Farewell Lori...You will be missed!!

I am taking this opportunity to bid you all farewell and wish you the best in the future! It was an extremely difficult decision that came with bittersweet parting. I will be continuing my work with extension, through my new position on the K-State campus. With this move I am sure I will grow and embrace new experiences, much like I did when I accepted this position six years ago. I have truly enjoyed getting to know the many 4-Hers, families, volunteers, ag producers, and community members in the Flint Hills District.

Each one of you have played a special part in the blessings I have received as your Extension Agent! I will not be far away. Please know my door is always open and I would welcome a visit.

May you continue to "Make the Best Better",

Lori

P.S. My new office is steps from Call Hall

2018 Morris County Fair

Thank you to the Morris County Fair Board, 4-H members and families, and numerous fair supporters for making the 2018 Morris County Fair a success. Congratulations to the 4-Hers for their hard work which resulted in a great display of projects at fair. Be sure to thank all of your buyers and fair sponsors! For your convenience, the names and addresses of the award sponsors are listed on the bottom of the trophies or on the envelopes of the cash awards.
4-H News cont...

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. The system is accessible with a dial-up connection or with iPads, tablets, and smart phones. The Extension Office will be happy to provide help to families who do not have internet accessibility. Attached to this newsletter is a re-enrollment brochure and new family enrollment brochure with step by step instructions. 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 waive the fee for new family members.

VIP
IMPORTANT: As club elections are completed, Community Leaders will need to be sure the Club Leadership Roster is turned in to the Extension Office.

Or, if you already know you plan on being a leader this year and you want to get started early, don’t be afraid to ask, call, or e-mail us about getting you a renewal or a packet early. We will be happy to accommodate you! Everything needs to be completed by November 1 to qualify as a volunteer leader. You can also find the information and forms on our website: http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/vip/index.html.

Record Books
Record books and pin applications are due in the Extension Office by Monday, October 1. Forms are online at http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/pinapplicationsrecordbooks/index.html.

As you are preparing your record books, please remember the following:

* Junior Division (7 & 8 Year Olds) – When writing stories for your award applications, remember to include two stories. One story should be a general 4-H story that describes your 4-H year. The second story should be a project story that describes your project work throughout the year.

* Intermediate Division (9-13 Year Olds) and Senior Division (14 & Older) – When writing your stories for your KAPs, remember that your story needs to be project specific. You may include information from your 4-H year as it relates to your project.

* Permanent Records – Remember that the permanent record is a continuous document of the activities throughout your 4-H career. In other words, the current year’s activities should be added to the previous year’s document.

* Application Signatures – Remember to have your award applications and pin applications signed by your club leaders and a parent/guardian.

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. If you have questions 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 http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/pinapplicationsrecordbooks/index.html. Applications are due Monday, October 1.

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 October 1.

Project Meeting Forms
Club and county project leader reports for meetings held during the 2017-2018 4-H year are due to the Extension Office by Monday, 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 www.flinthills.ksu.edu or at the Extension Office.

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

Club Summaries
The Club Summaries are due into the Extension Office by Monday, 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
National 4-H Week will be **October 7-13, 2018**. 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.

### 4-H Expo
Our annual 4-H Expo will be held on **Sunday, October 7** 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. We will allow 10 minutes for each project talk. Starting at 4:10, 4:25, 4:40, 4:55, 5:10 ….. 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.
- 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.
- A meal, open to the community as an appreciation for their support of 4-H, starts at 5:15 pm.

Please share this with your clubs and get back to Michelle Poole or Lisa Wainwright (contact information below) with a 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.

For questions, please e-mail or call Michelle or Lisa.

Thanks for all your hard work each of you put in to helping our kids grow in 4-H!

