

# NOVEMBER 2020

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November 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!*

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# MORRIS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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## KJLS

Congratulations to the participants of the 2020 Kansas Junior Livestock Show: Chase Bacon, Colton Bacon, Carissa Dalquest, Cassidy Dalquest, and Lakoddah Downes.



## 2020-2021 Ambassadors

It is once again time to say goodbye to another year of Ambassadors and congratulate those for the upcoming year. Our new 2020-2021 Ambassadors are Mark Andres and Samuel Barr. Congratulations and we hope you have a great year!

## NEW Facebook Group

Morris County 4-H now has a group page on Facebook. This is intended to be more of an internal group to post details and resources for Morris County 4-H members. The Flint Hills District page will be used for public information. [www.facebook.com/groups/morriscounty4hprogram/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/morriscounty4hprogram/)

## Achievement Banquet

We know that many are awaiting the details for the upcoming Achievement Banquet. Those who have turned in record books are invited to attend the 2020 Morris County Achievement Banquet on Saturday, November 14th at 6pm.

This will be held "Drive In" style at the fairgrounds. The plan is to project the presentation on the building, use a FM transmitter to project the sound to attendees in their cars, and also have the award presentation on Facebook LIVE. There will be no cost to attend the event. In place of a traditional banquet meal, we will have pizza, drinks, and a goodie basket for each car upon arrival.

We ask that each vehicle planning to attend the event, please complete the RSVP form at the link below by November 10. Thank you for your willingness to be flexible and try something new!

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cUZVX2RZPcg4AUR](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cUZVX2RZPcg4AUR)



## 4-H Council Meeting

Will be held via Zoom on  
Monday, January 18

## Ambassador Meeting

Monday, November 16 at 7pm

## Fair Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 11

## Record Books

**Thank you to everyone that turned in record books this year. Each member that turned in a record book received an 'incentive' t-shirt. We do have a small number of extra shirts left available to purchase. They are \$6 each and may be purchased in the Extension office.**

# ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING

## Crop ID Contest

Are you looking for something new and interesting to do in Kansas 4-H this fall? Why not try the 2020 Kansas State 4-H Crops Identification Contest? This year's in-person contest was cancelled due to most of the Kansas State Fair 4-H in-person events being cancelled due to COVID-19. The 2020 Kansas State 4-H Crops ID Contest will be offered virtually this fall. Registration is now open using Qualtrics until Thursday, November 12th, by visiting:

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5zQiuQIFE8Hg3xX](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5zQiuQIFE8Hg3xX)

## Shooting Sports



Shooting Sports safety day will take place Sunday, November 15 at 1pm in the city rec building. Practices will begin the first Sunday in December. For any questions, please contact Tim King at 620-767-2133.



## Club Leadership Rosters

As club elections are completed, Community Leaders will need to be sure the Club Leadership Roster is turned in to the Extension Office. We still need BH, FH, WW, and DS.

## 4-H Expo

Morris County has put a mass gathering order in place for a limit of 25 people. We will change the 4-H Expo portion of the day to a Virtual Format. Currently, we will plan to hold the Appreciation Picnic in conjunction with Project Day in February. To allow 4-H members, leaders, parents, and alumni the opportunity to still participate in the 4-H Expo, please upload a video to our 4-H Expo on Flip Grid. There are three categories: Why Join 4-H?, Projects, and Clubs, Ambassadors & Activities. Participants are able to upload more than one video to share about 4-H. Use the link below. Registration will be open again from October 24 - November 14.

<https://flipgrid.com/mrco2020expo>

## Tri-County Fair Board

We are looking for two representatives willing to serve on the Tri County Fair board for Morris County. Please contact the extension office if you would be interested.

## Kansas 4-H Dog Conference

The 2020 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl - The Secret Life of 4-H Dogs: 2020 Shelter at Home! will be held on November 7th and 8th, 2020. This year's conference will be offered as a free of charge virtual experience. The event will include interactive sessions, a competitive quiz opportunity, and a public speaking contest. Registration closes on October 30th. Please visit the link below to sign up and review the schedule:

[https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/dog\\_conference.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/dog_conference.html)

## Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

**What:** Come and build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2020 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF.

