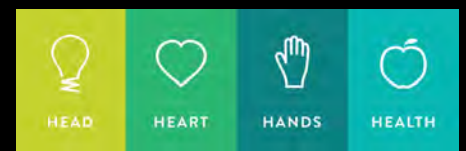


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Fair Schedule

**Extension Offices
will be closed:
February 15**

District Club Day

2021 Club Days will be held as a district event. Club Days this year will be held March 6 at the Flint Hills Community Church at 1998 Kansas Hwy 177, Cottonwood Falls. We appreciate the church's willingness to allow us to hold our event at their facility. For future reference, odd years will be hosted in Chase County, and even years will be hosted in Morris County. A registration form has been included with this newsletter. We encourage families to complete your registration for your entries. All entries will be due **February 19** by 5 pm and will be accepted at either Extension Office or electronically. If you would prefer to participate in Club Days virtually, please mark Zoom on your entry form. Those participating virtually will receive a link to upload their presentation and a zoom link to meet with the judge during their scheduled time. Masks and social distancing will be required at the event. Schedules will be released to participants by February 25 via email.

Regional Club Day

The date for regional club days has been set for March 20, 2021 and will be held in Burlington this year. Top blue's and alternate top-blue's will be contacted immediately following District Club Days. A top blue will be chosen for both Morris County and Chase County participants.

Citizenship In Action (CIA)

Citizenship in Action will be virtual this year and held February 14 and 15. Sessions will be: Sunday, February 14th 1-5:30pm and Monday, February 15th 1-4:30pm. The 2021 Citizenship in Action event will happen virtually but will still be packed with amazing opportunities. Engage with one of the youngest legislators ever elected to the Kansas Legislature. Learn to Communicate and Deliberate on current topics that are facing our community, country, and world today. Information, registration link, and complete details can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html>. Registration is due Monday, **February 1**. This event is for age 13-18 as of January 1.

4-H ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING

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 2021 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 Community Building at the Fairgrounds. The dates are: March 28 and April 25, both starting at 1 pm. Use the following link to register online for which training you would like to attend, <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>. The cost of the training is \$3 which you will pay online when you register. Please use your 4-H Online login information for the sign-up.

Horse Panorama & Equifest

Due to KSRE COVID guidelines and the positive experience that youth have had in virtual quiz bowls, the 2021 Horse Quiz Bowl will move to a virtual format. All other divisions of Panorama, including Hippology, will also be virtual, as announced previously. The new tentative timeline will be early April. More details will be released as we are able. In addition, Horse Judging will no longer be held at Equifest for 2021. We are working to hold an in-person contest at a different location in April. Again, details will be released when they are finalized. For anyone with youth interested in Horse Judging, experts from Oklahoma State University, Purdue University, Michigan State University, and University of Nebraska have joined forces to offer an online horse judging camp in February. This could be a good opportunity for anyone preparing for the state contest. Details can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/305341126246981/posts/3663354110445649/?d=n>.

Sunny Hills 4-H Camp

Face-to-face camp is being planned. Capacity numbers for Rock Springs will be determined in early March. Registration will be open March 15 - May 1. Camp Counselor applications are included in this newsletter. Applications are due May 1. If counselors are accepted for 2021 camp, they will be notified by May 15.

Shooting Sports

Weekly practices are being held every Sunday beginning at 1pm at the Fair Building. Shooters must sign up using the online form. The link and details can be found on the Morris County Sharp Shooters Facebook page. For questions, please contact Tim King at 620-767-2133 or bassfish34@gmail.com.

Kansas Junior Producer Days

The 2021 KSU Junior Producer Days will be hosted virtually as week-long educational events this year. Kansas Junior Swine Producer Week will be February 15-20, 2021, with Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Week being March 15-20. There will be a few presentations throughout the week, with each of the programs wrapping up on Saturday morning. A tentative agenda is included on the flyers, which are attached. All of the sessions will be recorded and shared with those who register, so families may participate at their own pace and as their schedule allows.

