

MORRIS COUNTY NEWS



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Stop By and Wish Elaine Well

We want to wish **Elaine Jones**, our office professional, all the best as she plans to leave her position with our district in order to be able to spend more time with her family. We greatly appreciate her years of service and will miss having her in the office!

You are invited to attend an open house reception on **Friday, December 16th** from **3 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Stop by the Extension Office and help us wish Elaine well!

Office Relocation

As you may know, our office will be in the process of relocating to a new space within the Courthouse over the next few weeks. You can regularly check our Facebook page, K-State Research and Extension - Flint Hills District, for temporary changes in office hours. Please be patient with us during the move as we do our best to meet the needs of our 4-Hers and families.

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.

Achievement Banquet

Thanks to everyone who assisted with decorating, setting up, and cleaning up for the 2016 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 award, 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!

Gold Guard Pin Recipients

Congratulations to (pictured below from left to right) **Chris Jones**, Burdick Hustlers, **Morgan Poole**, Dwight Sunflowers, **Justine Lee**, Dwight Sunflowers, and **Makenzie Downes**, Flint Hills, for receiving the gold guard pin at the 4-H Achievement Banquet.



Kansas 4-H Key Award Winner

Congratulations to **Justine Lee** (pictured right) the 2016 Kansas 4-H Key Award Winner who was recognized at the Achievement Banquet!



4-H Alumni and Friend of 4-H

Congratulations to **Clay Dalquest** (pictured left) for being named the 2016 4-H Alumni recipient and **Bill Mathias** for being named the Friend of 4-H recipient this year.

Carcass Contest Winners

Winners for the 2016 Carcass Contest were announced at the Achievement Banquet. **Tyler Mangiaracino** was named the Swine Carcass Contest winner and **Mason Ellerman** was named the Beef Carcass Contest winner.

Kansas State Fair Premium Checks

The KSF premium checks have been mailed out. If you have not received yours, please contact the Extension office.

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 11th at 5:00 p.m.** 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:

- ***Jamie Beck** - Foods & Nutrition
- ***Laura Buller** - Fiber Arts
- ***Joey Carson** - Beef
- ***Makenzie Downes** - Meat Goats, Shooting Sports, and Swine
- ***Avery Lee** - Pets
- ***Justine Lee** - Sheep
- ***Dryden Powell** - Clothing & Textiles
- ***Morgan Poole** - Dog Care & Training, Horse and Rabbits
- ***Jess Prudence** - Leadership and Photography

Cloverbud Meeting

The next Cloverbud meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 15th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Morris County Courthouse meeting room. Please remember to sign up on 4-HOnline, if you haven't done so already.

Pet/Cats Meeting & Christmas Party

A pets/cat meeting and Christmas party is planned for **Thursday, December 22nd** at **6:30 p.m.** at the First Baptist Church (501 Country Lane, Council Grove). All project members and families are invited. Meeting topics will include winter shelters for cats and holiday safety tips for pets.

Following the meeting, we will have our Christmas party and gift exchange. For the gift exchange, bring a cat themed gift, \$5.00 or less. Examples include cat food, cat toy, food dishes, litter or cat treats. Also, please remember to bring a snack to share with the group. Remember that is USD #417 Morris County Schools close due to weather and cat/pet has an event planned, we will cancel and reschedule.

Fiber Arts Project Meetings

There will be a countywide Fiber Arts meeting on **Saturday, December 17th** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Council Grove. Plan to bring your supplies as well as a sack lunch.

A second countywide Fiber Arts meeting will be held this month on **December 21st** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Council Grove. Plan to bring your supplies.

Weigh-In

Beef weigh-in will be held on **April 8th** from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Derek Schrader's home (16875 K177, Alta Vista).

Small animal (sheep, goats, swine, bucket calves) will be held **April 30th** from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

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 were due to our office by **November 1st**.

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.

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.

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.

Northeast Leadership Event

Are you looking for a one day leadership experience where you can get great new ideas to take back to your 4-H club and meet new friends? Consider attending the Northeast 4-H Leadership Event on **Saturday, January 21st from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The event will be held at Riley County High School, 12451 Fairview Church Road, Riley, Kansas, and is open to 4-Hers between the ages of 12 and 18 from all over the northeast area. The day will also include guest speaker Jake Worcester, President/CEO of the Kansas 4-H Foundation. The cost to attend is \$25. The registration and payment deadline is January 3rd. For more information and to register, visit www.kansas4h.org.

Livestock KAP Workshop

Experience a hands-on simulation to practice good livestock record keeping skills and to better understand the project specific 4-H Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) on **Saturday, January 14th** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Emporia at the Anderson Building. Register by Dec. 15th to guarantee your spot at tinyurl.com/zqpdlyj. For questions, call 620.341.3220. An additional workshop to assist with non-livestock project record keeping will be planned for early spring. Watch for more information to come!

Hutchinson Community College Livestock Judging Classic Contest

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 13, 2017 for this event. This is a great preparation for many state contests. More info to come when it is available.

Shawnee County Livestock Judging Clinic

Shawnee County 4-H Livestock Committee is having their state wide clinic and contest on **February 11, 2017** at the Kansas Expo Centre Livestock Pavilion in Topeka. Registration is from 12:00-12:45 and the contest starts at 1:00 p.m. More information is available in the Extension office.

2016 Southwind 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl & Hippology Contest

This event will be held on Saturday, **December 17, 2016** starting at 10:00 a.m. Check-in is at 9:00 a.m. Entries, fees and questions must be received by December 9th. Each Quiz Bowl contestant has an entry fee of \$5 and entries must also include 25 questions per team. More information is available in the Extension office. The event will follow the rules as stated in the State 4-H Horse Panorama Contest Guidelines at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/docs/2016_Horse_Panorama_Rules.pdf

Kansas Beef Expo Livestock Judging Contest

Hutchinson Community College is the host again for the Kansas Beef Expo Livestock Judging Contest to be held on Friday, December 9, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the Horse Expo Arena (South East of fairgrounds, just east of Sheep/Swine Barn. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Entry forms need to be emailed to williamsb@hutchcc.edu

Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day

March 11, 2017 in Weber Arena on the K-State campus will be the location for Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day. Early registration is due Feb. 22nd. More information is available in the Extension office or to register online go to commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND.

Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

The 5th biennial Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be held on March 25, 2017 with registration at 8:45 a.m. Early registration is due March 3, 2017. More information is available in the Extension office or register online at commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND.

Mark Your Calendars

January 14 - KAP Livestock Project Training
March 4 - Morris County 4-H Club Day
March 11 - K-State Junior Swine Producer Day
March 18 - Regional Club Day
March 25 - K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day
April 13- HCC Livestock Judging Classic
June 24-27 - 4-H Camp
July 22-31 - Morris County Fair

Extension Office Closed

In observance of Christmas, the Extension Office will be closed from **noon-5 p.m. on Friday, December 23rd**, **all day on Monday, December 26th**, and **January 2nd** in observance of New Year's Day.