This year's theme is: "Let's Taco 'Bout Leadership"

**When:** November 21-22, 2020

**Where:** Virtually

**Who:** Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2020

**Registration:** Open late Summer of 2020

**Registration Deadline:** November 10

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html>

## Volunteer Leadership Forum

**What:** The Kansas Volunteer Forum

**When:** November 20, 2020

**Where:** Your Device (computer, tablet or phone) connected to the internet

**Who:** 4-H Volunteers

**Registration Deadline:** November 16, 2020

**Registration:**

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-volunteer-leader-forum/index.html>

## Club and Project Leader Training

All club leaders and project leaders are strongly encouraged to attend leader training. Training will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, November 3 from 6-8 pm.

## Officer Training

Officer Training will be held on Monday, November 2 from 6-8 pm. Details are being finalized to meet COVID protocols. Hold the date on your calendar and look for more information soon.

## Cloverbud Meetings

The Cloverbuds are charged up and ready to get started! Meetings have been set for the 2020-2021 year. The following meetings will be held at 9am at the White City Community Building. Please contact Amber Davis at 785-349-2448 or [amberfromoz@hotmail.com](mailto:amberfromoz@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

November 7, 2020  
December 5, 2020  
January 9, 2021  
February 6, 2021  
March 6, 2021  
April 10, 2021  
May 1, 2021  
June 5, 2021  
July, Fair Sunday?  
August 7, 2021  
September 11, 2021  
October 2, 2021



## *Shandi's Tip of the Month*

Happy New 4-H Year!

October 1 marks the beginning of the 2020-21 4-H year. I want to encourage you to reflect on the past year. What was your favorite 4-H activity? Favorite project? Favorite 4-H memory from the year? What did you learn this year? What did you miss because of COVID? Use those questions of reflection to help guide you in making plans for the next year. What leadership position are you going to try? What can you try new in your projects? Do you want to try a new project? Is there an activity that you would like to participate in?

When we can begin the year with thinking ahead to set goals and planning, it helps to be prepared as we move through the 4-H year. I would also encourage you to take the time to set goals for your projects now and either use the project goals page, write them down, or type them in a document. Find a system to record your 4-H activities now to help in the record book process when it comes to August and September. The last piece of planning for the year is to print the pin application that you will be ready for in 2020-21 so that you can begin marking off activities as the year progresses.

As always, reach out if you have any questions.

*Shandi*



## *Shannon's Tip of the Month*

### Perennial Garden Clean-up

Fall is traditionally a time for cleaning up gardens. Normally, we recommend clear-cutting dead stems to help control insect and disease problems. With herbaceous perennials that have been pest free, you might want to consider leaving some to provide structure, form, and color to the winter garden. For example, ornamental grasses can be attractive even during the winter months. But those near structures should be cut to the ground because they can be a fire hazard. Perennials with evergreen or semi-evergreen foliage can provide color. Of course, some perennials are naturally messy after dormancy and should be cut back in the fall.

Foliage can be left for other reasons. For example, foliage left on marginally hardy plants such as tender ferns helps ensure overwintering of plant crowns. Also, seed heads on some perennial plants can provide seed for birds. (Ward Upham)

*Shannon*





# IMPORTANT DATES

## 4-H EVENTS

November 2 - **Officer Training**  
November 3 - **Club Leader and Project Leader Training**  
November 14- **Morris County Achievement Banquet**  
November 21-22 - **KYLF (Kansas Youth Leadership Forum)**

## 2021 4-H Council Meeting Dates

January 18  
February 15  
April 19  
June 21  
July 21 (following Fair set up)  
August 16

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2021

January 18 - **Record Keeping Workshop**  
February 21 - **Project Day**  
March 6 - **Club Days**  
June 14 - **Counselor Training**  
June 15-18 - **Camp**  
June 27-30 - **Campference**  
July 9-11 - **Tri-County Fair**  
July 17-26 - **Morris County Fair**  
Sept 10-19 - **Kansas State Fair**  
Oct 1-3 - **Kansas Junior Livestock Show**

**Office will be closed: Wednesday, November 11 (Veterans Day), Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 (Thanksgiving).**



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