

# MORRIS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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## Northeast Area KAP Judging

The NE Area KAP judging was held Thursday, January 16 in Manhattan. Thank you to all those who submitted their KAP's. Unfortunately, no one from Morris County was selected to go to State.

## Horse Judging Clinic

Mark your calendars! Shannon, along with Lisa Wainwright and the K-State Horse judging team, will be offering a horse judging clinic on **Sunday, February 23** at the fairgrounds. Lunch will be provided and there is no cost to attend. The clinic will begin at 9:30 am and end at 1 pm so that youth may attend Project Day at 2 pm. If you would like to attend, please let the office know by 5 pm on February 14. If you have any questions regarding the clinic, please contact Shannon at the office (767-5136) or [spn@ksu.edu](mailto:spn@ksu.edu).

## 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](mailto: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! Entry forms were attached to the last newsletter. It can also be found on our website listed below. 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. Please have your entry forms turned in to the office by 5 pm on Friday, February 7. <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.

## K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Kansas State University will host the K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy on **June 24-27, 2020**, for young livestock industry leaders. This four-day event will focus on increasing young leaders' knowledge of Kansas' diverse livestock industry as well as building participant's leadership skills. Students will stay in university housing with event staff for the duration of the event. The program's itinerary will feature interactive workshops, tours and faculty mentor time with animal sciences and industry professors. Industry leaders will also join the participants frequently to share their knowledge and expertise. Throughout the week, participants will work in teams to evaluate current events within the animal science industry and educate others. This experience will culminate with team presentations and a closing reception on Saturday morning. Twenty high school students (current 9th-12th graders) will be selected to participate. *The application deadline is April 15, 2020.* Application forms are available at [www.asi.k-state.edu/research-andextension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/](http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-andextension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/). For more information, please contact academy director, Sharon Breiner at [sbreiner@ksu.edu](mailto:sbreiner@ksu.edu).

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### Special points of interest attachments/enclosures:

- ◆ 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- ◆ Invitational 4-H Dog Show flyer & registration 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!*

## Fair Board Meeting

The next Fair Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 12** at 7 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

## 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on **Monday, February 17** at 7 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

## Ambassador Meeting

The next Ambassador meeting will be held on **Monday, February 17** following the 4-H Council meeting.

## Mark Your Calendars

Beef Weigh-In and Tagging will be **March 10** from 6-8 pm at Derek Schrader's. Small Animal Weigh-In and Tagging will be **May 3** from 2-4 pm at the Morris County Fairgrounds. If you have questions, please contact Shannon at 767-5136.

## Project Meetings

# Scholarships

### Cloverbuds

The following Cloverbud 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](mailto:amberfromoz@hotmail.com).



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](mailto:michellerp1965@hotmail.com).

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

Shooting Sports practices are every **Sunday** at 1 pm and will run through the Shooting Sports season. They are being 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 [morriscountysharpshooters@hotmail.com](mailto:morriscountysharpshooters@hotmail.com).

Just a reminder, you must attend a minimum of 3 practices each year to stay current with your Safety Training.



### 2020 Kansas 4-H Scholarship

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship is available on our website at <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/scholarships> in fillable form. Forms are also available in the Extension Office. Youth who should be applying for this scholarship should be in their Senior year in High School OR OLDER. All instructions are on the first page of the application. Scholarship selection is 90% based on 4-H merit of leadership, citizenship/community service, participation, recognition, and 10% on non-4-H related experiences. Completed applications need to be submitted to the Extension Office no later than **Thursday, January 30**.

### 2020 Morris County 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The Morris County 4-H Foundation Scholarship for 2020 is attached to this newsletter and can be found on our website at <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/scholarships/index.html>

The deadline date is April 27, 2020.

## Fun Tournaments, Contests, and Events

### Upcoming YQCA Training Sessions

The first YQCA training session is **Saturday, February 1** at 1 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Courthouse. Anybody who 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! No one has signed up yet for this session. If no one signs up, this session will be cancelled.

The next session will be held **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. If someone who is not a 4-H member is interested in attending, please have them call the office to register with Shannon.

**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](mailto:spn@ksu.edu).

### Ambassador Training

All county/district 4-H Ambassadors, Ambassador Advisors, Chaperones and KSRE Staff are invited to register for Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training, **February 21-22, 2020**. There will be six exciting workshops and a keynote speaker. We'll have three new workshops for all county/district advisors and Extension staff. The theme is "4-H Ambassadors-Under Construction." Youth must be in the 8th - 12th grades to attend.

**Registration Fee:** \$115-Registration includes breakfast,

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lunch, one night's lodging, two breaks, workshops and speakers.

