

MORRIS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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2019 Morris County Fair

Thank you to the Morris County Fair Board, 4-H members and families, and numerous fair supporters for making the 2019 Morris County Fair a success. Congratulations to the 4-Hers for their hard work which resulted in a great display of projects at the fair. **Be sure to get your thank you cards and orange verification cards turned into our office. We will pay for postage and mail them for you. The deadline is August 30.** We need you to turn them into the office so we can check you off the list for having turned them in. **You will not receive your premium money unless your name is checked off the list.** Note: Next year's fair will be held July 18-27, 2020!

Fair Pictures

Please refer to our website for many pictures taken at the fair. An additional page was added called *Morris County Fair Photos* and can be found under Morris County Information/Fairs/. Here's the direct link: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/fair/county-fair-pictures/index.html> Note: If you run your mouse/cursor over the pictures you will see the labels for each one. Your feedback is important to us! You can send us a message via the website.



2019 State Horticulture Judging Contest

Mark Andres, Kinslea Glanville (Chase County), and Lakoddah Downes attended the State Horticulture Judging contest on Saturday, August 17. The contest consisted of three events; plant identification, a knowledge test, and quality judging. Thanks for representing the Flint Hills District!

Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show

Two Morris County 4-H members participated in a Tri-County Dairy Team competition. This is new because the surrounding counties are having a tough time with dairy cattle numbers. Gavin placed 2nd in the Aged Holstein class, 7th overall intermediate in dairy cattle judging, and 4th place quizbowl team. (Pictured far right). August received 3rd place dry cow. (Pictured second from right). Congratulations on your accomplishments!



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Special points of interest attachments/enclosures:

- ◆ New Family Enrollment Info
- ◆ Returning Family Re-enrollment Info
- ◆ Ambassador Application
- ◆ Conservation Scholarship Application

If you have items you would like in the monthly newsletters, please notify the Extension Office by the 20th of the month. Thank You!

Fair Survey & Fair Wrap-Up

We received some good feedback from the recent fair survey, which was shared with the Fair Board. We appreciate everyone's comments and will try to work on issues brought to our attention through the survey comments and at the Fair Wrap-Up meeting. Again, thank you for your sharing your thoughts!

Fair Board Meeting

The next Fair Board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 11** at 7 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

Ambassadors Meeting

There will be an Ambassador Meeting on **Monday, September 16** at 7 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

4-H Council Meeting

There is no 4-H Council meeting held in September. The next meeting will be held on **October 21** with the new representatives from each Club.

New Office E-mail

You may start seeing a new e-mail popping up from time to time. This e-mail sends to everyone in our office automatically. We would like to start using it a little more often. Feel free to contact any of us using this new e-mail: mr@listserv.ksu.edu

Morris County 4-H Updates

4-H Enrollment

It is almost time to enroll for 4-H again! It is the same as last year. You must enroll via 4-H Online. The link is <https://ks.4honline.com>. **New enrollments and re-enrollments begin October 1 and need to be completed by November 1.** The system is accessible with a dial-up connection or with iPads, tablets, and smart phones. The Extension Office will be happy to provide help to families who do not have internet accessibility. Attached to this newsletter is a re-enrollment brochure and new family enrollment brochure with step by step instructions. For the new 4-H families, brochures will be available from the Club Leaders, the Extension Office, and you can also find them on our website at <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/>. 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 in to the Extension Office. These will be e-mailed to the Club Community Leaders.

Volunteers

There are new changes this year for the VIP process! Good...we hope! The process has been simplified immensely from previous years.

- Every community and project leader (Club and/or County) will need to update, or start a profile in 4-H Online if you haven't already done so. Once you update your profile it will automatically renew your VIP status every year. There is no longer a need to fill out the renewal form.
- The State is still requiring you to re-screen every 3 years after your initial year. You will complete the form online via 4-H Online--no more paper copies. We will submit the National Criminal Background Check for you as long as you have completed the Validity check in the past. A second background check is not required.
- You will only be required to complete the Orientation Training and Agent Interview if you have not completed the volunteer screening in the past. You will also need to complete the CBC (Validity) background check if you have not completed it in the past. The link will be provided to you.
- One other major change is that 'episodic' volunteers have been changed to 'Adult Helpers' instead. Now it is more defined, so hopefully it won't be as confusing as it was before.

