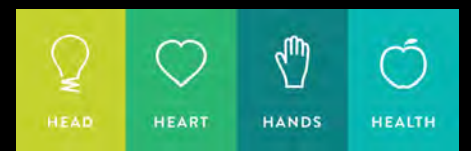


FLINT HILLS DISTRICT 4-H NEWS

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**Extension Offices
will be closed:
April 2**

Campference

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2021), and will be held June 27-30 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better communicate with others. Updates will be posted on the following link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/campference/index.html>

Members interested in attending will want to register early as the space will fill on a first come basis, and Campference was full the last five in person years. Online registration will close May 5 (or earlier if it is full). Look for registration details soon.



Discovery Days

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be held virtually in 2021. The event will be held June 1-4 with the proposed schedule as follows:

June 1 - All participants - welcome kickoff and 4-H Council engagement.
June 2 & 3 - Cohort groups - sessions organized into content related tracks.
June 4 - All participants - wrap-up and Cap-note speaker.

Updates will be posted at the following link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>.

4-H ACTIVITIES & TRAINING

Shooting Sports

Congratulations to Carly Wells for qualifying for state in Air Pistol. Congratulations to Castyn and Cooper Andres for qualifying for state in BB. State competition will be held May 1 in Great Bend.

March 28 will be a regular practice. There will be no practice Sunday, April 4 for Easter weekend. April 11, 18, and 25 will be regular practice times. These three dates are available for Fair shoot. Whichever date members choose as their Fair shoot, they will need to sign up for 2 consecutive time slots to allow time to shoot all 4 positions. Look for updates on the Morris County Sharp Shooters Facebook page. For questions, please contact Tim King at 620-767-2133 or bassfish34@gmail.com.

Sunny Hills 4-H Camp

Face-to-face camp will continue as planned. Rock Springs will operate at 50% capacity for the summer. Counties have been given a limited number of slots for attendance. Wait list registrations will be accepted until May 1. Decisions on wait list will not be made until May 3. Counselor applications are due by May 1 and if they are accepted for 2021 camp, they will be notified by May 15.

YQCA Training

Mark your calendars! Shannon will be hosting a training session 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 2021 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 session will be held in the Morris County Community Building at the Fairgrounds. The dates is: April 25, starting at 1 pm. Use the following link to register online <https://yqca.learnrow.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.

Horse Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest has been rescheduled to Friday, April 23rd in Hutchinson at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. The contest will consist of both Intermediate and Senior 4-H Divisions spread out in both Expo I and Expo II. Division entries will be limited based on first come first serve. Due to the limitation, registration opening will be repeatedly publicized in advance. Further details, including contest times, will be released soon.

CWF

Citizenship Washington Focus is a week-long 4-H citizenship experience held for 14-18 year olds in Washington, DC. It has been announced that the 2022 event is scheduled to be held in person. We are planning to take a delegation from the Flint Hills District in the summer of 2022. An interest meeting will be held April 27 at 6 pm at the Courthouse meeting room in Council Grove. We will discuss the event agenda, cost, planned activities, and address questions at that time. For those attending in person, masks will be required and social distancing will be followed. The meeting will be available on zoom for those wishing to attend virtually. The zoom link for the meeting is: <https://ksu.zoom.us/j/94374168562>

Grand Drive Scholarship

The Kansas State Fair is now accepting applications for their Grand Drive Scholarship program. The link is provided below. Applications are due April 15, 2021.

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K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Applications are now available for the 2021 K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy, June 15-18. This year's program will offer a hybrid format of virtual instruction, followed by a closing, one-day, in-person experience on the Kansas State University campus. Students will participate in tours and workshops virtually beginning on Tuesday, June 15 through Thursday, June 17. Conditions permitting, students will gather on the K-State campus Friday, June 18 to connect with their cohort, faculty and industry leaders.

Participation is limited to 20 students to ensure individualized attention from counselors, professors and industry leaders. No housing will be provided in 2021, and transportation to and from the event will be the responsibility of the participant. All other costs have been generously provided by LMIC. For questions about the academy, please contact Sharon Breiner, Director, at sbreiner@ksu.edu or 785-532-6533.

