

# MORRIS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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## Northeast Area KAP Judging

4-Hers who were named a Senior County Project Award winner and who have passed their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday BEFORE January 1, 2019, but NOT their 19<sup>th</sup> 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

**Colton 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

## 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.

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### Special points of interest attachments/enclosures:

- ◆ Club Days Entry Form
- ◆ Lock-In Flyer
- ◆ 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!*

## 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.

## 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on **Monday, January 20** at 7 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

## Ambassador Meeting

The next Ambassador meeting will be held on **Monday, January 20** following the 4-H Council meeting.

## Fair Board Meeting

The next Fair Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 8** at 7 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room.

## 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

### Cat Project Christmas Party

The members of the Cat project donated pet food to the Main Street Pantry at their Christmas Party held on December 2nd. Pictured from the left are Leo White, Hudson Lange, Dani Day, Alex Priest, Avery Lee, and Evie White.



### 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).

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](mailto:michellerp1965@hotmail.com).

January 12 at 3:30 is for parents and members only, no dogs. Will only be a 30 minute meeting held at the Courthouse Meeting Room.  
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

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 [morriscountyssharpshooters@hotmail.com](mailto:morriscountyssharpshooters@hotmail.com).

# Scholarships

### Morris County Conservation District Senior High School Scholarship Application

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>

### 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**.

## Fun Tournaments, Contests, and Events

### Women In AG Workshop

Please join the Flint Hills Extension District for Farm Financial Skills for Women in Agriculture! This workshop series will take place on **January 15, January 22, January 29, and February 5** in the Morris Co. Courthouse Meeting Room in Council Grove. Each session will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$40 and will cover all meals and program materials. This workshop series will teach principles of record-keeping to develop a balance sheet, income statement, and a cash flow statement. Participants will work with a case farm to do performance analysis and understand how these statements can help with management decisions.

To register, visit: [www.agmanager.info](http://www.agmanager.info) under "Events" or contact the Flint Hills Extension Office at 620-767-5136. The registration deadline is December 31st!

### 2020 Northeast 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**, 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

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

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

## 2020 Horse Panorama

The 2020 4-H Horse Panorama registration is open through Cvent. 4-H Horse members are encouraged to register to participate in quiz bowl, hippology, presentations and more.

**When:** January 24 - 26, 2020

**Where:** Rock Springs 4-H Center

**Who:** All competitive events are open to those 4-H members that are age 9 as of December 31, 2019 and not past age 19 as of December 31, 2019.

**Registration Link:** <http://www.cvent.com/events/2020-kansas-4-h-horse-panorama/event-summary-3035ccde410147368c36ff17c66e2ef.aspx> .

Deadline for registering is January 15.

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**Horse Quiz Bowl** encourages young people to develop knowledge of equine-related subject matter. This contest develops alertness, self-confidence, and knowledge in a competitive setting, surrounded by an attitude of friendliness and fairness.

**Senior Quiz Bowl** members need to sign-up as a team with all members age 14 by December 31, 2019. The senior teams will compete in a double elimination bracket.

**Open Quiz Bowl** is available for all youth participants. Those youth registering for Open Quiz Bowl will be randomly put on teams with other youth from across the state for a fun, educational experience.

**Hippology** is an educational activity for youth who wish to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a friendly, competitive setting. This contest enhances decision-making and provides an opportunity for the participants to work cooperatively with others.

4-H Horse Panorama offers learning for young and old! Don't delay.

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

## 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> Registration will open soon.

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## 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 21-23, 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, lunch, one night's lodging, two breaks, workshops and speakers.

**Registration:** **Click Here to Register** (Registration will open in early January).

**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.

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## 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 or at [spn@ksu.edu](mailto:spn@ksu.edu).

### 4-H Lock-In

Morris County 4-Her's are invited to attend a Lock In February 1 at 7 pm through February 2 at 7 am in the Community Building at the Fairgrounds. This county-wide event is a great opportunity for 4-Her fun! There will be a puzzle room experience (similar to locked-in activities), challenges, games, movies, etc. Participants will be encouraged to bring sleeping bags, cots, or air mattresses to sleep on as the evening winds down. The cost to attend is \$10 per person and will cover food and drinks. There will be pizza for supper, snacks, drinks, and breakfast. Each club is asked for one adult volunteer to attend the Lock-In. The event flyer is attached.

### 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. It's not too late! They would make great gifts! Contact our office to have us hold them for you or come in and pick them up.



### 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.



### Cloverbuds Collected Donations

The Morris County Cloverbuds collected 254 items to donate to Care and Share this year. Way to go!!



