

MORRIS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Inside this issue

Project Meetings 2
Events 3
Tidbits 5
Important Dates 6
Calendar 7

Special points of interest
attachments/enclosures

- 2017-18 County Project Leaders

Congratulations Avery and Morgan!

At the Northeast Area KAP screening, Avery Lee and Morgan Poole, both with Dwight Sunflowers, were selected to advance to the State level judging for their KAP record books. Avery's was for Cat. Morgan's was for Horse.

Carly Wells Places 2nd!

Carly Wells placed 2nd in senior sporter air pistol in Holton, KS.
Congratulations Carly!



4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be **Monday, April 2, 2018**. It will be held in the Morris County Courthouse Meeting Room at 7 pm. Ambassador's will meet immediately following the Council Meeting.

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. Regional 4-H Club Day will be held on March 17th 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.

Beef Weigh-In's

Will be Wednesday, **March 21** at Schrader's from 6-8 pm. If you're unable to attend, please contact Lori about tagging your beef animal before the 21st. All market beef must be tagged by the 21st. Bucket calves can come to beef weigh-in or small animal weigh-in.

Small Animal Weigh-In's

Will be Sunday, **April 29** at the Morris Co Fairgrounds from 4-6 pm. We will tag market sheep, goats, and bucket calves. Hogs will not be tagged at weigh-in. To make arrangements for swine, please contact Lori.

Livestock Judging Team

For those interested in being on the Morris County Livestock Judging Team, please plan on attending the meeting on **March 13 at 7 pm** at the Courthouse Meeting Room. For questions, contact Clay Dalquest at 785-497-2868.

Upcoming County Project Meetings

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 at 4 p.m. for new members in the project and 1-2 year members. Then at 5 p.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.

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 e-mail her at michellerp1965@hotmail.com.

Cat Project Meeting

The rescheduled cat meeting will be on **Monday, March 12** 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.

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.

Fun Tournaments, Contests, and Events

Discovery Days

Discovery Days will be held **May 29 - June 1**. This year's theme is "Tell Your Story!" Registration opens on March 1, 2018 and will close on April 15 at midnight.

We encourage you to take a look at the Class Catalog, at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>. There is a great selection of new classes this year! If you are wanting to be in certain classes, please sign up right away. Many classes will fill up within the first day or two of Discovery Days registration being open. If you do not sign up for enough classes for your class schedule, you will be assigned to classes that are available and open. Please double check your schedule when you sign up.

You can find online registration at www.kansas4-H.org and click on "Register for 4-H Events" **There is not a hard copy registration form. All youth who would like to attend Discovery Days should fill out their registration online.**

Junior Sheep Producer Day

Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Weber Arena, KSU, Manhattan, KS.

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 under Kansas Junior Producer Days. Participants may register online at <https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>.

Junior Beef Producer Day

Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Weber Arena, KSU, Manhattan KS.

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 K-State Youth Livestock Program website: www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu under Kansas Junior Producer Days. Participants may register online at <https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>.

Wild Bill Beef Shoot-Out

Hosted by the spring beef show committee of the Dickinson County 4-H Council on **Saturday, April 7** at the Central Kansas Free Fairgrounds in Abilene, KS. Link for flyer is found at:

<http://www.dickinson.k-state.edu/4-h/>.

Fun Tournaments, Contests, and Events cont...

4-H Horse Achievement Level Riding Test Invitational

April 7, 2018 at the Wyandotte County Fairgrounds. Gates open at 8 am. Testing begins at 9:30 am.

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 Fahrenthold at lfahrenthold@yahoo.com or call Lindi at 785-826-5980. You can also contact Amber Pracht, 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.

2018 Cowley County Classic Beef Show

Will be held **Saturday, April 28** at the Winfield Fairgrounds. We have the flyer at the Extension Office to pick up or we can e-mail to you. Otherwise, for more questions you can contact Cowley County Extension at 620-221-5450 or go to their website at www.cowley.ksu.edu.

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.

KSU Youth Horse Judging Camp Advanced Section

Flyers/registrations available at the Extension Office. Will be held on **June 4-5, 2018** at Weber/Call Hall at KSU, Manhattan, KS. This camp is designed for youth with some experience judging horses who would like to enhance their evaluation and oral reasons skills. Individual coaching and mentorship will be used to challenge the student to continually improve throughout camp. Cost is \$130/per student. Must be paid by May 11, 2018. Limited to 30 participants.

KSU Youth Horse Judging Camp Beginning Section

This camp is designed for youth with little to no experience judging horses. Emphasis will be focused on the placings of classes commonly seen at horse judging contests and the basics of oral reasons. This will be held on **June 6, 2018** at Call Hall at KSU, Manhattan, KS. Cost is \$40/per student, payable by May 11th. Limited to 30 participants. Flyers/registrations available at the Extension Office.

