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MARAI DES CYGNES EXTENSION DISTRICT

# 4-H Newsletter

## District-wide Cloverbuds

The Sunshine Makers Cloverbud Club will meet February 11th(Always the 2nd Thursday of the month) at the Paola Office from 5:30-6:30pm. Any Cloverbud is welcome to come.

Cloverbuds are to bring a clothing donation as we will be talking about fiber arts and clothing.

## Jr. Leaders Meetings

The next Miami County Jr. Leader Meeting will be Feb 8 at 7pm at the Paola Office.

The next Linn County Jr. Leader Meeting will be Feb 21 at 4:30 pm at the Linn County 4-H Bldg.

## 4-H Councils

The next Miami County 4-H Council Meeting will be Mar 14 at 8pm at the Paola Office.

The next Linn County 4-H Council Meeting will be Mar 23 at 7pm at Linn County 4-H Building.

## 4-H Enrollment

May 1st will be project add/drop deadline and New Member enrollment deadline. Reminder: You must be 7 before January 1, 2016 to enroll as a 4-H Member. If you are 5-6 years old before January 1, 2016, 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. New members must enroll by May 1st.**

## 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>.**



## 4-H Club Day

Club Day will be **February 27, 2016** at Prairie View Middle School. Entries will be accepted online and are due February 12th, 2016. Guidelines and registration are available on [www.maraisdescyqnes.ksu.edu](http://www.maraisdescyqnes.ksu.edu) website under 4-H and under hot topics. If you don't have access to online registration, contact your extension office to register.

Register Online at <http://goo.gl/forms/w4YVwAvokX>

## Meeting Cancellation Policy

Bad weather can cause many problems including meeting cancellations. If schools are closed due the weather, we will cancel county-wide 4-H meetings and events. Sometimes bad weather can happen after school. If they are calling for snow or ice that evening, we are probably going to cancel any meeting that night. Be sure to check your email and phones for updates when winter weather is forecasted. We try to cancel meetings by Noon or 1 pm if not sooner.

Please check with your club leader to see what your club policy states.

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*Marais des Cygnes District  
website:*

<http://www.maraisdescyqnes.ksu.edu/>

## District-wide Events

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### 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 2016 Miami County Fair.

**All Linn County Fair Swine Exhibitors** must attend one of the following LQA Classes to show swine at the 2016 Linn County Fair.

Classes will be held:

March 15	2pm	Paola Office
March 23	6:15pm	Mound City: Linn County 4-H Building
April 19	6:30pm	Paola Office
June 22	6:30pm	Paola Office

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

### Horse Judging Practices

February 4th - 7:00 p.m. - Mound City Office

February 8th - 7:00 p.m. - Mound City Office

February 23rd - 7:00 p.m. - Mound City Office

February 26th - EquiFest Horse Judging Contest - Topeka, KS

These practices are open to any level of judging from beginner to advanced so, if you have an interest please plan to join us. Locations to be set depending on those participating in horse judging.

### Horse Owner's Workshop (HOW)

The Marais des Cygnes Extension District, Mound City Ag, and Purina will be hosting a Horse Owner's workshop on March 20th at the Linn County 4-H Building. The workshop is open to anyone that wishes to attend and a meal will be provided. Please watch for a flyer closer to the event with more details.

### Horse Level Testing Dates (Written Exam)

Level 1 - April 5th - 6:30 p.m. - Paola Office

Level 2 - April 21st - 6:30 p.m. - Mound City Office

If you are unable to make it to one of these testing dates or need more information on the horse level testing please contact Abbie or Karla to set up a time to come to either of the extension offices to take the exam on your own. If you are needing to set up a time to complete the riding portion of the level testing please contact Abbie at 913-795-2829.

### Chopped, Clover Edition

Save the date we will be hosting Chopped Clover Edition Tuesday, June 7th. There will be more information to follow. There will also be an orientation on Monday, April 25th at Mound City Office and Wednesday, April 27th at Paola Office. Please join us at orientation to learn more about the fun, new foods and nutrition project contest.

### Market Beef Ownership Deadlines and Tagging Dates

Miami County Market Beef must be tagged by March 18th. Weigh-in and tagging will be March 18th 5:30-7:30 pm at Miami County Fair Grounds. Linn County Market Beef must be tagged by March 12th. Weigh-in and tagging will be March 11th 6-7pm or March 12th 7-8am at Linn County Fair Grounds.

## District-wide Events

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### Shooting Sports for Linn County Fair

With the districting of Linn and Miami Counties in 2014 there have been several changes to programming in the new district and 4-H is no exception to these changes. It has been decided that the shooting sports project will be the first district wide project club.