## Shandi's Tip of the Month



### Poverty Simulation

There are often programs, lessons, or activities available in our community or neighboring communities that can help us make the best better. Sometimes these are project specific and sometimes these are focused on bettering ourselves. I want to encourage you to be willing to take advantage of some of these activities. There are many activities offered by the Extension Office or in partnership with other organizations.

I serve on the CORE Coalition in Council Grove. CORE stands for Community Opportunities, Resources, and Education and the group focuses on overall health and wellness initiatives within the Community.

The CORE Coalition and the Extension Office have partnered to offer a Poverty Simulation in Council Grove on **March 3** at the Fairgrounds. This is a program designed to help build awareness when working with diverse audiences. The Poverty Simulation is designed for participants to gain a better understanding about the challenges of living in poverty and ideas for how our community can support these dynamics in group settings. The teachers at the school were recently able to go through a similar experience as part of a professional development event. This opportunity to participate in the Poverty Simulation is available to all community members. If you know of someone who might be interested in participating, please pass on the information. If you would like to participate, please e-mail me or sign up in the office.

We have space for 40-88 participants and they should arrive at 1:00 pm. We are also looking for 15-25 volunteers to help run stations. Volunteers should arrive at 11:00 am and will be provided lunch. The event should finish by 4:00 pm.

I hope you all enjoy the holiday season with family and friends! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Shandi*

## Shannon's Tip of the Month



### Firewood

Not all firewood is created equal. Some species of trees are able to produce much more heat per cord of wood. A cord is the amount of wood in a well-stacked wood-pile measuring 4 feet wide by 8 feet long by 4 feet high.

Following are heat values (in million BTUs) per cord for various species of trees. The higher the value, the better the wood.

Ash, Green 22.8  
Cottonwood 15.9  
Elm, American 19.8 Difficult to split  
Elm, Siberian 20.9 Difficult to split  
Hackberry 21.0  
Honeylocust 25.6  
Locust, Black 28.3 Difficult to split  
Maple, Sugar 24.0  
Maple, Silver 18.9  
Mulberry 25.3  
Oak, Red 24.0  
Oak, Bur 24.9  
Oak, Post 25.6  
Osage Orange (Hedge) 32.6 Sparks, do not use in open fire-place  
Sycamore 19.5 Difficult to split  
Walnut, Black 21.8  
The Kansas Forest Service has a publication titled "Managing Your Woodland for Firewood" that is quite helpful. See <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/mf773.pdf>. Remember to obtain firewood locally. Emerald Ash Borer is now in Kansas because of transported wood.

(Ward Upham, November 2019 Horticulture Newsletter)

*Shannon*



# Important Dates

**Extension Office Closed:** Our office will be closed on **Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25, Thursday, December 26** and **Friday, December 27** for the Christmas Holiday. We will also be closed on **Wednesday, January 1, 2020** for New Year's Day and **Monday, January 20** for Martin Luther King Day.

## 4-H EVENTS

January 1 - **OFFICE CLOSED (New Year's Day)**  
January 8 - **Fair Board Meeting**  
January 9 - **Senior KAP's due to office by 5 pm**  
January 18 - **NELE (NE Leadership Event); Deadline Jan 3**  
January 20 - **OFFICE CLOSED (Martin Luther King Day)**  
January 20 - **Record Keeping Workshop**  
January 20 - **4-H Council Meeting**  
January 20 - **Ambassador Meeting following Council Mtg**  
January 24-26 - **Horse Panorama; Deadline Jan 15**  
February 1 - **4-H Lock-In at the Fair Community Building**  
February 16-17 - **CIA (Citizenship In Action)**  
February 21-22 - **Ambassador Training; Deadline Feb 7**  
February 23 - **Horse Judging Clinic**  
February 23 - **Project Day**  
February 29 - **Club Day; Deadline for entry forms 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 15 - **Women In AG**  
January 22 - **Women In AG**  
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>


## Cloverbuds Christmas Party

The Cloverbuds had their Christmas party at the Meeting Room in the Morris County Courthouse this past Saturday. They had a great time playing games and having fun!



# January 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 Deadline to Register for NELE	4 NELE
5 Dog Mtg - people only 3:30 pm Courthouse Meeting Room	6	7	8 Fair Board Meeting 7 pm	9 Senior KAP's due in to office by 5 pm	10	11
12	13	14	15 Deadline to Register for Horse Panorama	16 NE Area KAP Screening	17	18
19 Dog Meeting Fair Building 4:30 pm	20 Record Keeping Workshop 6 pm 4-H Council Meeting 7 pm Ambassador Mtg following Council OFFICE CLOSED	21	22	23	24 Horse Panorama Starts	25 NELE
26 Horse Panorama Ends	27	28	29	30	31 NO SCHOOL	FEB 1 YQCA Training 1 pm 4-H Lock-In 6 pm



# January 2020 4-H NEWSLETTER

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