

MORRIS COUNTY NEWS



November 2016



Achievement Banquet

The annual 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on **Saturday, November 12th** in the community building at the fairgrounds at 6:00 p.m.

Each club is assigned to a committee for the Achievement Banquet. Below you will find this year's club assignments:

Decorations, Tables, & Chairs - Neosho Valley and Flint Hills

Responsibilities include helping to set up tables, chairs, and decorations prior to the banquet on Friday evening, November 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Programs & Tickets - Willing Workers

Responsibilities include taking tickets on the evening of the banquet and handing out programs to attendees.

Trash & Clean up - Dwight Sunflowers & Burdick Hustlers

Responsibilities include putting away tables and chairs as well as cleaning up following the banquet.

Record Book Judging



Thank you to everyone who helped judge record books this year. Your volunteer help is greatly appreciated!!!

4-H Council Meeting

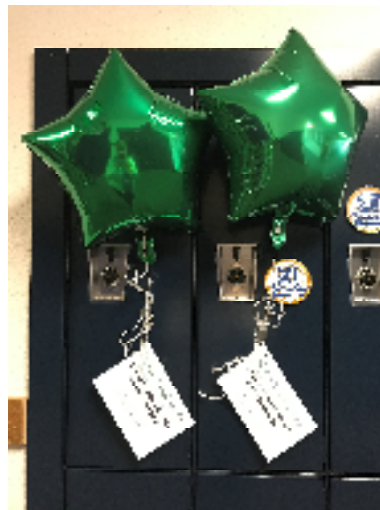
The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on **Monday, January 30th** in the Morris County Courthouse meeting room at 7:00 p.m.

Cloverbud Meeting

The next Cloverbud meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 17th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Morris County Courthouse meeting room.

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Morris County Ambassadors



We are happy to announce the Morris County 4-H Ambassadors for the 2016-2017 4-H year. They will be promoting 4-H in Morris County through a variety

of activities in the upcoming year. The ambassadors are **Jamie Beck, Makenzie Downes, Erin Jones, Brodey King, Daleyna King, Treyser King, Sam Kirk, Morgan Poole, Jess Prudence, Avery Lee, Justine Lee, and Anna Schrader.**

4-H Enrollment

Please complete your 4-H enrollment in 4-H Online as soon as possible. The link is <https://ks.4honline.com>. The system is accessible with a dial-up connection or with iPads, tablets, and smart phones. The Extension Office will be happy to provide help to families who do not have internet accessibility. Attached to the October newsletter is a re-enrollment brochure with step by step instructions. For the new 4-H families, brochures will be available from your club leaders and the Extension Office. Participation forms will be done electronically on 4-H Online, the same as last year.

Volunteer Information Profiles (VIP)



Just like 4-H members, all volunteers need to "enroll" or "re-enroll." K-State requires 4-H volunteers to be registered volunteers. For those who are already registered volunteers, please submit a renewal form. For new volunteers, the VIP registration process includes filling out an application form, checking references, completing an online orientation, an interview, and a background check. After application materials are received in the Extension Office, applicants will go through an approval process. Once individuals become registered volunteers, each year thereafter they will need to complete a VIP renewal form.

For application forms or renewal forms, please contact your club leader, go to our website at flinthills.ksu.edu, or stop by the Extension Office. Forms are due to our office by **November 1st**.

4-H Officer Training

We had a great turnout for the 2016 Officer Training with approximately 80 4-Hers in attendance from the Flint Hills District. We also want to thank the K-State Collegiate 4-H members and Michelle Schrader for their help in serving as presenters. If you are a club officer and were unable to attend, please stop by the Extension Office to pick up your officer book.

Remember to Send Thank You Notes



The Morris County Fair Board would like your help in properly thanking businesses and sponsors for the Morris County Fair. They would like to strongly encourage community leaders and parents to incorporate writing thank you notes at one of their club meetings following the fair. Writing thank you notes is crucial to maintaining sponsorships. Based on the feedback that has been received by businesses and individual sponsors, thank you notes are not being received. Information regarding sponsorships will be provided to the community leaders from the fair secretary. Additionally, sponsors are listed on awards and trophies. If you have any questions, please contact Laci Thibodeaux, fair secretary, at laci.lou.25@gmail.com.

Shooting Sports Safety Day

The Morris County Sharp Shooters will have their annual Rifle and Pistol Safety Day on **Sunday, November 6th**, at 1:00 p.m. in the classroom of the Armory Building in Council Grove. Participation in safety day is required for all 4-H youth who wish to participate in either discipline for the first time, or if youth did not participate in either discipline last year. There are two projects offered under the rifle discipline: BB and Air Rifle. To participate in the BB project, youth must be a 4-H age of 8. For participation in the Air Rifle project, youth must have one year of the BB project and be a 4-H age of 12. For the Air Pistol discipline, 4-Hers must be a 4-H age of 12. If you have questions regarding the safety day, contact Tim King, shooting sports coordinator, at tim_king@live.com.

Kansas 4-H with the Wildcat Women

The annual Kansas 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball will be held **Saturday, February 11th at 1:00 p.m.** The ticket cost is \$20 per person and each participant will receive a t-shirt and a \$7 meal voucher. Registration information is available at Kansas4h.org or in the Extension Office. The registration and payment deadline is January 17th. The Wildcat Women will be taking on Iowa State that Saturday.

Mark Your Calendars

November 12 - Achievement Banquet
November 18-20 - KYLF
March 4 - Morris County 4-H Club Day
July 22-31 - Morris County Fair

Kansas 4-H Scholarship

The 2017 Kansas 4-H Scholarship application is 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. 4-H members wanting to apply need to have completed applications submitted to the Extension Office by **Wednesday, January 25th**. Scholarship selection is based on 4-H merit: 40 percent on 4-H leadership, 30 percent on citizenship/community service in 4-H, 20 percent on 4-H participation and recognition, and 10 percent on non-4-H participation, leadership, community service, and recognition in school and community. Each application must include a transcript of grades and two letters of reference (one from school personnel and one from a non-related 4-H leader or non-related current employee of K-State Research and Extension). Graduating seniors and college students are encouraged to apply.

Veterans Holiday

The Extension Office will be closed **November 11th** for Veterans Day.

Thanksgiving Holiday

The Extension office will be closed **November 24th and 25th** for the Thanksgiving holiday.