The junior day events will be free this year, thanks to our gracious sponsors, but all participants will still need to register. This includes both youth and adults. Families also need to use an email address someone from the household checks on a regular basis, as that is the method of communication we will use to share links and specific details with attendees. Participants will need to register by February 8 and March 8, respectively, to receive the appropriate information. Here are the registration links:

Swine: <https://bit.ly/KSUJrSwineWeek>

Meat Goat: <https://bit.ly/KSUJrMeatGoatWeek>

2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarship

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship is available now on our website in a fillable form. Applications are also available in the Extension Office. Youth who should be applying for this scholarship should be in their senior year of 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 March 1 <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>.

Record Keeping

Families should have received a link to the recording as an overview for the new project report forms. All district record keeping materials can be found here: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/district-record-keeping/recordbooks.html>. County-specific documents, including green check sheets, are found at the bottom of the web page.

DISTRICT 4-H DATES

February

- 1- Citizenship in Action (CIA) registration due
- 5 - Chase County 4-H Council meeting
- 14-15 - CIA
- 15 - Morris County 4-H Council meeting
- 15 - Morris County Ambassador meeting
- 15-20 - Junior Swine Producer Day
- 21 - Morris County Project Day

March

- 5-6 - Equifest
- TBD - State Horse Judging
- 6 - District Club Days at Cottonwood Falls
- 9 - Morris County beef weigh-in and tagging
- 15 - Morris County Ambassador meeting
- 15-20 - Junior Meat Goat Producer Day
- 20 - Regional Club Day at Burlington
- 28 - YQCA Training

April

- 19 - Morris County 4-H Council meeting
- 25 - YQCA Training

Looking Ahead...

- June 14-15 - Camp Counselor Training
- June 15-18 - Sunny Hills 4-H Camp
- June 27-30 - Campference
- July 9-11 - Tri-County Fair for Morris County 4-Her's
- July 17-26 - Morris County Fair
- 25-29 - Chase County Fair
- September 10-19 - Kansas State Fair

Other Updates...

Discovery Days

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually in 2021 on June 1-4. Look for more details soon!

4-H with Wildcat Women's Basketball

This event has been canceled for 2021 due to COVID.

4-H Online

Currently, families are unable to change project enrollment lists. This must be done through the Extension Office. Developers of the program are working to fix this issue, we will let you know when it has been corrected.



AGENT'S TIP OF THE MONTH



Citizenship VS Leadership

As we discuss record keeping, there is always a discussion of citizenship vs. leadership. Being a good citizen is part of being a good leader, but we can separate out the characteristics of these skills.

Leadership is teaching another person or a group skills or information and includes organizing and coordinating an activity, event, or meeting, selecting and preparing materials, and selecting presenters.

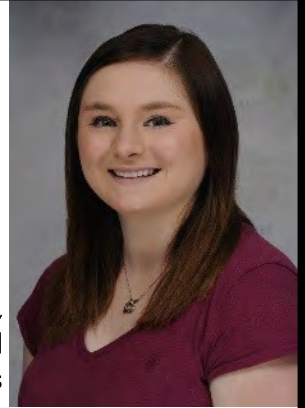
Citizenship means helping out in your community and serving others without compensation. This can include civic engagement, community service or serving learning projects that might include: clean ups, collections, repairs, construction, care packets, visitations, education, and donations. This could include a person's conduct as a citizen including duties/rights and privileges.

Just a quick note that sometimes an activity might count as both leadership and citizenship, but ask yourself which components belong in each category. If you are part of a planning team for an event, that is leadership. If you provide a lesson or teach with a talk, that is leadership. If you are part of the service learning project or community service, that is citizenship. If you are collecting for donations, that is citizenship.

We are working on editing a document to give ideas for talks, leadership, and citizenship for each project that we hope to share with you soon. Remember to find a balance of both citizenship and leadership and incorporate both in your daily lives as well as the 4-H journey. As you grow in both, reach out if you have any questions.

