Discovery Days

Five 4-Hers from the Flint Hills Extension District attended Discovery Days in Manhattan, May 29 - May 31. Mandy Wainwright was the 4-Her attending from Morris County. Rylee Coy, Julia Filinger, Sophia Gianville and Laura Koch represented Chase County. Rylee Coy also served on the Discovery Days Task Force planning team. Discovery Days is held on the Kansas State University campus and gives 4-Hers between the ages of 13 and 18 the opportunity to experience college life by living on campus, taking classes, and learning about hobbies and careers. Youth also had the opportunity to listen to keynote speaker, Rhett Laubach, speak about leadership and motivation.

Sunny Hills Camp June 5-8 2019

We had 21 campers and 3 counselors attend 4-H Camp at Rock Springs 4-H Center this summer!
The Cloverbud (5-8 year olds) meetings are scheduled primarily for Saturday’s at 9 am at the White City Community Building. The schedule is listed below. If you have questions, please contact Amber Davis at 785-349-2448 or by e-mail at amberfromoz@hotmail.com.

County Fair activity (July 20-29)
Saturday, August 3
Saturday, September 7

County Horse/Horseless Horse Project Meeting

The remaining practice schedule listed below will be held at the fairgrounds from 6:30 – 8 pm:

Thursday, June 27 – Barrels, Poles, Flags
Wednesday, July 3 – Online Fair Entry due
Thursday, July 11 – Trail and Ranch Trail
Thursday, July 18 – Open practice Trail and other patterns will be available
Thursday, July 25 – FAIR SHOW

Please mark your calendars! For questions, contact Lisa Wainwright at 785-466-3132 or spurofthemoment09@gmail.com.

County Dog Project Meetings

Below is a list of all the meetings Michelle has scheduled. Please put them on your calendar. Contact Michelle Poole, County Dog Care and Training project leader at 785-775-4699 (h) or 785-410-6971 (c). You can also email her at michellerp1965@hotmail.com.

July 1, 8 and 15 at 6:30 pm on Mondays

County Cat Meeting

The next County Cat project meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16 at 6 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room. Please bring your cat. If you have questions or want additional information, call Denise Ehrligh at 785-486-1782 or email her at daehrich@cgrove417.org.

4-H State Wheat Expo

The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat.

When: Wednesday, August 8 from 9 am - 3 pm
Where: The Kingman Expo Center located at 121 S Main, Kingman, KS 67068
Who: All 4-H family members, leaders, and Extension staff
Cost: $6 per person
Pre-registration Deadline: Monday, July 29
Registration is currently open: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html

For more information, visit: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/index.html

For additional questions you can contact Shannon at our office. Or to get involved with the wheat expo planning committee, you can contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or by e-mail at dwaldren@ksu.edu.

Livestock Sweepstakes

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be held August 24 - 25 on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. This will be considered the state contest and national qualifying event for all four contests. All entries must be made through your local Extension Office. Any questions regarding member eligibility need to be inquired through your local extension office before the entry deadline. There are some important changes for 2019, so be sure to check into those. Rules and information may be found on the K-State Youth Livestock Program website at: https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/4-h-livestock-sweepstakes.html

Entry deadline to our office is due on Tuesday, July 30 by 5 pm. If you have questions, please contact Shannon at the Extension Office (787-5136) or by e-mail at spn@ksu.edu.

Kansas 4-H Equine Extravaganza

This is a new event this year and will include youth and adults! Youth topics will include showmanship, horsemanship, quiz bowl, judging, hippology, achievement level 1. Adult topics will include 4-H horse project overview, 4-H horse web site, conducting project meetings, and organizing contests. They will also have 4-H Horse achievement level evaluator training. Registration will be $20 which includes lunch and t-shirt. Registration details coming soon!

When: Saturday, November 9
Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center
Time: 8 am - 4:30 pm
4-H Talent Showcase: Come Share Your Talent!