This new process will be starting October 1 along with 4-H enrollment and re-enrollment. Once your information is complete, it will remain as your permanent record in 4-H Online.

It will just need to be edited each year going forward. You will receive an e-mail or letter if you need to complete anything other than updating the profile.

Record Books

Record books and pin applications are due in the Extension Office by **Tuesday, October 1.** Forms are online at: www.flinthills.ksu.edu.

As you are preparing your record books, please remember the following:



***Junior Division (7 & 8 Year Olds) –** When writing stories for your award applications, remember to include **two** stories. One story should be a general 4-H story that describes your 4-H year. The second story should be a project story that describes your project work throughout the year.

***Intermediate Division (9-13 Year Olds) and Senior Division (14 & Older) –** When writing your stories for your KAPs, remember that your story needs to be project specific. You may include information from your 4-H year as it relates to your project.

***Permanent Records –** Remember that the permanent record is a continuous document of the activities throughout your 4-H career. In other words, the current year's activities should be added to the previous year's document. For older 4-Hers, this should be typed or visible that it was not completed by a parent.

***Application Signatures –** Remember to have your award applications and pin applications signed by your club leaders and a parent/guardian.

An order of assembly for record books is posted on our website. If you have questions about completing record books, filling out pin award applications or what pin application you can apply for, please contact the Extension Office. For the Check Sheet (or Green Sheet), please be sure to use the one that was updated last year.

4-H Key Award

4-Hers who are 16 years old or older may apply for the 4-H Key Award. Requirements for the award include completing at least four years of 4-H work, being enrolled in the leadership project for at least four years, and fulfilling at least nine other requirements on the application. The application can be found on the Flint Hills District website at flinthills.ksu.edu. Once at the website, click on the 4-H Youth Development tab on the left-hand side of the screen and then click on the Morris County Information tab. Applications are due **Tuesday, October 1.**

Friend of 4-H and 4-H Alumni Nominations

Each year, 4-H clubs in Morris County are asked to nominate individuals they feel have contributed to the 4-H program and are worthy recipients of the Friend of 4-H or 4-H Alumni awards. Both of these awards are given out at the 4-H Achievement Banquet. If you have someone you think would be a great candidate, let your club leader know. Nominations are **due with the 4-H Club Summary on Tuesday, October 1.**

Project Meeting Forms

Club and county project leader reports for meetings held during the 2018-2019 4-H year are due to the Extension Office by **Tuesday, October 1.** These forms are used to report 4-Her attendance as well as presentations given by 4-Hers at club and county project meetings. The form can be found on our website at www.flinthills.ksu.edu or at the Extension Office.

Morris County 4-H Info, Activities, and Applications Continued....

Club Officer Books

Club secretary, reporter, and treasurer books need to be submitted to the Extension Office on **Tuesday, October 1**. Clubs do not need to turn in their historian book.

Club Summaries

The Club Summaries are due into the Extension Office by **Tuesday, October 1**. You can find the updated form on our website at:

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

Kansas 4-H Youth Council Applications

Ages 14-18 (before January 1, 2020) may apply as a Council Representative. Applications, in their entirety, must be completed and submitted online by **October 1 by 5 pm**. Elections will be conducted at KYLF. Please contact Beth Hinshaw with any questions you may have. Her contact information is bhinshaw@ksu.edu or 620-669-3888. Click on the link below for the application.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/docs/Candidate%20Application%202019.pdf>

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week will be **October 6-12, 2019**. This year's theme is "Inspire Kids to Do". Clubs are encouraged to inform their communities about the 4-H program during this week. 4-H members should be prepared to discuss contests, presentations, displays, and other ways to promote 4-H. If your club wants ideas for activities during National 4-H Week, contact the Extension Office, as there are some great promotional materials. National 4-H Week is a great opportunity to share enthusiasm and promote the benefits of the 4-H program to our communities.

