

# MORRIS COUNTY NEWS



February 2018



## Fair Board Meeting

The Fair Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1 at the Morris County Fairgrounds at 7 pm.

## 4-H Council Meeting

The last 4-H Council meeting was cancelled due to bad weather and moved to **Monday, February 5, 2018**. It will be held in the Morris County Courthouse Meeting Room at 7 pm. This will be a combined Jan/Feb meeting. So, all decisions regarding Club Days will need to be taken care of at this meeting.

## Kansas State Fair Premium Checks

If you did not cash your KSF premium check, it is no longer valid. Checks were made void after 60 days.

## Northeast Area KAP Judging

The Northeast Area KAP Judging was postponed until February 2<sup>nd</sup> due to bad weather.

## 4-H Club Day & Regional 4-H Club Day

The Morris County 4-H Club Day will be held on **Saturday, March 3rd** at the Council Grove Elementary School. **The entry deadline is Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> by 5 pm.** Entry forms are attached to this newsletter or are available on our website at: <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/>. *Regional 4-H Club Day* will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at Madison High School.

## Club Day Cookie Plates

To show our appreciation to the teachers and staff for allowing us to use the Council Grove Elementary School for 4-H Club Day, each club is asked to bring a plate of cookies (2 dozen) and a signed thank you note from club members. Cookie plates and thank you notes can be dropped off in the teachers' lounge on the morning of Club Day.

**Upcoming  
Project Meetings**



## Cloverbud Meeting

There are two Cloverbud meetings scheduled. The first is scheduled for Tuesday, **January 30** at 6:30 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room. The second is scheduled for Thursday, **February 22** at the same time and location. Please RSVP Cathy to let her know if you will be attending the meetings.

Cloverbuds are for all 5-6 year olds who are interested in joining 4-H. It's not too late to sign up! For more information or to RSVP for meetings, you can contact Cathy Prudence at 620-767-2175 or [cathy@tctelco.net](mailto:cathy@tctelco.net).

## Dog Care & Training Project Meetings

Dog Project members will meet the 3rd Sunday of every month starting in January-May. For June & July meetings will move off the weekend and offer two dates during the week. Meeting times will be @ 4p.m. for new members in the project and 1-2 year members. Then @ 5p.m. for members who have been in the project for 3 years and up. With each meeting lasting only an hour.

For summer meeting dates, members don't have to come to 2 meetings in the same week. The goal is to offer 2 meeting dates in hopes that one will work with everyone's busy summer schedule.

Members need to let Michelle Poole know, during the summer, which meeting week they will be able to attend.

February 18 - Obedience

March 18 - Showmanship

April 15 - Obedience

May 20 - Showmanship & Obedience

June 14 - Showmanship & Obedience

June 18 - Agility

June 21 - Agility

June 25 - Agility

June 28 - Review Showmanship & Obedience

July 2 - Agility

July 9 - Agility

July 16 will be the last meeting before the county fair dog show on July 21st.

For any questions, please contact Michelle Poole at 785-776-4699 (h) or 785-410-6971 (c). You can also email at michellerp1965@hotmail.com.



## Cat Project Meeting

The next cat meeting is scheduled for **Friday, February 23** at 6 pm in the Courthouse Meeting Room. The subject for this meeting will be 'Emergency Readiness for You and Your Pet'. Hope you can make it! You can reach Denise at 785-466-1782 with any questions.

## Hand Pet Meeting

There will be a hand pet meeting on **Saturday, March 3 at Noon**. It will be held at the Council Grove Life Center lounge. For those attending, please prepare a project talk to present to the group. Looking forward to hearing everyone's stories about their pet! You can reach Denise at 785-466-1782 with any questions.

## Goat and Swine Meeting

There will be a Goat and Swine meeting on **Tuesday, March 6** in the Courthouse Meeting Room. The goat meeting will start at 6 pm. The swine meeting will start at 6:45 pm. You are welcome to attend one or the other or both. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Downes at 785-466-1112 for goats or Robert Bacon at 785-466-6427 for swine.