The Talent Showcase is open to all 4-Hers. 4-Hers DO NOT need to be enrolled in the performing arts project to participate. 4-Hers may exhibit more than one talent showcase entry. Complete one copy of this form per entry. Participants must provide their own props, including musical accompaniment equipment. Entry forms are due in the Morris County Extension Office on **Wednesday, July 3, 2019 by 5 pm**. If you have questions, please call the Extension Office at (620) 787-5138. An entry form is included in this newsletter.

Snack Shack Donations

We are asking for donations again to help us out with Snack Shack. We can always use hamburger. The youth in Horticulture can contribute such things as tomatoes and onions. Members in the foods project can donate baked goods if they'd like. Please contact Susan Lewis if you have questions on what you can bring. Susan can be contacted at 620-767-3542. (This is a perfect opportunity to add to your record books and help your community!)

NEW for Shooting Sports

The Shooting Sports program is looking at adding a Shotgun discipline to the current program. If you have a 4-Her who might be interested in enrolling in this division of the project, please let the Extension Office know so you can be notified when additional information is available.

Free Community Breakfast

The Methodist Church located on N. Mission in Council Grove is offering a free breakfast from 8 - 9 am every Sunday. Everyone is welcome!

Summer Food Program

- **Location:** Alta Vista
  - **Time Frame:** Mon - Thur, 12 - 12:30 pm
  - **Activities Provided:** Occasionally
- **Location:** Council Grove High School
  - **Time Frame:** Mon - Fri, 11:45-12:30 pm, 12:15-12:45 pm
  - **Activities Provided:** Yes
- **Location:** White City School
  - **Time Frame:** Mon - Thur, 12 - 12:30 pm
  - **Activities Provided:** Yes

Our new Ag/4-H Agent, Shannon Ney

Hello everyone! I am so excited to serve as the Agriculture and Natural Resources/4-H Youth Development Extension Agent for the Flint Hills District!

I wanted to make a short bio so that all the families and people in the community could get to know me better. I grew up in Russell, KS on a 50 head cow/calf operation. I come from a long generation of farmers so as I was growing up, I knew the livestock industry was where I belong. I was a 13-year 4-H member in Russell County, which is part of the Midway District, and held an office almost every year in my club. I was a part of the Russell FFA chapter serving as a club officer as well as a district officer for the Northwest FFA District. I attended Kansas State University all four years where I majored in Animal Sciences and Industry while also being a College of Agriculture Ambassador and a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. During my time in college, I was able to serve as both a volunteer and as an intern for the Midway Extension District where I was able to see that extension was where I wanted to make my full-time career. I love working with youth and sharing my passion for agriculture with them. To me, it is important to share with youth why agriculture is important and show them that they are the future. Without the young individuals, agriculture advancements would not be able to grow. I cannot wait to meet everyone and am looking forward to sharing my love for 4-H and agriculture with the individuals in the Flint Hills District and cannot wait to see their agriculture passion grow!

Dog Project Field Trip

The 4-Hers in the Dog Project enjoyed a tour of the KSDS Assistance Dogs Training Facility in Washington, KS on April 19th.
Morris County 4-H Fair Updates

When: July 20-29, 2019
Flint Hills District - Morris County Website:
https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/fair/

Fair Books and Fair T-Shirts
Fair Books and Fair T-shirts have been given to Club leaders for dispersal. Clubs should be sure to submit payment for the extra shirts they ordered.

Please read all of the rules in the Fair Book carefully as you prepare for fair. If you have any questions, please ask so that they can be addressed as soon as possible.

The Fair Book and Fair Schedule are posted on our website: https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/fair/.

Fair Pre-entry and Entries
Website: www.fairentry.com is open for entries!
The pre-entry deadline is July 3 and will automatically close at midnight. We are using the Fair Entry online system this year. There is a complete list of directions in the Fair Book (page 8) on this process. Please do not wait until the last minute to try to log-in the first time. An e-mail with detailing instructions was sent out. Look for it in your inbox.

The additional paperwork for Clothing, Buymanship, and Morris County Born Beef needs to be turned into our office on July 3 by 5 pm as well as entering the classes into the Fair Entry system.

The same applies for participation in the swine or beef carcass contests; please call our office to let us know you are entering these contests and also enter them in the Fair Entry system prior to Midnight July 3.

