

MORRIS COUNTY NEWS



April 2016



4-H Council Meeting



The next 4-H Council meeting will be held **Monday, April 18th** in the courthouse meeting room at 7:00 p.m.

4-H Ambassador Meeting

The Morris County 4-H Ambassadors will meet on **Monday, April 18th** in the courthouse meeting room following the 4-H Council meeting.

Morris County 4-H Club Day

Congratulations to all the 4-Hers who participated in Morris County 4-H Club Day! There were some awesome entries. Thank you to the Club Day Committee and all who helped with setup and cleanup, monitored rooms, and donated cookies!!

Big John Award

The **Flint Hills 4-H Club** is the winner of the Big John award for the 2016 4-H Club Day. The recipient of the Big John award is determined each year, based on a rubric, by the results of 4-H Club Day and the number of club members who participate. A plaque is updated each year and displayed in the Extension Office with the winning club. Congratulations, Flint Hills!

Regional 4-H Club Day Results

Congratulations to the 4-Hers who took part in Regional 4-H Club Day on March 19th in Madison. You represented Morris County well! Results from the day are listed below:

Senior Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks

Wyatt Buchman, DS – Blue

Makenzie Downes, FH – Alternate Top Blue

Junior Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks

Carissa & Cassidy Dalquest, FH – Alternate Top Blue

Anna Schrader, DS – Top Blue

Project Talks

Ally Hower, FH – Blue

Parker Stilwell, WW – Blue

Junior Instrumental Solo

Karady Evans, DS – Red

Senior Vocal Solo

Hannah Stilwell, WW – Red

Junior Vocal Solo

Samuel Barr, FH – Top Blue

Vocal Ensemble

Hannah Stilwell & Jamie Beck, WW – Top Blue

Readings

Jamison Dingler, FH – Blue

Skit/One Act Play

Flint Hills 4-H Club, FH – Alternate Top Blue

Horse IDs

4-Hers who wish to show their horse at the county fair, district horse show, or Kansas State Fair must have their horse ID forms completed and signed by **April 29th**.

Add/Drop Deadline

The deadline to add or drop a project is **Sunday, May 1st**. Please make any changes you want to projects on 4-H Online by midnight on the 1st.

Foods and Nutrition Project Meeting

4-Hers in the Foods and Nutrition project will have the opportunity to volunteer at Harvesters in Topeka on **Saturday, April 23rd**. Harvesters is a regional food bank that serves 26 counties in northwestern Missouri and northeastern Kansas. There are 10 volunteer slots available on a first come, first serve basis to Morris County 4-Hers who are enrolled in the foods and nutrition project. **Please RSVP to the Extension Office (620.767.5136) by April 15th**, if you are interested in volunteering. Please note that for safety purposes, 4-Hers need to be at least 8 years of age to participate. If there are still slots available after April 15th, this volunteer opportunity will be opened up to other 4-Hers who are not enrolled in the foods and nutrition project. We will plan to volunteer at Harvesters from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 4-Hers who sign up to participate will need to meet in the Morris County Courthouse parking lot at 7:45 a.m. in order to leave for Topeka. Participants will also need to bring money with them as we plan to eat lunch together before returning home to Council Grove.

Livestock Nutrition Seminar

Plan to attend **Wed April 6th** starting at 6pm to learn more about what & how to feed your 4-H livestock projects to be prepared and ready for the fair. Free to attend, but **PLEASE RSVP** to the Extension office.

Morris County 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Once again the Morris County 4-H Foundation is offering scholarships to **present** or **past** Morris County 4-H members. Also, please note that students can **apply and receive the scholarship twice**. Applications are available in the Extension Office, on our website, or from your school counselor. The application deadline is **May 2nd**.



Konley Harding Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for a \$1000 academic scholarship in memory of Konley Harding. Applicants must be a current or former 4-H member and a graduating high school senior planning to pursue higher education at a four year college, community college, or vocational technical school. Preference will be given to applicants seeking an agricultural related field of study. Applications are due **May 13th** and are available in the Extension Office or on the website at www.flinthills.ksu.edu.

Morris County 4-H Foundation

Incentive Awards

4-H clubs will receive \$10 for each top blue awarded to their club or club member at 4-H Club Day. Clubs should also keep track of the activities they do to promote interest in joining 4-H. Some examples include recruitment booths at school activities or other public events and/or participation in parades. The club will earn \$10 for each event that qualifies. The Morris County 4-H Foundation will review the *Morris County 4-H Club Summary Report* to select winning activities. If desired, clubs may attach a note suggesting which items they feel qualify or provide further explanation to judge their promotion.