Michelle: michellerp1965@hotmail.com or 776-4699
Lisa Wainwright: spurofthemoment09@gmail.com or 785-466-3132

### Friend of 4-H Appreciation Picnic
The annual appreciation picnic will be on **Sunday, October 7** at 5:15 pm following the 4-H Expo. The picnic will be held at the Morris County Community Building. 4-Hers and parents are needed to greet guests, serve food, and clean up. Invitations will be sent to all 2018 premium buyers, award sponsors, the Flint Hills Extension Board members, and Morris County 4-H Foundation Board members. Clubs are asked to send the names and addresses of any additional people you would like invited, who have supported the club and its members, to the Extension office by **Monday, September 10** so an invitation can be mailed to them.

### Ambassador Applications
Would you like to see 4-H grow in Morris County? Here is your opportunity! Apply to be a Morris County 4-H Ambassador. Help educate others about the value of 4-H. Enjoy interacting with other 4-H members from across the county as well as civic organizations, families, and businesses. Applications are attached to this newsletter and available online at [http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/ambassadors/index.html](http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/ambassadors/index.html).

Applications must be e-mailed to Lisa Palmer at palmer50@ksu.edu no later than **Monday, September 24**. All applicants will be interviewed on **Wednesday, September 26**. Applicants must select an interview time once they have turned in their application. Details are on the application.

### Achievement Banquet
The annual 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on **Saturday, November 10** in the Community Building at the Fairgrounds.

### Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)
**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 17-18, 2018
**Where**: Rock Springs 4-H Center
**Who**: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2019

**Early Registration Deadline**: October 15, 2018

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)

### Record Book Judging
4-H record book judging will be held on **October 11** from 11 am to 7 pm in the Extension Office. We ask that each club send at least 3 representatives to help with judging. There will be snacks and drinks provided during the day, a meal for lunch, and pizza for the evening for those who help with judging. Please contact with Extension Office by Monday, October 8th to let us know who will be attending and representing your club.

### Officer Training
Officer Training will be held the evening of **Tuesday, November 6** from 6 - 8 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room. IMPORTANT: As club elections are completed, Community Leaders will need to be sure the Leadership Roster for the club is turned in to the Extension Office.

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**Information continued...**
2018 Livestock Sweepstakes

We had three 4-H members attend the 2018 State Livestock Sweepstakes. (Left to Right: Chase Bacon, Carissa Dalquest, and Colton Bacon.) Great job!

2018 State Horticulture Judging

We had three 4-H members attend the 2018 State Horticulture Judging Contest. This was their first year and they all did very well! (Pictured Left to Right: Parker Stiwell, Trinadee Fettner, and Lakoddah Downes.)

Morris County Conservation District Senior High School Scholarship

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 21st. The recipient will be presented the scholarship at the January 26th 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

Upcoming Activities

Flint Hills Heritage Day
High Ground Museum
Saturday, September 15, 2018
6 miles NE of Council Grove on Hwy 4. Lloyd and Marlene Florence 620-767-5357. Kids sack races with prizes. Corn grinding for kids. Roberto, the Balloon Man is back! Horse powered haying, 1913 stationary hay press operation, 1905 and 1915 working hand powered cider presses, blacksmithing demonstration, hot horse shoeing demo, cow chip throwing contest, vintage cars and tractors, live music, special guests, spinning wheel demo, food and drinks served all day! Come and join in the fun! Follow the signs to get there. For a full detailed flyer, you can see it on our website at http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/index.html

Help with Santa Visits

The Morris County Chamber of Commerce would like some assistance from the 4-Her’s. They are needing about 6 - 10 youth to help with Santa visits on Friday, December 15 from 10 am to 2 pm. Just one or two clubs need to accommodate. Please contact Reba Sumner at chamber@councligrove.com if you are interested. Or you can call the Chamber at 620-767-5413.
**Other Tid-Bits**

**Fair Board Meetings**
It has been voted on and approved that Fair Board meetings **will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 pm** at the Fair Grounds Community Building.