One of the advantages of using the Fair Entry online system is that you can also enter all other exhibits into the system in advance. All other exhibits (not requiring pre-entry) can be entered into the system between June 1 and July 25. If you choose to enter your other exhibits by July 25 at midnight your entry cards will be printed for you and you will NOT have to fill out green entry cards. If you choose not to enter the building exhibits into the Fair Entry system, there is no penalty - you will just need to fill out the green entry cards when you arrive.

Pre-entry for the Open Class Horse Show is encouraged, but not required.

When entering in Fair Entry, if a question does not apply, enter ‘NA’.

If you have any questions, please be sure and ask.

Fair Survey
There will be a Fair survey for 4-H families to complete for the opportunity to give their feedback and suggestions for the fair. Look for the link that will be posted at the fair.

Fair Superintendents Meeting
There will be a Fair Superintendents meeting the night of fair set-up, Wednesday, July 24 at 5:30 pm. If you are a superintendent, please plan to attend.

Snack Shack
The snack shack times for fair have been adjusted based on feedback. Please be sure to check out the times on the schedule. Once again the shifts will be beginning 30 minutes before the snack shack is scheduled to open. Club assignments are listed in the Fair Book on page 7. It is recommended that the snack shack have 6 people available to work to allow for sales, any food prep that needs to happen, table cleaning, and trash and bathroom care.

Check-in and Check-out

- Entries will not be accepted on Wednesday night following clean-up and set-up.
- For building exhibits, please be sure to sign up for judging times when you check your exhibit in Friday, July 26 5:00-8:00 pm - All livestock will be checked in and weighed.
- Saturday, July 27 7:30-9:30 am - The ONLY exhibits allowed to be checked in at this time are foods, horticulture and floriculture because they are perishable.
- Release of exhibits will be at 8:00 p.m. this year. If exhibits are taken early, the fair board reserves the right to withhold ALL premium money from the exhibitor. Premium money includes ribbon premium, livestock sale premium, and foods auction premium. If you see another individual leaving before the 8:00 pm time, do not assume that it was approved. Please let a fair board member or extension agent know!

Premium Money and Auction Fees

- Ribbon premium amounts will be listed in the fair book to help with completion of records for record books.
- Money is held from checks of 4-H members participating in the premium auction to help with costs of the auction.
  - For livestock, this has been $10/animal and will continue at that rate.
  - New this year, there will be $5 withheld from each 4-H member participating in the 4-H Foods Auction.

Thank You Notes
The fair board works year round to gain sponsors of awards and trophies. Each year, Extension Agents and Fair Board are reminded how many thank you notes are not being sent. There will be a ‘Thank You Note’ booth at the fair to help 4-H’ers get their thank you notes sent! If you have questions, please be sure to ask. The complete Thank You Note policies have been included in the Fair Book.
Morris County Fair updates cont...

Livestock

- The Morris County Bom nomination forms have been updated this year. These will be submitted in paper form to the Extension office.
- **Swine:** There will not be a base bid for hogs again this year. If 4-Her's know that they will have hogs for sale, please let the Extension office know so when community members call, we will know who to direct them to.
- **Beef:** There will not be a base bid for hogs again this year. If 4-Her's know that they will have hogs for sale, please let the Extension office know so when community members call, we will know who to direct them to.

Kansas State Fair

September 6-15, 2019

Entry/Pre-Entries

**July 15** - Grand Drive entry deadline
**August 1** - Horse Show registration deadline to State 4-H Office including payments. Has to be completed via 4-H Online. You can pay online. If mailing checks they have to be received in the State 4-H Office by this date-so mail early!
**August 5** - All other 4-H State Fair pre-entries are due to the Extension Office by 5 pm.
**August 15** - KJLS entry deadline

Grand Drive Scholarship

We are excited to celebrate our 20th Anniversary in 2019! A new addition to this great program and superb livestock shows are the ten (10) - one Thousand Dollar ($1000) scholarships that are being offered this year! Any past or present exhibitor of the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive that is a graduating senior in 2020 or a secondary education student enrolled for 2019-2020.