4-H Expo

Our annual 4-H Expo will be held on **Sunday, October 6** from 4-6 pm at the Morris County Fair Grounds.

- We would like each club to provide a member or several members willing to give project talks, demonstrations, or readings. We will allow 10 minutes for each project talk starting at 4:10goal is to have at least 5.
- We would also like to encourage each club to have a booth displaying their club's various information and accomplishments. A 'brag booth' of sorts.
- We will do a Dog Agility Demonstration like we did last year.
- County Project Leaders can also have a table/booth. And they are invited to give a talk or demonstration as well.
- A meal, open to the community as an appreciation for their support of 4-H, starts at 5:15 pm.

Please share this with your clubs and get back to Crystal Carson, Alicsa Mayer, Aleece Priest (contact information below) or the Extension Office, with a list of members who are planning on giving talks at the Expo, or with any other ideas you may have or would like to do.

- * Crystal Carson: clcarsonfarms@gmail.com or 785-561-0474
- * Alicsa Mayer: bicky128@hotmail.com or 785-499-3534
- * Aleece Priest: adpriest4@gmail.com or 620-766-7114

Friend of 4-H Appreciation Picnic

The annual appreciation picnic will be on **Sunday, October 6 at 5:15 pm** following the 4-H Expo. The picnic will be held at the Fair Grounds Community Building. 4-Hers and parents are needed to greet guests, serve food, and clean up. Invitations will be sent to all 2019 premium buyers, award sponsors, the Flint Hills Extension Board members, the Morris County 4-H Foundation Board members, and Fair Board members. Clubs are asked to send the names and addresses of any additional people you would like invited, who have supported the club and its members, to the Extension office by **Monday, September 9** so an invitation can be mailed to them.

48 Hours of 4-H

What: Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Please register your projects and then follow up with a report so we know about all the great things that happened across the state. 48 Hours of 4-H is the perfect compliment to #InspireKidstoDo. Start planning your projects now!

When: October 12-13, 2019

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni, Partnerships, Community Organizations, Potential 4-H Families

If you're interested in completing a community event during 48 Hours of 4-H, then please click on this link to obtain all the 2019 information: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html>

Achievement Banquet

The annual 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on **Saturday, November 2** at 6 pm in the Community Building at the Fairgrounds. This year's theme is 'Let 4-H Light Your Way'.

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

Early Registration Deadline: October 15, 2019

Final Registration Deadline: November 1, 2019

There is an option to come in on Friday evening after 8 p.m. for lodging and breakfast Saturday morning if distance or schedules warrants this. An additional fee applies and chaperones will be necessary.

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

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>

Ambassador Applications

Would you like to see 4-H grow in Morris County? Here is your opportunity! Apply to be a Morris County 4-H Ambassador. Help educate others about the value of 4-H. Enjoy interacting with other 4-H members from across the county as well as civic organizations, families, and businesses. Open to members in 8th grade or older. Applications are attached to this newsletter and available online at <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/ambassadors/index.html>. Applications **must be e-mailed** to our office at mr@listserv.ksu.edu no later than **Wednesday, September 25**. All applicants will be interviewed on **Wednesday, October 2**. Applicants must select an interview time once they have turned in their application. Details are on the application.

Record Book Judging

4-H record book judging will be held on **Tuesday, October 15** from **11 am to 7 pm** in the Extension Office. We ask that each club send at least 3 representatives to help with judging; more are always welcome to join us. There will be a meal provided for lunch and dinner for those who help with judging. Please contact with Extension Office by **Friday, October 11** to let us know who will be attending and representing your club so we can plan for food.

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.