**Notecard Sets for Sale**
The notecard sets we have had in our office since last winter are now on sale for half price: $4 per set of 12 with envelopes. Please make checks payable to the Morris County 4-H Council. They would be great to use for ‘thank you’ cards, gifts, etc. They were given out last year at the Achievement Banquet with photos exhibited by our 4-H members at the 2017 Morris County Fair. We plan on doing the same thing again this year.

So, once they're gone; they're gone!

**Outstanding Checks**
The Morris County 4-H Council checking account has some outstanding checks from the first of the year. We did not specify that they would be voided by a certain date, but we ask that you please cash them in as soon as possible. If you have lost or misplaced a check you received from us, please notify us so we can address the issue. Thank you!

**Contests and Events**

**Kansas State Fair: “Look, Listen and Learn”**: This year we are excited to pilot a new program called “Look, Listen and Learn” at the Kansas State Fair - We are asking Extension Staff to identify youth in their Local Extension Units that they think would provide a dynamic 30 second video explaining their project, how they created it, what they learned and then to end their video with ‘_______ Grows Here’ (insert responsibility, friendship, leadership, etc.). Additional information is included in the document found on our website at [http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/fair/Statefair.html](http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/fair/Statefair.html). We will display QR codes for individuals to scan to watch the video on YouTube while they are in front of the project in the building. For the 2018 State Fair we will be starting with 5-6 of these videos.

**2018 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl** - The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be October 20-21 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The theme is “4-H Dogs Under Construction”. If you are interested in attending and would like more information, please go to [http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/index.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/index.html). Registration is available now. **Deadline for registration is October 8**. Remember, the Morris County 4-H Foundation will pay 40% of the fee.

**Courthouse will be Closed**
Our office (and the Courthouse) will be closed on **Monday, September 3** for Labor Day.

We have been notified that the Courthouse is going to be closed on **Friday, September 14, 2018**, an unscheduled holiday. Since it will be closed that day, our office will also be closed.

**Remember** the Council Grove Library has a cricut machine available for use if needed.
Important Dates

Extension Office Closed:  Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day
                         Friday, September 14th for Training

4-H EVENTS
September 1 - get a jump start on VIP; Call the
office to determine your current status.
September 6-7 - Kansas State Fair entries due
September 7-16 – Kansas State Fair
September 10 - Guests for Appreciation Picnic
need to be turned in to Office
September 24 - Ambassador application deadline
September 26 - Ambassador Interviews
October 1 - Record Books, Pin Applications, Key
Award Applications, Club Summaries, Nomi-
nations for Friend of 4-H and 4-H Alumni
Award, Club Officer books, and Project Meet-
ing Forms are ALL DUE!
October 1 - 4-H Enrollment begins & VIP
October 7 - 4-H Expo & Appreciation Picnic
October 8 - Deadline for Record Book Judges
(3 reps from each Club)
October 8 - 4-H Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl
registration deadline
October 10 - Fair Board Meeting - Fairgrounds
October 11 - Record Book Judging - Court-
house
October 15 - KYLF registration deadline
October 20-21 - 2018 Kansas 4-H Dog Confer-
ence and Quiz Bowl - Rock Springs
October 29 - 4-H Council Meeting
November 10 - Achievement Banquet
November 17-18 - KYLF at Rock Springs
January 17, 2019 - NE Area KAP Screening
January 19, 2019 - NE Area Leadership Event
Rock Springs 4-H Center
June 5-8, 2019 - Sunny Hills Camp. Mark it on
your calendars!
June 23-26, 2019 - Campference

LIVESTOCK EVENTS
October 5-7 – (KJLS) Kansas Junior Live-
stock Show

If you have items you would like to see in the
monthly newsletters, please notify the Extension
Office by the 23rd of each month. Thank You.
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**Events:**
- 4th: Ambassador Applications Due in Office
- 17th: Ambassador Interviews 6:30 - 8 pm
- 24th: Fair Board Meeting 7 pm Fairgrounds
- 25th: Ambassador Applications Due in Office
- 27th: Ambassador Interviews 6:30 - 8 pm
- 30th: Ambassador Interviews 6:30 - 8 pm
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