2021 State Horticulture Judging

Three Flint Hills District 4-Hers participated at the State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest on the K-State Manhattan campus on Saturday, August 14, 2021. Those 4-Hers that participated were Trinadee Fetters and Mark Andres from Morris County, and Kinslea Glanville from Chase County. The contest consisted of three parts: a written exam, quality judging, and identification.

All Breeds Junior Dairy Show

The Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show took place on August 12th-August 14th. Those that participated were: Dusty Carson, Gavin Carson, Gus Carson, Lawson Carson, and Mandy Wainwright.

Record Book Recording

A record book workshop was held via zoom on Monday, August 9 at 7 pm. The link to the meeting recording can be found at the link: https://ksu.zoom.us/rec/share/C-Ayrm7KsrqLa-shE4jrb5i277UUlyyw9WWXOqGzmnGM5I8-DzL_95kKjPff-HajeVZ6bEyromfWwgr4

Access Passcode: FHD4Hclovers!

Forms for record keeping are on the website: https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/district-record-keeping/recordbooks.html

If you have any questions in navigating the new process, please reach out.
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.

2022 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

Families should receive a paper mailer from the State 4-H office with an update regarding camp for 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 echeck or pay in full by May 1st. Camp options will be available for all 4-H members who will be in 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.

Livestock Sweepstakes

The 2021 Livestock Sweepstakes was held on August 21st-August 22nd on the K-State Manhattan campus. The weekend consisted of Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Livestock Skillathon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl. The Flint Hills Extension District was represented well this year.

Those who participated in the Livestock Judging Contest were Castyn Andres, Cooper Andres, Carissa Dalquest, Cassidy Dalquest, and Lakodah Downes. Participants judged 9 classes and gave 4 sets of reasons during the contest. High scoring individual of the group was Carissa Dalquest, who placed 6th overall in the Swine category and 24th overall out of the 227 participants. The team consisting of Castyn, Carissa, Cassidy, and Lakodah placed 11th overall.

A team of four participated in the meats judging contest. Castyn Andres, Cooper Andres, Ian Effland, and Nolan Effland. All team members placed six classes and completed meat identification on 30 cuts. Intermediates answered questions on one placings class. The team placed 13th overall.

Castyn Andres, Cooper Andres, and Lakodah Downes also participated in the Skillathon portion of the contest. This consisted of individual components of an exam and identification of six classes related to care and knowledge of livestock (Equipment ID, Feed ID, Meat ID, Breed ID, Hay and Forage) as well as three team activities. The team placed 15th overall. Congratulations to the 4-H’ers on their participation!

NE Area Leadership Event (NELE)

Kansas 4-H is Falling into Leadership! 4-H members ages 12 to 18 are invited to the NE Area 4-H Leadership Event (NELE), Saturday, October 16, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Heritage Hall at Rocks Spring 4-H Center! NELE is led by the Northeast Area youth council representatives. Delegates can sign up for multiple classes. Adult sessions are also available. Registration is $30 which includes lunch, snack and t-shirt. Please register by September 27 at: https://event.me/1zXYOg. Don’t miss this opportunity to meet new people, learn new leadership skills, and enjoy fun classes!
**Flint Hills District Ambassador Applications**

New this year, we will have a combined Flint Hills District Ambassadors! Would you like to see 4-H grow in Chase and Morris County? Here is your opportunity!

Apply to be a 4-H Ambassador to help educate others about the value of 4-H. Interact with members across the district as well as civic organizations, families, and businesses.

The Ambassador group will meet as a district to participate in team building, leadership building, education about 4-H and promotion of 4-H. They will also have the opportunity to complete projects within their respective county.

