

Flint Hills District 4-H News

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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.

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:

Shutterbugs at the Zoo

Where: Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City, KS

When: May 4th, 2024

Registration: Begins @ 8:30 am

2024 4-H Geology State Field Trip

When: June 14th-16th

Where: The headquarters for the 2024 4-H Geology State Field Trip is the Trego Community High School, 527 Russell Avenue, WaKeeney, KS

What: A variety of workshops and activities are planned for Friday and Saturday evenings. A variety of stops are planned on the Field Trip Saturday and Sunday. Project members are encouraged to participate in judging and quiz bowl. A catered supper will be provided Saturday evening for \$15.00 per person and we will have a variety of educational publications for sale through the Kansas Geological Survey.

Registration Deadline: May 24th - You must register all those who plan to attend including siblings ages 0-18 and all adults 19 and up. One registration per person. **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS** and NO registrations at the door. An agent will not be attending.

Cost:

Registration - \$15.00 per person

Saturday Meal - \$15.00 per person

Guidebooks - \$4.00 each

T-Shirts - \$20.00 each

Geology Boxes (Some woods may be limited) Everything must be ordered through registration Qualtrics.

- Pine \$55 - Walnut \$65 - Oak \$65 - Elm \$65 - Hackberry \$65

Indoor camping is available at the Trego Community High School if you are accompanied by a parent/guardian. Other lodgings can be found in WaKeeney.

Register at the following link.

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6hhKshAq6jzFNLE

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>

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: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cyEpubOXOdhyFWm Closes May 5th.

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!

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular

It's time to get registered for the 32nd Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, which will be held Friday and Saturday, **June 21st-22nd**. The event will be held in Hays, KS at the Sternberg Museum. This event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! One parent/guardian from each family must register and attend with children.

Learn about collecting, storing, identifying, and pinning your insects for exhibit. All levels of experience are encouraged to attend, from beginning to advanced. This is a fun event, designed to encourage curiosity and the sharing of knowledge.

For event info, and to register, visit: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3KsBcljnc0vvYZU.

Registration closes May 30.



DISTRICT 4-H DATES

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. 4-H Project Day
May 22 - Chase Co. 4-H Council meeting
May 27 - Extension Office Closed
May 31 - Horse ID's Due

JUNE

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 17 - Morris County 4-H Council Meeting
**June 20-22 - Kansas Junior All-Breeds Dairy Show
@ Salina**
June 21-22 - Insect Spectacular

LOOKING AHEAD

July 4 - Extension Office Closed
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
August 12 - State Wheat Expo
August 17-18 - Livestock Sweepstakes
September 6-15 - Kansas State Fair
November 2 - Morris County 4-H Achievement Banquet

SPRING SHOWS

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

DOG QUALIFIERS

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/local-dog-events/index.html>

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 20th-22nd** 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

- ◆ 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

Congratulations Graduates

Our 2023-2024 4-H members graduating High School this year are: Paisley Voboril, Lilly Hinkson, Henry Giger, Kassidy Budke, Kinzie Rogers and Maesea Dold. Congratulations to all!

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

Project Day in Chase County has been set for May 22nd. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. The Family and Consumer Sciences Judging Contest and Photography Judging Contest are planned prior to the project meetings.

The schedule for the day is listed below:

9-11:30-Judging contest will be set up for participation

10-10:30-Rotation 1 Project Meetings

10:35-11:05-Rotation 2 Project Meetings

11:10-4-H Council Meeting

Projects offering a project meeting for both rotations are: Livestock (includes Beef, Swine, Sheep & Goat Projects), Foods, Leadership, Photography, Visual Arts

Projects offering a project meeting for one session is as follows: Wildlife at 10am

If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.



2024 Chase County



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 * Add/ Drop Deadline * Market Beef Nomination Deadline	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 USD 284 Last Day Of School	10	11
12 Mother's Day USD 284 Graduation	13	14	15 Project Day 4-H Council Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day Extension Office Closed	28	29	30	31 Horse ID's Due	

MORRIS COUNTY

Congratulations Graduates

Our 2023-2024 4-H members graduating High School this year are: Brittley King, Evelyn White, LaiCee Scott, Lakoddah Downes, and Trinadee Fetters. Congratulations to all!

2024 Animal Weights

Premium Auction Minimum Weights:

Steers/heifers: 1,000 lbs.

Hogs: 230 lbs.

Lambs: 90 lbs.

Goats: 40 lbs.



Fair Theme

The Theme For the 2024 Morris County Fair is *Fair In Full Bloom*. Thank you to all who voted. Please make sure youths shirt size is correct in 4-H online and if it is not please let Aleece know the correct size. If you would like to order extra shirts, please contact Aleece as well.

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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, May 7, 7 PM

4- H Council Meeting

Monday, June 17, 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

*May 31st

*June 28th

Cloverbuds

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

*July at the Fair

Dog Project Meetings

All meetings will be held at the Fair building at 6:00pm unless otherwise noted:

*May 5th - 3:00 pm

*June 5th

*June 11th

*June 19th

*June 25th

*July 2nd

*July 10th

*July 18th

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.

Foods Auction

This year the Morris County Fair Board has decided that 4-H Clubs can enter a Foods Box in the Food Auction as a fundraiser for the club. The rules for clubs are the same as for individuals. The Clubs food boxes will NOT be in the live auction but will be in a silent auction on the same day. The food box must have at least 2 items in the food box and no more than 5 items. The items must have been judged in order to be placed in the foods box. If you have any further questions, please contact the Extension Office.



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SUN	MON	TUE	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 * Add/ Drop Deadline * 4-H Foundation Scholarship Due * Market Beef Nomination Deadline	2	3	4
5 Dog Meeting 3:00 pm	6	7	8	9	10 Konley Harding Scholarship Due	11 White City High School Graduation
12 Mother's Day Hope High School Graduation	13	14	15 USD 481 Last day of School	16	17	18
19 USD 417 Graduation	20	21 USD 417 Last Day of School	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day Extension Office Closed	28	29	30	31 Horse ID's Due Fiber Arts Meeting 6:30 pm	

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