Tri-County Fair Theme

The 4-H clubs in Dickinson, Marion, and Morris counties have each been asked to submit a parade theme idea for the 69th annual Tri-County Fair. Clubs can submit their theme idea to Darlene Griffiths (fair secretary) at griffith@usd487.org. The deadline to submit is **April 30th**.

Morris County Fair

The Morris County Fair will be **July 26-August 1**. The schedule will remain similar as last year, with the exception of the dog show being held on Wednesday, July 27th at 9:00 a.m. followed by the cat show.

Our fair secretary is Laci Thibodeaux. She can be contacted by email at laci.lou.25@gmail.com, by phone at 620.877.7253, or by mailing address is 1209 G Ave, Dwight. Welcome aboard, Laci!

Discovery Days

Discovery Days will be held **May 31 - June 3, 2016** on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. This mini college experience is designed for youth who are 13-18 years of age as of January 1, 2016. The theme this year is "Get a Clue and Discover YOU." Participants will have the opportunity to select classes, attend social functions, and be a part of community service opportunities. With the support of the Morris County 4-H Foundation, the registration cost is only \$55 per 4-Her instead of the full \$215. Online registration is now open and can be found by visiting kansas4h.org or by contacting the Extension Office. The registration and payment deadline is May 1st.

Sunny Hills 4-H Camp



The 2016 camp dates are **June 24-27** at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center. Camp is open to 4-Hers who have completed 3rd through 7th grade. Registration forms are attached to this newsletter and are available on our website at flinthills.ksu.edu. The Morris County 4-H Foundation will provide \$140 of support and the Flint Hills Rural Electric Cooperative will provide \$10 of support for 4-Hers to attend camp. As a result, the camp registration cost for a Morris County 4-Her is just \$35 instead of the full registration fee of \$185. Registration forms and payment are due in the Extension Office by **May 16th**.

Camp Counselors

Camp counselors are needed for 4-H camp again this year. In order to serve in this leadership role, counselors must have completed their freshman year of high school and the VIP process. Preference, however, will be given to 4-Hers who have completed their sophomore year. Applications are due **May 16th** and are available in the Extension Office or on our website at www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county. Counselor training will begin on June 23rd and camp will be held June 24-27. This is a great leadership opportunity for older 4-Hers, so consider applying!!

Kansas 4-H Sewing Camp

The 2016 Kansas 4-H Sewing Camp will be held **May 31st through June 3rd** on the K-State Campus in Manhattan. The camp is open to youth who have sewing experience between the ages of 13 and 18. The cost to attend is \$195. Additional information can be found at kansas4h.org or in the Extension Office. The registration and payment deadline is May 1st.

4-H Night with Wichita Thunder

4-Hers are invited to join the Wichita Thunder for 4-H night on **Friday, April 8th**. Tickets may be purchased at the Thunder Office, Intrust Bank Arena, or selectaseat.com at a discounted price by using the code 4-HNIGHT. Tickets may also be ordered by contacting Brandon Grengs at bgrengs@wichitathunder.com, Zac Necci at znecci@wichitathunder.com or by calling 316.264.4625. 4-H members will receive a patch with their ticket as well an opportunity to meet Superman. Contact the Extension Office if you are interested in an informational flyer.

New Horse Rule Book

There have been several horse rule changes and a new horse rule book has been published. The new book is available at <http://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/S133.pdf>

Small Animal Weigh-In

Wednesday, **April 27** from 5:30-7pm will be small Animal Weigh-In at the Fairgrounds. Small animals include (sheep, goats, swine, and bucket calf) Tagging for hogs will be the same as last year. (You may pick up tags in the Extension office, tag the hog, and then send a picture of that animal showing the tag in ear by email to bammerlin@ksu.edu)

Tractor Safety Training

If you missed our district's Tractor Safety training, then you have another opportunity this summer on **June 7th & 8th**, at KanEquip, Inc. in Wamego. This school is designed to assist 14 and 15 year-old's in gaining certification for farm employment. Youth ages 12 and 13 are welcome to take the training. However, they cannot become certified until they reach the age of 14. Participants must be able to attend both days. Pre-Registration and fees are due by June 1st. Contact the Extension office for more information.