This opportunity is open to members in 8th grade and older. The application is attached to this newsletter. Applications should be emailed to Shandi at sdandres@ksu.edu or dropped off at either Extension Office by **Friday, September 24th**. Applicants should plan to participate in interviews on **Wednesday, September 29th**. Interview times will be determined once applications have been received.
I know life is busy...
As you wrap up this year with completed record books and completed officer books, each club is presenting a new slate of officers and working on a new program book for the 2021-2022 4-H Year.
Take a moment to take a quick breath...
Reflection on the past year usually helps give some guidance in the year ahead. Some questions that you might ask yourself?
• What was your favorite activity, event, or memory from this past year?
• What activity, event, or project do you want to make sure that you participate in this next year?
• What tools do you need? This could be a piece of equipment for the project or an organizational tool.
I have told many people that often times record books are not difficult, but they do require a little time. Time spent at the beginning to get organized in a plan often pays off down the road. This might be a way to track activities or expenses. It could also mean writing new goals for the project so you are intentional in your learning this year.
In the busy-ness, don’t forget to take a moment to breathe and reflect to help “Make the Best Better” in the year ahead.

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For fastest composting, alternate layers of “greens” and “browns”. Greens are materials with a high amount of nitrogen as compared to carbon. Browns have less nitrogen as compared to carbon. The mixture of the two produces the “just right” amount of carbon and nitrogen to give the microorganisms just what they need to compost quickly.

The most common greens are fresh grass clippings, coffee grounds, small weeds, fruit and veggie scraps, plant trimmings and animal manure. The browns would include shredded leaves, sawdust, wood chips, hay, straw, dried grass clippings and prunings from small branches. These materials can be mixed together at the start or layered. If layering, alternate layers of brown materials (6 to 8 inches deep) with green materials (2 to 3 inches thick) until you reach a height of 3 to 5 feet. If green materials are in short supply, add 1 to 2 cups per square yard of a commercial garden fertilizer in place of the green material layer. (Ward Upham)

Shannon
2021-2022 Flint Hills District 4-H Ambassador

Application

Mission: Promote the 4-H Program to the families and youth of Chase and Morris Counties through leadership, service and support.

DUE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

APPLICATION AND RESPONSES MUST BE TYPED, NOT HANDWRITTEN.
EMAIL APPLICATION AS AN ATTACHMENT TO sdandres@ksu.edu

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
- One full year of experience as a Flint Hills District 4-H Club member (Chase or Morris County)
- 8th grade to age 18
- Current 4-H member

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Full Name:
Preferred Name:
Home Mailing Address (city, state and zip):

E-mail:
4-H Club Name: Phone:
Years in 4-H: Text – YES OR NO
School: Date of Birth:
Current Grade:

Parent or Guardian Name:
Parent or Guardian Phone: Text – YES OR NO
Parent or Guardian Email:

Applications must be received via email by midnight on September 24th. All applicants will be contacted following submission of the application to confirm an interview time. Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, September 29th from 6 – 8 pm scheduling start times every 10 minutes. Your application should be no more than 3 pages in length.

STATEMENT BY 4-H MEMBER:
I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be true.

E-Signature: ____________________________ Date: ______________

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PLEASE RESPOND TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. Define the word ‘Leader’.

2. How would you describe your leadership style?

3. What skills have you gained from 4-H?

4. How will 4-H help you in the future?

5. What part of 4-H do you like to talk about most and why?

6. Why do you want to be a Morris County 4-H Ambassador?

Limit total responses to 2 pages.

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Achievement Banquet

If you haven’t completed the survey yet regarding the 2021 Achievement Banquet, please complete by September 15. This survey is to collect preferences on time and style for the 2021 Achievement Banquet. The link for the survey is attached below.

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bmhsUKd6ZJnwpw

4-H Council

The next 4-H Council meeting has been scheduled for Monday, September 27 at 6:15 pm and the Community Building. At this meeting, Council will finalize Achievement Banquet plans and set meeting dates for the next 4-H year. Please be sure your club is represented. Starting the 2021-2022 4-H year, the 4-H Council will plan to meet in the odd months of the year: January, March, May, July, September, November.

Record Books

With the new project record forms this year we will make a few changes in the record book review and judging process.

