

MORRIS COUNTY NEWS



February 2016



4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held **Monday, February 22nd** in the courthouse meeting room at 7:00 p.m.



Ambassador Meeting

The Morris County 4-H Ambassadors will meet on **Monday, February 22nd** in the courthouse meeting room following the 4-H Council meeting.

Cloverbud Meeting

The next Cloverbud meeting will be held **Thursday, February 11th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Law Library of the Morris County Courthouse.

Congratulations, Makenzie!

At the Northeast Area KAP screening, **Makenzie Downes** had her record books chosen to advance to the state level judging in the Meat Goats and Shooting Sports divisions. Congratulations, Makenzie!

State Fair Premium Checks

Reminder --- Cashing your State Fair premium checks promptly is greatly appreciated, please.

4-H Club Day &

Regional 4-H Club Day

The Morris County 4-H Club Day will be held on **Saturday, March 5th** at the Council Grove Elementary School. Entry forms & guidelines were attached to the January newsletter and are available on our website at: <http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/>. **The entry deadline is Friday, February 19th**. Regional 4-H Club Day will be held on March 19th at Madison High School.

Club Day Cookie Plates

To show our appreciation to the teachers and staff for allowing us to use the Council Grove Elementary School for 4-H Club Day, each club is asked to bring a plate of cookies (2 dozen) and a signed thank you note from club members. Cookie plates and thank you notes can be dropped off in the teachers' lounge on the morning of Club Day.

Presentation Tips and Tricks

4-H helps youth learn skills necessary to clearly organize and present thoughts and ideas through project talks, demonstrations, illustrated talks, and public speaking presentations. A series of communication fact sheets are available in the Extension Office. These may be helpful to 4-Hers as they prepare for Morris County 4-H Club Day.

Morris County 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Once again the Morris County 4-H Foundation is offering scholarships to **present** or **past** Morris County 4-H members. Also, please note that students can **apply and receive the scholarship twice**. Applications are available in the Extension Office, on our website, or from your school counselor. The application deadline is **May 2nd**.



Konley Harding Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for a \$1000 academic scholarship in memory of Konley Harding. Applicants must be a current or former 4-H member and a graduating high school senior planning to pursue higher education at a four year college, community college, or vocational technical school. Preference will be given to applicants seeking an agricultural related field of study. Applications are due **May 15th** and are available in the Extension Office or on the website at www.flinthills.ksu.edu.

County-Wide Fiber Arts Meeting

There will be a county-wide Fiber Arts meeting on **Saturday, February 20th**, at the First Baptist Church in Council Grove from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please bring your projects and supplies.

Foods and Nutrition Project Meetings

There will be two upcoming county-wide foods and nutrition project meetings. Please see below for dates, times, and locations.

***February 11th - Meeting Room at Morris County Courthouse, 5:00 p.m.**

This meeting will provide 4-Hers the opportunity to learn tips to consider when giving talks and demonstrations about the foods and nutrition project. 4-Hers are invited to give a project talk or demonstration at this meeting if they desire. Please RSVP to the Extension Office (620.767.5136) by February 8th if you plan to attend and if you are planning to give a talk or demonstration.

***March 11th - Wilsey United Methodist Church, 5:00 p.m.**

At this meeting 4-Hers will learn about baking muffins. Each participant is asked to bring a mixing bowl, muffin pan, and \$2.00. Please RSVP to the Extension Office (620.767.5136) by March 4th.

Beef Weigh-In

Beef Weigh-In will be held on **Sunday, March 6th** from 1:30 - 2:30pm at Derek Schrader's (16875 K177, Alta Vista).

County Swine Project Meeting

There will be a county swine project meeting held on **Thursday, Feb 11, 2016**, from 6:00-8:30p.m. in the community building at the fairgrounds. Please RSVP to the Extension Office (620.767.5136) by February 8th.

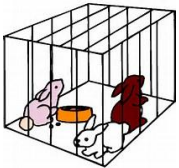


Youth PQA Training

Training for youth to receive their PQA certification will be held on **Tuesday, March 22, 2016**, from 5:30-9 p.m. in the courthouse meeting room. Please RSVP to the Extension Office (620.767.5136) by March 18th.

Shawnee County Livestock and Horse Judging Clinic

The Shawnee county livestock and horse judging clinic will be held **March 19th** in Topeka. Registration will begin at 12:00 p.m. and the judging clinic will start at 1:00 p.m.



Attention 4-H Rabbit Owners

Someone has donated a bunch of rabbit cages and equipment for our 4-H kids in the rabbit project. If you need something, call Tonya Carroll at (785) 230-1665.

KDWPT Angler Certification Instructor Course

On **Saturday, February 20, 2016** the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism is presenting a certified instructors course for adults. Also, for youth between the ages of 12 and 17 they can become certified as KDWPT Junior Assisting Angler Volunteers. For more information, go to fishingsfuture.org or email Phil Taunton at ptaunton7@gmail.com.



K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy. This intensive four-day educational experience is designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in 9th through 12th grades. The academy is being hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council. There will be two sessions offered this year and are scheduled for June 8-11 and June 29-July 2 in Manhattan. Youth may apply for one or both dates as their schedule allows. Additional information and applications are available in the Extension Office. The application deadline is April 1st.

Mark Your 2016 Calendars

March 5 - Morris County Club Day
March 5 - Ks Junior Beef Producer Day
March 19 - Regional Club Day
March 19 - Ks Junior Sheep Producer Day
May 31 - June 3 - Discovery Days
June 24-27 - Sunny Hills 4-H Camp
July 26-Aug 1 Morris County Fair
Sept. 9-18 - Kansas State Fair
Sept. 30 - Oct.2 - KJLS

Extension Office Closed



The Extension office will be closed on **Monday, February 15th** in observance of President's Day.

