

MORRIS COUNTY NEWS



November 2017



Achievement Banquet



The annual 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on **Saturday, November 11th** in the community building at the fairgrounds. Dinner is scheduled for 6 pm and the program will start at 7 pm.

Tickets. Tickets are \$4.25 each. Ticket orders should have been turned in already. If you haven't turned them in, please do so immediately.

Club Assignments. Each club is assigned to a committee for the Achievement Banquet. **Decorations, Tables, & Chairs - Dwight Sunflowers and Willing Workers** Responsibilities include helping to set up tables, chairs, and decorations prior to the banquet on Friday evening, November 10th at 4:30 pm.

Programs & Tickets - Burdick Hustlers

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

Trash & Clean-Up - Flint Hills and Neosho Valley

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!!!

Suggestion: Now that record books have been turned in, a good start to the new 4-H year is to print out **Pin Award applications** and **Record Book check sheets** that you can be filling in as the year progresses. Find everything you need at: <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/>

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.

2017-2018

Morris County Ambassadors

Morris County 4-H Ambassadors are looking forward to another great year. First, a thank you to the 2016-17 Ambassadors, who are just finishing up their year with the First-Ever 4-H Fall Fling Disc Golf Tournament - great job! Congratulations to the

recently selected 2017-18 Ambassador Team!

Jamie Beck, Carissa Dalquest, Makenzie Downes, Erin Jones, Ella Kirk, Avery Lee, Justine Lee, Morgan Poole, Rylee Powell, and Anna Schrader.

Disk Golf Shirts for SALE

Large and X-Large for \$5 each

Available at the Extension Office on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Make checks payable to the:
Morris County 4-H Ambassadors

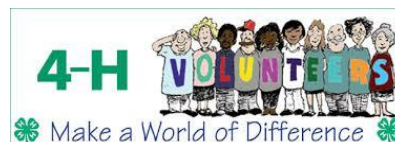
4-H Enrollment

Please complete your 4-H enrollment at [4-H Online](https://ks.4honline.com) (<https://ks.4honline.com>) as soon as possible! The deadline for enrollment/reenrollment completion is **November 1st**. The Extension Office will be happy to provide help to New Families or for those who do not have access to the internet, if the Club Leaders are unavailable to assist them. **REMINDER:** *Starting this year, there is a \$15 annual enrollment fee for 4-H. However, if this is your first year, the Morris County 4-H Foundation will cover your fee. If you are a returning 4-Her and you turn in your record books; the Foundation will*

also cover your fee. You can also apply for a waiver.

Cloverbud Enrollment

If you know of anyone interested in becoming a Cloverbud, the deadline for enrollment is November 14. Currently, there are no Cloverbuds signed up for this year. If no one signs up there will not be a Cloverbud program this year.



Volunteer Information Profiles (VIP)

Just like 4-H members, all volunteers need to "enroll" or "re-enroll." K-State requires all direct 4-H volunteers to be registered **before** they can continue with their roles as club leaders or project leaders at a club, county, or district level.

If you have been an approved volunteer since 2014, then you needed to re-apply in 2017. If you were approved after 2014, and remained active, then you need to re-apply every three (3) years. In between, you are required to complete a renewal form at the same time as 4-H

enrollment and due by November 1st annually.

Lisa has already handed out a few applications for those who have to re-apply and renewal forms, but there is much work to be done to get caught back up on the process and maintain the requirements set forth by the State 4-H Office. For application forms or renewal forms, please contact your club leader, go to our website at <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/>, or stop by the Extension Office. You can also log into your 4-H Online account when you enrolled for 4-H, and complete the process, or at least start it there. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa at palmer50@ksu.edu, call, or stop by the Extension Office.

To help with the process, we are going to do something a little different this year. Lisa will have information such as club status reports, new applications and renewals forms available at the upcoming Club & Project Leader Training on Monday, November 27. It is vital that you turn in your Project Leader Lists by Tuesday, November 14 so Lisa can have all the information she needs to prepare. Lisa will also be sending out e-mails ahead of time with information—so keep an eye out!