Officer Training

Officer Training will be held the evening of **Tuesday, November 5** from **6 - 8 pm** in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

Kansas 4-H Equine Extravaganza

This is a new event this year and will include youth and adults! Youth topics will include showmanship, horsemanship, quiz bowl, judging, hippology, achievement level 1. Adult topics will include 4-H horse project overview, 4-H horse web site, conducting project meetings, and organizing contests. They will also have 4-H Horse achievement level evaluator training. Registration will be \$20 which includes lunch and t-shirt. Registration will be available on [4-H Kansas.org](http://4-H.Kansas.org) through Cvent **starting September 1 and closes October 15**.

When: Saturday, November 9
Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center
Time: 8 am - 4:30 pm

4-H CLOVERBUDS Cloverbuds will meet on **Saturday, September 7** at the White City Community Building at 9 am. If you have questions, please contact Amber Davis at 785-349-2448 or by e-mail at amberfromoz@hotmail.com.

NEW for Shooting Sports

The Shooting Sports program is looking at adding a Shotgun discipline to the current program. If you have a 4-Her who might be interested in enrolling in this division of the project, please let the Extension Office know so you can be notified when additional information is available.

September 6-15, 2019

Kansas State Fair Exhibits

Exhibits for the Kansas State Fair need to be brought to the Extension Office by **Thursday, September 5, including perishables**. Food and horticulture items may be delivered to the office between 7 am and 8 am on **Friday, September 6**.

Remember to Pick Up Your Tickets

State Fair tickets are ready to be picked up! If you haven't paid for your tickets yet, please plan to do so when you pick them up. You can make checks payable to 'Morris County 4-H Council'.

- ⇒ We have approximately thirty-three 4-H members participating in project judging at the State Fair this year, plus those registered for the State Horse Show and Grand Drive.
- ⇒ Both an intermediate and senior level team will compete in both FCS and Photography Judging in the State Fair competitions.
- ⇒ We have an individual, Laramie Mayer, participating in the Rabbit Judging Contest.

Good Luck to All of You!!

Regional Shooting Sports

The kids has a great time at Nationals! The group finished 41st out of 67th. Congratulations to all of you!

Pictured from left to right: Tim King, Alison Bachura, Jake Sollner, Brittley King, Jace Goodman, Rylee Powell, Clark Carroll, and Clifford Carroll.



10 Years Shooting Sports Leaders

Also honored for 10 years of volunteer service for shooting sports were Clark Carroll, Tim King, and Clifford Carroll. Great job guys!!



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>

Shandi's Tip of the Month



Remember during the record keeping workshop, we talked about the Experiential Learning model in which we Do, Reflect, Apply. Now is a great time to put that model into action. Spend a little time for reflection from the fair and the 4-H year. Pull out the record books now to get a start on them. October 1st seems to sneak up on us pretty fast! If you haven't completed record books before, start with a single project. Completing one is better

than doing none. Record books is a learning process. They aren't perfect the first year and members and parents learn each year they complete them. Why do we complete record books? To understand the project better and to purposefully give it some reflection. During that reflection, think about the process and the journey of the 4-H year...

What went well?

Which goals did you meet?

Which goals were not met?

What was your favorite project or activity this year?

I would also encourage you to take a trip to the state fair. Visit Centennial Hall to check out the 4-H exhibits to gain project ideas for next year. Make some plans for the year ahead.

What new projects do you want to try?

What new goals do you have for current projects?

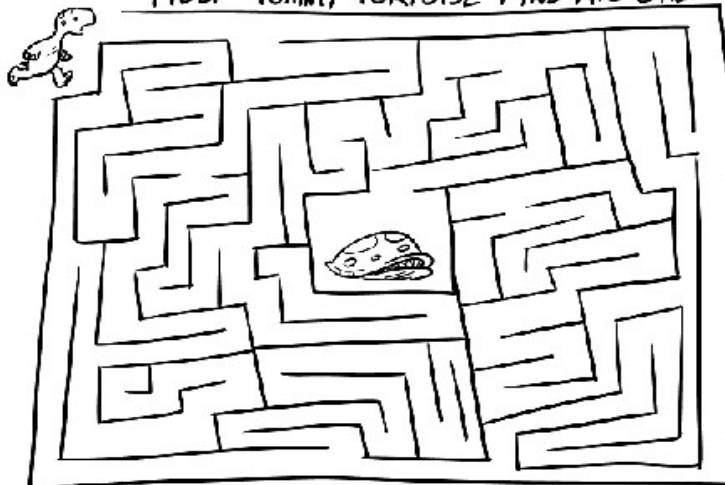
What new 4-H event do you want to attend?

