Kansas State Fair Awards

Congratulations to Cooper Andres for being chosen for the Sunflower Award for his photo and to Jayde Price for having her photo chosen for use by the Kansas 4-H Foundation at the Kansas State Fair this year.

Visual Arts

Congratulations to Lexi Todd for being selected to have her painting exhibited at the Rock Springs Ranch throughout this next year. It will be returned at the 2020 Kansas State Fair.

Rabbits

Congratulations to Taizly Hendricks for receiving the Best of Variety Award and the Best Opposite Sex Variety Award with her rabbits at the Kansas State Fair.

Due October 1

Record Books, Pin applications, Key Award applications, project meeting forms (Club and County), Club Officer books (Historian books not included), Club Summaries, Friend of 4-H nominations, and 4-H Alumni nominations are due to the Extension Office by 5 PM, October 1.

4-H Enrollment

It is almost time to enroll for 4-H again! It is the same as last year. You must enroll via 4-H Online. The link is https://ks.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/morris-county/. Please let us know if you have any questions. You can call our office at 620-767-5136. Just a reminder that there is a $15 enrollment fee. The 4-H Foundation will pay the fee for those who turn in record books. They will also pay the fee for new members and new families.

Club Leadership Rosters

IMPORTANT: 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.

Volunteers

There are new changes this year for the VIP process! Good...we hope! The process has been simplified immensely from previous years.

• Every community and project leader (Club and/or County) will need to update, or start a profile in 4-H Online if you haven’t already done so. Once you update your profile it will automatically renew your VIP status every year. There is no longer a need to fill out the renewal form.
• The State is still requiring you to re-screen every 3 years after your initial year. You will complete the form online via 4-H Online--no more paper copies. We will submit the National Criminal Background Check for you as long as you have completed the Validity check in the past.
• For re-screening, you will only be required to complete the Orientation Training and Agent Interview if you have not completed the volunteer screening in the past. The full screening process will be followed for new volunteers.
• One other major change is that ‘episodic’ volunteers have been changed to ‘Adult Helpers’ instead. Now it is more defined, so hopefully it won’t be as confusing as it was before.

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Special points of interest

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• Calendar

If you have items you would like in the monthly newsletters, please notify the Extension Office by the 20th of the month. Thank You!

Kansas State Fair Exhibits

Congratulations to all of the 4-Hers who participated in the Kansas State Fair! Morris County was well represented and we are proud of your accomplishments. If you haven’t already picked up your exhibits from the Extension Office, please come by and get them anytime Monday through Friday from 8 am – Noon and 1 – 5 pm.

Fair Board Meeting

The next Fair Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9 at 7 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

4-H Council Meeting

There is no 4-H Council meeting held in September. The next meeting will be held on October 21 with the new representatives from each Club.

New Office E-mail

You may start seeing a new e-mail popping up from time to time. This e-mail sends to everyone in our office automatically. We would like to start using it a little more often. Feel free to contact any of us using this new e-mail: mr@listserv.ksu.edu
Continue from front page:
This new volunteer process starts October 1 along with 4-H enrollment and re-enrollment. Once your information is complete, it will remain as your permanent record in 4-H Online. It will just need to be edited each year going forward. You will receive an e-mail or letter if you need to complete anything other than updating the profile.

Record Books
Record books and pin applications are due at the Extension Office by **Tuesday, October 1**. An order of assembly for record books is posted on our website along with a check list and several other forms you may find helpful. Forms are online at https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/pinapplicationsrecordbooks/index.html. If you have any question about completing record books, filling out pin award applications or what pin application you can apply for, please contact the Extension Office, 767-5136.

4-H Key Award
4-Hers who are 16 years old or older may apply for the 4-H Key Award. Requirements for the award include completing at least four years of 4-H work, being enrolled in the leadership project for at least four years, and fulfilling at least nine other requirements on the application. The application can be found on the Flint Hills District website at flinthills.ksu.edu. Once at the website, click on the 4-H Youth Development tab on the left-hand side of the screen and click on the Morris County Information tab. Applications are due **Tuesday, October 1**.

Club Summaries
The Club Summaries are due into the Extension Office by **Tuesday, October 1**. You can find the updated form on our website at: http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/pinapplicationsrecordbooks/index.html

Friend of 4-H and 4-H Alumni Nominations
Each year, 4-H clubs in Morris County are asked to nominate individuals they feel have contributed to the 4-H program and are worthy recipients of the Friend of 4-H or 4-H Alumni awards. Both of these awards are given out at the 4-H Achievement Banquet. If you have someone you think would be a great candidate, let your club leader know. Nominations are due with the 4-H Club Summary on **Tuesday, October 1**.

Project Meeting Forms
Club and county project leader reports for meetings held during the 2018-2019 4-H year are due to the Extension Office by **Tuesday, October 1**. These forms are used to report 4-Her attendance as well as presentations given by 4-Hers at club and county project meetings. The form can be found on our website at https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/index.html or at the Extension Office.

Club Officer Books
Club secretary, reporter, and treasurer books need to be submitted to the Extension Office on **Tuesday, October 1**. Clubs do not need to turn in their Historian book.

