

MORRIS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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Achievement Banquet

Thanks to everyone who assisted with decorating, setting up, and cleaning up for the **2019** 4-H Achievement Banquet. A special thank you also goes to the 4-H Council Achievement Banquet Committee. Congratulations to all of the 4-Hers who received project awards, achievement pins, Kansas 4-H Key awards, as well as the Friend of 4-H and 4-H Alumni winners! We also want to thank and recognize our 4-H volunteers, club leaders, and project leaders for their hard work this year!



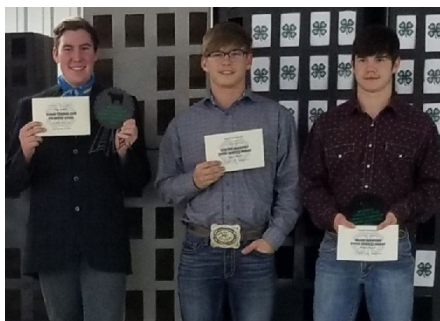
Key Award Winner

We only had one Key Award winner this year and that was awarded to Sara Koepsel of the Neosho Valley 4-H Club. Congratulations Sara!

Carcass Contest Winners

Winners for the 2019 Carcass Contest were announced at the Achievement Banquet. Samuel Barr was awarded the Grand Champion Beef Carcass and Michelle Patry received the Reserve

Champion Beef Carcass award. Colton Bacon was the Grand Champion Swine recipient and Chase Bacon was the Reserve Champion Swine Carcass recipient. Pictured left to right are Samuel Barr, Chase Bacon, and Colton Bacon.



4-H Alumni Award

Congratulations to Cynthia Schrader who was the recipient of the 2019 4-H Alumni award. Pictured is Cynthia Schrader with granddaughter, Anna Schrader.



Friend of 4-H Award

Congratulations to Greg Hallgren who was the recipient of the 2019 Friend of 4-H award. Pictured left to right are Chase Bacon, Greg Hallgren and Sierra Meade.

December 2019

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Special points of interest attachments/enclosures:

- ◆ County Project Leaders
- ◆ Setting 4-H Project Goals
- ◆ Club Day Form
- ◆ 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!

Ambassador Meeting

The next Ambassador meeting will be held on **Monday, December 9** at 6 pm in the Bonus Room of the Extension Office.

Fair Board Meeting

There will not be a Fair Board meeting held in December. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 8** at 7 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

4-H Council Meeting

There will not be a 4-H Council meeting held in December. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 20** at 7 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

Morris County 4-H Updates

KYLF Leadership Weekend

Three 4-Hers attended the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum at Rock Springs on November 23 - 24. Joey and Mark Andres from Morris County and Rylee Coy from Chase County attended along with Deb Andres as their chaperone.



Northeast Area KAP Judging

4-Hers who were named a Senior County Project Award winner and who have passed their 14th birthday BEFORE January 1, 2019, but NOT their 19th birthday before January 1, 2020 are eligible to participate in the Northeast Area KAP Screening.

4-Hers may submit a KAP for each project area in which they were named a champion. KAPs need to be turned in to the Extension Office by **January 9 at 5 pm**. Please make sure you have used the senior KAP forms that have a revised date of September 15, 2014. Before you turn in your KAP book, you are also **encouraged to make revisions/improvements** to your book, especially the suggested changes mentioned on your score card. 4-Hers who are eligible to participate in the Area KAP screening are listed below:

Mark Andres - Plant Science-Forestry
Chase Bacon - Swine
Samuel Barr - Beef, Foods & Nutrition
Jamie Beck - Leadership, Photography
Tre Fetters - Shooting Sports
Avery Lee - Fiber Arts
Sierra Meade - Dog Care & Training, Dairy Goats
Rylee Powell - Rabbit
Parker Stilwell - Space Tech

Leader Training

Club leaders and project leaders met for training on October 28th. The goal is for each 4-Her to have a minimum of 2 learning opportunities at the club and county level in each project before Fair 2020. Please look ahead on your calendars and make plans for project meetings. It is preferred that meeting report forms be turned in following a project meeting.

Record Keeping Workshop

We will be offering a Record Keeping workshop on **Monday, January 20, 2020** at 6 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room. This session will focus on the importance of keeping records in 4-H, i.e. the different approaches to keeping records for each project, pin application form, County form and State KAP forms. We hope that you can join us! This is scheduled prior to the start of the 4-H Council meeting.

Project Day

Our next Project Day is scheduled for **Sunday, February 23, 2020** from 2 - 5 pm. This will be a day for project leaders to schedule meetings on the same day and at the same location for members to attend multiple meetings for their projects. If you are a project leader and interested in participating, please contact the Extension

Office, 620-767-5136 or mr@listserv.ksu.edu.

4-H Club Day & Regional Club Day

The *Morris County 4-H Club Day* will be held on **Saturday, February 29, 2020** at the Council Grove Elementary School. Please mark it on your calendar and plan on attending! An entry form is attached and available on our website. You may also find it helpful to review the score sheet and Big John Award information in planning your Club's participation in Club Day.

