

MORRIS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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Congratulations to the participants of the 2019 Kansas Junior Livestock Show.



Chase Bacon



Colton Bacon



Carissa Dalquest
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Lakoddah
Downes

Out with the Old; In with the NEW

We are saying good-bye to the 2018-19 Ambassadors and saying congratulations to the 2019-20 Ambassadors. We are also saying good-bye to Michelle Overstreet, our long time Ambassador Leader. She has decided to pursue other endeavors at this time which no longer allow her the time and availability to continue as an Ambassador Leader. We thank you, Michelle, for being a leader and appreciate your time and efforts you devoted over the past several years.

Shandi will be taking over the leadership of the Ambassadors until another person steps forward to be the Ambassador Leader. Thank you, Shandi, for stepping up for the time being. Our new 2019-20 Ambassadors are Sierra Meade, Trinadee Fetters, and Mark Andres. Congratulations and we hope you have a great year!

4-H Enrollment/Volunteers

You must enroll via 4-H Online. The link is <https://ks.4honline.com>. **New enrollments, re-enrollments, and all volunteer community and project leader enrollments need to be completed by November 1.** 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 pay the fee for new members and new families.

Club Leadership Rosters

IMPORTANT: As club elections are completed, Community Leaders will need to be sure the Club Leadership Roster is turned into the Extension Office. We still need BH, DW, and NV.

48 Hours of 4-H

Remember to get your project turned into the State Office if you participated in the 48 Hours of 4-H. This link has all the information: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html>

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- ◆ 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 **Thursday, November 7** at 6 pm in the Bonus Room of the Extension Office.

Fair Board Meeting

There will be no Fair Board meetings held in November or 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 be no 4-H Council meetings held in November or December. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 20** at 7 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

Record Books

Thank you to all those who turned in record books this year. Everyone who turned in at least one record book received an 'incentive' t-shirt again this year. We've had a good response on the design and color this year. We have some extras if anyone is interested in purchasing them. They are \$6 each and we have several sizes left over. Call the office if you're interested: 767-5136.

Morris County 4-H Updates

Achievement Banquet

We've been busy getting ready for the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet! It'll be here before we know it! Please plan on attending on **Saturday, November 2** at 6 pm in the Community Building at the Fairgrounds. Dinner is scheduled for 6 pm and the program will start at 7 pm. This year's theme is 'Let 4-H Light Your Way'.

Tickets. Tickets are \$4.25 each and can be purchased at the door if you didn't get your orders in on time.

Club Assignments. There was a misprint in last month's newsletter, so please be sure to review which committee your club is serving on this time. Contact your Community Leaders if you have questions.

Decorations, Tables, & Chairs – Flint Hills and Neosho Valley Responsibilities include helping to set up tables, chairs, and decorations prior to the banquet on Friday evening, November 1 at 4:30 pm.

Programs & Tickets – Burdick Hustlers Responsibilities include taking tickets on the evening of the banquet and handing out programs to attendees.

Trash & Clean-Up – Dwight Sunflowers and Willing Workers Responsibilities include putting away tables and chairs as well as cleaning up following the banquet.

Club and Project Leader Training

All club leaders and project leaders are strongly encouraged to attend leader training. Both trainings will be held on **Monday, October 28**. Community Leader training will be from 6 - 7 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room followed by the Project Leader training from 7 - 8 pm for project leaders at both the club and county level. Please **RSVP to our office by Thursday, October 24**.

Officer Training

Officer Training will be held the evening of **Tuesday, November 5 from 6 - 8 pm** in the Courthouse Meeting Room. Please be sure new officers mark it on their calendars. Please **RSVP to our office by Friday, November 1**.

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, the different approaches to keeping records for each project, pin applications, forms, County forms 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

The *Morris County 4-H Club Day* will be held on **Saturday, February 23, 2020** at the Council Grove Elementary School. Please mark it on your calendar and plan on attending! The score

sheet and Big John Award information can be found on our website at: https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/clubdays/big_john_award/index.html. You may find it helpful in planning your Club's participation in Club Days.

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.

October 5, 2019
November 2, 2019
December 7, 2019
January 4, 2020
February 1, 2020
March 7
April 4
May 2
June 6
July 11
August 1
September 12

County Fiber Arts Project Meeting

The first Fiber Arts County meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 23** at the First Baptist Church located at 501 Country Lane in Council Grove. Please bring your projects to work on and a snack or food to share. 4-Her's who haven't signed up but are interested to see what Fiber Arts is all about are welcome to come check it out! The meeting will run from 11 am to 2 pm.

Call Lizzy or Laura Buller at 620-767-2415 or 620-767-3415 or send an e-mail lizzykaybuller@gmail.com for more information or if you have any questions.

Shooting Sports

Safety Training - Sunday, November 17 at 1 pm at the CG Recreation Department (Armory). Range Training will be discussed at this meeting. Any member who is new to the Shooting Sports project is required to attend.

Practices will begin on Sunday, December 1. You will receive more information at Safety Training. For questions, please contact Tim King at 620-767-2133 or at morriscountysarpshooters@hotmail.com.

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.