**Registration:** <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>

**Registration Deadline:** February 7, 2020, 11:59 p.m., using the Cvent registration system. There will be a \$25 cancellation fee from the time of registration through February 7, 2020. No refunds will be given beginning February 8, 2020, and full payment will be due.

**Remember, the Morris County 4-H Foundation will pay 40% of the registration fee for all Morris County 4-H members.**

## 2020 Shawnee County Invitational 4-H Dog Show

This dog show will be held on **February 22** in Topeka. This is a Kansas State Fair qualifying event. Registrations must be postmarked by February 14, 2020. A flyer/registration form is included with this newsletter.

## Kansas Junior Producer Days Are Scheduled

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

An optional **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** session will be held at the conclusion of both Junior Days. **This will be an opportunity for youth to obtain their YQCA certification through an instructor-led session if they cannot attend one of Shannon's trainings.** The Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS will require all exhibitors to be YQCA certified for the 2020 shows. Additional information will be emailed to those who indicate through their junior day registration that they plan to attend the YQCA session, as participation will require an additional step.

Families have the option to mail in their junior day registration, or complete it online. The cost for each junior day is \$15 per person for those who register by the early deadline, and \$20 per person for those who register after the deadline. Please note, any registrations received after the deadline will not be guaranteed a t-shirt.

There are two methods available to register: 1) download the flyer at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html> and complete the bottom portion of the flyer and mail it with payment; or 2) complete the online registration at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister> Early registration for Junior Beef Producer Day is February 7, 2020, with early registration for Junior Sheep Producer Day being February 21, 2020.

**Shannon will be attending Junior Sheep Producer Day.** If you would like to attend and need a ride, please let the office know by February 21 so that we know how many will be riding with her.

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon at the office at 620-767-5136 or [spn@ksu.edu](mailto:spn@ksu.edu) or Lexie Hayes, Youth Livestock Coordinator, at [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu) or 785-532-1264.

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

**Registration Deadline:** February 1, 2020

**Remember, the Morris County 4-H Foundation will pay 40% of the registration fee for all Morris County 4-H members.**

Please go to <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html> for information on the State 4-H Horse Judging rules, Open Class judging rules, and judging flyer.

## Weigh-In and Scales

It is time to start thinking about animal weigh-in for the 2020 Morris County Fair! **Beef** weigh-in and tagging will take place on **Tuesday, March 10** at Derek Schrader's (16333 Hwy 177, Alta Vista) from 6-8 pm. Then, **small animal** weigh-in and tagging will be from 2-4 pm on **Sunday, May 3** at the Morris County Fairgrounds.

Along with these weigh-in dates, the **scales will be open** for anyone to come and weigh their animals from 2-4 pm on **June 14 and July 12.**

If you have any questions regarding these dates, please contact Shannon at the office (620-767-5136) or at [spn@ksu.edu](mailto:spn@ksu.edu).



## Current Event Results

### 2020 Horse Panorama Results

The Horse Panorama was held January 24-26. In attendance (staggered) were Laramie Mayer, Mandy Wainwright, Taylor Tiffany, Ransom Tiffany, and Ronnie Mayer. Mandy placed 6th Overall High Point Senior Hippology and Taylor was on the first place Open Quiz Bowl team. Taylor was also People's Choice at the Model Horse Expo, and second place in the Horse Logo contest. So proud of all of them for taking on a State contest!

Provided by County Horse/Horseless Horse Project Leader: Lisa Wainwright



### Shooting Sports Competition

Morris County Sharp Shooters were represented at the Wabaunsee County Qualifying Match on Saturday, January 25 by Castyn and Cooper Andres and Joey and Zach Andres. Congratulations to Joey for qualifying for the State match in April!!!



Cooper Andres



Castyn Andres



Joey Andres (left) and Zach Andres (right)

# Other Tid-Bits

### 2019 Notecards

We have the new notecards from 2019 Morris County Fair photos for sale. They are \$5 per set of 12 blank cards and envelopes. They make great gifts! Stop in and get yours today.

### 2020 Calendars

For Sale: 2020 Essence of Kansas 'Visions' calendars for \$5 each.



### Apparel

We have t-shirts for sale. All sizes. All \$6 each. Please contact us if interested and we can check to see if the size(s) you need are available. It's always nice to have an extra one when needed.



## Shandi's Tip of the Month



If you missed the record keeping workshop, a couple of quick notes. The 7 and 8 year olds will be using a simple KAP form this year instead of the Project Achievement Award. The new form is posted on the website.

If you are a new family or are enrolled in a new project and want information about possible projects for fair, the 2019 Fair book is still posted on the website. The book is in the process of being updated and the 2020 edition will be available in May. Know that there will be some changes but the previous year's book is a good place to start for specific details. As always, you are always welcome to give us a call or e-mail to ask questions.

