

# MORRIS COUNTY NEWS



March 2016



## 4-H Council Meeting



The next 4-H Council meeting will be held **Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** in the courthouse meeting room at 7:00 p.m.

## 4-H Ambassador Meeting

The Morris County 4-H Ambassadors will meet on **Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** in the courthouse meeting room following the 4-H Council meeting.

## Cloverbud Meeting

The next Cloverbud meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Morris County Courthouse.

## 4-H Club Day

The Morris County 4-H Club Day will be held on **Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** at the Council Grove Elementary School. Every family that had an entry should have received the schedule/booklet in the mail. It is also posted on our website.

We will be setting up for 4-H Club Day on **Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 p.m. We would appreciate anyone who is available to help.

## Club Day Cookie Plates



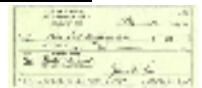
To show our appreciation to the teachers and staff for allowing us to use the Council Grove Elementary School for 4-H Club Day, each club is asked to bring a plate of cookies (2 dozen) and a signed thank you note from club members. Cookie plates and thank you notes can be dropped off in the teachers'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

## Regional 4-H Club Day

Regional 4-H Club Day will be held on **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** at Madison High School. If you qualify for Regionals, please let the Extension Office know as soon as possible following County 4-H Club Day whether or not you are planning to exhibit at Madison. This will allow the Extension Office time to contact alternates, if necessary.

## State Fair Premium Checks

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



## Citizenship in Action

Two Flint Hills District 4-Hers, **Ellen Jones** (Chase County) and **Makenzie Downes**, attended Citizenship in Action February 14-15 at the State Capitol in Topeka.



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**.



## 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 13<sup>th</sup>** and are available in the Extension Office or on the website at [www.flinthills.ksu.edu](http://www.flinthills.ksu.edu).

## Morris County 4-H Foundation Incentive Awards

4-H clubs will receive \$10 for each top blue awarded to their club or club member at 4-H Club Day. Clubs should also keep track of the activities they do to promote interest in joining 4-H. Some examples include recruitment booths at school activities or other public events and/or participation in parades. The club will earn \$10 for each event that qualifies. The Morris County 4-H Foundation will review the *Morris County 4-H Club Summary Report* to select winning activities. If desired, clubs **may** attach a note suggesting which items they feel qualify or provide further explanation to judge their promotion.

## Foods and Nutrition Project Meeting

There will be a countywide foods project meeting on **March 11<sup>th</sup>** at the Wilsey United Methodist Church at 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Fiber Arts Project Meeting

There will be a countywide Fiber Arts project meeting on **Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** at the First Baptist Church in Council Grove from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please bring your projects and supplies.

## Morris County Fair

The Morris County Fair will be **July 26-August 1**. The schedule will remain similar as last year, with the exception of the dog show being held on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. followed by the cat show.

Our fair secretary is Laci Thibodeaux. She can be contacted by email at [laci.lou.25@gmail.com](mailto:laci.lou.25@gmail.com), by phone at 620.877.7253, or by mailing address is 1209 G Ave, Dwight. Welcome aboard, Laci!

## Discovery Days

Discovery Days will be held **May 31 - June 3, 2016** on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. This mini college experience is designed for youth who are 13-18 years of age as of January 1, 2016. The theme this year is "Get a Clue and Discover YOU." Participants will have the opportunity to select classes, attend social functions, and be a part of community service opportunities. With the support of the Morris County 4-H Foundation, the registration cost is only \$55 per 4-Her instead of the full \$215. Online registration is now open and can be found by visiting [kansas4h.org](http://kansas4h.org) or by contacting the Extension Office. The registration and payment deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Kansas 4-H Sewing Camp

The 2016 Kansas 4-H Sewing Camp will be held **May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>** on the K-State Campus in Manhattan. The camp is open to youth who have sewing experience between the ages of 13 and 18. The cost to attend is \$195. Additional information can be found at [kansas4h.org](http://kansas4h.org) or in the Extension Office. The registration and payment deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Walk Kansas for Kids

The Council Grove and Prairie Heights Elementary Schools will be participating in the Walk Kansas for Kids program, **March 23<sup>rd</sup> - April 27<sup>th</sup>**. The goals of the program are to encourage physical activity and the importance of choosing a healthy lifestyle. During the six weeks, youth will complete a weekly activity log, receive a weekly newsletter with healthy tips, and earn incentives. Students will also have the opportunity to engage in weekly walking activities with other students participating in the program. Please see Ms. Reddick, school nurse, the Morris County Health Department, or the Extension Office for more details and registration information.