Fun Tournaments, Contests, and Events

K-State Swine Day

K-State Swine Day will be held on **November 21** at the KSU Alumni Center, 1720 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, KS. The program will feature presentations from two guest speakers and a 30 vendor trade show. A meal will be provided by Cox Brothers Pork. Registration fee of \$25 per person if registered on or before November 12. Late registration is \$50. Students are free if registered by the 12th.

For more information contact Lois Schreiner, Department of Animal Sciences and Industry at 785-532-1267 or lschrein@ksu.edu.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

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 23-24, 2019

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

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

Registration: Open late Summer of 2019

Final Registration Deadline: November 1, 2019

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>

Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum

The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum is open to all 4-H Volunteers. Come learn knowledge and skills that will assist you in continuing to help youth see new possibilities, opportunities and learning.

Lifetime KA4-HV members qualify for a \$25 scholarship (net cost \$140 or \$165). Use the coupon code 'KA4-HV' to get the scholarship. You may pay your dues (\$50 lifetime) at the Forum and qualify for the scholarship.

Please click on this link to get more info and to register: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-volunteer-leader-forum/index.html>

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.

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. These will also be available for purchase at the Achievement Banquet.

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 some time.

2020

(Mark Your Calendars)

January 20 - **Record Keeping Workshop**
January 20 - **4-H Council Meeting**
January 24-26 - **Horse Panorama**
February 23 - **Project Day**
February 29 - **Club Day**
June 6-7 - **Camp Counselor Training**
June 7-10 - **Sunny Hills Camp**
June 22-25 - **Campference**
July 18-27 - **Morris County 4-H Fair**
August 6 - **Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo - Wichita**

Important Dates

Extension Office Closed: Our office will be closed on **Monday, November 11** for Veteran's Day, **Thursday, November 28** and **Friday, November 29** for Thanksgiving

4-H EVENTS

- October 28 - **Club and Project Leader Training**
- October 31 - **4-H Enrollment ends at Midnight**
- November 1 - **Final Deadline for KYLF registrations**
- November 2 - **Achievement Banquet**
- November 5 - **Officer Training**
- November 7 - **Ambassador Meeting**
- November 23-24 - **KYLF & KVF**

LIVESTOCK EVENTS

- November 9 - **Kansas 4-H Equine Extravaganza**
- November 21 - **K-State Swine Day; Deadline Nov 12**
- December 7 - Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest; Deadline November 25**

Shandi's Tip of the Month



It's the beginning of the 4-H year! Whether you complete a record book or not, take a little time for reflection on your past year. Some questions that you might ask yourself are:

- What was your favorite activity or project this past year?
- What was your largest learning opportunity?
- What do you want to work on improving for next year?

After reflecting on your last year, make some plans for the year ahead.

- What projects do you want to enroll in this year? Which are you going to continue? Are there any new projects you want to try?
- After the Achievement Banquet, print out your next pin application to start tracking for the year ahead.
- Write goals for your year in 4-H and individual projects.
- How can you incorporate leadership and community service into your year?
- What new County or State 4-H activity do you want to try?

I want to wish you a year of great success, fun, and growth!!! Don't be afraid to reach out if you have any questions!

Shandi

Shannon's Tip of the Month

Keeping Your Pumpkin Longer

If you buy your pumpkins early, there are some tricks to make them last. Make sure the pumpkin wasn't harvested too early; before the rind developed a hard, waxy layer to keep it from drying out and shriveling. Test the pumpkin with your thumbnail. If it penetrates the fruit easily, it was harvested too early. Pumpkins also keep better in cooler weather. Even mature pumpkins may benefit from a light application of a spray wax such as that used for cars.



If you carve your pumpkins consider that the seeds can be saved and roasted. Scoop out the seeds, rinse them well to remove any strands of tissue that have remained and spread them out so they can dry. Once dry, they can be roasted on a cookie sheet for 10 to 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Roast larger seeds for the longer amount of time. If you prefer salted seeds, soak the seeds in a brine. Make the brine by combining 2 tablespoons of salt for every 2 cups of water. Add the seeds to the brine and bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Drain, toss with a tablespoon of olive oil and spread on a cookie sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes. Check the seeds during the last 5 minutes and remove when done.

Note that carving reduces the longevity of pumpkins with carved pumpkins doing well to last a week.

(Ward Upham, Horticulture, 2019 Newsletter)

Shannon

November 2019



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Officer Training RSVP Deadline to Office Final Deadline for KYL/KVF Registrations	2 Health Fair - Chase County Cloverbud Mtg - 9 am Achievement Banquet 6pm
3	4	5 Officer Training 6 - 8 pm	6	7 Ambassador Meeting - 6 pm	8	9 KS 4-H Equine Extravaganza - Rock Springs 8am - 4:30 pm Candlelight Charm
10	11 Office Closed 	12	13	14	15	16
17 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting Armory - 1 pm	18	19	20	21	22	23 KYL/KVF Starts Fiber Arts Meeting First Baptist Church 11 am - 2 pm
24 KYL/KVF Ends	25	26	27	28 Office Closed 	29 Office Closed 	30

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