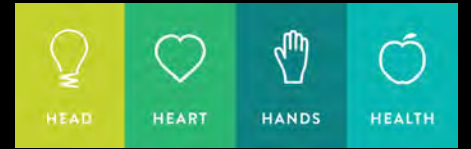


Flint Hills District 4-H News

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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

Photography Shutterbugs

Shutterbug events are photography workshops put on across the state by the Kansas State 4-H Photography Committee. Workshops are typically scheduled as a morning session and concentrate on a variety of aspects of composition. The events typically end around Noon. Examples of sessions include: Portfolio, I have a camera-now what?, Panning, Close-ups, Aperture Settings & Kaleidoscopes/Reflections. For more information visit: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/photography/index.html>

2024 Events:

Botanica

Where: Botanica Gardens, Wichita, KS

When: April 27, 2024

Registration: Begins @ 9:00 am

Shutterbugs at the Zoo

Where: Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City, KS

When: May 4, 2024

Registration: Begins @ 8:30 am

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.

Shooting Sports

Congratulations to our Shooting Sports members who have qualified to shoot at the State Match on April 20th in Great Bend. Cole Wilson qualified in Air Pistol. Members who qualified in BB are: Cooper Andres, Ellena Bell, Kimberly Davis, Logan Hickey, Laramie Mayer, Ronnie Mayer, Brayden Jarvis, Rachel Small, Enley Lauer and Kasey Wilson.

Also, Congratulations to the Team who placed 3rd in the VFW Tournament at Derby on March 16th. This placing qualified them to receive an invitation to participate in the 2024 Daisy National BB Tournament in Rogers, Arkansas this summer. Those team members are: Ellena Bell, Ronnie Mayer, Kasey Wilson, Rachel Small, Brayden Jarvis, Cooper Andres and Logan Hickey.



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/>

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>

Save the Date- 2024 4-H Discovery Days

- Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is planning to be in-person on KSU campus June 5th-7th, 2024.

When: June 5th-7th, 2024

Who: Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2024 are invited to register

Cost: \$225 - Some class sessions may have additional fees associated

Registration: Open https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cYEpubOXOdhYFWm

Discovery Days participants will be included in a special recognition event honoring the State Project Award Winners. This event will be held in the K-State Student Union on the evening of Thursday, June 8th and will include an evening social and entertainment. More details to follow!

Discovery Days Objectives:

- Help youth learn new ideas, techniques, and skills they can use personally and in their 4-H clubs or groups and communities
Give youth in-depth training through hands-on educational sessions from content and youth development experts
- Prepare youth to make informed decisions about their careers and college path
- Enhance personal growth by giving opportunities to develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making, and time management skills
- Help youth meet new people and make new friends from different places and with different backgrounds from across the state
- Provide an opportunity for youth to experience the K-State campus and its wealth of resources
- Develop college and career readiness skills which prepare participants academically and socially for a successful transition to college and life as an adult

2024 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

Registration for 4-H Camp is now OPEN! 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. 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. 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.

Leaders in Training (LIT) which is for rising 10th-11th graders. 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.

All sessions are filling up fast, so get registered if you plan to attend!

Feeding Your Future Summer Camp

- Cost: \$75 deposit per participant.
- Camp Dates: July 16th-20th, 2024 at the K-State Manhattan Campus
- Number of spots: 30
- For 10th-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 Geology State Field Trip - June 14th-16th, 2024, Northwest Kansas

2024 Insect Spectacular - June 21st-22nd, 2024, Hays, KS

DISTRICT 4-H DATES

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 21 - Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp Open House

April 27 - Chase County Small Animal Weigh-In & Tagging 8:30 - 10:30 am

April 27 - Morris County Small Animal Weigh-In & Tagging 4-6pm

MAY

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

LOOKING AHEAD

June 5-7 - Kansas 4-H Discovery Days

June 14-16 - 4-H Geology State Field Trip

June 15 - Grade Dairy Cattle ID Forms Due

June 15 - Small Livestock & Breeding Heifers Nomination Deadline

June 20-22 - Kansas Junior All-Breeds Dairy Show @ Salina

June 21-22 - Insect Spectacular

July 11-13 - Tri-County Free Fair

July 12-13 - Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic

July 18-25 - Chase County Fair

July 20-29 - Morris County Fair

August 10 - State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

SPRING SHOWS

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

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.