## Sunny Hills 4-H Camp



The 2016 camp dates are June 24-27 at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center. Camp is open to 4-Hers who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration forms are attached to this newsletter and are available on our website at [flinthills.ksu.edu](http://flinthills.ksu.edu). The Morris County 4-H Foundation will provide \$140 of support and the Flint Hills Rural Electric Cooperative will provide \$10 of support for 4-Hers to attend camp. As a result, the camp registration cost for a Morris County 4-Her is just \$35 instead of the full registration fee of \$185. Registration forms and payment are due in the Extension Office by May 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Beef Weigh-In


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




## Small Animal Weigh-In

Wednesday, **April 27** from 5:30-7pm will be small Animal Weigh-In at the Fairgrounds. Small animals include (sheep, goats, swine, and bucket calf) Tagging for hogs will be the same as last year. (You may pick up tags in the Extension office, tag the hog, then send a picture of that animal showing the tag in ear by email to [bammerlin@ksu.edu](mailto:bammerlin@ksu.edu))

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Tractor Safety Training

**Monday, March 14, 2016 9:00**  
a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Prairieland Partners John Deere in  Emporia. This school is designed to assist 14 and 15 year-old's in gaining certification for farm employment. Youth ages 12 and 13 are welcome to take the training. However, they cannot become certified until they reach the age of 14. Participants must be able to attend the entire day. Pre-Registration is required by March 4, 2016. Contact the Extension office for more information.

## New Horse Rule Book

There have been several horse rule changes and a new horse rule book has been published. The new book is available at <http://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/S133.pdf>

## Shawnee County Livestock and Horse Judging Clinic

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

## Wild Bill Kick 'Em Up Beef Shoot-Out

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** in Abilene CKFF Fairgrounds. Entries are due March 25<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms and more information are available in the Extension Office.

## Gary Fuller Spring Classic

May 7 & 8 at the Lyon County Fairgrounds in Emporia. Entries are due April 29. Registration forms and more information are available in the Extension Office.

## Cowley County Livestock Show

Beef Classic -Saturday April 30, at the Winfield Fairgrounds, Winfield KS. Early bird Pre-Entries due April 22.

Sheep & Goat - Saturday, May 28, pre-entries May 20. Registration forms and more information are available in the Extension Office.

## Shawnee County Spring Livestock

### Show - May 7 & 8

#### Saturday, May 7

7:00-8:30am Beef weigh in and Bucket Calf check in

9:30am Bucket Calf 4-H Show, Beef Show will start immediately after the conclusion of the Bucket Calf Show

9:00-10:00am Goat check in and weigh-in prospect market goat

10:00-11:00am Sheep check in & Sheep weigh in

12:00pm Goat Show

1:30pm Sheep Show or 30 minutes following the Goat Show

5:30-7:00pm Swine Check-In

#### Sunday, May 8

8:00-10am Swine Check in

11:00 am Swine Show

Pre-entries are due **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**. More information & entry forms are available in the Extension Office.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Kansas Range Youth Camp

If you are interested in plants, livestock, or wildlife, attend this educational event held **July 12-15** at Camp Mennoscah in Murdock, KS. For more information and registration form, contact the Extension Office. The registration deadline is **June 1**.