## *Scholarships!*

### Morris County 4-H Foundation

### 2018 Scholarship

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**. You can find this scholarship online at

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

Or you can stop by the Extension Office to pick one up. You can also check with your school counselor. **Deadline is April 30, 2018.**

### Konley Harding Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for a \$1,000 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 15<sup>th</sup>** and are available in the Extension Office or on the website at [www.flinthills.ksu.edu](http://www.flinthills.ksu.edu).

## Fun Tournaments, Contests, and Events

### Ambassador Training

*(NOTE: The registration fee is \$114, which includes meals and lodging at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Morris County 4-H Foundation will pay 40% of that.)*

The 2018 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be **February 23-24** at the Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City. It is open to all county/district 4-H ambassadors, interested teens, ambassador advisors and Extension staff. The theme is "4-H Ambassadors: Leadership on Target." There will be six youth workshops, three adult workshops, two speakers, with lots of fun and fellowship. **Register by February 8<sup>th</sup>** at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>.

We have flyers available at the Extension Office or you can go to: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/ambassador-training/index.html> for more information.

### Shawnee County Invitational 4-H Dog Show

(This is a state qualifier. We have flyers and registrations available at the local Extension Office.)

When: Saturday, February 24, 2018

Where: Ag Hall, Kansas ExpoCentre, Topeka

Registration Fee: \$6 per dog per event for showmanship, rally obedience, and obedience; \$8 for agility.

Registration Deadline: Must be postmarked or delivered to the Shawnee County Extension office by **February 16, 2018.**

### Discovery Days

Discovery Days registration for "Tell Your Story" will be opening on March 1, 2018.

Registration will then close April 15 at midnight.

### Junior Sheep Producer Day

This event will be a fun filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge and experience of sheep production and management. Topics include market and breeding project selection, nutrition and feeding, health, meat science, wool, grooming, showmanship, and youth livestock quality assurance training. This event is designed for all ages and skill levels. All participants will



receive a complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations).

Registration Deadline: **February 23, 2018**

Cost: \$15/person

Registrations received after February 23rd cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt and will be \$20/person. More information, a promotional flyer, and registration information may be found on the K-State Youth Livestock Program website:

[www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu](http://www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu) under Kansas

Junior Producer Days. Participants may register online

at <https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>.

### Junior Beef Producer Day

This event will be a fun filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and extension agents can increase their knowledge and broaden their horizons of beef production and management. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty, staff, and guest speakers will cover topics such as selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, leadership, grooming, showmanship, and quality assurance. This educational event will stimulate your enthusiasm and provide a foundation for management and care of your youth beef project in the coming year. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided.

Registration Deadline: **March 2, 2018**

Cost: \$15/person

Registrations received after March 2, 2018 cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt and will be \$20/person.

More information, a promotional flyer, and registration information may be found on the



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website: [www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu](http://www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu) under Kansas Junior Producer Days. Participants may register online

at <https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>.

### 4-H Horse Achievement Level Riding Test Invitational

April 7, 2018

Wyandotte County Fairgrounds | Gates open at 8 a.m. | Testing begins at 9:30 a. m.

Open to any Kansas 4-Her enrolled in Horse Project with passing written test score, and leadership component completed

Reserve your testing slot at, <https://tinyurl.com/wyco4horsetestday>

### CKD Spring 4-H Rabbit Show

There will be a Spring Rabbit Show on **Saturday, April 14** at the Saline County Expo Center, Kenwood Hall, Salina. Doors open at 7:30 am. Entries are due by 8:30 am at the door or you can enter early and e-mail them to Lindi Fahrenhold at [lfahrenhold@yahoo.com](mailto:lfahrenhold@yahoo.com) or call Lindi at 785-826-5980. You can also contact Amber Pracht, [prachtamber@gmail.com](mailto:prachtamber@gmail.com) or 785-787-0890, with questions.

If interested, we have copies of entry form at the Extension Office or we can e-mail them to you. Let us know.

