

MORRIS COUNTY NEWS



May 2016



4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held **Monday, June 6th** in the courthouse meeting room at 7:00 p.m.



4-H Ambassador Meeting

The Morris County 4-H Ambassadors will meet on **Monday, June 6th** in the courthouse meeting room following the 4-H Council meeting.

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 before midnight. If you need assistance from our office, please contact us by Friday, April 29th.

4-H Foundation Banquet

A big thank you goes to the 4-Hers who presented at the Morris County 4-H Foundation Banquet. Thanks also goes to Michelle Schrader and the 4-H Ambassadors who helped serve the meal. We appreciate your hard work. You all did a great job!!

Remember to Send Thank You Notes!



Please remember to send a thank you note to the **Morris County 4-H Foundation** if you are attending 4-H Camp or Discovery Days. The foundation is providing **much** support for Morris County 4-Hers to attend these summer activities!

Additionally, if you are attending 4-H Camp, remember to send a thank you to the **Flint Hills Rural Electric Cooperative** as they are helping to support \$10 of the registration cost for each 4-Her to attend camp.

Thank you notes can be dropped off or mailed to the Extension Office!

Ambassador Thank You

The Morris County 4-H Ambassadors would like to thank all of the 4-H clubs for participating in their recent change drive. They will match the \$59.79 that was raised to help send first year 4-H members to camp this summer!

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**.

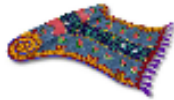


Konley Harding Memorial Scholarship

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.

County Fiber Arts Project Meeting

A county Fiber Arts project meeting will be held on **Friday, May 20th** at the First Baptist Church in Council Grove from 6-8 pm. Please bring your projects and supplies.



Sheep Showmanship Clinic

There will be a Sheep Showmanship Clinic **Friday, June 17, 2016** at the Riley County Fairgrounds in Manhattan. Vet Check: 4:30-5 PM Clinic: 5-8 PM

Topic include Showmanship, Nutrition, and Fitting. Special guest presenter Gary Niehues, Purina Nutrition Specialist. \$15 registration fee includes dinner, a t-shirt, and instruction. For more information contact the Extension Office

4-Hers Volunteer at Harvesters



Morris County 4-Hers and leaders in the foods and nutrition project volunteered at Harvesters in Topeka on April 23rd. Harvesters is a regional food bank that serves a 26 county area of northwestern Missouri and northeastern Kansas. The 4-Hers and leaders helped sort approximately 1250 packages of food for the BackSnack program. This program helps provide a weekly backpack filled with nutritious food for kids to take home with them over the weekend.

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.

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 were attached to the April 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!!

Be a Better Babysitter



The Flint Hills Extension District and the Morris County Health Department are sponsoring a Babysitting Clinic on **Monday, June 6th** for youth 11-15 years of age. The clinic will be held in the Courthouse Meeting Room in Council Grove from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the responsibilities of babysitting, child care duties, how to prevent injuries, and behavior management. The cost to attend is \$15 and will include a first aid kit and handouts. To register, please submit your name, address, phone number, and check payable to the Morris County Health Department. Information can be mailed or dropped off at the Health Department, which is located at 221 Hockaday, Council Grove, KS 66846. For questions, contact the Extension Office at 620.767.5136.



Morris County 4-H and Operation Military Kids Day Camp

Youth between the ages of 7 and 12 are invited to attend a day camp on **Wednesday, June 15th** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the community building located at the Morris County Fairgrounds. The day will be filled with making new friends, learning new things, and having lots of fun. Lunch and snacks will be provided. The day camp is open to 4-Hers and military connected youth. A military connected youth is any child whose parent is Active Duty, National Guard, Army Reserve, Air Guard, or any other branch of the military. There is no registration fee to attend, but we ask that you pre-register by **June 1st** by contacting the Extension Office (620.767.5136) or by sending an email to Chelsea at crichmon@ksu.edu. When registering, you will need to submit your child's name, age, and a parent contact. Each participant will also need to have a participation form on file in the Extension Office.

Day Camp Counselors Needed

Older 4-Hers (13 and older) are needed to help serve as counselors on **Wednesday, June 15th**, at the day camp that will be held at the community building at the Morris County Fairgrounds from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Counselors are needed to assist younger youth and help lead activities. This would be a great leadership opportunity and addition to your 4-H record book! If interested in helping, please contact the Extension Office (620.767.5136) or email Chelsea at crichmon@ksu.edu.

Summer Food Program Help Needed

This summer Morris County will be hosting a summer food service program for youth at the Council Grove Elementary School from approximately 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The six week program will begin June 6th and conclude July 15th. All children between the ages of 1 and 18 are eligible to participate. Each week day during the program, youth will have the opportunity to eat a nutritious meal and participate in an activity free of charge. Activities will focus on reading, physical activity, arts and crafts, and games. Adults may also eat with their child for a small donation fee.

The Extension Office will be helping to lead the activities for youth on **June 10th** and **July 1st**. We are looking for older 4-Hers to serve as leaders and lead a small group of youth as they play an "old fashioned" game or relay. The Extension Office will provide all of the necessary supplies. Youth leaders will be able to eat lunch at 12 p.m. before helping lead a game or relay from approximately 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please email Chelsea at crichmon@ksu.edu if you are interested and available to serve in this leadership role on June 10th or July 1st. This is another great opportunity for your 4-H record book!

