

Flint Hills District 4-H News

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District Club Day

Our 2024 District Club Day has been scheduled for Saturday, **February 24th** and will be hosted by Morris County. The event will be held at the Council Grove Elementary School, 706 E Main St, Council Grove, KS 66846. We appreciate the school's willingness to allow us to hold our event in their facility. Just a reminder that even years will be hosted in Morris County and odd years will be hosted in Chase County. An entry form has been included with this newsletter to allow clubs and families to begin planning for the day. We encourage families to take the time to complete your registration form and begin work on your entries. **All entries will be due by Monday, February 12th and will be accepted at either Extension Office or electronically.** Just a reminder that members in each county will be placed separately, so a Chase County Champion/Top Blue and Morris County Champion/Top Blue can be eligible for entry at Regionals. Following the entry deadline, entries will be scheduled and participants will receive a schedule. NOTE: There have been a few updates at the Regional level. These details are reflected on the 2024 Entry Form. Regional Club Day has been scheduled for March 23rd and will be held at Madison High School. Let us know if you have any questions.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) took place on November 18th-19th at Rock Springs Ranch. The theme for this year's event was "Lights, Camera, Action, and Leadership". Youth were able to participate in various workshops while also getting to listen to a keynote speaker on the first day while also having some fun. Two Flint Hills 4-Hers participated at KYLF this year. They were Cassidy Dalquest and Josepha Inlow.

Horse Panorama

The 2024 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for January 27th, 2024, at K-State Salina. A schedule of events is located at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html>. 4-H Horse members are encouraged to register to participate in Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, and more.

Pre-registration is open and is required to secure participant t-shirts by **January 2, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.** on Qualtrics.

Participant registration is \$55 and includes all contest fees, t-shirt, meals, awards and materials for the day. Non-participant youth and adults register for \$40. Adults may volunteer to help with the contests for a reduced registration fee of \$15. Please make checks payable to your local 4-H Council.

Virtual contests for 2024 will be Photography, Logo Design, Ad Layout, Poster and PowerPoint. Exhibits must be submitted via email to klnordyke@ksu.edu by **January 20, 2024**. Participants in virtual contests need not be present at Horse Panorama to participate in the virtual contests. Members participating only in virtual contests will not be charged a registration fee. More information about the virtual contest can be found on the Panorama event webpage.



2024 K-State Junior Producer Days: Beef & Sheep

What: Junior Beef Producer Day: This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and extension agents can expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics such as selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification session will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided.

When: March 2nd

Where: Weber Arena on the K-State Campus

Registration Deadline: February 12th

Registration Fee: \$20/person-lunch provided

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>

Late Registration: \$25/person after February 12th

(late registration will not receive t-shirt)

***All attendees must register, including youth & adults.**

What: Junior Sheep Producer Day: Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. Topics include project selection, nutrition and feeding, facilities, health, reproduction, meat science, wool, clipping and grooming, showmanship, and an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. This event is designed for all ages and skill levels.

When: March 16th

Where: Weber Arena on the K-State Campus

Registration Deadline: February 26th

Registration Fee: \$20/person-lunch provided

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>

Late Registration: \$25/person after February 26th

(late registration will not receive t-shirt)

***All attendees must register, including youth & adults.**

Note from Extension Office: You are responsible for registering your youth for the above events. If you have questions please reach out. There will be no agent attending the above events and no transportation provided. Thank you.

2024 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

Registration for 4-H Camp is now OPEN! Families should have a paper mailer from the State 4-H office with an update regarding camp next year. Sign up for 2024 camp will use the link: <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/> and this website will be the hub for all 4-H camp information. They are offering a tiered pricing model for families to select from. A 10% early bird 4-H discount will be offered and run through **December 31st**. At the time of registration, campers will be required to make a 10% deposit, with the rest paid in full by May 15th. They have developed multiple options for payment of camp fees this year including a monthly payment option with credit card or E-Check or pay in full by **May 15th**. Camp options will be available for all 4-H members who will be going into 3rd-12th grade for the school year following the camp season. The menu of sessions will include 7 options to be offered June 2nd-July 3rd. An agent will not attend camp this year since Rock Springs provides counselors where in the past an agent would fill in. Please let the Extension Office know if you have any questions.

Being offered again this year are two leadership opportunities:

Counselors in Training (CIT) which is for rising 12th graders and the application can be found here: <https://forms.gle/y4Sgip1sx82h66Nm7>. Two sessions are offered-June 9th-14th and June 23rd-28th. They will be given responsibility over a group of younger campers from breakfast to bedtime. These teens will receive camper care training and counselor experience, but they will also have "camp" time with their peers built into each day. The CIT program is a fun and wonderful way to explore what it means to be a beginning leader and a mentor and is a good fit for young people who may want to explore a career in education, early childhood care or other related fields. The program also covers important skills such as learning how to give and receive feedback, set and achieve goals, resolve conflict, plan and lead activities and build confidence. Time in this program also looks good on college applications.

