

MORRIS COUNTY NEWS



September 2016



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.

Kansas State Fair Exhibits

Exhibits that were pre-entered for the Kansas State Fair can now be dropped off at the Extension Office. Exhibits need to be dropped off by **Thursday, September 8th**. Food, horticulture, and floriculture exhibits may be delivered to the Extension Office between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on **Friday, September 9th**.

Pets Project Leader

Do you have a fish or a hamster? Or, are you a cat lover? The pets project provides an opportunity for 4-Hers to learn about household pets and how to care for them, feed them, and keep them healthy. We are happy to announce that Denise Ehrlich is our county pets project leader. Her address is 1793 S 1600 Road, Wilsey, KS, and her phone number is 785.466.1782.

Attention 2015-2016 Cloverbuds

Please join us for our final meeting of this 4-H year on **Thursday, September 15th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Morris County Courthouse meeting room. Be prepared to do some celebrating and have a lot of fun!

Livestock Sweepstakes



Participating in the Livestock Sweepstakes contest in Manhattan were Carissa Dalquest, Colton Bacon, Makenzie Downes, and Mason Ellerman. The team competed in three events; skillathon, quiz bowl and livestock judging. They consistently placed in the top half of each contest.

Ambassador Applications

Morris County 4-Hers who are in 8th grade or above and who are interested in promoting the 4-H program are encouraged to apply to be a Morris County Ambassador for the 2016-2017 4-H year. The 2015-2016 ambassadors are also encouraged to apply. The application form is attached to this newsletter or can be located on our website at flinthills.ksu.edu. Applications are due to the Extension Office by **Wednesday, September 21st**. All applicants will be asked to interview. Interviews are set for **Wednesday, October 5th**. For additional questions, contact the Extension Office at 620.767.5136 or Michelle Schrader at x1mover@yahoo.com.

Lost and Found



We have a few clothing items in the Extension office that were left at the fairgrounds following the Morris County Fair. Please call or stop by to claim your items.

Project Meeting Forms

Club and county project leader meeting reports for meetings held during the 2015-2016 4-H year are due to the Extension Office by **Monday, October 3rd**. These forms are used to report 4-Her attendance as well as presentations given by 4-Hers at club and county project meetings. The form can be found on our website at www.flinthills.ksu.edu or in the Extension Office.

Achievement Banquet

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



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.

Friend of 4-H and 4-H Alumni Nominations

Each year, 4-H clubs in Morris County are asked to nominate individuals who they feel have contributed to the 4-H program and are worthy recipients of the Friend of 4-H or 4-H Alumni awards. Both of these awards are given out at the 4-H Achievement Banquet. If you have someone who you think would be a great candidate, let your club leader know. Nominations are due with the 4-H Club Summary on **October 3rd**.

Club Officer Books

Club secretary, reporter, and treasurer books need to be submitted to the Extension Office on **Monday, October 3rd**. Clubs do not need to turn in their historian book.

4-H Key Award

4-Hers who are 16 years old or older may apply for the 4-H Key Award. Requirements for the award include completing at least four years of 4-H work, being enrolled in the leadership project for at least four years, and fulfilling at least nine other requirements on the application. The application can be found on the Flint Hills District website at flinthills.ksu.edu. Once at the website, click on the 4-H Youth Development tab on the left-hand side of the screen and then click on the Morris County Information tab. Applications are due **Monday, October 3rd**.

Record Book Reminders



Record books and pin applications are due in the Extension Office by **Monday, October 3rd**. Forms are online

at: www.flinthills.ksu.edu.

As you are preparing your record books, please remember the following:

***Junior Division (7 & 8 Year Olds)** - When writing stories for your award applications, remember to include **two** stories. One story should be a general 4-H story that describes your 4-H year. The second story should be a project story that describes your project work throughout the year.

***Intermediate Division (9-13 Year Olds) and Senior Division (14 & Older)** - When writing your stories for your KAPs, remember that your story needs to be project specific. You may include information from your 4-H year as it relates to your project.

***Permanent Records** - Remember that the permanent record is a continuous document of the activities throughout your 4-H career. In other words, the current year's activities should be added to the previous year's document.

***Application Signatures** - Remember to have your award applications and pin applications signed by your club leaders and a parent/guardian.

An order of assembly for record books is now posted on our website. If you have questions about completing record books, filling out pin award applications or what pin application you can apply for, please contact the Extension Office.

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.

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.

Friend of 4-H Appreciation Picnic

The annual appreciation picnic will be on **October 9th at 5:00 p.m.** following the 4-H Expo. The picnic will be held at the Morris County Community Building. Each club is asked to provide 8 bags of chips. 4-Hers and parents will be need to greet guest, serve food, and clubs are asked to send the names and addresses of anyone who has supported the club and its members to the Extension office by Sept 13th so an invitation can be mailed to them.

