make project selections. This is the one feature that did not carry over from version one.

2022 Morris County Fair
The dates for the 2022 Morris County Fair have been set for July 23 - August 1. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you then!
Looking for a few good party planners!

Do you like to hang out with friends to good music and food? Do you enjoy coming up with decoration themes? We are looking for 5-10 teenagers (or close) kids to help plan a party.

If you are in the Leadership or Citizenship project this would be a great opportunity for your records (but this is not a requirement). Date and time for the party are still to be determined but hope to be in February so we need some volunteers soon. We would like to have the first planning meeting on November 15th where the plan will be outlined. Please message Lisa Wainwright 785-466-3132 to be a part of this.

Fiber Arts Meeting

The first fiber arts meeting of the year will be November 6th from 7 pm to 8:30 at the Court house meeting room. Please bring something to work on. Also take a look at your calendars for the year we would like to set meetings for the year.

Steffany Spear and Aleece Priest have graciously agreed to be our new Cloverbud Sponsors. We will be having our first meeting November 13th at 9:30 am in the Morris County Courthouse Meeting room. We are looking for 5-10 teenagers (or close) kids to help plan a party.

Cloverbuds

Steffany Spear and Aleece Priest have graciously agreed to be our new Cloverbud Sponsors. We will be having our first meeting November 13th at 9:30 am in the Morris County Courthouse Meeting room. The plan is for meetings to be held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:30 am. Can’t wait to see all your smiling faces!

Dance Dance Dance

4-Hers, come join us for swing dance and 2 step lessons at Morris County fair building. Sunday January 16th from 4-6 pm. Tracy Schmitz and Morgan Poole will be teaching dance etiquette, basic two-step, and a variety of swing dance moves! Parents are welcome to join in.

Please sign up at the extension office so we know how many to expect.

There will not be a fee but donations for their time and travel will be accepted.
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