This will create change for the Linn County 4-H'ers in that there will no longer be instruction provided in Mound City due to the lack of a county coordinator. All 4-H'ers wishing to take part in shooting sports will need to participate in the Miami County Shooting Sports Program. Miami County currently has certified instructors in all disciplines and a county coordinator. The yearly contest will be held as one district wide event and the Linn County Fair will not have a contest the week prior to the fair. If you are a Linn County 4-H'er and would like to bring a shooting sports related display or poster you are welcome to do that and there will be a division for just that at the Linn County Fair. These items will be judged on Tuesday of the fair.

### Linn County Trailblazer's Horsemanship Clinic

The Linn County Trailblazer's Horse Club and the Marais des Cygnes Extension District will be hosting a youth and adult horsemanship clinic on March 19 & 20, 2016. This clinic will feature horseman Lee Hart. This clinic will be held at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Mound City, KS. The March 19th clinic is open to 4-H'ers and the March 20th clinic is open to adults and senior age youth. This clinic has limited space so if you are interested please contact Abbie. A flyer will be made available at a later date with cost and other details. Contact Abbie for more information at 913-795-2829.

### Kansas 4-H Communication Fact Sheets Helpful for 4-H Day Presentations

Speaking skillfully before an audience is one of the hallmarks that Kansas 4-H members have been successfully doing for over 100 years. Kansas youth through 4-H have learned the skills necessary to get up before an audience and eloquently speak. 4-H has helped youth learn the skills necessary to clearly organize and present thoughts and ideas through project talks, demonstrations, illustrated talks and public speaking presentations. The complete Kansas 4-H communication fact sheet series is listed below. These may be helpful to Kansas 4-H families as they begin to prepare for county 4-H day presentations. They can be downloaded free from the Kansas 4-H web site. Visit: <http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx?tabid=551>.

### Summer 4-H Camp

There will be an e-mail sent out in two weeks with registration detail for Fantastic 4-H Camp and Wild Clover 4-H Camp. Registration for both camps will be due April 1st.

### Club Leader Meeting

We will be having a Club Leader Meeting on March 30th at 7pm at the Paola Office and via Video Conferencing to the Mound City Office.

### Important Upcoming Dates:

4-H Club Days	February 27th	Prairie View Middle School
4-H Camp	June 12-15th	Rock Springs 4-H Center
Wild Clover 4-H Camp	June 24-25th	Wildwood Outdoor Education Center
Miami County Fair	July 23-30th	
Linn County Fair	August 6-13th	

## State Events

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### Discovery Days Classes Needed

The Kansas 4-H program is excited to announce that we are now accepting classes for the 2016 Discovery Days program held at Kansas State University May 31- June 3, 2016. Classes will be taught on June 1 and June 2, we are accepting classes to be taught for 90 minutes, 3 hours or all day (8:30AM-4:30PM) sessions. We encourage instructors to offer classes that will help youth learn more about the different colleges and departments at Kansas State.

If you are interested in teaching a class at Discovery Days, please click [here](#). Class proposals are due by February 15, registration will tentatively open on March 1.

### Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day

The 2016 Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day will be March 19, 2016 in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by featured guests, the Teague Family, as well as K-State faculty and staff members. This event will be a fun filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, sheep project leaders, and adults can increase their knowledge and experience of sheep production and management. Topics include market and breeding project selection, nutrition and feeding, management, health, meat science, wool judging, grooming, showmanship, and show ring etiquette.

This interactive event is designed for all ages and skill levels. All participants will receive a complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations). The early registration deadline is February 24, 2016 and the fee is \$15/person. Registrations received after February 24, 2016 cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt and the fee is \$20/person. A flyer containing more information and registration details may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock website using this link: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html>.

### Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day

The 2016 Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day has been scheduled for March 5, 2016 in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus. This event will be a fun filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and adults can increase their knowledge and experience of beef production and management. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty and staff will cover topics such as nutrition, project management, meat science, reproduction, health, leadership, communication, showmanship, and show ring etiquette. This interactive, hands-on educational event will stimulate your enthusiasm and provide a foundation for management and care of your youth beef project in the coming year. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided.

The early registration deadline is February 10, 2016 and the fee is \$15/person. Registrations received after February 10, 2016 cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt and the fee is \$20/person. A flyer containing more information and registration details may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock website using this link: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html>.

## State Events

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### Free Kansas Leadership Center Training

The Kansas 4-H Foundation is investing \$100,000 during the next three years in Kansas Leadership Center training in support of Kansas alumni and volunteers. This training is a \$300 per person value that Kansas companies hold in high regard. The training also includes access to a 360 Personal Leadership Assessment, the KLC Leadership Portal and Web Chats for each individual. It is open to alumni, Extension staff, 4-H volunteers or perspective volunteers.

#### The free trainings provide:

- An individual opportunity to learn leadership as an activity and behavior, not an elected position. This concept requires ongoing learning and practice.
- Insight into your role as a 4-H leader in helping youth realize that leadership is a behavior, and anyone can lead, anytime, anywhere.