Being a CIT is an opportunity to provide leadership to younger campers while also having their own community and camp experiences, all with the mentorship and supervision of our youth development staff.

Leaders in Training (LIT) which is for rising 10th-11th graders and the application can be found here: <https://forms.gle/y4Sgip1sx82h66Nm7>. Three sessions are being offered-June 9th-14th, June 23rd-28th and July 7th-12th. This immersive experience empowers youth to find their voice and transition into leaders ready to serve their communities. Teens participate in camp activities and challenges while also learning leadership development and civic engagement skills. During the week teens bond and find a sense of belonging through teambuilding, leadership skill development, and generosity.

If you are chosen you will attend camp at no cost.

DISTRICT 4-H DATES

DECEMBER

December 2 - The Elite Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest (Leavenworth County)

December 25-29 - Extension Office Closed

JANUARY

January 1 - Extension Office Closed

January 4 - Record Books Due for NE Area Screening

January 22 - Morris County 4-H Council Meeting
@ 6:30 pm

January 27 - Horse Panorama

LOOKING AHEAD

February 12 - Chase County 4-H Council Meeting
@6:30 pm

February 24 - District Club Day - Council Grove

February 26 - Morris County 4-H Council Meeting
@ 6:30 pm

March 1 - 2024-2025 Kansas 4-H Scholarships Due

March 2 - Junior Beef Producer Day

March 16 - Junior Sheep Producer Day

March 23 - Regional Club Day - Madison

Record Books for NE Area Screening

4-Hers who were named a Senior County Project Award winner and meet the age requirements are eligible to submit their Project Record Form to the NE Area Record Screening. You are encouraged to make revisions or improvements based on the feedback you received at the County level. All Project Records for NE Area Screening are due to the Extension Office by **January 4th at 5pm**.

ASSEMBLING THE 4-H PROJECT AWARD

Complete details can be found on the project record forms webpage: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/regional-screening.html> Be sure to review the Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition for details on preparing the cover letter and resume. The following items must be turned in for a complete Regional Project Award submission in the following order:

1. Check Sheet
2. Personal Information Page
3. Cover Letter
4. Resume
5. Project Report Form

Please **DO NOT** include:

- 4-H Permanent Records
- Plastic page sleeves

2024–2025 State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship

The 2024-25 scholarship process for State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program has been streamlined. This process has been designed to encourage more 4-Hers to apply for these scholarships by simplifying and combining the process. Evaluation criteria has also been included to provide transparency throughout the entire process. Scholarship applications are due **March 1, 2024 by 11:59pm**. Please note several of the larger changes listed below:

1. Applicants will provide a cover letter and resume as part of their application . The same resume may be used for both scholarship processes. Applicants are encouraged to have a separate cover letter for the State 4-H Scholarships from the Vanier Family Scholarship Program.
2. Evaluation materials are provided to increase the transparency of the process.
3. References do NOT submit a letter of recommendation – they will be asked to answer several short answer questions about the applicant. These questions can be found on the Kansas 4-H website (<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>).

For questions about the scholarship process, please reach out to Sarah Keatley at keatley@ksu.edu or 620-366-0035.

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K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services, and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the Extension Office two weeks prior to the start of the event at 620-767-5136. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

2024 DISTRICT CLUB DAY ENTRY FORM (ONE PER FAMILY)



Club Day will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024
at Council Grove Elementary School

Entry Form Due to the Extension Office on or before
Monday, February 12, 2024. No late entries will be accepted!

Family Last Name: _____ County (circle one): Morris Chase Club: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Complete each member's information below. Check corresponding box for each entry from the event #'s listed below.

First Name	4-H Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>Example</i>	9		X							X															

Public Presentations

- Show & Share (cloverbuds, ages 7-10)
- Jr. Project Talk (Ages 7-9)
Project Area: _____
- Int. Project Talk (Ages 10-13)
Project Area: _____
- Jr. Demonstration/Illustrated Talk (Ages 7-9)
Partner (if applicable) _____
Project Area: _____
- Int. Demonstration/Illustrated Talk (Ages 10-13)
Partner (if applicable) _____
Project Area: _____
- Sr. Demonstration/Illustrated Talk (Ages 14+)
Partner (if applicable) _____
Project Area: _____
- Public Speaking (Ages 14+)
- Interview (Ages 14+)

Talent Event

- Jr. Reading (Ages 7-9)
- Int. Reading (Ages 10-13)
- Sr. Reading (Ages 14+)
- Novelty Act
If more than 1 person, list participants: _____
- Dance Routine
If more than 1 person, list participants: _____
- Skit or One-Act Play
If more than 1 person, list participants: _____