Kingman County Spring Show

On **Saturday, May 14, 2016** Kingman County Spring Show will be held starting at 9:00 a.m. Rules, schedule of events and entry forms are available in the Extension office. Entries are late after May 1st.

Gary Fuller Spring Classic

May 7 & 8 at the Lyon County Fairgrounds in Emporia. Entries are due April 29. Registration forms and more information are available in the Extension Office.

56th Annual Quality Beef Day

Quality Beef Day will be held on **Saturday, April 9, 2016** at Hedstrom Hall in Marysville, KS. More information is available in the Extension office or at www.marshall.k-state.edu. There is no cost to enter.

Annual Spring Livestock Day in Alma

The annual Spring Livestock Day in Alma is scheduled for **Saturday, April 30th**. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 27th. Registration information and forms are available at the Extension office.

Cowley County Livestock Show

Beef Classic -Saturday April 30, at the Winfield Fairgrounds, Winfield KS. Early bird Pre-Entries due April 22.

Sheep & Goat - Saturday, May 28, pre-entries May 20. Registration forms and more information are available in the Extension Office.

Wild Bill Kick 'Em Up Show

Wild Bill Kick 'Em Up Sheep, Swine, & Meat Goat Shoot-out hosted by the spring show committee of the Dickinson County 4-H Council will be **Saturday, May 21** at the Central Kansas Free Fairgrounds in Abilene, KS. Entries due by May 13. Registration and more information are available in the Extension office.

Jackson County Spring

Livestock Show

Jackson Co show will be **May 28 & 29, 2016** at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex, Holton, KS. Pre-registration due by May 16. Registration and more information are available in the Extension office.

Shawnee County Spring Livestock

Show - May 7 & 8

Saturday, May 7

7:00-8:30am Beef weigh in and Bucket Calf check in

9:30am Bucket Calf 4-H Show, Beef Show will start immediately after the conclusion of the Bucket Calf Show

9:00-10:00am Goat check in and weigh-in prospect market goat

10:00-11:00am Sheep check in & Sheep weigh in

12:00pm Goat Show

1:30pm Sheep Show or 30 minutes following the Goat Show

5:30-7:00pm Swine Check-In

Sunday, May 8

8:00-10am Swine Check in

11:00 am Swine Show

Pre-entries are due **April 22nd**. More information & entry forms are available in the Extension Office.

Central Kansas District

4-H Invitational Dog Show

Central Kansas District 4-H Invitational dog Show will be held on **Saturday, June 18th** located just south of the Bi-Centennial Center. This is a state qualifier dog show for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show for all 4 disciplines at the one show! Registration and more information are available in the Extension office.

Meadowlark Dog Show

Meadowlark 4-H Invitational Dog Show will be held **May 21st** at Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex - Holton, KS. Registration due by **May 16**. Registration and more information are available in the Extension office.

Cowboy Classic/Bullring Roundup

The Bull Ring Roundup will be held on **Sunday, May 29th** and the Cowboy Classic on **Monday, May 30th** both at the Lacrosse Fairgrounds. No pre-entries and cost is \$20 a head. Mountain Oyster Fry with free entertainment on Sunday night. More information is available in the Extension office.

Kansas Range Youth Camp

If you are interested in plants, livestock, or wildlife, attend this educational event held **July 12-15** at Camp Mennoscah in Murdock, KS. For more information and registration form, contact the Extension Office. The registration deadline is **June 1**.

Hutchinson Community College

Livestock Judging Classic

Hutchinson Community College Livestock Judging Classic will be held on **Tuesday, March 29, 2016** at the Expo Arena at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Registration will be from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Contest starts at 8:45 a.m. Entries are due **March 27** via email to Ben Williams at williamsb@hutchccc.edu. Cost is \$10 per contestant with lunch provided and is due the morning of the contest. There will be two divisions. For more information contact the Extension Office.

K-State Animal Sciences

Leadership Academy

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy. This intensive four-day educational experience is designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in 9th through 12th grades. The academy is being hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council. There will be two sessions offered this year and are scheduled for **June 8-11** and **June 29-July 2** in Manhattan. Youth may apply for one or both dates as their schedule allows. Additional information and applications are available in the Extension Office. The application deadline is April 1st.