If there are 4-H events you don't know about or understand, please ask questions. As always, if you have any questions while completing your record books - please ask!

Shandi

PuZZlers

HELP TOMMY TORTOISE FIND HIS SHELL.



Shannon's Tip of the Month

Excessive rainfall in much of Kansas in 2019 has caused flooding. Vegetation response to flooding depends primarily on duration and frequency. Flooding impacts the amount of oxygen, carbon dioxide, temperature, and light available for photosynthesis. Impeded gas exchange results in a depletion of carbohydrate reserves, reduced energy available to the plant, disrupts cells, and impairs nutrient uptake, resulting in plant death. Loss of vegetation is also temperature dependent. It takes fewer days of submergence to cause stand loss as soil temperatures increase.



Most annual crops such as wheat, rye, oats, and barley tolerate only brief flooding i.e. 3-6 days. Cool-season perennial grasses such as smooth brome (24-28 days) and tall fescue (24-35 days) tolerate longer periods. Bermuda grass is tolerant of very long periods of flooding (45-90 days). Legumes that might be mixed with cool-season grasses including annual lespedeza (5-8 days), red clover (7-15 days), alfalfa (9-12 days), and white clover (10-20 days) are less tolerant to flooding.

Considerable variation exists among native grasses in their tolerance to inundation. Little bluestem tolerates only brief periods of flooding (3-6 days). Big bluestem and Indian grass will tolerate only 7-14 days of flooding, whereas switch grass tolerates 15-30 days. Eastern gama grass will tolerate 10-22 days. Although buffalo grass is shorter than most species it will tolerate 45-90 days of inundation. A lowland species that is known to tolerate greater than 49 days of flooding is reed canary grass.

For more information, please see the complete article on our website at: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/environment/>

Shannon

Important Dates

Extension Office Closed: Our office will be closed on **Monday, September 2** for Labor Day.

4-H EVENTS

September 2 - **OFFICE CLOSED** - Labor Day
September 11 - **Fair Board Meeting**
September 6-15 - **Kansas State Fair**
September 8 - **KSF Photo Judging Contest**
September 12-14 - **KSF 4-H Horse Show**
September 14 - **KSF 4-H Dog Show /FCS Judging Contest**
September 25 - **Ambassador Application deadline**
October 1 - **All Due:** record books, pin applications, key award applications, officer club books, club seal forms, project meeting forms, nomination forms for Alumni of 4-H and Friend of 4-H.
October 1 - New 4-H Year: **Enrollment/Re-Enrollment**
October 1 - **Volunteer Sign-Up/Update in 4-H Online**
October 2 - **Ambassador Interviews**
October 6-12 - National 4-H Week
October 6 - **4-H Expo/Appreciation Picnic**
October 11 - **Record Book Judging Attendance deadline**
October 12-13 - 48 Hours of 4-H
October 15 - **Record Book Judging**
October 15 - **Deadline for early bird KYLF registration at a discounted rate**
October 29 - **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 23-24 - **KYLF**

2020



July 18-27 - **Morris County 4-H Fair** (Mark Your Calendars)

LIVESTOCK EVENTS

September 27-29 - **Kansas Junior Livestock Show**
November 9 - **Kansas 4-H Equine Extravaganza**

September 2019



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
 Grandparents Day			Fair Board Meeting 7 pm Courthouse Meeting Room			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Ambassador Meeting 7 pm					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	 First Day of Autumn		Ambassador Application Deadline to turn into the Office		KJLS Starts	
29	30					
KJLS Ends						

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