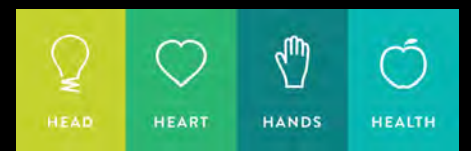


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**Extension Offices
 will be closed:
 May 31**

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. Registration is posted at the following link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/campference/index.html>

Registration is now open and will close on May 15. Registration will be on a first come first serve basis and will close when campference is full.

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.

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.

Registration is \$35 and the link to sign up can be found here: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5z0ZGkEp6FmJhNc

4-H ACTIVITIES & TRAINING

Shooting Sports

State Shooting Sports competition will be held Saturday, May 1st in Great Bend. Good luck to Carly and Jace as they compete in Air Pistol and to Castyn and Cooper as they compete in BB.

The last shooting sports practice of the season was held on April 25. Targets used for Fair Shoot will be scored and displayed at the fair with their results.

For questions regarding Shooting Sports, please contact Tim King at 620-767-2133 or bassfish34@gmail.com

Champions Livestock Judging Camp

A three day, intense judging camp designed for 4-H and FFA members (ages 14-18) who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary for this camp. Workouts will be conducted similar to those at a collegiate level. Camp A will be held June 4-6, Camp B - June 7-9, and Camp C - June 14-16. For more details please visit the following link: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/judging-camps.html>



Horse Judging Camp

KSU Youth Horse Judging Camps will be taking place June 1-3. The beginners camp is set for June 1, with the advance section taking place June 2-3. Objectives offered are: learning evaluation criteria, improve oral reasons, and sharpening presentation skills. Classes covered include: stock type hatler, ranch riding, western horsemanship, and English equitation. The advanced camp also includes reining, trail, hunter under saddle, and western pleasure. Camp info and enrollment can be found here: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/judging-camps.html>, or by contacting the Extension Office.

Pullorum Testing

For all 4-Her's enrolled in the poultry project, it is a requirement this year for poultry to be tested for pullorum and avian influenza before being brought to any county fair or state show. We will be holding a testing day on Tuesday, June 29 from 2-4pm at the Morris County Fairgrounds. 4-Her's will need to bring their birds to be tested during this time. Please contact Shannon with any questions.



Horse ID's

Horse ID's must be submitted by May 1 for any horse to be shown at county, district, or state shows. Horse snaffle bit projects are due into the Extension Office by May 1. Along with the nomination, the 4-H member must submit the horse ID and a \$10 fee. The nomination form, a copy of the horse ID (including a color picture of the horse) and fee will be forwarded from our office to the State 4-H office. Three-year old snaffle bit projects must have been nominated the previous year and did not have to be shown to be re-nominated. State fair entries for the 3 year old projects are due August 1 in the State 4-H office. For more information concerning the Snaffle bit project, check the 4-H Horse Show Rules in the new rule book which may be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html>.

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. If you missed the interest meeting and are still interested, please contact Shandi.

Best Wishes to BettyAnn

A big thanks to BettyAnn Yeager for her many years of service to the Flint Hills District and 4-H! You will be missed. The office professional position for the Cottonwood Falls office is currently open to prospective applicants. During this transition, the office will be open Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm. Shandi and Shannon's contact information is on the front page for assistance outside of the office hours.

DISTRICT 4-H DATES

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
- 14 - Morris Co Lock-In
- 17 - Morris Co Ambassador meeting
- 18 - Chase Co Project Day
- 18 - Chase Co 4-H Council meeting
- 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

21 - Snack Shack 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

August - State Horticulture Judging

August 21-22 - Livestock Sweepstakes

September 10-19 - Kansas State Fair

Livestock Shows

A complete list of shows available can be found here: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/spring-shows/index.html>

K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services, and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the Extension Office two weeks prior to the start of the event at 620-767-5136. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

Agent's Tip of the Month



Project Preparations

May 1 continues to be an important deadline in the 4-H year. As the last chance to add or drop projects, members can now finalize their plans to prepare for the County Fair. To help prevent a stockpile of tasks to be done last minute before fair, help yourself by getting organized and making a list.