### Shutterbugs at Auburn

**What:** Workshops and photo judging contest. Topics include understanding your camera equipment; action photos; digital composition; digital photo manipulation; portraits; gem, mineral and fossil photography; evaluating photos; rear curtain sync and twirling light (see link to flyer below for equipment needed

for this class); evaluating photos and much more. You may also register to participate in a photo judging contest. Questions? Contact Shawnee County Extension Office, 785-232-0062 extension 111.

**When:** April 14, 2018

**Where:** Auburn Community Center, Auburn, Kansas (directions located on flyer)

**Registration Deadline:** Due March 1, 2018.

**Registration Fee:** Workshop Fee \$5.00 (per person); Photo Contest Fee \$2.00

**(We have flyers and registration available at the Extension Office.)**

### **Shutterbugs in the Garden**

What: Workshops offered at sites around Botanica. Topics include Camera Questions, Props and Costumes, Portraits and Posing, Lighting, Getting Ready for the Fair, Kaleidoscopes, Composition and Photo Scavenger Hunt. In the event of rain or snow, workshops will be held indoors. Questions? Contact Eric Otte at 316-755-2973 or 316-680-9316.

**When:** April 28, 2018

**Where:** Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, 701 Amidon, Wichita, KS

**Registration:** Registration Not Required

**Registration Fee:** All participants will pay regular Botanica gate fee: Adults (13-61) \$7; Seniors (62+)/Military \$6; Youth (3-12) \$5; Children 2 and under free.



### **Ambassador Co-Leader needed:**

Michelle Overstreet Schrader is still looking for a co-leader to assist her with leading the Ambassadors this year. If interested, please

contact her at 512-921-6611 (c) or by email at x1mover@yahoo.com.

### **JoAnn Fabrics and 4-H**

Kansas 4-H and JOANN Fabrics stores want to see more kids learning by doing, creating and making. During the month of February, millions of JOANN customers, 4-H members and supporters will have a chance to share their hearts and show their love by equipping local Clubs with resources to reach more kids in need. Here's how:

1. Support the 4-H Paper Clover Campaign by visiting your local store between February 1 and 28, 2018. Donate \$1 or \$4 at purchase, and you'll receive a clover featuring a special Valentine's Day craft from Family Fun. With each \$4 donation, you'll get \$4 off your next purchase.

2. Join hundreds of 4-H youth February 3, 2018, from 11am-2pm to make and deliver custom Valentine's Day cards to local children's hospitals, senior citizen centers, and others in the community. Visit your local JOANN store to participate.

Last but not least, the new 4-H Rewards Card is here! Stop by your local JOANN store now to sign up for free and receive 15% off your purchases. It's a great way to shop with purpose & give back to 4-H! Visit <http://bit.ly/2zuNwIh> for more details!

### **New! Bread Sculpture Contest**

(We have flyers available at the Extension Office.)

The Kansas Wheat Commission has created a new contest for the 2018 fair season. So get creative and enter the Bread Sculpture contest! This is intended to be a county and state contest, with the county winner moving

on to the State Fair. But, individual entries can also be made at the State Fair. The informational flyer can be found at <http://www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/index.html> under the "Foods & Nutrition" section. ALL questions about this contest should be directed to [kswheat@kswheat.com](mailto:kswheat@kswheat.com) or [Nicole.Jaskoski@ks.gov](mailto:Nicole.Jaskoski@ks.gov). We have flyers available at the Extension Office also.

### Kansas 4-H Communication Fact Sheet Series Available

(HINT: This would be great information to prepare for Club Day!!) Speaking skillfully before an audience is one of the hallmarks that Kansas 4-H members have been successfully doing for over 100 years. Kansas youth through 4-H have learned the skills necessary to get up before an audience and eloquently speak. 4-H has helps youth learn the skills necessary to clearly organize and present thoughts and ideas through project talks, demonstrations, illustrated talks and public speaking presentations. The complete Kansas 4-H communication fact sheet series is listed below. These may be helpful to Kansas 4-H families as they begin to prepare for county 4-H day presentations. They can be downloaded free from the Kansas 4-H web site.