<https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/clubdays/index.html>

Regional 4-H Club Day will be held **March 21** at the Madison High School.

Upcoming Project Meetings

Cloverbuds

Well, the Cloverbuds (5-6 year olds) are charged up and ready to get started! The meetings are already set for the 2019-20 year. The following meetings (first Saturday of the month) will be held at 9 am at the White City Community Building. If you have questions, please contact Amber Davis at 785-349-2448 or by e-mail at amberfromoz@hotmail.com.

December 7, 2019
January 4, 2020
February 1, 2020
March 7
April 4
May 2
June 6
July 11
August 1
September 12

Dog Care & Training

The schedule for the County Dog Project meetings is listed below. Please contact Michelle Poole at 785-776-4699 (h) or 785-410-6971 or by e-mail at michellerp1965@hotmail.com.

January 12 at 3:30 is for parents and members only, no dogs.
Will only be a 30 minute meeting.
January 19 at 4:30 p.m.
February 16 at 4:30 p.m.
March 15 at 4:30 p.m.
April 19 at 4:30 p.m. (Staying away from Easter weekend April 12)
May 20 at 6 p.m.
June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays
July 6, and 13 at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays

Shooting Sports

The first practice will be for **first year shooters only** and will be held on **Sunday, December 8** at 1 pm. All regular practices, including first year shooters, will begin on Sunday, December 16 starting at 1 pm and run through the Shooting Sports season. They will be held at the Recreation Center (Old Armory) located at 1020 East Main Street, Council Grove.

For questions, please contact Tim King at 620-767-2133 or at morriscountysharshooters@hotmail.com.

County Project Meeting Info continued...

County Cat Project Meeting

The first County Cat Project meeting will be held on **Monday, December 2** at 6:30pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room. You will have a Christmas party and plan the year's agenda. Members please bring a small package or bag of pet food for donation to the Main Street Pantry. Remember, this will count as community service or promoting 4-H in the community on the pin applications. Denise will bring a snack to share at the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Ehrlich at 785-466-1782 or you can e-mail her at dehrlich@cgrove417.org.

County Fiber Arts Meeting

The next Fiber Arts meeting will be held on Saturday, December 21 at the First Baptist Church (501 Country Lane, Council Grove) from 11 am to 2 pm. It's going to be a Christmas Party so please bring something to share with every one for lunch. Also bring your projects to work on. If you have questions, please contact Lizzy Buller at 620-767-3415 or by e-mail at lizzykaybuller@gmail.com.

Fun Tournaments, Contests, and Events

Upcoming YQCA Training Sessions

Mark your calendars! Shannon will be hosting two training sessions 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 2020 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! Each session will be held in the Morris County Courthouse Meeting Room. The dates are: **Saturday, February 1, 2020** at 1:00 p.m., and **Sunday, March 15, 2020** at 1:00 p.m. Use the link <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login> to register online for which training you would like to attend. The cost of the training is \$3 which you will pay online when you register. Please use your 4-H Online login information to sign up for the training.

Note: You do not have to attend both training sessions. Only attend the session that works best with your schedule.

For questions, please contact Shannon at the Extension office at 767-5136 or by e-mail at spn@ksu.edu.

Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest

Leavenworth County, Livestock Committee is hosting a Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest on **Saturday, December 7** at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds in Tonganoxie, KS. You will get to take home a gift bag. There will be clinic educational instruction and live animal evaluations. Awards will be given for novice and experienced divisions, high individuals, high reasons, high class placings and some others. Registration is \$50 if postmarked by November 25. \$60 for late registration. Registration includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, and a catered dinner. Awards will be presented prior to dinner. Additional dinners are available for family members at \$10 per plate. Check-in is at 7:30 am. Event starts at 8 am. Make checks payable to LVCO Livestock Committee. For questions, please contact Karol Lohman, AG Extension Agent, at klohman@ksu.edu or 913-364-5700.

2020 Northeast 4-H Leadership Event (NELE)

Kansas 4-H is Jammin' Out with Leadership! 4-H members 12 to 18 are invited to the NE Region 4-H Leadership Event (NELE) **Saturday, January 18, 2020** from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm in Heritage Hall at Rock Springs 4-H Center! NELE is led by the Northeast Region Youth Council representatives. Delegates can sign up for multiple classes. Registration includes lunch, snack, and a t-shirt. Don't miss this opportunity to meet new people, learn new leadership skills, and enjoy fun classes!

To register: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>

Registration Closes: **January 3, 2020** at Midnight

2020 Horse Panorama

When: January 24 - 26, 2020

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: 4-H Members ages 7-18 and adult volunteers. Horse Panorama is a compilation of various contests related to the Horse Project. Contests include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking presentations, photography and educational posters. There will also be educational activities for 4-Hers of all ages.

