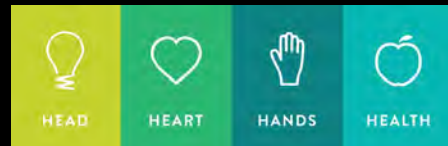


Flint Hills District 4-H News

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Happy
St. Patrick's Day
&
Happy Easter



Regional Club Day

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. If you qualified for Regionals you have been notified and please let us know ASAP if you'd like to attend.

Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp Open House!

Camp families and friends are invited to attend Open House at Rock Springs Ranch, located 10 minutes south of Junction City, Kansas! Rock Springs Ranch is 735 acres in the Flint Hills and we want to share the 4-H camp experience with everyone.

Sunday, **April 21st, 2024 1-4 p.m.** Tours begin at 1 pm. and run until 4 pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information and to RSVP, please visit [here](#) or call Rock Springs Ranch office at (785)257-3221

Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

The 4-H Horse Judging Contest provides youth an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter, including structure and movement, in a competitive setting. This contest will provide an educational experience for all participants.

What: 2024 Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

- Cost: \$15 for 4-H only, \$25/individual for open and 4-H contest, includes lunch

When: March 14th, 2024

- Check-in: 7:45 am.

- Rules meeting: 8:15 am.

- Contest begins: 8:30 am.

Where: Equifest of Kansas; Saline County Expo Center; Salina, KS

Who: The contest awards are available to all Kansas 4-H members 9-18

- An open contest is also available. For complete information, visit KOHA.com

Registration: [COACHES only complete registration for your teams.](#)

Registration Deadline: March 8th, 11:59 PM

YQCA Training

Mark your calendars! There is still one training session for those needing to become YQCA certified. YQCA stands for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. Any individual that plans to show market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or purebred breeding females at the 2024 Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show must be YQCA certified to participate. However, anyone is welcome to attend a training session to become certified. The session will be held in Cottonwood Falls at the USD 284 Board Office on **April 13th from 9-10 am**. The location is open to both counties. Use the following link to register online <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. The cost of the training is \$3 which you will pay online when you register. As a reminder, you can take the training online or at the Junior Producer Days in March if that fits your schedule better.

Project Add / Drop Deadline

Remember that you can add and/or drop projects in 4-H Online until **May 1st**. Please update 4-H Online when you have decided to add or drop a project. This helps keep project leaders, club leaders, and the Extension office up to date as meetings are scheduled and plans continue to move forward for 2024 Fairs.

2024 K-State Junior Producer Days: Beef & Sheep

The 2024 KSU Junior Producer Days will be hosted in Weber Arena on the K-State Campus this year. K-State Junior Beef Producer Day will be March 2, 2024, with K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day being March 16, 2024. The junior beef day is \$25 after February 12th. The junior sheep day is \$25 after February 26th. All participants will need to register. This includes both youth and adults. Here is the link to register and for more information: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/ks-ir-producer/>

Pin Application Forms

The pin application forms have been updated at the State level and we have updated the Flint Hills Extension Office website. Please print the form you are working towards in order to see the updates and changes that have been made. The new version was revised October 2023, so make sure the version you have is correct in order for it to be judged at record book judging. You can find the new pin applications here: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/district-record-keeping/recordbooks.html>

Feeding Your Future Summer Camp

- Cost: \$75 deposit per participant.
- Camp Dates: July 16 – 20, 2024 at the K-State Manhattan Campus
- Number of spots: 30
- For 10-12th grade high school students for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year

You will gain experience growing, harvesting and milling grains into ingredients used to produce baked goods as well as animal and pet food. Industry partners will share job opportunities, career paths and income potential alongside K-State faculty and students. You'll tour K-State's feed and flour mills, bake labs and agronomy research farms, network with peers, and gain an appreciation for food and feed production.

The camp lasts 4 nights and cost includes lodging in K-State residence halls, meals and a Saturday brunch for up to two guests or family members, \$15 for each additional guest.