Visit: <http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx?tabid=551>

#### Available:

- Kansas 4-H Presentation Overview
- 4-H Project Talks
- 4-H Demonstrations
- 4-H Illustrated Talks
- 4-H Demonstration & Illustrated Talk Planning Form
- 4-H Public Speaking
- 4-H Public Speaking Record

- 4-H Presentation Brainstorming Activity
- 4-H Effective Presentation Tips
- 4-H Preparing and Using Visual Aids

#### Kansas 4-H Generic Record Form Presentation Score Sheets Available:

- 4-H Demonstration & Illustrated Talk Scoresheet
- 4-H Public Speaking Scoresheet
- 4-H Project Talk Scoresheet

### Extension Office Closed



February 19 - President's Day

### Volunteer Screening Process (VSP)

If you have been notified that you need to complete the rescreening, or a portion of the rescreening, please do so **as soon as possible**. We are diligently working on trying to get caught up with the process from all of the office changes that have happened in 2017, in order to be in compliance with the State regulations. If you have questions or are having problems with the process, please let Lisa know and she will work with you to resolve the issues and get it completed. You can also schedule a time to come into the office to get it all done.

**Update:** We have several people who only need to complete the online Orientation or the Agent Interview in order to be presented to the Review Committee (comprised of 3 people). And if you did not complete part 2 of the background check (packet #2), please do so. That is the online link that brings you to the Validity page that you have to complete online. The first step was completing the Child Abuse form and returning it to our

office. I have several who have not completed step 2, although they turned in their Child Abuse form.

Once all members of the Review Committee have reviewed your file, then it has to go before the Extension Board as the final step in the process. The Extension Board only meets once a month, so it is imperative that you please complete whatever you have left to do, so the rest of the process can be completed prior to the next Board meeting, which will be around the third week in February. So, the process is not completed once you've completed your part.

Starting this year and going forward, your VSP's or VSR's will need to be completed by November 1st in order to go before the Extension Board for appointment at the November meeting. The Extension Board usually doesn't meet in December.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter. We are only trying to stay in compliance with State regulations in keeping our children safe.

## *Other Important Dates*

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**February 1** - Fair Board Meeting  
**February 2** - NE Area Record Book Screening  
**February 5** - 4-H Council Meeting (Jan/Feb)  
**February 9** - Ambassador Training Deadline  
**February 15** - Club Day Entry Form Deadline  
**February 16** - Shawnee County Dog Show Invitational Deadline  
**February 18-19** - Citizens In Action (CIA)  
**February 19** - **OFFICE CLOSED**  
**February 23** - Jr Sheep Producer Day Deadline  
**February 23-24** - Ambassador Training-Rock Springs

**February 24** - Shawnee County Invitational Dog Show

**March 1** - Discovery Days registration begins

**March 1** - Shutterbugs in Auburn Deadline

**March 2** - Jr Beef Producer Day Deadline

**March 3** - Morris County 4-H Club Day

**March 17** - Regional Club Days

**March 17** - Junior Sheep Producer Day

**March 23** - Morris County 4-H Foundation Annual Banquet

**March 24** - Junior Beef Producer Day

**March 30** - **OFFICE CLOSED**

**April 7** - 4-H Horse Achievement Level Riding Test Invitational-Wyandotte County Fairgrounds

**April 14** - Shutterbugs in Auburn

**April 14** - CKD Spring 4-H Rabbit Show-Salina

**April 15** - Discovery Days registration Deadline

**April 28** - Shutterbugs in the Garden-Wichita

**April 30** - 4-H Foundation Scholarship Deadline

**May 15** - Konley Harding Memorial Scholarship Deadline

**May 29 - June 1** - Discovery Days

**June 3-6** - 4-H Camp

**June 26-29** - Campference

**July 1-2** - North Central District Horse Show in Salina

**July 13-15** - Tri-County Fair

**July 6-7** - Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic

**July 21-30** - Morris County Fair

**August 18-19** - State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

**September 7-16** - Kansas State Fair

**October 5-7** - Kansas Junior Livestock Show