More info to follow. In the meantime, you can go to this link to see more info: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html>

Citizenship In Action (CIA)

What: Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

When: February 16-17, 2020

Where: Topeka, KS

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

Registration: Click [Here](#) to Register or go to this link:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html>

Kansas Junior Producer Days

The 2020 Kansas Junior Producer Days have been scheduled! **Junior Beef Producer Day will be hosted on February 29**, with **Junior Sheep Producer Day being March 14, 2019**. Both junior day programs will be in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry's Weber Hall on the K-State campus. These events are one-day educational opportunities for youth, parents, agents, and project leaders to learn about various aspects of livestock project selection and management.

More information coming soon!

Events Continued...

State 4-H and Open Equifest Judging Contest

What: 2020 Kansas State 4-H and Open Equifest Judging Contest

When: March 6, 2020

Where: Salina

Who: 4-H members 9-18 years of age before January 1, 2020

Registration: [Registration Worksheet](#) or https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/docs/2020/Judging%20Registration_2020.pdf

Registration Deadline: February 1, 2020

Scholarships

Morris County Conservation District Senior High School Scholarship Application

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 20, 2019**. The recipient will be presented the scholarship at the January 25, 2020 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>

Other Tid-Bits

2019 Notecards

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.

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 sometime.

More Pictures from the Achievement Banquet



Family and Consumer Sciences Judging 2019 participants were (left to right) Castyn Andres, Cooper Andres, Lakkodah Downes, Alexanderia Priest, Mark Andres, and Rylee Powell.



Livestock Sweepstakes 2019 participants were (left to right) Castyn Andres, Cooper Andres, Carissa Dalquest, Cassidy Dalquest, Lakoddah Downes, and Coach and County Beef Leader, Clay Dalquest.



Photography Judging 2019 participants were (left to right) Rylee Powell, Mark Andres, Jayde Price, Joey Andres, Gavin Carson, Castyn Andres, and Jacy Koch.

Important Dates

Extension Office Closed: Our office will be closed on **Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25, and Thursday, December 26** for the Christmas Holiday. We will also be closed on **Wednesday, January 1, 2020** for New Year's Day.

4-H EVENTS

December 9 - **Ambassador Meeting**
January 8 - **Fair Board Meeting**
January 20 - **Record Keeping Workshop**
January 20 - **4-H Council Meeting**
January 24-26 - **Horse Panorama**
February 23 - **Project Day**
February 29 - **Club Day**
March 21 - **Regional Club Day**
June 6-7 - **Camp Counselor Training**
June 7-10 - **Sunny Hills Camp**
June 22-25 - **Campference**
July 9-11 - **Tri-County Free Fair**
July 18-27 - **Morris County 4-H Fair**
August 6 - **Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo - Wichita**
August 15 - **State 4-H Horticulture Judging; Deadline Aug 9**
September 11-20 - **Kansas State Fair**

LIVESTOCK EVENTS

December 7 - **Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest**
February 1- YQCA Training
February 29 - **Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day**
March 14 - **Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day**
March 15- YQCA Training

Shandi's Tip of the Month



KAP's in 2020

As we are wrapping up 2019 and preparing for 2020, think about updating your record of 4-H activities each month to help ease the pain of assembling record books in the fall. Be sure to think about which activities you are participating in that are related to your specific projects. There are many community service activities being coordinated, be sure to make note of your efforts for your record book now.

Just a quick note of change. At the leaders meeting at the end of October, it was decided that 7 and 8 year olds will switch to the KAP form for 7 and 8 year olds instead of using the Junior Achievement Form that has been used in the past. We will review these forms at the Record Keeping Workshop and the updated forms will be posted to the website soon.

I hope each of you have a joyous holiday season to spend time with those you love!

Shandi

Shannon's Tip of the Month



Storing Power Equipment for the Winter

Late fall or early winter is a good time to service power equipment such as mowers, tillers and garden tractors. Run the equipment out of gas or treat the existing gas with a stabilizer as untreated gas can deteriorate over time. If using a stabilizer, run the engine long enough for untreated gas in the carburetor bowl to be burned and replaced. This is also a good time to replace the oil (and filter, if present) since the engine is warm. Check and replace the spark plug if necessary. Some gardeners will also apply a light, sprayable oil into the cylinder through the spark plug hole. Check and clean air filters and replace if necessary. Many mowers and tillers will have a foam prefilter that can become filthy with use. If allowed to become too dirty, engines will run poorly or may not run at all.

Sharpen blades, clean tines, tighten screws, replace broken parts and do all the other things needed to keep equipment in good shape. Though such maintenance takes some time and effort, it pays for itself by reducing frustration and lost time due to poorly performing equipment during a hectic spring. (Ward Upham, November 2019 Horticulture Newsletter)



Shannon

Happy Holidays!



December 2019



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 Cat Meeting 6:30 pm | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Ambassador Mtg 6 pm | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Early School Dismissal | 21 Fiber Arts Meeting 11 am - 2 pm |
| 22 | 23 Beginning of Christmas Break | 24 Office Closed  Christmas Eve | 25 Office Closed  Christmas Day | 26 Office Closed | 27 | 28 |
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