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:

- Any project interested in having a booth at the Expo is encouraged to do so. If you plan to have one, please let the Extension Office know (by Sept. 30) so the booth will be listed on the participating groups list.

- 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.

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 open on the Kansas 4-H website and will close October 15th. The Morris County 4-H Foundation will also provide support to Morris County 4-Hers planning to attend KYLF. 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's 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 is attached to this newsletter.

Mark Your Calendars

Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 - KJLS

Oct. 3 - Record Books, Pin

Applications & Key

Award Applications Due

Oct. 5 - 4-H Ambassador Interviews

Oct. 2-8 - National 4-H Week

Oct. 9 - 4-H Expo & Friend of 4-H

Appreciation Picnic

Oct. 12 - 4-H Council Meeting & Record Book

Judging

Nov. 12- Achievement Banquet



Extension Office Closed

We will be closed on Monday, September 5, for the Labor Day Holiday.



celebrating **LABOR DAY** Word Search



See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. LABOR | 5. WORK | 9. SUMMER | 13. AMERICAN |
| 2. DAY | 6. LONG | 10. NATIONAL | 14. MONDAY |
| 3. HOLIDAY | 7. WEEKEND | 11. USA | 15. DAY |
| 4. SEPTEMBER | 8. ENDING | 12. TRAVEL | 16. OFF |

MORRIS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

To recognize individuals who use photography to capture conservation images effectively and creatively, the Morris County Conservation District is sponsoring its Seventeenth Annual Photography competition. Cash awards will be given, and winning entries will be exhibited at the District's Annual Meeting on January 28, 2017.

The contest is open to amateur photographers (those who earn less than 80% of their income from photography) who are residents of or attend school in Morris County. Photos entered must have been taken in this calendar year in Morris County, and may be entered in the following categories:

*Conservation Practices – Photos of volunteers planting trees or of district personnel advising a farmer could be entered in the category. Shots of erosion, a polluted stream or other conservation challenges are also appropriate.

*Opportunities in Conservation Education – Entries in this category might show a workshop for local teachers or a farmer learning about wetlands. This is also the place to enter your best photos of children taking part in conservation activities.

*Wildlife – In this category, you might show deer running through the woods or a bird nest in an urban neighborhood.

*Prairie Landscapes – Sunsets, pastures, city parks and other impressive views are appropriate subjects for this category.

*Youth Only – This category is designed for youths up to age 18. Photos may cover any of the above adult categories. All photos will be judged as one category.

Each participant may enter up to, but no more than, four photographs. The photographs will not be returned. They may be black and white or color, and will be judged together. Photos should be no larger than 8 X 10 inches and no smaller than 5 X 7 inches. Photographs should be placed in an 8 X 10 picture page envelope and they should not be matted.

A 3 X 5 notecard containing the following information must be attached to the back of each photo: photographer's name, address and phone number, and category entered. Negatives need to be enclosed in a protective jacket attached to the back of the picture at time of entry or email a jpeg.

One First Place Photo:	\$25.00 Cash Award
One Second Place Photo:	\$15.00 Cash Award
One Third Place Photo:	\$ 7.50 Cash Award
Five Honorable Mentions:	Brag Books

Entries are due November 4, 2016, at the Morris County Conservation District Office. For more information call Jo Bea Titus - Hutchinson at 620-767-5111 Extension 101. Upon acceptance of Cash Awards, all rights and privilege of winning photos and negatives belong to the Morris County Conservation District. Further photos may be deemed Honorable Mention with appropriate awards given.

2016-17 Morris County 4-H Ambassador Application

Mission: Promote the 4-H Program to the families and youth of Morris County through leadership, service and support.

To be eligible to apply, you must have one full year of experience as a Morris County 4-H Club member and must be an 8th grader to age 18. **Applications are due September 21st in the Extension Office.** All applicants will be asked to interview. Interviews are tentatively set for Wednesday, October 5th.

Full Name:

Preferred Name:

Mailing Address:

E-mail:

Phone:

4-H Club Name:

Years in 4-H:

School Attended:

Current Grade:

Date of Birth:

Parent or Guardian Name:

Parent or Guardian Phone:

Parent or Guardian Email:

Parent or Guardian Mailing Address:

Please use no more than two pieces of paper to respond to the questions below. Staple your responses to this completed application.

1. List your 2 most significant leadership experiences in 4-H or other organization. Be specific.
2. Why would you like to serve as a Morris County 4-H Ambassador?
3. What are two specific skills would you contribute to the Morris County Ambassador team?
4. If you could improve one thing about 4-H in Morris County, what would it be?
5. What part of 4-H can you talk about most easily? What is most difficult to explain?

Statement by 4-H Member:

I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be true.

Signature: _____ Date: _____