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4-H Newsletter

District-wide Cloverbuds

The Sunshine Makers Cloverbud Club will meet February 9th (Always the 2nd Thursday of the month) at the Paola Office from 5:30-6:30pm. Any Cloverbud is welcome to come. Cloverbuds must be 5-6 years old by Jan. 1, 2017.

Jr. Leaders Meetings

The next Miami County Jr. Leader Meeting will be February 13th at 7pm at the Paola Office.

The next Linn County Jr. Leader Meeting will be February 19th at 4:00 pm at the Linn County 4-H Bldg.

4-H Councils

The next Miami County 4-H Council Meeting will be March 13th at 8pm at the Paola Office.

The next Linn County 4-H Council Meeting will be March 22th at 7pm at Linn County 4-H Building.

4-H Enrollment

May 1st will be add/drop deadline and New Member enrollment deadline. Reminder: You must be 7 before January 1, 2017 to enroll as a 4-H Member. If you are 5-6 years old before January 1, 2017, you can enroll as a Cloverbud.

Enroll Online at <https://ks.4honline.com>. Participation Forms are online this year and must be completed before your enrollment is official.

Volunteers Must Enroll

All Screened Volunteers need to enroll in the 4-H Online system as well. Just enroll as if you are enrolling a 4-H'er and then mark yourself as a volunteer. This is the way that we are tracking screened volunteers. **Volunteers Enroll Online at <https://ks.4honline.com>.**



Club Leader Meeting

The next club leader meeting will be January 31st at 7:30pm at Labette Bank Meeting Room in LaCygne. It will be a joint meeting with leaders from both counties. We will be discussing possible changes from the State at this meeting.

Volunteer Orientation

Volunteer orientation will be held on March 15th at 7:00pm at the Paola Office. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the Marais des Cygnes District then you should attend. Also if you are wanting to be a camp counselor and haven't done the volunteer screening you will need to attend. If you are already a registered volunteer with Marais des Cygnes District then you do not need to attend this orientation.

Market Beef Ownership Deadlines and Tagging Dates

Miami County Market Beef must be tagged by March 10th. Weigh-in and tagging will be March 10th 5:30-7:30 pm at Miami County Fair Grounds. Linn County Market Beef must be tagged by March 11th. Weigh-in and tagging will be March 10th 7-8pm or March 11th 7-8am at Linn County Fair Grounds.

Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, contact Karla Hightower, 913-294-4306.

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District-wide Events

Important Upcoming Dates

4-H Club Day	February 18th
4-H Regional Day	March 25th
Discovery Days	May 30th-June 2nd
Wild Clover Camp	June 2nd-3rd
4-H Camp	June 14th-17th

Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA) Dates

All Miami County Fair Exhibitors in Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats must attend one of the following LQA classes to show at the 2017 Miami County Fair.

All Linn County Fair Swine Exhibitors must attend one of the following LQA Classes to show swine at the 2017 Linn County Fair.

Classes will be held:

March 21	2:00pm	Paola Office	March 22	6:30pm	Mound City Fair Grounds
May 10	6:30pm	Paola Office			

Do not wait until the last minute! These are the only classes we will offer this year!

4-H Club Day

4-H Club Day will be February 18th at Prairie View Middle School. Event Guidelines are available online at <http://www.maraisdescygnnes.k-state.edu/>. Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/GTHvHGk7vW4b05nN2> due by February 3rd at midnight. We will be signing up for time slots the day of Club Day. There will be a schedule sent out the week before with group events and sign-up times. You must indicate you will be attending Regional Day before leaving.

Horse Judging practice at the Mound City Office

February 7, 16 & 21 all dates at 6:30pm

Contest February 24 - EquiFest in Topeka

Open to any 4-H'ers in the district. For more information contact Abbie 913-795-2829.

Horse Level Testing

April 4 at the Paola Office

April 18 at the Mound City Office

Both dates will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will cover Level 1 at 6:30 p.m. and Level 2 at 7:30 p.m. Each level will cost \$10 so please bring payment with you. It is necessary to RSVP by 4:00 p.m. the day of the event so that I know how many sets of study materials to bring. Please call if you have any questions - Abbie 913-795-2829

Market Goat, Sheep, & Swine Deadlines and Tagging Dates

Miami County Must be tagged by May 5th. Weigh-in and tagging will be May 5th 5:30pm-8pm at Miami County Fairgrounds.

Linn County must be tagged by May 12th. Weigh-in and tagging will be May 12th 5pm-8pm at Linn County Fairgrounds.

District-wide Events

Chopped, Clover Edition

Save the date we will be hosting Chopped Clover Edition Thursday, June 22nd at Miami County Fairgrounds. Also we will have a contest to help grow our event, participants of Chopped Clover Edition 2016 are encouraged to get more teams/individuals to participate. There will be a place to name this person on the registration flyer winner will be announced and receive a prize at Chopped Clover Edition 2017 during the results. There will be more information to follow.

Fantastic 4-H Camp

There will be information in next months newsletter with registration details for Fantastic 4-H Camp and Wild Clover 4-H Camp. Registration for Fantastic 4-H Camp will be due April 17th.

Tractor Safety

Save the date April 5, 2017 at Allen County Courthouse in Iola.

4-H Regional Day

4-H Regional Day will be March 25th at Wheat Ridge Middle School Gardner, KS. Sign-up will open on Friday March 10th and close on Wednesday March 15th.

Linn County

Linn County Fair

All Linn County livestock exhibitors planning to sell at the Linn County Fair Livestock Auction will need to complete a W-9. A W-9 will be attached to your entry form that you will receive at the May 4-H Council meeting. Please complete the W-9 and return it with your fair entries to the Mound City office by July 15th.

State Events

2017 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training

The 2017 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 24-25 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City. It is open to all county/district 4-H ambassadors, ambassador advisors and Extension staff. The theme is “Ambassadors – Growing 4-H.” There will be six youth workshops, three adult workshops, two speakers, with lots of fun and fellowship. Full details will be posted on the Kansas 4-H web site by December 15th. Registration will be on the CVent system, and will close on February 1st. The Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team accepts members (teens, volunteers and Extension staff) year-round. For more information, please call Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281, or e-mail him at dwaldren@ksu.edu.

Kansas Junior Producer Days

Specie producer days are held to provide educational material and hands-on experiences for youth, parents, leaders, and extension agents. Various speakers share information on topics such as selection, nutrition, showmanship, fitting, reproduction, feeding, and disease control. Talks, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and door prizes are present at all events. Beef and Sheep days are held in the even years and Swine and Goat days are held in the odd years. For more information and to register <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html>.

2017 Junior Swine Producer Day

March 11, 2017
Weber Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
Early Registrations Due: February 22, 2017

2017 Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

March 25, 2017
Weber Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
Early Registrations Due: March 3, 2017

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Important Dates/Deadlines

- Feb 3 Club Day Entries Due Online
- Feb 9 Cloverbuds @ Paola Office
- Feb 13 MiCo Jr Leaders @ Paola Office
- Feb 18 District Club Day @ Prairie View Middle School
- Feb 19 LnCo Jr Leaders @ Mound City

- Mar 13 MiCo 4-H Council @ Paola Office
- Mar 20 Mound City Day Camp @ Mound City
- Mar 21 LQA @ Paola Office
- Mar 22 LQA @ Mound City
- Mar 22 LnCo 4-H Council @ Mound City
- Mar 25 Regional Day @ Gardner

- April 1 Touch-A-Truck @ Paola Family Center

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