Shandi

How to Tell Poison Ivy and Virginia Creeper Apart in the Winter



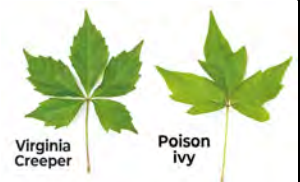
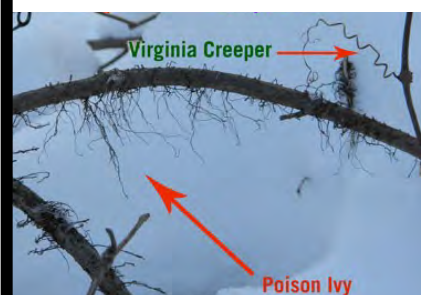
During the growing season, these plants are easy to tell apart as Virginia Creeper has five-leaflets per leaf and Poison Ivy has three. However, during the winter, distinguishing between the two vines can be more difficult as the leaves have dropped. The reason it is important to be able to tell the difference is that Poison Ivy causes a rash in most people but Virginia Creeper does not. First, let's cover some facts about Poison Ivy.

- Urushiol is the oil present in Poison Ivy that causes the rash.
- Urushiol is present in all parts of the plant but especially in the sap.
- Urushiol can cause a rash from 1 to 5 years after a plant has died.
- The amount of urushiol that covers the head of a pin can cause a rash in 500 people. The stuff is potent.
- Poison Ivy can grow as a ground cover, a shrub or a vine. We are concerned with the vine in this article.
- Using a chainsaw on Poison Ivy in the winter can release sap which makes a rash more likely. This is worse on warm days where there is more sap rise.

So, how do you tell the two apart? This is actually easy once you know what to check. Look at the aerial roots on the vines of Poison Ivy and Virginia Creeper. They resemble hairs on Poison Ivy but are plumper on Virginia Creeper and are about the size of a pencil lead.

(Ward Upham)

Shannon





DISTRICT CLUB DAY ENTRY FORM (ONE PER FAMILY)

Club Day will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2021

Entry Form Due to the Extension Office on or before Friday, February 19, 2020
by 5 pm. No late entries will be accepted!

Family Last Name: _____ County (circle one): Morris Chase Club: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

First Name	4-H Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Example	9		X				X												X	

Public Presentations

- Show & Share (cloverbuds, ages 7-10)

- Project Talk (Ages 7-13)
Project Area: _____
- Jr. Demonstration/Illustrated Talk (Ages 7-13)
Partner (if applicable) _____
Project Area _____
- Sr. Demonstration/Illustrated Talk (Ages 14+)
Partner (if applicable) _____
Project Area _____
- Public Speaking (Ages 14+)
Talent Event
- Reading
- Novelty Act
If more than 1 person, list participants: _____
- Dance Routine
If more than 1 person, list participants: _____
- Skit or One-Act Play
(2 or more members, Can be a club or a mixed group of 4-Hers) Participants: _____
- Instrumental Ensemble (2 or more 4-Hers, any age)
any age) Participants: _____
- Chorus (11 or more 4-Hers, any age)
Participants: _____
- Jr. Gavel Games
Participants: _____
Adult Contact: _____
- Sr. Gavel Games
Participants: _____
Adult Contact: _____
- Model Meeting

Music Entries

- Jr. Vocal Solo (Ages 7-13)
- Sr. Vocal Solo (Ages 14+)
- Jr. Instrumental Solo (Ages 7-13)
- Sr. Instrumental Solo (Ages 14+)
- Vocal Ensemble (2 or more 4-Hers, any age)
Participants: _____

Parliamentary Procedures

- Jr. Gavel Games
Participants: _____
Adult Contact: _____
- Sr. Gavel Games
Participants: _____
Adult Contact: _____
- Model Meeting

Flint Hills District Club Day—Entry Guidelines

All score sheets can be found on the Flint Hills District webpage:

<https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/district-club-days/districtclubdays.html>

Illustrated Talk

- 10 minutes, maximum time of 15 minutes includes set up & presentation
- Must be on a project in which the member is enrolled in
- An illustrated talk is talking and telling how to do something by using pictures, charts, models, equipment and other types of visual aids

Public Presentations

Show n' Share

- Is a beginning 4-H talk
- Only 3 minutes in length
- The reward is a participation ribbon
- This talk can be about the 4-H'ers projects, a pet, a favorite activity or a 4-H experience
- The purpose is to give the new 4-H'er the experience of talking before an audience

Project Talk

- Jr Division 7- 13 years, 2-7 min
- This is a talk about one of the projects in which you are enrolled in and familiar with. It tells about your project
- No questions are asked at the end of a project talk

• Purpose is to inform

• Visuals are optional

Demonstration

- 10 minutes, maximum time of 15 minutes includes set up & presentation
- Must be on a project in which the member is enrolled in.
- A demonstration is simply showing (and telling) how to do something. The purpose is to teach and shows how.
- Most demonstrations incorporate an introduction, a body which is the "show & tell" part, and a summary to stress the important part of your demonstration.

Public speaking

- An original presentation, Members may speak on any topic of interest
- Sr. Division: 14 and older
- 15 minutes maximum
- Must give outline to judge, 1-2 notecards are suggested
- No questions are asked at the end of the speech
- Visuals are optional

Talent Events

Reading

- This is an individual activity
- Open to any age
- Not exceed 5 minutes
- Readings should not be memorized. It can be poetry or prose
- A script is required

Novelty

- 5 minute limit, 1 number
- Any size of group and any age group or individual can present

4-H Council

4-H Council will meet Friday, February 5 at 10 am at the Flint Hills Community Church. If you would prefer to attend via Zoom, please contact the Extension Office.

EID Tags and Weigh-In

We will be using EID tags for all livestock animals in 2021. Tags will cost \$3.25 each. The livestock sale committee will purchase tags for this first year. They will pay for up to 2 tags per specie for each 4-Her. Any additional tags will be the 4-Her's expense for this year. Market steers will need to be tagged using the EID tags. Arrangements can be made to tag steers anytime after March 1. Weigh-in and tagging is scheduled for May 8, from 9 am - noon. If you are unable to attend the tagging deadline, please contact the Extension Office to make arrangements to tag your animals. **May 15 is the deadline to tag all market animals. No tag, no show, no sale.**

Plan B Animals

Buyers for the livestock premium sale who plan to use plan B, will need to make arrangements at the locker of their choice. The Fair Board will not have an alternative locker location secured for these animals.

Record Book Check Sheet

The check sheet (green sheet) has been updated and is available on the district record keeping web page. Members are still asked to exhibit at the Fair for every project they are enrolled in. Members will be required to complete project report forms for at least half of the projects they are enrolled in.



Be You 

Reminders for Fair

All members must be enrolled in 4-H Online, exhibit each enrolled project at the Fair, and attend at least one half of regularly scheduled club meetings to complete the 4-H year. Updated record book policies can be found with information about the check sheet.

Members who exhibit market steers, market heifers, market hogs, or market lambs, must meet the minimum weight requirements to be eligible to participate in the premium sale, or floor bids for their animals.

Market steers and heifers - 1000 #

Market lambs - 100 #

Market hogs - 220 #



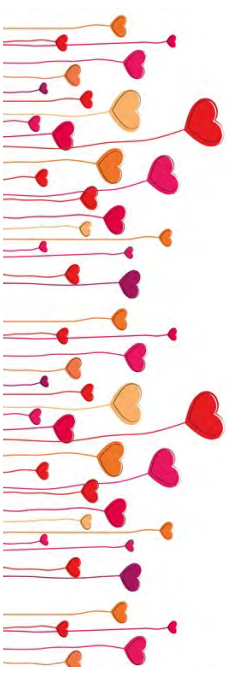
Project Meetings

Project Leaders, please let the Extension Office know any updates you would like included in future newsletters. If you are in need of a zoom link set up to hold a virtual project meeting, please let us know.