List each project

- Make sure you have written goals for this project to go in your record book.
- Make plans for the project for the year - what materials do you need, tasks to be accomplished, important dates for the project, etc.
- Photo board and bags for photography project are available at the Extension office and can be picked up.

Be sure to have a safe place to keep important documents:

- List of animals with date of birth, tag numbers, registration numbers
- Copies of pre-entry forms, nomination forms, etc.

When you receive your fair book, look at each project to be sure you know the rules for exhibiting at the fair.

Put Fair pre-entry deadlines and Fair dates on your calendar. Set reminders if needed so these dates do not sneak up on you.

If you have any questions as you prepare your entries for fair, please feel free to reach out!

Shandi



Blanching Cauliflower

Gardeners that haven't grown cauliflower before are often surprised that the heads of most varieties are a yellowish color and not the white, they expect. The yellowish hue is a reaction to sunlight. In order to have the heads remain white, the developing heads must be covered to protect them from the sun. This is commonly done by pulling several of the outer leaves over the head when the head is the size of a silver dollar. Hold the leaves in place with a rubber band, tape, or soft twine. Plants need to be checked every few days to make sure the curds of the expanding head don't begin to show. There are some varieties that are self-blanching but watch them to make sure the leaves actually do cover the head. Self-blanching varieties are more likely to "work" in cool weather. (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. Members will not need to sign up in advance for which meetings they plan to attend. The schedule for the day is listed below:

9-12 Photography Judging Contest will be set up for members to participate in

10 - 10:30 rotation 1 project meetings

10:30 - 11 rotation 2 project meetings

11 - 12 FCS Judging Contest

Noon - 4-H Council Meeting

Projects offering a project meeting for both rotations are: Beef, Swine, Sheep, Foods, Leadership, Photography, and Visual Arts.

Chase Co Graduates

Our 2020-2021 4-H members graduating high school this year are: Maddie Dold, Owen Eidman, Julia Fillingier, and Britney Schroer. Congratulations to all!!

Congratulations!

Livestock Ownership

Dates for 2021 are as follows:

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

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VIP Updates

We will begin reviewing lists of volunteers soon. Emails will be sent to individuals who are due for rescreening, new screening, or are missing components for renewal. If you are not a certified volunteer, and are interested in beginning this process, please let the office know.

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CHASE COUNTY



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 ADD/DROP PROJECT DEADLINE
2	3	4	5	6 USD 284 LAST DAY ----FOR SENIORS----	7 USD 284 LAST DAY FOR K-II	8 SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN 9A-12P
9 HAPPY MOTHER'S Day! CHS GRADUATION	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 PROJECT DAY	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 MIKES RETIREMENT PARTY	29
30	31 MEMORIAL DAY					



Joey Andres
Lauren Budke
Maddie Dold
Lydia Fillinger

Jhet Johnson
Ella Kirk
Jaycie Koch
Laura Koch

Daylen Nielsen
Naomi Peters
Carson Schroer
Jacob Sollner

Past Birthdays

In part due to a 4-H Online error, and also some new additions to our enrollment, we missed a few birthday's earlier this year. We apologize for the error and they are all posted below:

Reece Budke
Guthrie Danford
Vonda Danford
Ayla Dodge
Eve Dodge
Lexi Monihen
Cooper Paige
Bethany Peters
Lydia Peters
Cindy Prince
Stephen Prince



A FLASHBACK IN 4-H HISTORY



BARN LIGHTS & COUNTRY NIGHTS

County Fair - July 17-26, 2021

Flint Hills District - Morris County Website:
www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/fair/

T-Shirts

The Morris County Fair Board will have sponsors for 4-Hers to receive a free t-shirt again this year. Please check the t-shirt size in 4-H Online. It is under the Questions tab.

If you need a different shirt size than what is listed, please let the Extension office know by May 15. Extra shirts should be ordered by May 15th at midnight using the following link:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1OqvlspDlrrJ0Ym

Fair Book

A great deal of time goes into the creation of the Fair Book. Please read all of the rules carefully as you prepare for Fair. If you have any questions, please ask so they may be addressed as soon as possible. Leaders will be notified when Fair Books are available for pickup.