*Shandi*

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**Farewell  
and  
Good Luck**

Lisa is leaving our office for new adventures and we are currently accepting applications for her position. Please join us on **Friday, February 28** from 1-3 pm for a farewell reception to wish her well and offer thanks for her service to Morris County Extension and 4-H! Light refreshments will be provided. We hope you can join us!!

## Shannon's Tip of the Month



### Fruit Trees and Frost

If you are considering purchasing fruit trees this spring, there are certain factors that should be considered for some of our fruit tree species. Spring in Kansas is often unsettled with apricot and peach tree flowers being very vulnerable to late frosts that can kill fruit buds. Of course, the tree itself will be fine but there will be no to little fruit for that year. Other species of trees can also be affected but apricots and peaches are by far the most sensitive. Also, the closer a tree is to full bloom, the more sensitive it becomes to frost.

Apricots are more likely to have frost kill flowers than peaches because they bloom a bit earlier. Though there are late-blooming apricot varieties, the differences between full bloom on early and late-blooming varieties appears to be slight. Research at Virginia Tech in the 90's showed a maximum of a 4-day difference between early and late varieties. However, in some years that may be all that is needed. The trees in the study that were considered late blooming included Hungarian Rose, Tilton and Harlayne. Harglow was not included in the study but is also considered late-blooming. See <https://pubs.ext.vt.edu/422/422-761/422-761.html> for more info.

Peaches are next on the list for being likely to be caught by a late frost. With peaches, two characteristics become important when considering whether they will be damaged. Like apricots, bloom time is very important but fruit bud hardiness should also be considered. In this case, fruit bud hardiness refers to hardiness to late frosts rather than the ability to survive extreme low temperatures during the winter. Late bloomers included 'China Pearl', 'Encore', 'Intrepid', and 'Risingstar.' See <http://aces.nmsu.edu/pubs/research/horticulture/RR782.pdf>. The 'Intrepid' cultivar also has shown excellent cold hardiness when in flower. See <http://www.google.com/patents/USPP12357>.

So, are there other considerations when looking at possible frost damage? Location can be very important. Planting on a hill which allows cold air to drain to lower elevations can help. Also, a location in town will be more likely to have a warmer micro-climate than an exposed location. Some gardeners will add a heat source under a tree during cold nights if they are close to a building. Heat lamps and charcoal briquettes are sometimes used but safety should be the first consideration.

(Ward Upham; Horticulture Newsletter)

*Shannon*

# Important Dates

**Extension Office Closed:** Our office will be closed on **Monday, February 17** for President's Day.

## 4-H EVENTS

February 1 - **4-H Lock-In at the Fair Community Building**  
February 16-17 - **CIA (Citizenship In Action)**  
February 17 - **4-H Council Meeting**  
February 21-22 - **Ambassador Training; Deadline Feb 7**  
February 23 - **Horse Judging Clinic; Deadline Feb 14**  
February 23 - **Project Day**  
February 29 - **Club Day; Deadline Feb 7**  
March 6 - **State 4-H and Open Equifest Judging Contest; Deadline Feb 1**  
March 21 - **Regional Club Day**  
May 27-29 - **Discovery Days**  
June 6-7 - **Camp Counselor Training**  
June 7-10 - **Sunny Hills Camp**  
June 22-25 - **Campference**  
July 9-11 - **Tri-County Fair**  
July 18-27 - **Morris County 4-H Fair**  
August 6 - **Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo - Wichita**  
Aug 15 - **State 4-H Horticulture Judging; Deadline Aug 9**  
September 10-12 - **State 4-H Horse Show**  
September 11-20 - **Kansas State Fair**  
November 21-22 - **KYLF (Kansas Youth Leadership Forum)**

## LIVESTOCK EVENTS

January 29 - **Women In AG**  
February 1 - **YQCA Training**  
February 5 - **Women In AG**  
February 29 - **Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day**  
March 14 - **Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day**  
March 15 - **YQCA Training**

**Spring Livestock Shows:** <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/spring-shows/index.html>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <b>YACA Training</b> 1 pm <b>Lock-In starts</b> 7 pm
2 <b>Lock-In Ends</b> 7 am	3	4	5	6	7 Club Day and Ambassador Training Registration Deadlines	8
9	10	11	12 Fair Board Meeting 7 pm	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15
16 Dog Meeting 4:30 pm CIA - Topeka	17 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 4-H Council - 7 pm Ambassador Mtg after Council 	18	19	20	21 <b>Ambassador Training</b> - Rock Springs ↓	22
23 <b>Horse Judging Clinic</b> 9:30 am - 1 pm <b>4-H Project Day</b> 2 - 5 pm	24	25	26	27	28	29 <b>Club Day</b> <b>Jr Beef Producer Day</b> - Manhattan

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