National 4-H Week
National 4-H Week will be **October 6-12, 2019**. This year’s theme is “Inspire Kids to Do”. Clubs are encouraged to inform their communities about the 4-H program during this week. 4-H members should be prepared to discuss contests, presentations, displays, and other ways to promote 4-H. If your club wants ideas for activities during National 4-H Week, contact the Extension Office, as there are some great promotional materials. National 4-H Week is a great opportunity to share enthusiasm and promote the benefits of the 4-H program to our communities.

An email was sent to all club members about an opportunity to participate in a Morris County 4-H promotion activity coordinated by the Morris County Ambassadors.

4-H Expo
Our annual 4-H Expo will be held on **Sunday, October 6** from 4-6 pm at the Morris County Fair Grounds.

- 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 starting at 4:10.
- 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.
- We will do a Dog Agility Demonstration like we did last year.
- County Project Leaders can also have a table/booth. And they are invited to give a talk or demonstration as well.
- The meal, open to the community as an appreciation for their support of 4-H, starts at 5:15 pm.
- Bring canned goods to be donate to Care & Share. Please share this with your clubs and get back to Crystal Carson, Alicsa Mayer, Aleece Priest (contact information below) or the Extension Office so it can be added to the list of members who are planning on giving talks at the Expo, or with any other ideas you may have or would like to do.
* Crystal Carson: clcarsonfarms@gmail.com or 785-561-0474
* Alicsa Mayer: bicky128@hotmail.com or 785-499-3534
* Aleece Priest: adpriest4@gmail.com or 620-766-7114

Be sure to sign up for your booth, so tables can be set up.

Friend of 4-H Appreciation Picnic
The annual appreciation picnic will be on **Sunday, October 6** at 5:15 pm following the 4-H Expo. The picnic will be held at the Fair Grounds Community Building. 4-Hers and parents are needed to greet guests, serve food, and clean up. Invitations have been sent to all 2019 premium buyers, award sponsors, the Flint Hills Extension Board members, the Morris County 4-H Foundation Board members, and Fair Board members.

48 Hours of 4-H
What: Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Please register your projects and then follow up with a report so we know about all the great things that
Morris County 4-H Info, Activities, and Applications Continued....

Happenings across the state. 48 Hours of 4-H is the perfect compliment to #InspireKidsDo. Start planning your projects now!

**When:** October 12-13, 2019  
**Who:** 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni, Partnerships, Community Organizations, Potential 4-H Families

If you're interested in completing a community event during 48 Hours of 4-H, then please click on this link to obtain all the 2019 information: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-48-hours-of-4-h/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-48-hours-of-4-h/index.html)

**Achievement Banquet**

The annual 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 2 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 'Let 4-H Light Your Way'.

**Tickets.** Tickets are $4.25 each. Tickets are now available in the Extension office or will be available at the 4-H Council meeting on October 21 for club leaders to pick up. Tickets can be purchased from the Extension Office or through your club leader. **Ticket orders need to be submitted to the Extension Office no later than Wednesday, October 23.**

**Club Assignments.** Each club is assigned to a committee for the Achievement Banquet.

- **Decorations, Tables, & Chairs** – Willing Workers and Flint Hills
  Responsibilities include helping to set up tables, chairs, and decorations prior to the banquet on Friday evening, November 9 at 4:30 pm.

- **Programs & Tickets** – Burdick Hustlers
  Responsibilities include taking tickets on the evening of the banquet and handing out programs to attendees.

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

**Record Book Judging**

4-H record book judging will be held on Tuesday, October 15 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 for those who help with judging. Please contact with Extension Office by Friday, October 11 to let us know who will be attending and representing your club so we can plan for food. This is a great opportunity for parents and leaders to gain ideas on ways to help 4-Hers improve on completing their record books.

**Club and Project Leader Training**

All club leaders and project leaders are strongly encouraged to attend leader training. Both trainings will be held on Monday, October 28. Community Leader training will be from 6 - 7 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room followed by the Project Leader training from 7 - 8 pm for project leaders at both the club and county level.

**Officer Training**

Officer Training will be held the evening of Tuesday, November 5 from 6 - 8 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room. Please be sure new officers mark it on their calendars.

### Kansas 4-H Youth Council Applications

**Ages 14-18 (before January 1, 2020)** may apply as a Council Representative. Applications, in their entirety, must be completed and submitted online by **October 1 by 5 pm**. Elections will be conducted at KYLF. Please contact Beth Hinshaw with any questions you may have. Her contact information is bhinshaw@ksu.edu or 620-669-3888. Click on the link below for the application.

[https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/docs/Candidate%20Application%20202019.pdf](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/docs/Candidate%20Application%20202019.pdf)

### 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 is available at the link below and closes October 15.

[https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html)

**When:** Saturday, November 9  
**Where:** Rock Springs 4-H Center  
**Time:** 8 am - 4:30 pm

### Kansas Youth Leadership Council

**What:** Come and build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2019 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF.