COVID Protocols

COVID protocols have been put in place at the State level which requires any Face-to-Face events to be approved by the Extension office and state office. We have been encouraged to have virtual meetings whenever possible and Face-to-Face events only when it is necessary. If you have a 4-H event that needs to occur in face-to-face format, please email a request to Shandi and Betty Ann so a request can be submitted to the state level. A response can be expected within 24-48 hours. Submitting these requests at least 2 weeks in advance will help the process move smoothly on our part. If your club needs a zoom meeting set up, please let us know. We would be happy to set up a virtual meeting space for you to be able to use.

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Castyn Andres
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Taizly Hendricks

Logan Hickey
Cade Honer
Charles Jones
Joshua Lutt
Cooper Miller

Rhett Reyer
LaiCee Scott
Barrett Voboril
Carly Wells

A Flashback in 4-H History



Important Dates

Fair Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 10

4-H Council Meeting
Monday, February 15

Ambassador Meeting
Monday, February 15

Project Meetings

Project Leaders, please let the Extension Office know any updates you would like included in future newsletters. If you are in need of a zoom link set up to hold a virtual project meeting, please let us know.

Northeast Area KAP Judging

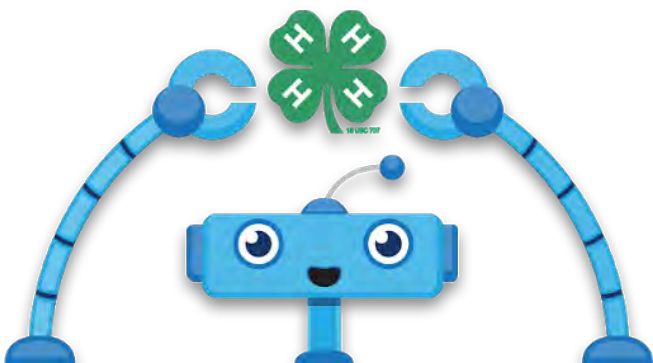
The northeast area KAP judging was held Thursday, January 21 by zoom. Unfortunately, no one from Morris County was selected to go to State. Thank you to all of those that submitted KAP's this year!

Morris County 4-H Foundation Support

Citizenship in Action - Foundation will pay 40% of the registration fee.

4-H Lock-In

Save the date! The annual 4-H Lock-In is scheduled for Friday, May 14 at 7pm until 7 am on May 15. If lock-in switches to a virtual format it will be held 7-10 pm on the 14th. Check back in the April newsletter for further details.



Project Day

Project Day will be February 21, 2021. Any project leaders interested in holding a meeting on that day, please let the Extension Office know. This event will happen, whether it is a face-to-face or virtual format. We hope to have this determined for the February newsletter.

Volunteers Wanted

The state 4-H Ambassador team is looking for new members. If this is something you would be interested in, please let Shandi know.

Weigh-In and Scales



Beef weigh-in and tagging will take place on March 9 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 May 2 at the Morris County Fairgrounds.

Dog Project Meetings

Hi, my name is Michelle Poole, the County Dog Leader. For those enrolled in this project, please add these dates to your 4-H Calendar. I am looking forward to another successful year. My email address is michellerp1965@hotmail.com.

- Sunday, February 14 at 4:00 pm (Meetings in February could be canceled if weather is bad)
- Sunday, March 14 at 4:00 pm (This is the end of spring-break week)
- Sunday, April 11 at 4:00 pm (a week after Easter Weekend)

Note: May meeting date is yet to be determined.

- June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays.
- July 6, and 13 at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays.

Note: For summer meetings (June and July), please come as much as you can.

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	1 USD 417 NO SCHOOL	2	3	4	5	6
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