4-H Officer Training

All officers will meet for Officer Training on **Monday, Nov 6th**

at 6:30 pm in the Morris County Courthouse meeting room. Please send as many officers and leaders from your club as possible. Officer books will be available for every office and leaders are encouraged to pick up books for officers who are unable to attend. We will have the opportunity to have the Collegiate 4-Hers from K-State to train our officers again this year. We need to have club leaders **RSVP** to the Extension Office with the number of officers attending and their leaders **by October 27th**.

4-H Club & Project Leader Training

Club and project leader training will be **Monday, November 27** in the Community meeting room at the Courthouse. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 22nd if you plan on attending.

--Club Leaders - 6 - 7 pm

--Project Leaders - 7 - 8 pm

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.

Upcoming Project Meetings



Shooting Sports Safety Day

The Morris County Sharp Shooters will have their annual Rifle and Pistol Safety Day on **Sunday, November 5th**, at 1 pm 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.

Cat/Hand Pet Meeting

There will be a cat/hand pet meeting and Christmas party **Thursday, December 21** at 6 pm in the courthouse meeting room. We will play a trivia game and make a cat toy. Also, please bring a pet food item, valued at \$5 or less with you. We will donate those items to a local food pantry for pets in need. Please bring a snack to share with the group as well. Denise will provide drinks and table ware. All are welcome to join us. If you are interested in the cat or hand pet project this is a great opportunity to check it out. If you have questions or want additional information call Denise at 785-466-1782.



Scholarships!

Morris County Conservation District Senior High School Scholarship

The Morris County Conservation District is offering a Senior High School Scholarship for \$500 again this year. Applicants must be pursuing a degree in a natural

resource field. A 500 word essay explaining why conservation and water quality are important to them and how the scholarship will benefit them personally and professionally is required, must submit a copy of their school transcript and provide two letters of recommendation that are not relatives. **Deadline is December 22nd**, and recipient will be presented a medal at January 27th annual meeting. The scholarship check will be presented in May at their school's awards assembly. The application is available in the Extension Office, or visit www.morriscountyconservationdistrict.com.

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

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. Delegates will tour the Capitol, get tips on how to meet and talk with their legislators, and discuss how youth can have a greater impact in their communities.

Sunday will feature time at the Capitol, legislative sessions, and a dinner and dance at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Monday is reserved for delegates to meet with legislators.

Who Should Register?

Any youth 13-18 years old before January 1, 2018. 4-H membership is not required to attend. Registration is dependent upon Local Extension Staff approval.

Chaperones

All youth delegates must have a designated, VIP registered, adult chaperone who is at least 21 years of age. Chaperones will only be responsible for the number of youth delegates they are able to transport

between the hotel and the Capitol building up to a maximum of 15 delegates. Chaperones must be with their delegates at all times.

Cost

\$170 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.

Groups who wish to invite their legislators to the Sunday evening banquet at the hotel are encouraged to do so, but will need to RSVP to their Local Extension Unit and pay \$35 per guest. Youth who wish to have a bed to themselves can make that selection for an additional \$35 during registration. If you have a roommate request, both individuals **MUST select the single bed option.

Attire

Dress for the event will be business attire. Ladies are recommended to wear a business suit with a jacket and a skirt or pants. Skirts must be at least knee length. Low-cut blouses and bare shoulders are not acceptable. Gentlemen should wear a business suit or slacks with a jacket and tie. Jeans are not appropriate at the Capitol or at dinner. Participants will be walking all day; comfortable shoes are recommended (no tennis shoes!).

The dress code is important and will be enforced.

Contacting Your Legislator

There are several opportunities for delegations to schedule visits with legislators on Monday morning or during lunch (all legislators will receive an invitation for lunch on Monday); or you can set up another time with your legislator. When contacting your legislator, make sure you remember: to be polite, be persistent and be concise.