Join our interest list so you can be notified when registration opens: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8kypSQjkU8OvAUe

Save the Date- 2024 4-H Discovery Days

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be held **June 5-7** on Kansas State University campus. This college and career readiness event for high school aged youth, has been a partnership for over 100 years, between KSU and Kansas 4-H. More information coming

INCOGNITO: INSECTS IN DISGUISE 2024 INSECT ART CONTEST

Who & What: The Kansas State Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting an insect-themed art contest. This year's theme is "Incognito: Insects in Disguise." The goal is to explore how and why insects camouflage. Participants of all ages are welcome to submit a work of art featuring an insect that can camouflage. How to Enter: Fill out an entry form and send with your insect artwork by **April 15, 2024**. See full rules and details at: <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/>

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 was offered 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. 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/y4Sgjp1sx82h66Nm7>. 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/y4Sgjp1sx82h66Nm7>. 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

MARCH

March 1 - 2024-2025 Kansas 4-H Scholarships Due
March 1 - KSU Cattleman's Day-Manhattan
March 2 - Junior Beef Producer Day
March 12 - Morris County Beef Weigh in @ 6 pm
March 14 - State 4-H Horse Judging Contest-Salina
March 16 - Junior Sheep Producer Day
March 23 - Regional Club Day - Madison
March 26 - Chase County Beef Tagging Deadline
March 29 - Extension Office Closed

APRIL

April 13 - YQCA- USD 284 Board Office in Cottonwood Falls @ 9am
April 15 - Morris County 4-H Council Meeting @6:30 pm
April 20 - State Shooting Sports Match @ Great Bend
April 27 - Chase County Small Animal Weigh-In & Tagging
April 27 - Morris County Small Animal Weigh-In & Tagging

LOOKING AHEAD

May 1 - Add/Drop Deadline
May 1 - Morris Co. 4-H Foundation Scholarship Due
May 1 - Market Beef Nomination Deadline
May 10 - Konley Harding Scholarship Due
May 22 - Chase Co. Project Day 4-H
May 22 - Chase Co. 4-H Council meeting
May 31 - Horse Id's Due
June 5-7 - Kansas 4-H Discovery Days
June 15 - Small Livestock & Breeding Heifers Nomination Deadline
July 11-13 - Tri-County Free Fair
July 18-25 - Chase County Fair
July 20-29 - Morris County Fair

SPRING SHOWS

<https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/spring-shows/springshows.html>

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 11:59 pm**. 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.

State Livestock Nomination Information

The 2024 information for state livestock nominations has been released. Families will purchase DNA envelopes in advance, submit their animal and exhibitor information online, then mail their completed and signed DNA samples by the deadline. Extension Agents and FFA Advisors will approve nominations online. Exhibitors who nominated animals last year (in 2023) need to use their existing ShoWorks account. Those who need help accessing their account may request a password reset through ShoWorks or contact the Youth Livestock Program for assistance. Returning exhibitors should not create a new account. All market animals and commercial females' youth would like to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS must be nominated. Market Beef nominations will be due May 1, with Small Animal and Commercial females' due by June 15. The deadline to order DNA envelopes has been moved up to 10 days prior to the deadline, which is April 20 and June 5, respectively. Information may be found under the "Nomination Information" tab on the youth livestock website:<https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>. Families are highly encouraged to use the resources available, especially the Rookie Guide.

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CHASE COUNTY

4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **May 22nd Following project day** 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 1000 lbs, Market Hogs 220 lbs, Market Lambs 100 lbs and Market Goats 50 lbs
- ◆ Fair Dates-July 18th-July 25th, 2024
- ◆ The Dog Show will take place on Friday, 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

Project Day

Chase County Project Day has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd from 9-12.

This will include project meetings, photography judging, and FCS judging.

Save the date on your calendar and look for additional information soon.