#### All Trainings are from 10am to 3pm. Dates include:

February 19 Kansas Leadership Center, Wichita  
March 5 Fort Hays State University, Hays  
April 15 Garden City Fairgrounds, Garden City  
May 20 Kansas Leadership Center, Wichita  
October 14 Kansas Leadership Center, Wichita  
November 20 Rock Springs 4-H Center, Junction City

How to Register: [www.kansas4hfoundation.org/klc](http://www.kansas4hfoundation.org/klc)

### 4-H Horse Changes

#### Changes for 2016 in the Horse Program following the 4-H Horse Action Team meeting:

- New for 2016, only Achievement Level 1 will be required by 4-H member 9-8 wanting to compete at District and State Fair. Reason - limited number of certified Achievement Level Testers and scheduled trainings being offered.
- No Roping events at the Kansas State Fair for 2016 - cost prohibitive
- Up-date Horse Show Rule Book available early Spring.

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## Important Dates/Deadlines

Feb 8	Miami County Jr Leaders @ Paola Office	Mar 23	LQA @ Mound City
Feb 11	Cloverbud Meeting @ Paola Office	Mar 23	Linn County 4-H Council @ Mound City Office
Feb 12	Club Day Entries Due	Mar 30	Club Leader Meeting
Feb 19-20	KS 4-H Ambassador Training @ Rock Springs		
Feb 21	Linn County Jr Leaders @ Mound City Office		
Feb 21	Miami Co 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting		
Feb 26	EquiFest Horse Judging Contest @ Topeka, KS		
Feb 27	Club Day @ PV Middle School		
Mar 10	Cloverbud Meeting @ Paola Office		
Mar 11	Linn County Beef Weigh-in @ Fair Grounds		
Mar 12	Linn County Beef Weigh-in @ Fair Grounds		
Mar 14	Miami County Jr Leaders @ Paola Office		
Mar 14	Miami County 4-H Council @ Paola Office		
Mar 15	LQA @ Paola Office		
Mar 18	Miami County Beef Weigh-in @ Fair Grounds		
Mar 20	Linn County Jr Leaders @ Mound City Office		

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**District Extension Agent,**  
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# 4-H Clover Day Camp



**March 17, 2016**

**9am to 11:30 am**

**Linn County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building**

For all kids ages 7 to 12 years old

Open to 4-H and non-4-H youth.

**Cost is \$10 per camper.**

Numbers are limited, so register soon.

Registration due March 10, 2016.

Happy St Patrick's Day!



Activities will be St. Patrick's Day and 4-H themed. Make sure to wear play clothes because we will be painting and crafting!

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## Registration

Please return to the Mound City Extension Office by March 10th with payment and Participation Forms.

Participation forms can be found at <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/mg35.pdf>

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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# Miami County 4-H Dog Club

## 2016 Training Schedule

We are changing up the training a little bit this year. Here is our Training Schedule for this year.

### Informational/Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Meeting at Extension Office (No Dogs)

### Obedience

Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5<sup>th</sup> (Fairgrounds – Building #3 Bring your dogs)

7:00 - 7:40pm Beginner Obedience (New Owners and/or New Dogs).

7:00 - 7:40pm Advanced Beginners (Experienced Dogs and Handlers but still at Pre-Novice)

7:40 – 8:30pm Novice/Grad Novice/Open

Obedience Reminders:

- All dogs must be on a training collar and six foot leash.
- Must have proof of Vaccinations At First Class
- Must have completed an Obedience Class to participate in Agility
- No Class if School is cancelled due to bad weather

### Showmanship

Tuesdays, April 12, 19, and 26<sup>th</sup> (Fairgrounds – Building #3 Bring your dogs)

7:00 - 7:30pm Beginner Showmanship

7:35 – 8:05pm Advanced Showmanship

**Note:** Need a Showmanship Collar for this. Ask a Leader or Trainer for assistance in getting one at one of the upcoming AKC Dog Shows.

### Rally Obedience

Tuesdays, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup> (Fairgrounds – Building #3 Bring your dogs)

7:00 - 7:40pm Beginner Rally Obedience (New Owners and/or New Dogs).

7:40 – 8:30 Rally 2 and Rally 3

**Note:** All dogs must be on a training collar and six foot leash.

### Agility

Tuesdays, May 17, 24, and 31<sup>st</sup> and June 7, 14 and 21<sup>st</sup> (Fairgrounds – Arena Behind Building #3)

7:00 - 7:45pm Agility 1 (Beginning Agility and On-lead AG 1)

7:45 – 8:30pm Agility 2 and 3

**Note:** All dogs must be on a flat buckle collar and Agility leash.

### Review and Revisit

Tuesdays, June 28, July 5<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup> - More Details to Follow on what we will work on!

For any questions please contact Renee Aldrich (913) 980-4801 or Karen Whitham (757) 506-4006.  
Join the Miami County 4H Dog Club Facebook page. We post all class changes here first!