

MORRIS COUNTY NEWS



March 2015



4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held **Monday, March 23rd**, at the courthouse meeting room at 7:00 p.m. Ambassadors will meet after 4-H Council.



4-H Club Day &

Regional 4-H Club Day

The Morris County 4-H Club Day will be held on **Saturday, March 7th** at the Council Grove Elementary School.

Because the entry deadline for County Club Day was February 27th and is only one week before the event, we will be emailing the schedule out to participating families and not sending it postal mail.

Regional 4-H Club Day will be held on March 14th at Madison High School.

4-H Club Day Setup

We will be setting up for 4-H Club Day on **Friday, March 6th** at 4:30 p.m. We would appreciate anyone who is available to help.

Cookie Plate Reminder



To show our appreciation to the elementary teachers and staff for allowing us to use the school for 4-H Club Day, each club is asked to donate a plate of cookies. Cookies may be dropped off in the teachers' lounge on the morning of club day.

Horse Panorama



Morris County 4-Hers competing in this year's 4-H Horse Panorama, and their placings, were: **Mandy Wainwright** (left), fourth in junior project talk contest, and member of the winning Horse Quiz Bowl team; **Breah Fillmore**, first place in senior poster contest; **Chancy Johnson**, on second place Horse Quiz Bowl team; and **Blane Fillmore**, first in junior poster contest.



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Citizenship in Action

Seven Morris County 4-Hers attended Citizenship in Action February 15-16 at the State Capitol in Topeka. Pictured below is (back row) Elizabeth Mayhill, Makenzie Downes, Representative Tom Moxley, Hannah Stilwell, Angel Breunig, Sam Wittman, (front row) Jamie Beck and Jess Prudence.



Ambassador Training

Ten Morris County 4-H Ambassadors - (back row) Levi Koepsel, Caleb Kirk, Megan Poole, Sam Wittman, Treyser King, Sam Kirk, Morgan Poole, (front row) Jess Prudence, Makenzie Downes, and Emilie French.



County Fiber Arts Meeting



A county Fiber Arts meeting will be held on **Friday, March 27, 2015**, at the First Baptist Church in Council Grove from 6:30-8:30 pm. Please bring your supplies.

County Swine Project Meeting



There will be a county swine project meeting held on **Thursday, March 19th** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the courthouse meeting room.

County Clothing Meeting

There will be a county clothing meeting on **Saturday, March 28th** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the courthouse meeting room. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about jeans and how they are made. Each participant is asked to bring a couple of pairs of jeans from their wardrobe to the meeting. Anyone who is involved with the clothing project is welcome to attend!

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 1st**.



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

Senior Division KAP Form

The state 4-H office has recently updated the KAP form for 4-Hers in the senior division (Ages 14-18). **The form will be used on the county level beginning with the 2014-2015 4-H year.** The updated form has been posted on the Flint Hills District webpage and can be found at flinthills.ksu.edu. Once at the webpage, click on the 4-H Youth Development tab and then on Morris County Forms. Please note that the form has a revision date of September 15, 2014.

Morris County Fair Dates

The dates for the 2015 Morris County Fair have been set for **July 18-July 27**.

State Fair Premium Checks

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

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.

Relay For Life



Relay For Life of Morris County will be held **May 30, 2015**, at the Council Grove High School gym. The time for this year's event is a change from previous years. Instead of an evening event, this year's Relay will be held in the daytime from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Relay For Life Committee would greatly appreciate 4-Hers' help with several tasks from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. If your 4-H club is able to assist with these tasks, please contact Cheryl Kincaid at 620.767.2146 or cekincaid@tctelco.net and let her know what shifts your club can assist with. As in past years, Relay For Life t-shirts will be available for 4-H volunteers assisting with the event. Please submit sizes and number of t-shirts needed to Cheryl by April 25th. Relay For Life is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and is a great community service project!

Discovery Days



Discovery Days will be held **May 26-29** at Kansas State University in Manhattan. This mini college experience is designed for youth

who are 13-18 years of age as of January 1, 2015. The theme this year is "Be MARVELous and make and IMPACT." Participants will have the chance to select classes, attend social functions, and be a part of community service opportunities. The registration deadline is tentatively scheduled to open March 2nd and will close on April 15th. More information about registration fees will be available in the April newsletter.

4-H Campference 2015

4-H Campference is for youth between the ages of 12 and 14 (before January 1, 2015). Campference will be held **May 31-June 3, 2015** at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas.

Plan to register early as the space will fill on a first come basis, and Campference was full in 2014! More information on registration and fees will be in our April newsletter.

4-H Photo Adventure Camp

4-H Photo Adventure Camp, **May 31-June 3, 2015**, is an exciting four day photographic experience for teens ages 13-16. The camp, held at Rock Springs 4-H Center, offers hands-on workshops covering a wide range of topics and skills. Campers supply their camera equipment. Parents, project leaders and other 4-H volunteers who have completed the 4-H volunteering screening process are invited to attend camp and learn along with the youth. Enrollment is limited so don't delay in registering for Photo Adventure Camp 2015, which can be found online at kansas4h.org. The registration fee is \$190 for youth or adults. Registration closes April 15, 2015.