Livestock Tagging Deadlines

We will be using EID tags for all livestock animals in 2024. Beef tags will cost \$3.50 each and each 4-H'er will be responsible for paying for their tags. This year a representative from the Extension Office **MUST** be present for tagging Beef. Beef tagging deadline will be **March 26th**. We have beef tags available, so we can start tagging as soon as you have your project. If you are enrolled in the market beef project or have commercial breeding beef that will be state nominated, you will need to contact the office to schedule a time for tagging. The small animal and bucket calf weigh-in and tagging will be **April 27th** from 8:30 am-10:30am at the Chase County Fairgrounds. Small Animal tags will be \$3 per tag. Dairy and breeding goats do not need to be tagged. As a reminder all goats and sheep must have a scrapie tag before coming to weigh-in. If you are unable to make it to weigh-in, you **MUST** have made arrangements prior to April 27th with the Extension Office to get your animal tagged! All payments are due at the time of tagging. We would appreciate exact cash or checks written out to Chase County 4-H Council.

Premium Livestock Sale Rule Change

A new rule has been made from the State 4-H Office stating that "Livestock are now eligible to be sold through a premium auction only sale and youth are allowed to retain ownership and take them on to the Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Sale." The Chase County Fair board made a motion to adopt this policy as well. Moving forward for the 2024 year, a 4-H member can sell their animal through the premium sale and retain ownership of that animal if they choose to or they still have the option to sell to the floor buyer. Youth can take that same animal on to the State Fair and KJLS. Youth who retain ownership of any beef will not be eligible to participate in the carcass contest. If a youth retains ownership of a market animal, that animal will not be allowed to be brought back to the county fair the next year to show again. The rule that all Grand Champion animals must sell has also been removed. All in all, the sale is no longer deemed a terminal sale. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Extension Office.

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.

District Club Day Results

Show & Share		Sr. Readings	
Lily Hancock	Participation	Dominic Barrett	Blue
Jeremiah Hodges	Participation	Int. Readings	
Eli Mushrush	Participation	Ava Matile	Champion
Jr. Project Talk		Enley Lauer	Reserve Champion
Maelie Gibb	Red	Heidi Hansford	Blue
Lily Hancock	Red	Naomi Peters	Red
Liam Lauer	Red	Jr. Readings	
Int. Project Talk		Addison Hansford	Champion
Dentin Matile	Champion	Interview	
Tate Gibb	Red	Josepha Inlow	Champion
Hadlee Litke	Red	Kinslea Glanville	Reserve Champion
Lakin Spain	Red	Jerit Inlow	Blue
Jr. Demo/ Illustrated Talk		Bryson Koch	Blue
Owen Hodges	Champion	Public Speaking	
Kate Mushrush	Reserve Champion	Lydia Filinger	Champion
Zeke Peters	Blue	Kinslea Glanville	Reserve Champion
Int. Demo/ Illustrated Talk		Sr. Instrumental Solo	
Vonda Danford	Champion	Guthrie Danford	Champion
Bella Mushrush	Reserve Champion	Josepha Inlow	Reserve Champion
Hezekiah Peters	Blue Alt.	Dance	
Archer Hodges	Blue	Diamond - Annie & Abigail	Blue
Vincent Hodges	Blue	Model Meeting	
Sr. Demo/ Illustrated Talk		Diamond	Champion
Jerit Inlow	Champion	Gladstone	Reserve
Josepha Inlow	Reserve Champion	Jr. Gavel Games	
Karlie Gibb	Blue Alt.	Diamond	Champion
Sadie Mushrush	Blue Alt.	Skit	
		Bazaar	Champion
		Toledo	Reserve



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 State Scholarships due	2 Jr. Beef Producer day
3	4	5	6	7	8 USD 284 No School	9
10	11	12	13	14 State Horse judging	15	16 Jr. Sheep Producer day
USDA 417 & 481 Spring Break						
17	18	19	20	21	22 USD 284 No School	23 Regional Club Day Madison
		24	25	26 Beef Tagging Deadline	27	28
					29 Extension Office Closed USD 284 No School	30
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MORRIS COUNTY

Beef Weigh-In

Beef Weigh-In and Tagging will be **March 12th** from 6-8 pm at Derek Schrader's house. All market beef must be tagged by this date. I highly recommend you attend the weigh-in if possible. If you can not please make other arrangements prior to that evening with the Extension Office to get your beef tagged.