2016 Morris County Fair

The dates for the 2016 Morris County Fair are set for **July 26th - August 1st**. The theme for the 2016 fair will be, *Fun for the Whole Herd*. Below is the fair schedule:

TUESDAY - July 26th

1:00 p.m. - Clothing Construction and Fashion Revue Judging

7:00 p.m. - Fashion Revue and Talent Showcase

WEDNESDAY - July 27th

9:00 a.m. - Dog Show with Cat Show to follow

6:00 p.m. - Fair Cleanup and Setup (Building and Livestock Areas)

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - 4-H and Open Class Entries Accepted (Building Exhibits Only)

THURSDAY - July 28th

8:30 a.m. - 4-H and Open Horse Show

FRIDAY - July 29th

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Check-in 4-H and Open Class Exhibits (all entries and all livestock)

SATURDAY - July 30th

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. - Check-in 4-H and Open Class Entries (food, horticulture, floriculture items only)

9:30 a.m. - Swine Show (Showmanship followed by Pee-Wee Showmanship)

12:30 p.m. - Judging of 4-H and Open Class Food Exhibits

12:30 p.m. - Judging of 4-H and Open Class Floriculture, Horticulture, and Field Crop Exhibits

12:30 p.m. - Judging of 4-H Fiber Arts Exhibits

1:00 p.m. - Rabbit Show followed by Poultry Show

2:00 p.m. - Judging of Banners, Duct Tape, and Home Environment Exhibits

2:00 p.m. - Judging of 4-H Arts and Crafts, Self-Determined, and Space Tech Exhibits

2:00 p.m. - Judging of Notebooks, Club Record Books, and Miscellaneous Exhibits

2:00 p.m. - Judging of Open Class Family and Consumer Sciences Exhibits

4:00 p.m. - Dairy Cattle Show followed by Dairy Goat Show

5:00 p.m. - 4-H Food Action

5:30 p.m. - Bucket Calf Show

5:30 p.m. - Root Beer Floats sponsored by Farmers and Drivers Bank

6:00 p.m. - Beef Show

SUNDAY - July 31st

12:00 p.m. - Judging of Photography

1:00 p.m. - Judging of Shooting Sports, Wildlife, and Woodworking

1:00 p.m. - Judging of Electricity, Entomology, Forestry, and Geology Exhibits

5:00 p.m. - Sheep Show followed by Meat Goat Show

MONDAY - August 1st

9:00 a.m. - Round Robin Showmanship

11:00 a.m. - Pictures of Saturday Afternoon and Sunday Winners

12:00 p.m. - Livestock Judging Contest

3:00 p.m. - Barnyard Olympics

4:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds Clean Up

6:00 p.m. - Buyer Appreciation Meal (Last year's livestock buyers will receive a free meal ticket)

7:00 p.m. - Awards Presentation

7:30 p.m. - Livestock Sale (Cookie jars will be auctioned at this time.)

7:30 p.m. - Release of All Exhibits

Morris County Fair T-Shirts

The Extension Office is currently taking orders for Morris County Fair T-shirts. The deadline to order a shirt is Tuesday, May 17th. Youth small through Adult XL are \$7.75 each. Adult 2XL - \$9, Adult 3XL - \$11, Adult 4XL - \$12.50, Adult 5XL - \$13.50



4-Hers that plan to exhibit and show at the fair will be provided a fair shirt. Please order through your 4-H club. The shirt will be required to wear during livestock shows and other judging events.

Morris County Fair Carcass Contest Designation Deadline

4-Hers planning to participate in the swine and/or beef carcass contests at the Morris County Fair need to designate their animals by **July 1st**. This will allow the participating locker to reserve space. Designations for the contest can be made by contacting the Extension Office.



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**.

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

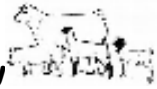
May 7 & 8 at the Lyon County Fairgrounds in Emporia. Entries are due April 29. Registration forms and more information are available in the Extension Office.

Cowley County Livestock Show

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

Leavenworth County 4-H Small Livestock Spring Show

This Show is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2016 at the Leavenworth fairgrounds in Tonganoxie with the pre-registration due May 1st. Registration papers 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.

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.

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.

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.

Riley County Rabbit Show

The first annual 4-H and double open/youth ARBA show will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at the Community Center in Louisville, KS. Pre-entries need to be postmarked by May 20th. Entry forms and more information are available in the Extension Office.



Harvey County Swine Show

First Annual Harvey County 4-H/FFA Spring Swine Show will be held on Monday, May 30, 2016 starting at 11:00 a.m. Pre-entries are due postmarked by May 20, 2016. Late fees and day of the show fees are \$15 per animal.

Coffey County Invitational



Youth Horse Show

This show will be held on **Saturday, June 25, 2016** starting at 8 a.m. at the Coffey County Saddle Club Arena at the Burlington, KS fairgrounds. Pre-entry deadline must be postmarked **June 17th** with payment the day of the show. Entry forms are available at www.coffey.ksu.edu.

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**.

North Central District Horse Show



The North Central District Horse Show will take place at Kenwood Park, Salina, KS on **July 6, 2016** with check-in 2:30 pm - 8 pm on July 5th. **Entry deadline is June 1, 2016** and no late entries will be accepted. All entries can be made at <http://tinyurl.com/NCDHS-2016>

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**.

Mark Your 2016 Calendars

June 4 - Spring Swine Show at Alma
June 11 - Nemaha County Prospect Livestock Show
June 24-27 - Sunny Hills 4-H Camp
July 1 - Morris County Fair Pre-Entry Deadline
July 6 - North Central District Horse Show
July 7-9 - Tri-County Fair in Herington
July 8-9 - Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic
July 26-Aug 1 Morris County Fair
Sept. 9-18 - Kansas State Fair
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 - KJLS
Nov. 12- Achievement Banquet

Memorial Day

The Extension office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.



**CONGRATS AND BEST WISHES
TO ALL THE GRADUATING
4-HERS!!**