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

MORRIS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

Remember, entries are due **Friday, November 3, 2017**, at the Morris County Conservation District Office. For more information call Jo Bea Titus - Hutchinson at 620-767-5111 Extension 101. Upon acceptance of Cash Awards, all rights and privilege of winning photos and negatives belong to the Morris County Conservation District. Further photos may be deemed Honorable Mention with appropriate awards given.

Chase County Livestock Contest

November 18, 2017

If you are interested in attending, contact the Extension office for more information.

4-H Program Leader/4-H Youth Development SURVEY

Dear Kansas 4-H Stakeholders (Youth, Parents, Volunteers, and Decision Makers),

We need your help. We are at an exciting time within the Kansas 4-H Youth Development Program. We have a rich legacy of innovative, caring, and creative leaders at every level of our organization who have dedicated time, energies, and resources to make the best better. It is in that same spirit that we ask for your assistance in completing this Program Fee Prioritization survey.

The purpose of this survey is to gather input from various Kansas 4-H stakeholders (4-H members 12 and older, parents, volunteers, decision-makers, and KSRE professionals) within Kansas 4-H Youth Development on the most critical priorities for the program now and into the future.

This past year, a statewide Program Fee Task force of Kansas 4-H Professionals identified four primary investment areas to focus on.

These would benefit all 4-H learning environments:

- 1) Project support and enhancements (i.e. principles of engaged learning, communicate and connect learning opportunities, updating/refreshing existing project materials)
- 2) Volunteer Development (materials and coaching of volunteers; tools for recruitment, growth, evaluation and accountability)
- 3) Program enhancements benefiting community clubs (including but not limited to updating, strengthening and refreshing tools for use with youth and volunteer audiences)
- 4) Foundational Supports (accessibility, campus/community partnerships and marketing at statewide events, and materials that can be used by Extension offices and 4-H clubs)

You will discover as you take this survey, that the questions are organized around these four investment areas. Your recommendations will help provide valuable input towards our final decisions. These investments that will provide the best value and

programmatic advantages for young people across the state.

The survey, a short invitation video and other related resources are found at: [http://www.kansas4-](http://www.kansas4-h.org/about/news/index.html)

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The direct link to the survey is: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eLEHRkQBvVMSILj. We ask that you **complete** the survey **before November 15**.

Data collected will be utilized in conversations with KSRE professionals during the 2017 4-H Program Reboot (formerly Program Updates) that will be held on November 29 (El Dorado), 30 (Manhattan), & Dec. 1 (Scott City). It will be a facilitated process to discuss what Kansas 4-H stakeholders said regarding program prioritization. This collective and discussed feedback will then be utilized by Kansas 4-H administration for deciding on investment priorities for the future. Please call the Kansas State 4-H Office if you have any questions at 785-532-5800.

Thank you for your partnership with and ongoing investment in Kansas 4-H Youth Development.

Respectfully,

Wade Weber

State 4-H Program Leader/Department Head
4-H Youth Development

NE 4-H Leadership Event

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

NELE is led by the Northeast Area youth council representatives with cochairs, 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.

Watch for registration to open mid-November.

You can contact Diane Mack with questions at: dmack@ksu.edu
Office: 785-532-5833 or Office Direct Line: 785-532-2278



The Extension Office will be closed on **Friday, November 10th** in honor of Veterans Day on Saturday.



The Extension Office will be closed
November 23rd and 24th for
Thanksgiving.

Other Important Dates

November 11 - Achievement Banquet
November 14 - **Deadline:** Project
Leader Lists
November 17-19 - KYLF
November 18 - Chase County
Livestock Contest
November 27 - 4-H Leader Training

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January 20, 2018 - NELE in Clay
Center
January 22, 2018 - 4-H Council
Meeting
March 3 - Morris County 4-H Club Day
March 23, 2018 - Morris County 4-H
Foundation Annual Banquet
July 1-2 - North Central District
Horse Show in Salina
July 21-30, 2018 - Morris County Fair