Livestock Judging Camps

The KSU "Champions" Livestock Judging Camp is a three day, intense judging camp designed for 4-H and FFA members, ages 14-18, who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary for this camp. Workouts will be conducted similar to those at a collegiate level. Mini camps will be conducted in June. Each camp will be limited to 35 students and will be accepted on a "first come-first serve" basis. The following dates are set for the 2016 camps. **June 6-8, June 10-12, June 17-19**. Registration forms and more information are available in the Extension Office. Registration is due by **May 23**.

Goat Field Day

The Annual Goat Field Day will be held on **Saturday, April 30th** at the Langston University Goat Farm with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. This year's theme will be **Keeping Your Goats Healthy**. More information and registration forms are available in the Extension office.

2016 Barn Quilt Workshop

New this year at the Kansas State Fair is a barn quilt competition. The champion barn quilt will be permanently displayed on the Kansas State Fairgrounds with credit being given to the quilt creator! To help out those who are interested, KSF is offering a workshop on **April 9th** from 10-4 at the KSF Encampment Building. Registration is \$40. Registration is due by **April 1st** and space is limited. More information and registration forms are available in the Extension Office.

Mark Your 2016 Calendars

May 28-29 - Jackson County Spring Livestock Show

May 31 - June 3 - Discovery Days

June 4 - Spring Swine Show at Alma

June 11 - Nemaha County Prospect Livestock Show

June 24-27 - Sunny Hills 4-H Camp

July 26-Aug 1 Morris County Fair

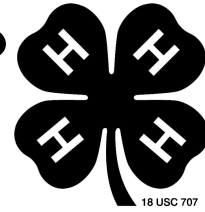
Sept. 9-18 - Kansas State Fair

Sept. 30 - Oct.2 - KJLS



Sunny Hills 4-H Camp

June 24-27, 2016
Rock Springs 4-H Center



Flint Hills Extension District – Council Grove
Courthouse; 501 W Main
Council Grove, KS 66846
620-767-5136

Registration Payable to:
“Morris County 4-H Council”
Registration Due May 16th



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Sunny Hills 4-H Camp is . . .

- ◆ Held at Rock Springs 4-H Center located 13 miles south and west of Junction City, KS.
- ◆ For kids 3rd grade through 7th grade.
- ◆ For kids in 4-H or a friend of a current 4-Her.
- ◆ A place for you to have fun with old friends and make new friends while participating in activities such as canoeing, horses, crafts, campfire, archery, fishing, swimming and more.
- ◆ A place for you to sleep in tents or cottages with kids your own age and eat family style in Williams Dining Hall.
- ◆ Where staff members and counselors are trained in special program areas to provide you with fun and safe ways to enjoy Rock Springs.
- ◆ A place for you to try new things and to be a part of a team.
- ◆ For kids who want to stay at Rock Springs. Campers are not allowed to come and go from camp for other activities.
- ◆ Not a place for cell phones. Campers are not permitted to carry cell phones while at camp. Please refrain from sending cell phones with campers.

COUNTY 4-H CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

June 24-27, 2016 Grades 3-7 (as of 1/1/16)

Camper: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Sex: _____ Grade Completed May 2016: _____ T-shirt Size (circle 1)

Email: _____ YM AM

Mailing Address: _____ YL AL

City/State/Zip: _____ AS AXL

Parent/Guardian: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please list any special needs: _____

Please list up to 3 people you would like to room with (Note: campers must be within 1 grade level of the camper completing this form.)

Please do NOT house me with:

_____ I am a Morris County 4-Her and enclosed is my camp fee of \$35.00 payable to **“Morris County 4-H Council.”**

Please note that the cost to attend 4-H camp is \$185. Because of the Morris County 4-H Foundation and the Flint Hills Rural Electric Cooperative, Morris County 4-Hers are able to attend for only \$35. Please remember to send them a thank you note! Thank you notes can be dropped off at the Extension Office or they can be brought to camp.

_____ I am a friend of a Morris County 4-Her and enclosed is my camp fee of \$185 payable to **“Morris County 4-H Council.”**

Registration is due to the Extension Office by May 16, 2016.

Please be sure to send payment with completed registration to:
Flint Hills Extension District, Courthouse, 501 W Main, Council Grove, KS 66846

****All campers are required to have a current 4-H Participation Form (health form) on file in the Extension Office.****