

MORRIS COUNTY NEWS



December 2017



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.

Achievement Banquet

Thanks to everyone who assisted with decorating, setting up, and cleaning up for the 2017 4-H Achievement Banquet. A special thank you also goes to the 4-H Council Achievement Banquet Committee. Congratulations to all of the 4-Hers who received project awards, achievement pins, Kansas 4-H Key awards, as well as the Friend of 4-H and 4-H Alumni winners! We also want to thank and recognize our 4-H volunteers, club leaders, and project leaders for their hard work this year!

Pin and Key Award Recipients

Congratulations to (pictured below from left to right) **MaKenzie Downes**, Flint Hills, for receiving the 2017 Kansas 4-H Key Award. **Erin Jones**, Burdick Hustlers, and **Colton Bacon**, Flint Hills, both received the gold guard pin at the 4-H Achievement Banquet.



Congratulations **Morgan Poole**, Dwight Sunflowers, for also receiving the 2017 Kansas 4-H Key Award.

4-H Alumni and Friend of 4-H

Congratulations to **Clark Carroll** (pictured right) for being named the 2017 4-H Alumni recipient and **Anna Carroll** for being named the Friend of 4-H recipient this year.



Carcass Contest Winners

Winners for the 2017 Carcass Contest were announced at the Achievement Banquet. **Colton Bacon** was named the Swine Carcass Contest Champion and Chase Bacon was named Reserve Champion winner and **Jayden Patry** was named the Beef Carcass Contest Champion and Reserve Champion winner.

4-H Officer Training

We had a great turnout for the 2017 Officer Training with approximately 40 4-Hers in attendance. We also want to thank the K-State Collegiate 4-H members 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 materials.

Kansas State Fair Premium Checks

The KSF premium checks have been mailed or handed out. If you have not received yours, please contact the Extension office. Also, note that if they are not **cash**ed within **60 days** they will become VOID.

Northeast Area KAP Judging

4-Hers who were named a senior county project award winner and who have passed their 14th birthday BEFORE January 1, 2017, but NOT their 19th birthday before January 1, 2017, 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 are listed below:

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

Volunteer Screening Process (VSP)

Just like 4-H members, all volunteers need to "enroll" or "re-enroll." K-State requires all **Direct** (age 18 and older) 4-H volunteers to be registered volunteers. For new volunteers, the screening process includes filling out an application, 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 Volunteer Service Renewal (VSR) form. Every third year, volunteers must go through the full screening process.

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. All new applications and renewal forms must be completed and turned into our office by **December 20th**.

Remember to Send 'Thank You' Notes

If you haven't sent your 'thank you' notes, please get them done ASAP. If you have any

questions, please contact Laci Thibodeaux, Fair Secretary, at laci.lou.25@gmail.com.

Upcoming Project Meetings



Pet/Cats Meeting & Christmas Party

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.

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 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

Kansas 4-H with the Wildcat Women

The Kansas 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women is going to be on January 13, 2018. This event is sponsored by KAE4-HA.

For the event in 2018 we will ONLY take online registrations - families will be able to pay with their credit cards online. We will NOT accept paper registrations.

Group Ticket Rate of \$20 per person, youth or adult 4-H and non 4-H families and individuals welcome to attend What you will receive: A ticket to the K-State vs. Oklahoma State Women's Basketball Game · A game day T-shirt · \$7 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands at the game The day's preliminary activities will include: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tickets and Shirts distributed (Peace Lutheran Church, 2500 Kimball Ave) 12:00 p.m. Doors open for General Public for the game 1:00 p.m. Tip off **Online registration for this event will be due December 21, 2017.** To register, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/2018kae4ha>

We hope to see you and many of the families from your Local Extension Unit at this event, which is always a great day! If you have any questions, you can contact the Extension Office.

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

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.
Registration Deadline: January 15, 2018

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.

Registration: Coming Soon

Registration Fee: Varies, Check Registration Form for Details

Registration Deadline: January 15, 2018

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. **Full details will be posted and registration will go live on or before December 6th.** Registration will be on the CVent system, and will close on Thursday, February 8, 11:59 p.m. To register, visit: <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.

Junior Sheep Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2018.

Junior Beef Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2018.

Registration information will be released in December for both Producer Days, so watch the KSU Youth Livestock Program Facebook page and website for further details! Or contact the Extension office.

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.



Ambassador Co-Leader:

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.

Notecard Sets for Sale

Notecard sets were given at the Achievement Banquet with photos exhibited by our 4-H members at the 2017 Morris county Fair. They come in sets of 12 with envelopes for \$8. They would make great Christmas gifts, stocking stuffers, or whatever the occasion. Numbers are limited so get yours soon! Just stop in at the Extension office. (Make checks payable to the: Morris County 4-H Council.)

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

Other Important Dates

December 20 - VSP & VSR's (Volunteer Screening Process & Volunteer Service Renewal) Deadline
December 22 - Conservation Sr. High School Scholarship Deadline

January 15 - CIA Registration Deadline
January 20, 2018 - NELE in Clay Center
January 22, 2018 - 4-H Council Meeting
January 26-28 - 4-H Horse Panarama-Rock Springs
February 23-24 - Ambassador Training-Rock Springs
January 24 - Kansas 4-H Scholarship Deadline
March 4 - Morris County 4-H Club Day
March 17: Junior Sheep Producer Day
March 23, 2018 - 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 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



Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!

From
Lori, Shandi, and Lisa

