

MORRIS COUNTY NEWS



January 2018



Notecard Sets for Sale

We still have several sets of notecards available for \$8/set. They would make great Christmas gifts, stocking stuffers, or whatever the occasion. (Make checks payable to the: Morris County 4-H Council.)



4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on **Monday, January 22, 2018** in the Morris County Courthouse Meeting Room at 7 pm.

Kansas State Fair Premium Checks

If you received a KSF premium check and have not cashed it, please do so ASAP. They will become VOID soon.

Northeast Area KAP Judging

4-Hers who were named a senior county project award winner 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 into the Extension Office by **January 8 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 and

have not turned in their record book(s) are listed below:

- ***Colton Bacon** - Swine
- ***Jamie Beck** - Photography
- ***Laura Buller** - Fiber Arts
- ***Makenzie Downes** - Meat Goats, Leadership
- ***Avery Lee** - Cat
- ***Justine Lee** - Sheep
- ***Morgan Poole** - Dog Care & Training, Horse
- ***Hannah Stilwell** - Foods & Nutrition

Volunteer Screening Process (VSP)

If you have been notified that you need to complete the rescreening, or a portion of the rescreening, or complete a renewal for the 2018 4-H year, 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. It's much quicker and simpler.

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. Entry forms are attached to this newsletter or are available on our website at: <http://www.flinthills.k->

state.edu/4-h/morris-county/. The entry deadline is Thursday, February 15th by 5 pm. Regional 4-H Club Day will be held on March 17th at Madison High School.

Upcoming Project Meetings



Fiber Arts in January

There will be two Fiber Arts meetings in January. Both will be at the Council Grove First Baptist Church. The first will be on Saturday, **January 20th**, from 10:00 to 1:00. The second will be on Friday, **January 26th**, from 6:30 to whenever we decide to quit. Bring your projects to work on, and we will have a fun time creating!

Call Lizzy Buller at 620-443-5283 or on Facebook if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

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.

January 21 - Showmanship
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.



Scholarships!

Kansas 4-H Scholarship

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year is now available on our website at <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/> in a 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 Extension Office no later than **Wednesday, January 24th**.

Fun Tournaments, Contests, and Events

NE 4-H Leadership Event

4-H members ages 12 to 18 are invited to the Northeast 4-H Leadership Event (NELE), **Saturday, January 20, 2018** at the Clay County Community High School in Clay Center.

NELE is led by the Northeast Area youth council representatives with co-chairs, JaelAnn Hoover, River Valley District and Grace Zongker, Reno County. Delegates can sign up for multiple classes throughout the day with many options for everyone.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet new people, learn many new leadership activities, and listen to keynote speaker, Wade Weber, State 4-H Program Leader.

"Attending NELE will help you broaden your circle of friends in your area while helping you get ideas for the 4-H year ahead!" said Zongker.

You can register online at register online before January 20th at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html> You can contact Diane Mack with questions at: dmack@ksu.edu Office: 785-532-5833 or Office Direct Line: 785-532-2278

Citizenship In Action - Topeka

February 18-19, 2018

Citizenship in Action 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 communities.

Cost

\$170 (the Morris County 4-H Foundation will pay \$68) your cost will be \$102 includes:

lodging, a banquet Sunday evening, formal breakfast, snacks and lunch for delegates and legislators on Monday, insurance, and program fees (i.e. printing, meeting room costs, etc.). There will be no refunds if cancelling after January 15. Cancellations before January 15 will result in a \$25 Cancellation Fee.

You can **register online by January 15th** at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html> or you can stop by the Extension Office to pick up the application.

Horse Panorama

When: January 26-28, 2018

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: 4-H Members ages 7-18 and adult volunteers. Horse Panorama is a compilation of various contests related to the Horse Project. Contests include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking, presentations, photography and educational posters. There will also be educational activities for 4-Hers of all ages. You can get more information and register at:

<http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html>

Registration Deadline: January 15, 2018

(Morris County 4-H Foundation will cover 40% of your fee.)

Ambassador Training

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 8th at:

<http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>. For more information visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/ambassador-training/index.html>.

The Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team accepts members (teens, volunteers and Extension staff) year-round. For more information, please call Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281, or e-mail him at dwaldren@ksu.edu.

Kansas Junior Producer Days

Species producer days are held to provide educational material and hands-on experiences for youth, parents, leaders, and extension agents. Various speakers share information on topics such as selection, nutrition, showmanship, fitting, reproduction, feeding, and disease control. Talks, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and door prizes are present at all events. Beef and Sheep days are held in the even years and Swine and Goat days are held in the odd years.

Junior Sheep Producer Day

March 17, 2018 Weber Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan Early Registrations
Due: **February 23, 2018**

Junior Beef Producer Day

March 24, 2018 Weber Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan Early Registrations
Due: **March 2, 2018**

Register for either or both Online:

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/cashneti/selfserve/BrowseCatalog.aspx>

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>
- 4-H Horse Achievement Level Riding Test Invitational

Photo Contest and Workshop

Auburn Community Center, Auburn KS

- Saturday, **April 14, 2018**
- Photo Judging Contest 11am-1pm
- Workshops from 1 to 4 pm

For more information, contact the Extension Office and we will send you more information.

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.

Other Tid-Bits

There's lots of *various project information and events* (Dairy, Dog, Geology, Horse, Photography, Shooting Sports, etc.) on the Kansas 4-H website. We try to keep you updated and informed as much as possible for events or activities in our area. But there may be more that some of the project leaders or members would like to participate in that what we haven't posted in the newsletter. Check them out at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/index.html>

Educational Materials for Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goats if interested:
<http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/educational-materials.html>

Ambassador Co-Leader needed:
Michelle Overstreet Schrader is 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.

Disk Golf T-Shirts for Sale

We still have our first annual Disk Golf t-shirts for sale at \$5 each. We have large and x-large sizes available at the Extension office. (Make checks payable to the: Morris County 4-H Ambassadors.)

Extension Office Closed

December 21 - Noon-5 p.m.
December 25 - Christmas Day
December 26 - All Day
January 1 - New Year's Day

Please note the **Tri-County Fair** date change below.

Other Important Dates

January 11 - NE Area Record Book Screening
January 15 - CIA Registration Deadline
January 20 - NELE in Clay Center
January 22 - 4-H Council Meeting
January 24 - Kansas 4-H Scholarship Deadline
January 26-28 - 4-H Horse Panarama-Rock Springs
February 23-24 - Ambassador Training-Rock Springs
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
April 28 - Shutterbugs in the Garden-Wichita
May 28 - 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