REGIONAL CLUB DAYS

Regional Club Day took place on March 20 in Burlington. Below are the results:

Morris County



Jacob Kasten	Willing Workers	Jr Demo/III Talk	Blue
Macey Hensley	Burdick Hustlers	Jr Demo/III Talk	Top Blue
Samuel Barr	Flint Hills	Sr Demo/III Talk	Red
Lakoddah Downes	Flint Hills	Sr Demo/III Talk	Red
Castyn Andres	Dwight Sunflowers	Project Talks	Top Blue
Haylee Nielsen	Neosho Valley	Project Talks	Red
Anna Schrader	Dwight Sunflowers	Public Speaking	Red
Carissa Dalquest	Flint Hills	Public Speaking	Blue
Castyn Andres	Dwight Sunflowers	Reading	Blue
Lilliana Stillwell	Willing Workers	Dance	Blue
Brayden Jarvis	Flint Hills	Jr Inst. Solo	Blue
Ella Kirk	Neosho Valley	Sr Inst. Solo	Blue
Samuel Barr	Flint Hills	Novelty	Alt Top Blue
Burdick Hustlers	Burdick Hustlers	Skit	Blue
Dwight Sunflowers	Dwight Sunflowers	Jr Gavel Games	Top Blue
Willing Workers	Willing Workers	Model Meeting	Red

Chase County



Josepha Inlow	Bazaar	Jr Demo/III Talk	Blue
Josiah Peters/ Rebekah Peters	Bazaar	Jr Demo/III Talk	Blue
Laura Koch	Gladstone	Sr Demo/III Talk	Blue
Bethany Peters/ Lydia Peters	Bazaar	Sr Demo/III Talk	Blue
Sadie Mushrush	Bazaar	Project Talk	Blue
Bella Mushrush	Bazaar	Project Talk	Red
Sophia Glanville	Gladstone	Public Speaking	Blue
Henry Giger	Gladstone	Public Speaking	Red
Enley Lauer	Diamond	Reading	Blue

DISTRICT 4-H DATES

April

- 10-14 - Virtual Horse Panorama
- 19 - Morris County 4-H Council meeting
- 19 - Morris County Ambassador meeting
- 23 - State Horse Judging Contest
- 25 - YQCA Training
- 27 - CWF Interest meeting
- 30 - Camp registration due by 5pm

May 1st Deadline

Last day to add or drop projects from the enrollment list.

Horse ID's are due to the Extension Office.

Market beef and market heifer nominations and DNA due for state shows.

Deadline to submit camp counselor applications

May

- 1 - State Shooting Sports at Great Bend
- 2 - Morris Co small animal weigh-in
- 8 - Chase Co small animal tagging and weigh-in
- 15 - Morris Co Lock-In
- 17 - Morris Co Ambassador meeting
- 18 - Chase Co Project Day
- 31 - Offices closed

June

- 1 - District Horse Show entries due
- 13 - Morris Co Project Day
- 14-15 - Camp Counselor Training
- 15 - Grade dairy cattle or leasing ID form due for State animals
- 15 - Nominations and DNA due for commercial heifers, sheep, goat, and hogs for State shows.
- 15-18 - Sunny Hills 4-H Camp
- 21 - Morris Co 4-H Council meeting
- 21 - Morris Co Ambassador meeting
- 27-30 - Campference



July

- July 1 - North Central District Horse Show
- July 9-11 - Tri-County Fair for Morris County 4-Her's
- July 17-26 - Morris County Fair
- 25-29 - Chase County Fair

Looking Ahead

- September 10-19 - Kansas State Fair



AGENT'S TIP OF THE MONTH



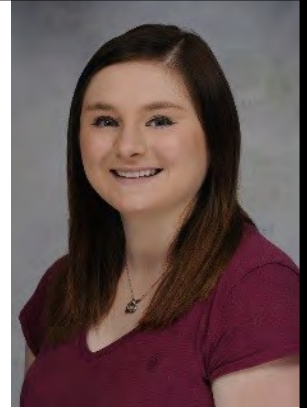
Mike's Retirement Party

The Flint Hills Extension Board is hosting a retirement party to honor Mike Holder for his 47 years of service to Chase County and the Flint Hills District. 4-H members and their families are invited to attend a come-and-go style reception at the Clover Cliff Ranch Bed & Breakfast on Friday, May 28 from 2-4 pm. The address for the Clover Cliff is: 826A US-50, Elmdale, KS 66850.

Please mark this on your calendar to attend the event!

Shandi

Controlling Weeds in Home Garden Asparagus Beds



The best time to control weeds in asparagus is early spring before the asparagus emerges. A light tilling (or hoeing) that is shallow enough to avoid the crowns will eliminate existing weeds. Many gardeners like to mix in organic matter during the same operation.

Herbicides can be used before asparagus emerges as well. Glyphosate (Roundup, Killzall) will kill weeds that are actively growing, and the preemergence herbicide trifluralin can be used to kill weed seeds as they germinate. Trifluralin is found in several products, but not all of them list asparagus on the label. Those that do have asparagus on the label include Miracle-Gro Weed Preventer Granules and Monterey Vegetable and Ornamental Weeder. Mulch can also be used to keep weeds from invading.