2024 Animal Weights

Premium Auction Minimum Weights:

Steers/heifers: 1,000 lbs.

Hogs: 230 lbs.

Lambs: 90 lbs.

Goats: 40 lbs.



Small Animal Weigh-In & Tagging

Small animal weigh-in and tagging will be held Saturday, **April 27th** from 4-6pm at the Morris County Fair Grounds. Small animal tags will be \$3 per tag and all payments are due at the time of tagging. We would appreciate exact cash or checks written out to Morris County 4-H Council. Dairy and breeding animals do not need to be tagged. As a reminder all goats and sheep must have a scrapie tag before coming to weigh-in. If you are unable to make it to weigh-in, you **MUST** have made arrangements prior to April 27th with the Extension Office to get your animal tagged!

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Fair Theme

We will be using Qualtrics for voting this year. Please be watching for an email.

Important Dates

Fair Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 7 PM

4-H Council Meeting

Monday, April 15, 6:30 PM

Fiber Arts Meetings

All meetings will be held the last Friday of each month at the Morris County Courthouse Meeting room at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions please reach out to Lizzy Buller by email at lizzykaybuller@gmail.com

- March 29th
- April 26th

Cloverbuds

We will be having our next meeting **March 9th at 11 am** at the Courthouse.

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



Dog Project Meetings

All meetings will be held at the Fair building:

Mar. 24 - 4:30 pm

April 21 - 4:30 pm

May 5 - 4:30 pm

June and July TBD

If you have questions please contact Lisa Jarvis the dog project leader via email at jarvis.lisa.m@gmail.com.

Morris County 4-H Scholarships

Applications are available at <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/scholarships/index.html>

- Morris County 4-H Foundation scholarship is due May 1st, 2024.
- Konley Harding Scholarship is due May 10th, 2024.

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 2024. The Extension Office will coordinate for this credit to be applied to accounts at Rock Springs between April 15th and May 1st.

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Rylee Baseley	Participation	Lexi Todd	Reserve Champion
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Riggin Parker	Champion	Jr. Readings	
Andrew Schrader	Reserve Champion	Andrew Schrader	Champion
Irie Carson	Blue Alt.	Riggin Parker	Reserve Champion
Mariette Thibodeaux	Red	Erin Effland	Blue
Int. Project Talk		Interview	
Daylen Nielsen	Champion	Cassidy Dalquest	Champion
Joshua Lutt	Blue	Public Speaking	
Jr. Demo/ Illustrated Talk		Cassidy Dalquest	Champion
Beatty Mayer	Champion	Jr. Instrumental Solo	
Lithe Thibodeaux	Reserve Champion	Norah Effland	Champion
Koltin Baseley	Red	Lilliana Stilwell	Reserve Champion
Irie Carson	Red	Joshua Lutt	Blue
Int. Demo/ Illustrated Talk		Jameson Lutt	Red
Jameson Lutt	Champion	Dance	
Korbyn Platz	Reserve Champion	Willing Workers - Irie & Erin	Blue
Ronnie Mayer	Blue Alt.	Jr. Gavel Games	
August Carson	Blue	Dwight Sunflowers	Champion
Lawson Carson	Blue	Sr. Gavel Games	
Warren Longren	Blue	Dwight Sunflowers	Champion
Sr. Demo/ Illustrated Talk		Skit	
Macey Hensley	Champion	Dwight Sunflowers	Champion
Castyn Andres	Reserve Champion		
Jacob Kasten	Blue Alt.		
Cooper Andres	Blue		
Laramie Mayer	Blue		
Haylee Nielsen	Blue		



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