Fair Survey

Once again, there will be a Fair survey for 4-H families to complete as an opportunity to give their feedback and suggestions for the Fair. Look for the link that will be posted at the Fair.

Fair Superintendents Meeting

The Fair Superintendents meeting has been moved to a new night. If you are a superintendent, please plan to attend the meeting Monday, July 19th at 6:30 pm in the Fair Building.

Fair Pre-Entry

Pre-entry deadline this year is July 3rd. Pre-entry for all animal exhibits and showmanship entries will be completed using the Fair Entry system. Look for details in the Fair Book. There will still be pre-entry required for clothing, performing arts, and talent showcase with additional documents.

Snack Shack

Once again the shifts will be beginning 30 minutes before the snack shack is scheduled to open. Club assignments will be listed in the Fair Book like usual. It is recommended that the snack shack have 6 people available to work to allow for sales, food prep, table cleaning, and trash and bathroom care. At least one adult from each club is asked to attend a Snack Shack meeting on June 21 at 6pm to go over food safety, snack shack duties, and any concerns regarding snack shack. This will be offered as a hybrid meeting.

Check-In and Check-Out

Entries will not be accepted on Wednesday night following clean-up and set-up. For building exhibits, sign-up for judging times will be completed using sign-up genius again. An email will be sent with these links following the pre-entry deadline.

Saturday, July 24th- The ONLY exhibits allowed to be checked in at this time are foods and plant science (horticulture, floriculture, and field crops) because they are perishable.

The livestock premium sale will be offered as a hybrid model. Photos will be taken following specie shows of any livestock exhibit with a possibility of going through the premium sale. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals will show in the sale ring. All other animals will be sold with only the 4-H member standing in the ring. A slideshow will be utilized for all other animals.

Release of exhibits will be at 8pm 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 8pm time, do not assume it was approved. Please let a Fair Board member or Extension Agent know!

Sponsors

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 once again be a 'Thank You Note' booth at the fair to help 4-Hers get their thank you notes sent! If we want supporters of 4-H to continue to sponsor awards and trophies, please make sure you are doing your part. If you know someone who is interested in sponsoring for the Fair, please have them contact Laci by e-mail laci.lou.25@gmail.com.

Youth Led Church Service

We will once again have a Youth Led Church Service at the Fairgrounds during the Fair! This will be held at 9:30 am on Sunday, July 25th. If your youth is interested in participating in the service by leading a song, reading a verse, etc. please email Shandi so she can add you to the list.

Livestock

- The Morris County Born nomination forms 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-Hers know that they will have hogs for sale, please let the Extension office know so that when community members call, we will know who to direct them to.

2021 MORRIS COUNTY FAIR

EXHIBITOR NUMBERS

200	Castyn Andres	238	Macey Hensley	276	Dustin Small
201	Cooper Andres	239	Logan Hickey	277	Joshua Small
202	Joseph Andres	240	Cade Honer	278	Rachel Small
203	Mark Andres	241	Caitlen Honer	279	Attalie Spear
204	Zachariah Andres	242	Casten Honer	280	Elkan Spear
205	Alison Bachura	243	Brayden Jarvis	281	Jaben Spear
206	Chase Bacon	244	Atley Johnson	282	Kason Spear
207	Annabelle Balboa	245	Chancy Johnson	283	Lilliana Stilwell
208	Marcelo Balboa	246	Colter Johnson	284	Parker Stilwell
209	Noah Balboa	247	Jhet Johnson	285	Hayvin Thornhill
210	Samuel Barr	248	Cutler Kasten	286	Ainsley Tiffany
211	Kassidy Belt	249	Jacob Kasten	287	Ransom Tiffany
212	Evan Birk	250	Brittley King	288	Taylor Tiffany
213	Madison Brown	251	Daleyna King	289	Whitney Tiffany
214	August Carson	252	Ella Kirk	290	Lexi Todd
215	Dustin Carson	253	Addie Koch	291	Maxton Villalobos
216	Gavin Carson	254	Jacy Koch	292	Augustus Wainwright
217	Lawson Carson	255	Hudson Lange	293	Mandy Wainwright
218	Emily Cravens	256	Jameson Lauth	294	Cole Weeks
219	Carissa Dalquest	257	Joshua Lauth	295	Carly Wells
220	Cassidy Dalquest	258	Laramie Mayer	296	Mallory Wells
221	Dana Davis	259	Ronald Mayer	297	Evelyn White
222	Kimberly Davis	260	Sierra Meade	298	Leo White
223	Dani Day	261	Aiden Newey	299	Mason Wilkens
224	Eli Day	262	Daylen Nielsen	300	Taegan Wilkens
225	Lakoddah Downes	263	Haylee Nielsen	301	Tenley Wilkens
226	Ian Effland	264	Leyton Olsen	302	Cole Wilson
227	Nolan Effland	265	Cooper Paige	303	Kasey Wilson
228	Sheldon Effland	266	Jayden Patry	304	Ayla Dodge
229	Fayth Ehrlich	267	Michelle Patry	305	Kaylen Edmunds
230	Kaylee Ehrlich	268	Rylee Powell	306	Tyler King Jr
231	Trinadee Fetters	269	Alexanderia Priest	307	Hailey Line
232	Riley Forge	270	Cindy Prince		
233	Mason Goeckel	271	Morgan Romme		
234	Jace Goodman	272	Reed Romme		
235	Haley Harlow	273	Kyler Rose		
236	Taizly Hendricks	274	Anna Schrader		
237	Taylon Hendricks	275	LaiCee Scott		

