State Fair Exhibits

Congratulations to all of the 4-Hers who participated in the Kansas State Fair! Morris County was well represented and we are proud of your accomplishments. Exhibits from the State Fair can now be picked up at the Extension Office anytime Monday through Friday between 8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00.

Special Recognition at the Kansas State Fair

Congratulations to Nichole Patry, Ella Kirk, Brittley King, and Brodey King as the photos they entered at the Kansas State Fair were selected by the Kansas 4-H Foundation to be used for promotional purposes.

Featured Photo

The 2nd annual Featured Photo that was selected at the Morris County Fair to hang in the Extension Office was taken by Nichole Patry of the Dwight Sunflowers 4-H Club.

4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12th in the Morris County Courthouse meeting room at 7:00 p.m.

4-H Enrollment

It is time to enroll for 4-H Online. The link is https://ks.4honline.com. New enrollments and re-enrollments may begin after October 1st and need to be completed by November 1st. 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 this newsletter is a re-enrollment brochure with step by step instructions. For the new 4-H families, brochures will be available from the Club Leaders and the Extension Office. Participation forms will be done electronically on 4-H Online, the same as last year.

Appreciation Picnic

4-Hers, parents, and families are invited to attend the Friends of 4-H Appreciation Picnic on Sunday, October 9th. A meal will be provided in the community building at the Morris County Fairgrounds (located just east of Council Grove) beginning at 5:30 p.m. We appreciate all that parents and families do to support Morris County 4-Hers!
**National 4-H Week**

National 4-H Week will be October 2-8, 2016. Clubs are encouraged to inform their communities about the 4-H program during this week. 4-H members should be prepared to discuss contests, presentations, displays, and other ways to promote 4-H. If your club wants ideas for activities during National 4-H Week, contact the Extension Office, as there are some great promotional materials. National 4-H Week is a great opportunity to share enthusiasm and promote the benefits of the 4-H program to our communities.

**Consider Enrolling in the Pet Project**

Do you have a fish, hamster, turtle, guinea pig, or a bird? Or, perhaps you have a different type of amphibian or hand pet. If so, 4-Hers might want to consider enrolling in the pet project when completing their online 4-H enrollment this month. This project allows 4-Hers to learn more about household pets and how to care for them, feed them, and keep them healthy. If you have questions about the pet project, contact the Extension Office (620.767.5136) or project leader, Denise Ehrlich (785.466.1782).

**County Pet/Cat Project Meeting**

Everyone interested in the Cat project or the Pet project is invited for the first meeting on Monday, Oct. 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Morris Courthouse meeting room. The topic of the meeting is “choosing the pet that’s right for you”. We will also set the dates for the December meeting & Christmas party! Please plan to attend. Wear black or orange and receive a prize!

**Record Book Judging**

4-H record book judging will be held on Wednesday, October 12th, in the meeting room at the Morris County Courthouse. We will plan to judge books from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are planning to come in the evening, please call the Extension Office to make sure we still have books that need to be judged. We would like to have at least three representatives from each club to help with the judging. Please contact the Extension Office by Monday, October 10th to let us know who will be representing your club.

**4-H Expo**

October 9th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. is the Morris County 4-H Expo. Come learn more about 4-H, where 4-H can take you, see examples of record books, learn more about giving a project talk and much more.

What we need for the Expo:

- Past record books that placed in the top 3 of their respective categories (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions).
- Each Club is invited and encouraged to have a booth. Ideas to have at your booth Club Officer Books, tri-fold display of the club’s activities, club t-shirt, and club banner.
- Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. on October 9th to setup club and project booths.
**Officer Training**

The Morris County 4-H Officer Training will be held on **Tuesday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m.** in the Courthouse Meeting Room in Council Grove. We will have the opportunity to have the Collegiate 4-Hers from K-State to train our officers again this year. 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 need to have club leaders RSVP to the Extension Office with the number of officers attending and their office by **October 28th**.

**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 the 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 4-H age of 8 years old. For participation in the Air Rifle project, youth must have one year of the BB project and be 4-H age of 12 years old. 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.

**Achievement Banquet**

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

**Tickets.** Ticket are $4.25 each. Tickets are now available in the Extension office or will be available at the 4-H Council meeting on October 12th for club leaders to pick up. Tickets can be purchased from the Extension Office or through your club leader. Ticket orders need to be submitted to the Extension Office by **Monday, October 31st**.

**Club Assignments.** 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. Time for set up will be announced at a later date.

- **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.
2017 Fair Dates

The Morris County Fair Board has announced the 2017 fair dates to be July 22-31. The detailed schedule will follow at a later date.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) will be held November 18-20, 2016, at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center. The forum is for youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2017. Participants will have the opportunity to build leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers, and more. In addition, the 2017 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF. Registration is now open on the Kansas 4-H website. The early bird registration fee is $215. However, with the support of the Morris County 4-H Foundation, Morris County 4-Hers can attend for $129. The early bird registration deadline is October 15th. For more information or to register go to http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html

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 23rd, and recipient will be presented a medal at January 28th 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.

Conservation District’s Annual Photography Contest

The Morris County Conservation District is sponsoring their Seventeenth Annual Photography competition. More information was attached to the September newsletter or is available in the Extension Office and the Conservation District Office.

Mark Your Calendars

Oct 8- Judd Ranch Livestock Judging Contest
Nov. 1 - Officer Training
Nov. 12- Achievement Banquet
Welcome Back to 4HOnline!
Kansas 4-H welcomes you to another year of convenient online enrollment!

When Can I Reenroll Online?
KS4HOnline opens October 1st for online enrollment and reenrollment; families may enter the system on or after this date to enroll or reenroll for the new 4-H year.

Who Is Responsible for Reenrollment?
Both parent/guardian and their child are responsible for completing 4-H reenrollment online for youth members.

Questions?
Contact your local Extension office for assistance.

Step 1: Log in to 4HOnline
1. Visit https://ks.4honline.com
2. Login to your family’s existing profile.

Step 2: Complete Forms
Edit family information any time by clicking [Edit Family]. This includes changing the login email or password.

1. Click [Edit] next to the existing member you wish to reenroll.

If you forgot your password, complete the “I forgot my password” process and a temporary password will be emailed to you. Check the junk folders if needed.

Don’t create a new family account.

2. Review the member’s Personal Information and click [Enroll for 2015-2016].

3. Make changes to the member’s Personal Information page if needed.

*If the youth is a club officer or project leader, indicate “Yes” for Volunteer. If not, mark “No.”

4. Click [Continue].

Both youth and their parent or guardian must be present to complete a youth’s Additional Information page. Digital signatures are required and are the legal equivalent of manual signatures.

5. Click [Continue] when completed.

A parent or guardian is responsible for completing the youth’s Health Form page next.

6. Click [Continue] when finished.
**Step 3: Edit Club Information**

Last year's club information will exist, but is editable.

1. Remove or add club memberships as needed.

Volunteer types (*club officer positions*) can also be edited and updated.

2. Click [Continue].

**Step 4: Edit Project Information**

1. Remove or add projects as needed.

Volunteer types (*junior project leader positions*) can also be edited and updated.

2. Click [Continue].

**Step 5: Add Groups & Submit**

1. Add Groups that indicate the youth's commitment to 4-H this year if applicable.

When the youth's online enrollment has been completed, click [Submit Enrollment].

Repeat Steps 2 through 5 for each member in the family you wish to reenroll.

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**Beginning October 1st**

**REENROLL USING 4HONLINE**