No herbicides can be used during harvest. The end of harvest presents another opportunity. Remove all fern and spears and apply glyphosate (Roundup) to control virtually all of the weeds present. After the harvest season is past and the asparagus starts to regrow, options are limited. Products that contain sethoxydim can be applied to asparagus to kill annual grassy weeds such as crabgrass. Sethoxydim has no effect on broadleaves including asparagus. Two sethoxydim products available to homeowners and labeled for asparagus are Monterey Grass Getter and Hi-Yield Grass Killer. With broadleaves, the only option is to pull them and look forward to next year. (Ward Upham)



Shannon

EID Tags and Weigh-In

We will be using 4-H EID tags for all livestock animals in 2021. Tags will cost \$3.25 each. The livestock sale committee will purchase tags for this first year. They will pay for up to 2 tags per specie for each 4-Her. Any additional tags will be the 4-Her's expense for this year. Market beef will need to be tagged using the 4-H EID tags and photos submitted by April 1. Weigh-in and tagging is scheduled for May 8, from 9 am - noon for swine, sheep, goat and bucket calf. If you are unable to attend the tagging event, please contact the Extension Office to make arrangements to tag your animals. **May 15 is the deadline to tag all market animals. No tag, no show, no sale.**

Project Day

Project Day has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 18. We will offer two rotations of project meetings, as well as the opportunity to participate in photography judging and family and consumer science judging. Look for more details in the May newsletter!



Bazaar club model meeting at District Club Day.

Livestock Ownership

Dates for 2021 are as follows:

Market Steers & Market Heifers - owned and tagged by April 1

*Tags can be picked up at the Extension Office. Following tagging, photos of tagged animals must be submitted by April 1. The other option is to schedule a time with the Extension Office for Shandi or Shannon to come tag your animals. Must be done by April 1.

Breeding Heifers - owned by April 25

Bucket Calves - owned and tagged by May 8

Market Swine - born after Jan 1st, owned and tagged by May 8

Market Sheep - born after Jan 1st, owned and tagged by May 8

Market Goats - tagged by May 8

Rabbits & Poultry - owned by May 31

Fair Update

For 2021, showmanship will be judged by the specie judge as a class during the show. Members will need to pre-enter to participate in the showmanship class, round robin will be evaluated by a separate judge.

The Fair Board is hosting a 100th Fair kickoff with a performance by the Schmitz Blitz Band from 7:30-9:30pm, on Saturday, July 24th. Look for updates soon in regards to the 100th Fair!

All members must be enrolled in 4-H Online, exhibit each enrolled project at the Fair, and attend at least one half of regularly scheduled club meetings to complete the 4-H year.

Members who exhibit market steers, market heifers, market hogs, or market lambs, must meet the minimum weight requirements to be eligible to participate in the premium sale, or floor bids for their animals.

Market steers and heifers - 1000 #

Market lambs - 100 #

Market hogs - 220 #

Plan B Animals

Buyers for the livestock premium sale who plan to use plan B, will need to make arrangements at the locker of their choice. The Fair Board will not have an alternative locker location secured for these animals.

COVID Protocols

As you might know, Chase County commissioners have voted to opt out of the Governor's mask mandate. At this time, protocols at the State Extension Office remain the same. This requires any face to face 4-H related event to be approved by the extension office and state office, wear masks at all 4-H related events, and social distance. Approval has been obtained for face to face club meetings with masks and social distancing. For families uncomfortable with attending face to face meetings, leaders are asked to make a virtual attendance possible. Any 4-H event beyond a club meeting will require prior approval from the Extension Office.

Submitting these requests at least 2 weeks in advance will help the process move smoothly on our part. If you need a zoom meeting set up, please let us know. We would be happy to set up a virtual meeting space for you to be able to use.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 DEADLINE TO TAG MARKET DEER ANIMALS	2 USD 284 NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK	19 USD 284 NO SCHOOL	20	21	22 	23 STATE HORSE JUDGING	24
25 YOGA TRAINING	26	27	28	29	30	



Kassidy Budke
Gavin Carson
Lexi Day

Heidi Hansford
Carter Mann
Sierra Meade

Russell Sidler
Ainsley Tiffany
Augustus Wainwright

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Morris County COVID Protocols

Morris County is still under a mask mandate and a mass gathering limit of 50. At this time, protocols at the State Extension Office remain the same. This requires any face to face 4-H related event to be approved by the extension office and state office, wear masks at all 4-H related events, and social distance. Approval has been obtained for face to face club meetings with masks and social distancing. For families uncomfortable with attending face to face meetings, leaders are asked to make a virtual attendance possible. Any 4-H event beyond a club meeting will require prior approval from the Extension Office. Submitting these requests at least 2 weeks in advance will help the process move smoothly on our part. If you need a zoom meeting set up, please let us know. We would be happy to set up a virtual meeting space for you to be able to use.