### Livestock Judging Camps

The KSU "Champions" Livestock Judging Camp is a three day, intense judging camp designed for 4-H and FFA members, ages 14-18, who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary for this camp. Workouts will be conducted similar to those at a collegiate level. Mini camps will be conducted in June. Each camp will be limited to 35 students and will be accepted on a "first come-first serve" basis. The following dates are set for the 2016 camps. **June 6-8, June 10-12, June 17-19**. Registration forms and more information are available in the Extension Office. Registration is due by **May 23**.

## Hutchinson Community College

### Livestock Judging Classic

Hutchinson Community College Livestock Judging Classic will be held on **Tuesday, March 29, 2016** at the Expo Arena at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Registration will be from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Contest starts at 8:45 a.m. Entries are due **March 27** via email to Ben Williams at williamsb@hutchccc.edu. Cost is \$10 per contestant with lunch provided and is due the morning of the contest. There will be two divisions. For more information contact the Extension Office.



## **2016 Barn Quilt Workshop**

New this year at the Kansas State Fair is a barn quilt competition. The champion barn quilt will be permanently displayed on the Kansas State Fairgrounds with credit being given to the quilt creator! To help out those who are interested, KSF is offering a workshop on **April 9<sup>th</sup>** from 10-4 at the KSF Encampment Building. Registration is \$40. Registration is due by **April 1<sup>st</sup>** and space is limited. More information and registration forms are available in the Extension Office.

## **Mark Your 2016 Calendars**

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 **Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** for **Good Friday**.

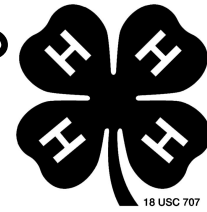




# Sunny Hills 4-H Camp

June 24-27, 2016

Rock Springs 4-H Center



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Flint Hills Extension District – Council Grove  
Courthouse; 501 W Main  
Council Grove, KS 66846  
620-767-5136

**Registration Payable to:**  
**“Morris County 4-H Council”**  
**Registration Due May 16<sup>th</sup>**



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## **Sunny Hills 4-H Camp is . . .**

- ◆ Held at Rock Springs 4-H Center located 13 miles south and west of Junction City, KS.
- ◆ For kids 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ◆ For kids in 4-H or a friend of a current 4-Her.
- ◆ A place for you to have fun with old friends and make new friends while participating in activities such as canoeing, horses, crafts, campfire, archery, fishing, swimming and more.
- ◆ A place for you to sleep in tents or cottages with kids your own age and eat family style in Williams Dining Hall.
- ◆ Where staff members and counselors are trained in special program areas to provide you with fun and safe ways to enjoy Rock Springs.
- ◆ A place for you to try new things and to be a part of a team.
- ◆ For kids who want to stay at Rock Springs. Campers are not allowed to come and go from camp for other activities.
- ◆ Not a place for cell phones. Campers are not permitted to carry cell phones while at camp. Please refrain from sending cell phones with campers.

# COUNTY 4-H CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

June 24-27, 2016 Grades 3-7 (as of 1/1/16)

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Camper: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed May 2016: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size (circle 1)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ YM AM

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ YL AL

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ AS AXL

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list up to 3 people you would like to room with (Note: campers must be within 1 grade level of the camper completing this form.)

Please do NOT house me with:

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\_\_\_\_\_ I am a Morris County 4-Her and enclosed is my camp fee of \$35.00 payable to **“Morris County 4-H Council.”**

*Please note that the cost to attend 4-H camp is \$185. Because of the Morris County 4-H Foundation and the Flint Hills Rural Electric Cooperative, Morris County 4-Hers are able to attend for only \$35. Please remember to send them a thank you note! Thank you notes can be dropped off at the Extension Office or they can be brought to camp.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a friend of a Morris County 4-Her and enclosed is my camp fee of \$185 payable to **“Morris County 4-H Council.”**

**Registration is due to the Extension Office by May 16, 2016.**

Please be sure to send payment with completed registration to:  
Flint Hills Extension District, Courthouse, 501 W Main, Council Grove, KS 66846

**\*\*All campers are required to have a current 4-H Participation Form (health form) on file in the Extension Office.\*\***