2021 MORRIS
COUNTY FAIR

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4-H Lock-In

Morris County 4-Her's are invited to attend the annual 4-H Lock-In. The event is scheduled for Friday, May 14 at 7pm until 7am on Saturday, May 15 at the Community Building. This county-wide event is a great opportunity for 4-Her fun! There will be a puzzle room experience (similar to locked-in activities), challenges, games, movies, etc. We will follow whatever mask guidelines are in place at the time of the event. Currently, attendees would be asked to wear masks during activities and remove them for eating and sleeping. Participants are encouraged to bring sleeping bags, cots or air mattresses to sleep on as the evening winds down. This year, we will set up tents in a designated area outside for sleeping instead of in the community building. Members are encouraged to bring a tent and flashlights. We are asking no more than 4 members to bunk in a tent together.

The cost to attend is \$10 per person and will cover food and drinks. There will be pizza for supper, snacks, drinks, and breakfast. Each club is asked to have one volunteer to attend the Lock-In. If other adults are interested in volunteering to come help prepare breakfast, please let the office know. Sign up at the Extension Office by May 10. Payment can be made at the door.

Morris Co Graduates

Our 2020-2021 4-H members graduating high school this year are: Chase Bacon, Chancy Johnson, Daleyna King, Michelle Patry, Anna Schrader, and Carly Wells. Congratulations to you all!!



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.

Important Dates

Fair Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 12

Ambassador Meeting

Monday, May 17

4-H Council Meeting

Monday, June 21

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 10pm.

Hand Pet Info

There is an opportunity to attend a project meeting during county wide project day. Bring any questions you might have. Or a picture of your pet to share with the group.

Make plans to attend. This will be the only meeting before the pet show.

Cat Project Info

Cat project members:

Don't delay. Make a wellness appointment for your cat with the veterinarian of your choice. Remember they need current vaccines and health papers to be exhibited at the fair. Plan to attend project day. There will be an opportunity to attend a cat meeting.



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.

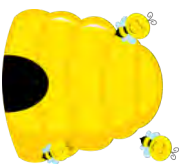
- May 25 at 6:30 pm
- June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays.
- July 6, and 13 at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays.

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

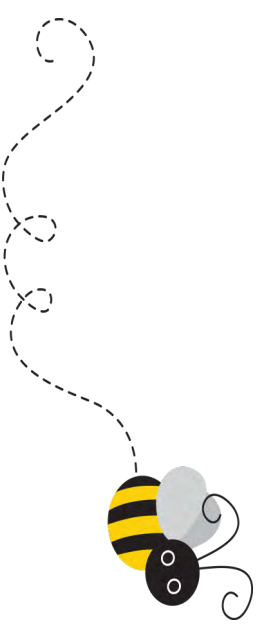
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