Shutterbug Workshop Events

The Photo Action Team has scheduled two Shutterbug workshop events. Shutterbug events provide opportunities for youth to participate in hands-on sessions covering a variety of topics, such as lighting, composition, portraits and posing, camera Q & As, etc. Youth may choose from 7-8 sessions at each location. Dates and details are as follows:

Shutterbugs at Botanica (Wichita) will be held **Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** No pre-registration or other fees are required other than your admission fee into Botanica (Adults \$7; Youth 3-12 \$5).

Shutterbugs at Garden City Zoo (Garden City) will be held **Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** No pre-registration is required. There will be a \$5 per person/maximum \$20 per family upon arrival.

Walk Kansas 2015

The 2015 Walk Kansas program will begin **March 15th** and conclude **May 9th**. Walk Kansas invites friends, neighbors, family members, and co-workers to form teams of six and track their minutes of physical activity and consumption of fruits and vegetables over the course of eight weeks. Participants have reported multiple benefits from participating in the program including increased energy, a more positive outlook, stress reduction, improved sleep, weight loss, and lower blood pressure.

The cost to enroll in the eight-week program is \$6; which includes registration, incentives, and a weekly newsletter with nutrition and health tips and recipes. Walk Kansas t-shirts can also be purchased for an additional \$7.50. **The registration deadline is March 13th**. To sign up a team or for more information, contact the Extension Office at 620.767.5136. Additional information can also be found on our website at flinthills.ksu.edu. Click on the Health and Nutrition tab and then click on Walk Kansas 2015.

Small Animal Weigh-In

Sunday, **April 19** from 5-7pm will be small Animal Weigh-In at the Fairgrounds. 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).

T-Shirt Quilt Classes

It's not too late to come to the classes. The first class has been held, but instructions can be found in the Extension office to catch you up. The next class will be **Sunday, March 8th at 1:30pm** in the Morris Co Courthouse meeting room. Classes will be \$8 each. More information can be found on the Extension Facebook page or at the Extension office.

Tractor Safety Day

Lyon, Chase, Coffey, and Morris County Extension Offices will be working together to host the 2015 Hazardous



Occupation Training (H.O.T.) classes for all youth who will be working for area ag producers. Training is scheduled for **March 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at PrairieLand Partners. Youth ages 14-16 will be eligible for a certificate showing completion of the H.O.T. training. Younger students may come and take the test, but they will not be able to receive their certificate until their 14th birthday. Students need to pre-register by March 6 so they can receive and work on their class materials prior to the first session. Please call the Extension office for more information or stop by to pick up a registration form.

2015 Spring Livestock Day in Alma

Spring Livestock Day will be held at the Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds on **April 25th**. Entries are due **April 17** to the Wabaunsee County Extension Office. For more information or for registration forms, contact Flint Hills Extension Office or Wabaunsee Extension Office.

Horse Judging Camps

The Kansas State University Horse Judging Team will host two separate camps to assist youth in learning to judge horses and give oral reasons. Please visit the website, www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu for more information and registration forms.

Beginner Camp - June 2, 2015

The beginner camp is designed for youth with very little experience judging horses and would like to learn more about note taking and oral reasons. Emphasis will be placed on the placing of classes commonly seen in Kansas judging contests. Objectives: (1) Learn about evaluating horses in different classes, (2) Improve oral reasons, (3) Learn easy note taking skills, (4) Gain individual instruction, (5) Sharpen presentation skills. Classes covered include Stock Type Halter, Western Pleasure, and Hunter Under Saddle.

*Camp registration fee is \$35/person and must be paid by May 10, 2015.

Advanced Camp - June 3-4, 2015

The advanced camp is designed for youth with some experience judging horses and would like to learn more about note taking and oral reasons. Emphasis will be placed on the placing and reasons of classes commonly seen in Kansas judging contests. Objectives: (1) Learn about evaluating horses in different classes, (2) Improve oral reasons, (3) Learn easy note-taking skills, (4) Gain individual instruction, (5) Sharpen presentation skills. Classes covered include Stock Type Halter, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Horsemanship/Equitation, and Reining. Youth will be housed in KSU dorms and will be assigned a roommate. *Camp registration fee is \$120/person and must be paid by May 10, 2015.

Biggest Soybean Plant Contest

Grow the biggest soybean plant and win the K-State Agronomy Beanstalk Award. There are two divisions: Division I: 9th grade - 12th grade and Division 2: Kindergarten - 8th grade. 2015 marks the 8th annual competition at the Kansas State University Manhattan campus. All participants will receive a Willie and the Beanstalk t-shirt. For more information stop by the Extension Office or visit [Willie and the Beanstalk](#). Willie and the Beanstalk is sponsored by the KSU Department of Agronomy.

Livestock Events

March 4: South Barber FFA livestock judging contest, Kiowa

March 28: Phillips County Livestock Judging Contest, Phillipsburg

March 28: Harvey Co Spring Beef Show, Newton

April 25: Cowley County Classic Beef Show, Winfield.

-Langston's Goat Field Day, Langston, OK

May 2&3: Shawnee County Spring Livestock show, Topeka

Oct 2-4: Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson

Mark Your Calendars

March 1 - Beef Weigh-In

March 7 - Morris County Club Day

March 14 - Regional Club Day

March 16 - Tractor Safety Day

March 21 - Morris County Swine Project mtg.

March 28- Jr. Goat Producer Day

April 19 - Small Animal Weigh-In

May 26-29- Discovery Days

July 9 -11 - Tri-County Fair

July 18-27-Morris County Fair

June 15-18 - Sunny Hills 4-H Camp

Sept 11-20- Kansas State Fair