Weigh-In and Scales

Small animal weigh-in and tagging will be from 2-4 pm on May 2 at the Morris County Fairgrounds. For all tags picked up, photos of tagged animals must be submitted by 4pm.

4-H Lock-In

Save the date! The annual 4-H Lock-In is scheduled for Friday, May 14 at 7pm until 7 am on May 15. If lock-in switches to a virtual format it will be held 7-10 pm on the 14th. A decision on the format will be made before the May newsletter is distributed.

Morris County Fair

The winning theme for the 2021 Morris County Fair is "Barn Lights & Country Nights". Thank you to everyone who voted! Look for updates soon.

Project Day

2021 Project Day is being rescheduled to Sunday, June 13 from 2-5pm at the Fairgrounds. Project Leaders interested in holding a meeting that day, please let the office know.

Morris Co 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The scholarship application can be found here: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/scholarships/index.html>. The deadline to apply is April 26.

Konley Harding Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for a \$1,000 academic scholarship in memory of Konley Harding. Applications are due May 8 and are available in the Extension Office or on the website at: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/scholarships/index.html>.

Cat Project

FOR THOSE THAT HAVE
NEVER SEEN A CATFISH !!



April is a great time of year to start parasite management in your pets if you haven't yet. Also, spend a little time each day with your pet. Grooming or playing is time well spent bonding with your animal. If you have questions or

concerns feel free to contact Denise. Hopefully, see you soon!

Hand Pet Project

Hi, hand pet project members! Long time, no see. Please be observing and handling your pets daily. You know your pet best of all. Take some time to continue your education about your pet. Pick a subject like health, nutrition or reproduction to research and learn a little more about your pet species. Any questions or concerns, or just want to visit, contact Denise.



Dog Project Meetings

Hi, my name is Michelle Poole, the County Dog Leader. For those enrolled in this project, please add these dates to your 4-H Calendar. I am looking forward to another successful year. My email address is michellerp1965@hotmail.com.

- Sunday, April 11 at 4:00 pm (a week after Easter Weekend)

Note: May meeting date is yet to be determined.

- June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays.

- July 6, and 13 at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays.

Note: For summer meetings (June and July), please come as much as you can.



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2021 MORRIS COUNTY MARKET BEEF

WEIGHTS AS OF 3/9/21

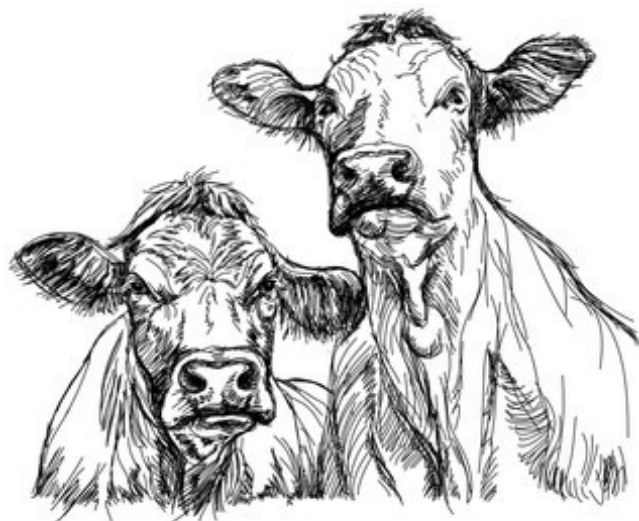
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Dalquest	63870	n/a
Dalquest	63882	n/a
Dalquest	63883	n/a
Hensley	63862	700
Johnson - A&J	63900	1010
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Johnson - A&J	63898	1050
Johnson - A&J	63897	966
Johnson - C&C	63896	882
Johnson - C&C	63895	940
Johnson - C&C	63894	1130
Johnson - C&C	63893	1005
Patry	63888	904
Patry	63887	904
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Patry	82141	920

Important Dates

Fair Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 14

4-H Council Meeting
Monday, April 19

Ambassador Meeting
Monday, April 19



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 USD 481 NO SCHOOL	USD 481 NO SCHOOL				USD 417 & 481 NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED	
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DOG PROJECT MEETING 4PM			FAIR BOARD MEETING			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK	4-H COUNCIL MTG AMPASSADOR MTG			 EARTH DAY	USD 417-NO SCHOOL STATE HORSE JUDGING	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
YOGA TRAINING						