Music Entries

- Jr. Vocal Solo (Ages 7-13)
- Sr. Vocal Solo (Ages 14+)
- Jr. Instrumental Solo (Ages 7-13)
- Sr. Instrumental Solo (Ages 14+)

19. Vocal Ensemble (2-10 4Her's, any age)
Participants: _____

20. Instrumental Ensemble (2 or more 4-Hers, any age) Participants: _____

21. Chorus (11 or more 4-Hers, any age)
Participants: _____

Parliamentary Procedures

22. Jr. Gavel Games (team of 4 & 1 alt, ages 7-13)
Participants: _____

Adult Contact: _____

23. Sr. Gavel Games (team of 4 & 1 alt, ages 14+)
Participants: _____

Adult Contact: _____

24. Model Meeting
Club: _____

Adult Contact: _____
Number of participants _____ *Attach list

Flint Hills District Club Day—Entry Guidelines

All score sheets can be found on the Flint Hills District webpage:

<https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/district-club-days/districtclubdays.html>

Public Presentations

Show n' Share

- Is a beginning 4-H talk
- Only 3 minutes in length
- The reward is a participation ribbon
- This talk can be about the 4-H'ers projects, a pet, a favorite activity or a 4-H experience
- The purpose is to give the new 4-H'er the experience of talking before an audience

Project Talk

- Jr Division 7- 9 & Int Division 10-13, 2-7 min
- This is a talk about one of the projects in which you are enrolled in and familiar with. It tells about your project
- No questions are asked at the end of a project talk
- Purpose is to inform
- Visuals are optional

Demonstration

- 10 minutes, maximum time of 15 minutes includes set up & presentation
- Must be on a project in which the member is enrolled in.
- A demonstration is simply showing (and telling) how to do something. The purpose is to teach and shows how.
- Most demonstrations incorporate an introduction, a body which is the "show & tell" part, and a summary to stress the important part of your demonstration.

Illustrated Talk

- 10 minutes, maximum time of 15 minutes includes set up & presentation
- Must be on a project in which the member is enrolled in
- An illustrated talk is talking and telling how to do something by using pictures, charts, models, equipment and other types of visual aids

Public speaking

- An original presentation, Members may speak on any topic of interest
- Sr. Division: 14 and older
- 15 minutes maximum
- Must give outline to judge, 1-2 notecards are suggested
- No questions are asked at the end of the speech
- Visuals are optional

Interview

- 20 minute interview with questions
- Sr. Division: 14 and older
- Job Description & scorecard will be sent prior to Club Days
- Cover Letter and Resume Required

Talent Events

Reading

- This is an individual activity
- Open to any age
- Not exceed 5 minutes
- Readings should not be memorized. It can be poetry or prose
- A script is required

Novelty

- 5 minute limit, 1 number
- Any size of group and any age group or individual can present
- An act that is a stunt, pantomime, puppets, marionettes, ventriloquist, juggling, mime, lip sync, etc

Dance

- 5 minute limit, 1 number
- Any size of group and any age group or individual can present
- Dance routines must be choreographed to music

Skit or One Act Play

- 10 minute limit
- Any number and any age persons
- Skits can be creative drama from a script
- Original script must be presented to the judge

Music Events

- All musical entries must bring the original sheet music (music may not be copied, due to copyright laws) for the judge and have the measures numbered
- Instrumental entries will not have to be memorized
- All vocal numbers must be memorized
- Pre-recorded music accompaniment is allowed

Parliamentary Procedures

Gavel Games

- Teams of 4, can designate an alternate
- All participants will take a written test.
- 10-15 minute parliamentary presentation
- Junior teams will choose positions, senior teams will draw for positions

Model Meeting

- All club participation
- 35 minute meeting (includes roll call and recreation)
- Provide agenda, present secretary book notes after meeting
- Must do all 5 types of motions

CHASE COUNTY

4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **February 12th at 6:30 pm** at the Community Building in Cottonwood Falls. As a reminder, if you as the council representative are unable to attend please let your alternate know so that they can attend in your place. Thank you!

Fair Updates

Changes for the 2023-2024 4-H Year:

- ◆ Minimum weights for livestock-Market Beef 1000lbs, Market Hogs 220lbs, Market Lambs 100lbs and Market Goats 50lbs
- ◆ Fair Dates-July 18th-July 25th, 2024
- ◆ The Dog Show will take place on the Friday before, July 19th in the evening.
- ◆ The Sheep/Goat show will take place on Monday morning, July 22nd and weigh-in will be after the horse show on Sunday.
- ◆ The Swine show will still take place on Tuesday morning, July 23rd and weigh-in will be Monday evening.
- ◆ More information on weigh-in times and schedule will come out as usual prior to fair.
- ◆ Premium money may be withheld if exhibits are removed before 11am without Fair Board approval.

