

# 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.

## YQCA Training

Mark your calendars! There will be two training sessions 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. One session will be held in the Morris Co. Courthouse Meeting Room on **February 3rd from 9-10 am**. The other session will be held in Cottonwood Falls at the USD 284 Board Office on **April 13th from 9-10 am**. Both locations are open to both counties; please attend whichever one fits your schedule best. You only need to attend one. 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.

## 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 soon!

## 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.

## 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 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. 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

## FEBRUARY

**February 3 - YQCA - Morris Co. Meeting Room @ 9 am**

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

**February 12 - District Club Day Entries Due**

**February 18-19 - Citizenship In Action (CIA)**

**February 19 - Extension Office Closed**

**February 24 - District Club Day - Council Grove**

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

## 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**

## LOOKING AHEAD

**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**

**June 5-7- Kansas 4-H Discovery Days**

**July 18-25 - Chase County Fair**

**July 20-29 - Morris County Fair**

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## *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](mailto:keatley@ksu.edu) or 620-366-0035.

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# 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 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

## 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.

## 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.

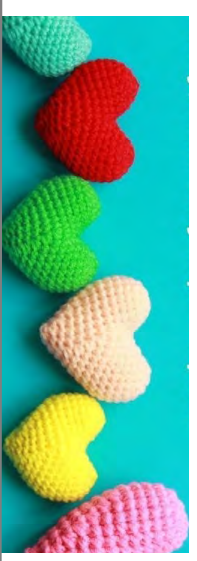
## 2023-2024 Project Changes


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](https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/project-guides/2023_2024%20Project%20Listing.pdf)

Let us know if you have any questions.



# FEBRUARY 2024 Chase County



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 YOGA Training 9-10 am in Council Grove
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30 Club Day Entries Due	13	14 Valentines Day	15	16 USD 284 No School	17
18	19 Extension Office Closed	20	21	22	23	24 District Club Day- Council Grove
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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.

## 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!

## Dog Project Meetings

All meetings will be held at the Fair building:

- Feb. 18 - 4:30 pm
- 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](mailto: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.

## Fair Theme

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

## Important Dates

### Fair Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 7 PM

### 4- H Council Meeting

Monday, February 26, 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](mailto:lizzykaybuller@gmail.com)

- February 23rd
- 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



## 2024 Animal Weights

Premium Auction Minimum Weights:

Steers/heifers: 1,000 lbs.

Hogs: 230 lbs.

Lambs: 90 lbs.

Goats: 40 lbs.

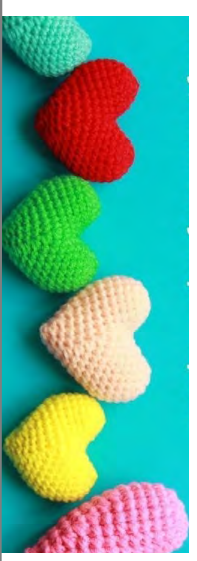


## 4-H Foundation Camp Support

The Morris County 4-H Foundation voted to pay \$262.50 toward registration fees for Morris County 4-H members to attend camp in 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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11	12 Club Day Entries Due	13	14 Valentines Day	15	16 USD 417 No School	17
18 Dog Project Meeting	19 Extension Office Closed USD 481 No School	20	21	22	23 USD 417 No School Fiber Arts Meeting 6 pm	24 District Club Day- Council Grove
25	26	27	28	29		



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