- 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 27.
- 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.
- The link for the record book workshop recording was sent out as an attachment in an email.
- Pages should still be included in the 3 ring binder as they have in the past: with current projects at the front and previous projects behind.
- 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 enrolled projects.
- It is not required to write a 4-H Story and include general pictures. Incorporate some of these general components into each of your stories within the project pages. If you need examples or have questions, please ask.

Business Appreciation

Business appreciation lists are being assembled as they have in the past. Leaders will be notified when they are ready.

2022 Fair Update

The Fair Board met on August 29 as a wrap up for the 2021 Fair. Just a few notes to keep in mind.

- Please be sure that ALL thank you notes have been sent to sponsors and buyers. Thanking the community for their support plays a huge part in the continued success of the fair each year.
- Dates for the 2022 Fair have been set for July 21-29. There will likely be a few schedule changes. The specific schedule of events will be determined at a separate meeting.
- There have been some project updates at the Kansas State Fair with class options. Look for an email with those specific details on adjustments for Chase County Fair prior to 4-H Online opening for 2021-2022 Enrollment.
- Market goats will be allowed to participate in the 2022 Livestock Premium Sale. The limit of members being allowed to sell one animal per specie will remain in place.

4-H Enrollment, Re-Enrollment, and VIP Renewals will begin Friday, October 1 on www.v2.4honline.com
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**Survey**
Weekly achievement summary due to complete.

**State Fair**
- Begins: Monday, 8:30 AM State Fair
- Ends: Friday, 5 PM State Fair

**Judging**
- Contest: Sunday, 9 AM State Fair
- Photography: Monday, 2 PM State Fair
- Oral: Tuesday, 4 PM State Fair
- Guided: Wednesday, 6 PM State Fair

**Extension**
- Fair entry due to complete by Friday, 5 PM State Fair.
- Fair entry extended to Saturday, 8:30 AM State Fair.

**2021 Quarterly Calendar**
- 6:15 PM - 4:00 PM Cincinnati
- No School
- Labor Day
- Last Day of School
- Illegal Poisons due to expire.
Alison Bachura
Noah Balboa
Marcelo Balboa
Colton Cooper
Eli Day
Julia Filinger
Casten Honer
Enley Lauer
Laramie Mayer

Haylee Nielsen
Jayden Patry
Ransom Tiffany
Anna Schrader
Joshua Small
Maxton Villalobos
Paisley Voboril
Kasey Wilson

A Flashback in 4-H History

Sam Miser family at Chase County Fair, 1957
**CLOVERBUDS**

We are in search of a volunteer willing to lead our County Cloverbud group. Amber Davis plans to step down from this position following the August Cloverbud activities. If you are interested in this volunteer role please let Shandi know.

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**Carcass Contest Results**

The Carcass Contest Banquet was held on Thursday, August 12th at the community building. Speakers relating Meat Science and the Beef Industry presented information relevant to those industries today. Results were then shared along with awards. For swine, the Grand Champion Carcass went to Kyler Rose with Reserve Champion awarded to Mason Goeckel. For beef, the Grand Champion Carcass belonged to Cooper Andres. Cooper was also awarded the Reserve Champion Beef Carcass.

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**Record Book Judging**

4-H record book judging will be held on Wednesday, October 13th from 11 am to 7 pm in the Extension Office. We ask that each club send at least 3 representatives to help with judging; more are always welcome to join us. There will be a meal provided for lunch and dinner. Please contact the Extension Office by Monday, October 10 to let us know who will be attending and representing your club so we can plan for food.

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**4-H Expo/Appreciation Picnic**

Our annual 4-H Expo and Appreciation Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 10 from 4-6 pm at the Morris County Fairgrounds.

We would like each club to provide a member or several members willing to give project talks, demonstrations, or readings. We will allow 10 minutes for each project talk beginning at 4:10. Our 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.

County or Club Project leaders may also have a table/booth to share about their project or offer an activity.

The picnic meal will begin at 5:15 pm. The meal is open to the community as an appreciation for their support of 4-H.

Please share this with your clubs and report to the Extension Office with a list of members who are planning on giving talks at the Expo as well as those wishing to have a booth. Any other ideas are appreciated.

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**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!
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