Other Tid-Bits

Kansas 4-H

Communication Fact Sheet Series

(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

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 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.

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/2zuNwlh> for more details!

New! Bread Sculpture Contest

(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 or Nicole.Jaskoski@ks.gov.

Important Dates

Extension Office Closed: March 30 – Good Friday

4-H EVENTS

March 1 – Discovery Days registration begins
March 3 – Morris County 4-H Club Day
March 3 -- Ambassador Polar Plunge Challenge!
March 13 - Livestock Judging Team Meeting
March 17 – Regional Club Days
March 21 - Beef Weigh-In's at Schrader's
March 23 – Morris County 4-H Foundation Annual Banquet
March 24 - NW 4-H Space Tech Day, Ness City
March 30 – OFFICE CLOSED
April 2 – 4-H Council Meeting
April 6 - 7 -- 4-H Alien Adventure Experience
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 29 - Small Animal Weigh-In and tagging at the Morris County Fairgrounds
April 30 – 4-H Foundation Scholarship Deadline
May 15 – Konley Harding Memorial Scholarship Deadline
May 15 - Kansas Range Youth Camp deadline
May 29 – June 1 – Discovery Days
June 3-6 – 4-H Camp
June 19-22 - Kansas Range Youth Camp, Camp Mennoscah, Murdock, KS (Kingman County)
June 26-29 – Campference
July 13-15 – Tri-County Fair
July 21-30 – Morris County Fair
September 7-16 – Kansas State Fair

LIVESTOCK EVENTS

March 2 – Jr Beef Producer Day Deadline
March 17 – Junior Sheep Producer Day
March 24 – Junior Beef Producer Day
March 31 -- Marion County Spring Beef Show
April 7 -- Wild Bill Beef Shoot-Out
April 7 – 4-H Horse Achievement Level Riding Test Invitational-Wyandotte County Fairgrounds
April 14 - Central Kansas Classic in Salina
April 27 - Gary Fuller Spring Classic deadline
April 28 -- 2018 Cowley County Classic Beef Show
May 5-6 - Gary Fuller Spring Classic at the Lyon County Fairgrounds
June 4-5 -- KSU Youth Horse Judging Camp, Advanced Section
June 6 -- KSU Youth Horse Judging Camp, Beginning Section
July 1-2 – North Central District Horse Show in Salina
July 6-7 – Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic
August 18-19 – State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes
October 5-7 – Kansas Junior Livestock Show

2018 4-H Spring Break Sessions- Wyandotte County K-State Research and Extension

March 13 - Paw Etiquette and Bite Prevention
9 - 10 am
March 14 - Backyard Poultry 101 - 11 am - Noon
March 15 - Animals of Kansas - 9 - 10 am
Pollinators of Kansas - 1 - 2 pm
March 16 - Horsin' Around - Level I - 9 am - 5 pm
Check out class descriptions and be sure to sign up at, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b45a4aa2ea6f58-spring1>

March 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Remember Club Day Cookie Plates and Thank You's for March 3 rd				1 Cloverbud Meeting 6:30 pm	2 Set up for Club Day 5 pm	3 Morris County 4-H Club Day & Ambassador Polar Plunge Challenge Hand Pet Meeting—Noon
4	5	6 Goat/Swine Meetings 6 & 6:45 pm	7	8	9	10
11	12 Cat Meeting 6 pm	13 Livestock Judging Team Meeting 7 pm	14	15	16	17 Regional Club Days Jr. Sheep Producer Day
18 Dog Meeting 'Showmanship' 4 & 5 pm	19	20	21 Beef Weigh-In at Schrader's 6 - 8 pm	22	23 4-H Founda- tion Annual Banquet	24 Jr. Beef Producer Day
25	26	27	28	29	30 OFFICE CLOSED <i>Good Friday</i>	31

MARCH 2018 4-H NEWSLETTER

Morris County

Flint Hills Extension District #13

Local Extension Office

Lori Bammerlin
Agent, Agriculture/4-H

Shandi D. Andres
Agent, Family & Consumer
Sciences/4-H

Lisa Palmer
Office Professional



Kansas State University
Agricultural Experiment
Station & Cooperative
Extension Service

K-State County Extension
Councils, Extension Districts
& U.S. Department of
Agriculture Cooperating

All Educational programs and Materials available
without Discrimination on the basis
of race, color, religion, national origin,
sex, age or disability.

K-STATE
Research and Extension



Flint Hills District

Courthouse – 501 West Main
Council Grove, KS 66846-1796
620-767-5136