Junior Dairy Show

The Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show Committee would like to invite you to participate in the 2024 Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show June 20-22 in Salina at the Saline County Livestock and Expo Center.

This is a unique opportunity for Dairy project members to participate in Dairy Judging, Quiz Bowl and Skillathon while networking with other youth dairy enthusiasts from across the state. Even if you are not enrolled in the dairy cattle project and just want to learn more or participate in a state contest please consider attending. This is open to both Morris and Chase Counties. Please reach out to Crystal Carson for more information at clearsonfarms@gmail.com or the Extension Office.

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 who 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 1st**, with Small Animal and Commercial females' due by **June 15th**. The deadline to order DNA envelopes has been moved up to 10 days prior to the deadline, which is **April 20th** and **June 5th**, 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.

K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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.

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.
- ◆ Horse Show will start at 4pm on Sunday, July 21st

2024 Animal Deadlines

- ◆ 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

Livestock Tagging Deadlines

We will be using EID tags for all livestock animals in 2024. The small animal and bucket calf weigh-in and tagging will be **April 27th** from 8:30-10:30 am at the Chase County Fairgrounds. Small Animal tags will be \$3 per tag. Dairy and breeding goats do not need to be tagged unless you are taking them to the State Fair or KJLS. As a reminder all goats and sheep must have a scrapie tag before coming to weigh-in and to Fair. 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. If you have any questions please reach out to the Extension Office. Thanks!

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 voted 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.

Project Day

Chase County Project Day has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd from 9-12. The photography judging and FCS judging contest will start at 9am and go until project day is over.

At 10 am the project meetings will begin which will include: Leadership, Visual Arts, Foods, Photography, Wildlife and Swine/Beef/Sheep/Meat Goat (livestock is combined into one). There will be two sessions of each except for Wildlife. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.



2024 Chase County



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 USD 284 No School	2	3	4	5	6 13 YOCA 9 am @ USD 284 Building in Cottonwood Falls
7	8	9	10	11	12	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 State Shooting Sports @ Great Bend Last day to order Mkt. Beef DNA Envelopes
21 Rock Springs Open House	22	23	24	25	26	27 Small Animal Weigh-In 8:30-10:30 am
28	29 USD 284 No School	30	31			

MORRIS COUNTY

Big John Award

The Willing Workers 4-H club is the winner of the Big John Award for the 2024 4-H District Club Day. The recipient of the Big John award is determined each year, based on a rubric, by the results of 4-H Club Day and the number of club members. A plaque is updated each year and displayed in the Extension Office with the name of the winning club. Congratulations again, **Willing Workers!!**

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 unless they are going to the State Fair or KJLS. As a reminder all goats and sheep must have a scrapie tag before coming to weigh-in and the County Fair. 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!

Premium Livestock Sale Rule Change

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Fair Theme

An email has been sent out with the link to vote. Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PJ7N52V>

Please vote by April 10th.

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.

Important Dates

Fair Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 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

*April 26th

*May 31st

*June 28th

Cloverbuds

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

*July at the Fair

*September 14th

Dog Project Meetings

All meetings will be held at the Fair building:

*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.

Beef Weigh-In

Market Steers		
Name	Tag #	Weight
Andres	21951	940
Andres	21952	1030
Andres	21953	980
Andres	21954	1060
Andres	21955	948
Black	10260	920
Ehrlich	10254	532
Ehrlich	21947	674
Fetters	21946	1095
Lange	10250	862
Lautt	21941	830
Lautt	21943	966
Lautt	21944	1045
Lautt	21945	1155
Nielsen	10244	1100
D. Schrader	10257	958
J. Schrader	21956	734
Scott	10256	844

Market Heifers		
Name	Tag #	Weight
Lautt	21942	826
Parker	10241	NA
Breeding Heifers		
Name	Tag #	Weight
Andres	21948	830
Andres	21949	724
Andres	21950	764
Corgill	10258	554
Corgill	10259	538
Fetters	N/A	914
Fetters	N/A	958
J. Schrader	N/A	716



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