Applications must be submitted along with all required forms by July 1, 2019. Click on link below to complete application:

https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/participate/competitive-exhibits/grand-drive-scholarships1

Ticket Orders and Reservations

Kansas State Fair

Encampment Building Reservations

4-Hers, adult leaders, and those working with 4-H exhibits at the Kansas State Fair can stay in the Encampment Building on the fairgrounds. Space is not available for children under the age of 7. The cost is $15 per person per night. Payment and reservations for bed space need to be made to the Extension Office by August 5.

Advance Gate Tickets for the Kansas State Fair

4-H families may order youth and adult admission tickets in advance through the Extension Office. Orders and payment need to be turned into the Extension Office by August 5.

2019 ticket prices are as follows:

- Youth (ages 9-18) - $3
- (Excludes Grand Drive & Horse Exhibitors. Must purchase wristbands at time of entry.)
- Adult (ages 13-59) - $7
- Senior (ages 60 and over) - $4

Tri-County Free Fair

July 11-13, 2019

A Fair Schedule can be found on either of the websites listed below. This is a great opportunity for experience and feedback before the County Fair.

https://www.tricountyfairks.com/
https://www.finhills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/fair/
tricountyfreefair.html

The following events and flyers can be found on the Flint Hills website listed above:

- ATV Rodeo
- Car Show & Fun-n-the Sun
- Demo Car Drawing
- Gun Raffle
- King & Queen Gala
- Ranch Rodeo

Updated Foods Rules

The Foods and Nutrition rules and classes have been updated this year to align with the Morris County Fair and State Fair rules and classes. This change will allow project members to bring up to 5 items of their choosing for judging. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Horse Show Change

Please note the Horse Show date and time change at Tri-County Fair has been moved to Saturday morning instead of Thursday for the 4-H and Open shows.
Important Dates

Extension Office Closed: Thursday, July 4th

4-H EVENTS
- July 11-13 - Tri-County Fair
- July 20-29 - Morris County 4-H Fair
- August 8 - 2019 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo, Kingman; Deadline is July 29
- August 5 - State Fair Entry deadline
- September 6-15 - Kansas State Fair
- November 2 - Achievement Banquet

LIVESTOCK EVENTS
- June 28-29 - Dr. Bob Hines Classic Swine Show
- June 29 - 1st Annual Poultry Day and Pullet Sale (no cost but reservations are required prior to event)
- July 1 - North Central District Horse Show
- August 24-25 - Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes; Deadline to our office is July 30 by 5 pm
- September 27-29 - Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- November 9 - Kansas 4-H Equine Extravaganza

Agents’ Tip of the Month

Preparing for the Fair --

Just a few thoughts to help as you get ready for the County Fair. Don’t wait until the last minute to get ready!

- Take the time to read the general rules in the fair book. Also read the rules for each project you are enrolled in.
- Put sticky notes for these project pages so they are easy to find. Highlight the classes that you will enroll in.
- Read to determine if you need to pre-enter your items by July 3rd.
- Think about what items you need to pick up for your project - photo mat boards, ziploc bags, shavings, etc.
- Think about things you need to have ready with your item - entry cards, building plans, recipe cards, stall cards, etc.
- Make a packing list so you don’t forget something.
- Make plans to enter your exhibits with plenty of time on Friday, July 26th.
- The only exhibits that can be brought Saturday morning are Foods, Floriculture, Horticulture, and Open Class exhibits inside.

If you have questions, be sure to ask.

Shandi

Proper animal health is one of the most important components in the beef industry. It is important that every producer is capable of observing when an animal is ill and how to appropriately administer different health products. The article, “Proper Handling and Administration of Cattle-Health Products”, written by A.J. Tarpo, DVM, MS, an Extension beef veterinarian, advises that the following recommendations may help cattle-health products work to their full potential. His suggestions, which are related for all products, are:

- Read the label and package insert
- Check and maintain proper temperature
- Label syringes to easily identify products
- Leave injectable in the original container
- Do not re-enter a bottle with a used needle
- Clean up at the end of the day

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