**When:** November 23-24, 2019  
**Where:** Rock Springs 4-H Center  
**Who:** Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2020  
**Registration:** Open late Summer of 2019  
**Final Registration Deadline:** November 1, 2019

The Morris County 4-H Foundation will pay 40% of the fee to help support the Morris County 4-Hers planning to attend KYLF. To register go to [http://www.cvent.com/events/2018-kansas-4-h-leadership-weekend/event-summary-1dc75409a19446a2b3e205b821201eea.aspx](http://www.cvent.com/events/2018-kansas-4-h-leadership-weekend/event-summary-1dc75409a19446a2b3e205b821201eea.aspx)

### Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum

The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum is open to all 4-H Volunteers. Come learn knowledge and skills that will assist you in continuing to help youth see new possibilities, opportunities and learning. Lifetime KA4-HV members qualify for a $25 scholarship (net cost $140 or $165). Use the coupon code “KA4-HV” to get the scholarship. You may pay your dues ($50 lifetime) at the Forum and qualify for the scholarship.

Please click on this link to get more info and to register: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-volunteer-leader-forum/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-volunteer-leader-forum/index.html)
**2019 Notecard**

We have the new notecards from 2019 Fair photos in and ready for sale. They are $5 per set of 12 blank cards and envelopes. They make great gifts! Stop in and get yours today. These will also be available for purchase at the Achievement Banquet.

**2020 Fair Theme**

Please be thinking about next year’s fair theme. If you come up with a great idea, please let us know and we will put it in the drop box. Or put it in the box yourself if you’re in the office some time.

**NEW Shooting Sports: Shotgun Division**

If anyone is interested in enrolling in the shotgun division of the project, please let the Extension Office know right away.

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**Shandí’s Tip of the Month**

Each person has their own personality for recording dates, information, and tracking details. I want to encourage you to take a little time for reflection as we wrap up this 4-H year and turn in record books to give some thought to your tracking process. 4-Her's often need help from parents to track everything they participate in through 4-H during the year. Do you need to make any adjustments to your system to help with record books next year? Are there any areas that you need to focus on for next year or expand your involvement in?

A few ideas for tracking activities could be:

- Keep a list or calendar of only 4-H activities
- Keep a calendar and highlight 4-H activities, make notes of talks, leadership, citizenship
- Make a list of projects with space for notes of activities for each
- Have a designated tote for all 4-H papers to be put (i.e. feed receipts, program, etc.)
- Keep a binder as a scrapbook for the year

To help in the process for next year, you might consider printing a blank green sheet, pin application, and KAP form now to help keep things throughout the year.

You know the saying "Out of Sight, Out of Mind"? The same works with record books, keep your list or calendar easily accessible so it can be updated periodically to help create a smoother process next fall. We will plan for a record book workshop after the first of the year.

**Shannon's Tip of the Month**

According to Ward Upham in the September Horticulture Newsletter, "The fall season can be an excellent time to plant trees. During the spring, soils are cold and may be so wet that low oxygen levels inhibit root growth. The warm and moist soils normally associated with fall encourage root growth. Fall root growth means the tree becomes established months before a spring-planted tree and is better able to withstand summer stresses. The best time to plant trees in the fall is early September to late October. This is early enough that roots can become established before the ground freezes. Unfortunately, certain trees do not produce significant root growth during the fall and are better planted in the spring. These include beech, birch, redbud, magnolia, tulip poplar, willow oak, scarlet oak, black oak, willows, and dogwood.

Fall-planted trees require some special care. Remember, that roots are actively growing even though the top is dormant. Make sure the soil stays moist but not soggy. This may require watering not only in the fall but also during the winter months if we experience warm spells that dry the soil. Mulch also is helpful because it minimizes moisture loss and slows the cooling of the soil so root growth continues as long as possible."

Shandi
Important Dates

Extension Office Closed: Our office will be closed on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

4-H EVENTS

October 1 - All Due: record books, pin applications, key award applications, officer club books, club seal forms, project meeting forms, nomination forms for Alumni of 4-H and Friend of 4-H.

October 1 - New 4-H Year: Enrollment/Re-Enrollment

October 1 - Volunteer Sign-Up/Update in 4-H Online

October 2 - Ambassador Interviews

October 6-12 - National 4-H Week

October 6 - 4-H Expo/Appreciation Picnic

October 11 - Record Book Judging Attendance deadline

October 12-13 - 48 Hours of 4-H

October 15 - Record Book Judging

October 15 - Deadline for early bird KYLF registration at a discounted rate

October 19-20 - Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl

October 21 - 4-H Council Meeting

October 29 - Club and Project Leader Training

October 31 - 4-H Enrollment ends at Midnight

November 1 - Final Deadline for KYLF registrations

November 2 - Achievement Banquet

November 5 - Officer Training

November 23-24 - KYLF

LIVESTOCK EVENTS

September 27-29 - Kansas Junior Livestock Show

November 9 - Kansas 4-H Equine Extravaganza

November 21 - K-State Swine Day

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(Mark Your Calendars)

June 6-7 - Camp Counselor Training

June 7-10 - Sunny Hills Camp

June 22-25 - Campference

July 18-27 - Morris County 4-H Fair
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