2024 Animal Deadlines

- ◆ Market Beef tagging/ownership deadline will be March 26th.
- ◆ Market Lamb, Market Hog, Market Goat and Bucket Calf tagging/ownership deadline will be April 27th.
- ◆ Ownership deadline for breeding animals of any species is May 1st.
- ◆ Poultry and Rabbit ownership deadline is May 31st.
- ◆ Horse Papers are due to the Extension Office by May 31st. This means that the horse/horses that are submitted to the office are the only ones allowed to be used for the County Fair.
- ◆ Dog vaccine records are due to the Extension Office by May 31st

2023-2024 Project Changes

You may have noticed that some of the project names have changed when you went to enroll on 4-H online for the 2023-2024 4-H Year. Here is a link to the updated form with the new project names: https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/project-guides/2023_2024%20Project%20Listing.pdf

Let us know if you have any questions.

Record Books for NE Area Screening

County Champions who meet the age requirements are eligible to submit their Project Record Form to the NE Area for Record Screening. If you are eligible you will get an e-mail from the Extension Office with details for submission.

- Civic Engagement: Josepha Inlow
- Clothing & Textiles: Josepha Inlow
- Dairy: Kailyn Budke
- Dog Care & Training: Kassidy Budke
- Horse: Sadie Mushrush
- Meat Goats: Karlie Gibb
- Photography: Kinslea Glanville
- Plant Science: Kassidy Budke
- Sheep: Karlie Gibb
- Swine: Jake Sollner
- Visual Arts: Lydia Filingner
- Wildlife: Bryson Koch

New Member Packets

New Member materials can be found on the Chase County page of the District website: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/chase-county/index.html>

New member materials can be printed from the website or let the Extension Office know if you need copies printed.

As a couple of clarifications now listed on the Order of Assembly: *Must complete project records for at least half of the projects that you are enrolled in (if half is not a whole number, round up)

*If you are enrolled in the Leadership Project, this must be one of the projects that you complete records for to complete this project for the year


4-H Achievement Banquet

The Chase County Achievement Banquet was held on November 12th. Jake Sollner gave the welcome as the 2022-2023 4-H Council President. The 2023 Friend of 4-H Award was presented to Keith and Janice Glanville. The Leaders Choice Award and Key Award recipient was Henry Giger. Congratulations to all the 4-Hers on a great 4-H year!



2023 Chase County



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Elite Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest Leavenworth
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31	January 1 Extension Office Closed	No School Christmas Break				
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MORRIS COUNTY

Club Leadership Roster

As Club elections are completed, Community Leaders will need to be sure the club leadership roster and the club program book are turned in to the Extension Office. The roster form will be e-mailed to the Club Community Leaders.

Achievement Banquet

Lakoddah Downes and Trinadee Feters were the recipients of the Key Award . Lizzy Buller was the recipient of the Friend of 4-H Award. Larry Johnson was the recipient of the 4-H Alumni Award.



Morris County Fair Secretary

The Morris County Fair Board Secretary is now Shandi Andres. If you have questions related to the Morris County Fair you can contact Shandi at mrcofairboard@gmail.com

Important Dates

Fair Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 2, 7 PM

4- H Council Meeting

Monday, January 22, 6:30 PM

Record Books For NE Area Screening

County Champions who meet the age requirements are eligible to submit their Project Record Form to the NE Area for Record Screening. If you are eligible you will get an e-mail from the Extension Office with details for submission.

4-H members who are eligible to submit their books for screening are listed below by project:

- Beef - Castyn Andres
- Dairy - Gavin Carson
- Foods & Nutrition - Jacob Kasten
- Leadership - Lakoddah Downes
- Meat Goats - Lakoddah Downes
- Performing Arts - Alex Priest
- Sheep - Lakoddah Downes

Cloverbuds

We will be having our next meeting **January 13th at 11 am** at the Courthouse.

- March 9th
- May 11th
- July at the Fair
- September 14th



2024 Animal Weights

Premium Auction Minimum Weights:

Steers/heifers: 1,000 lbs.

Hogs: 230 lbs.

Lambs: 90 lbs.

Goats: 40 lbs.




4-H Foundation Camp Support

The Morris County 4-H Foundation voted to pay \$262.50 toward registration fees for Morris County 4-H members to attend camp in 2023. The Extension Office will coordinate for this credit to be applied to accounts at Rock Springs between April 15 and May 1.



2023 MORRIS COUNTY



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					1	2 Elite Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest Leavenworth
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 USD 417 Early Dismissal	21 USD 481 Early Dismissal USD 417 No School	22	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30
Extension Office Closed						
No School Christmas Break						
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