

# Flint Hills District 4-H News

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## Junior Producer Days

Junior Beef Producer Day will be held Saturday, March 5th. The registration deadline is February 11th to receive a t-shirt. The cost is \$15/person before February 11th (\$20/person after February 11) Online Registration :

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

Junior Sheep Producer Day will be Saturday, March 19th. The registration deadline is February 25th. The cost is \$15/person before February 25 (\$20/person after February 25)

\*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 25 to receive a t-shirt.

Online Registration: <https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

K-State COVID-19 policies in effect at the time of these events will be followed.

## Citizenship In Action (CIA)

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process. Citizenship in Action (CIA) will be in person for 2022. Plans are being made for programming on February 20 and 21. Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year. It will be \$200.00 for registration. Registration is open and the registration deadline is Tuesday, February 1, 2022. For more information or to register go to: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferencesevents/citizenship-in-action/index.html>

## Farewell Shannon

Shannon began her extension career in the Flint Hills District in June 2019. We want to take this time to thank her for her time of service to the Flint Hills District and 4-H! Her effort and support of the 4-H program is greatly appreciated. Shannon has accepted a new position within Extension and her last day with the Flint Hills District will be Monday, February 28. She will be missed, and we wish her all the best! There will be come and go style farewell reception at the Council Grove office on February 28th with refreshments available 8-12, 1-5. Please come wish Shannon luck with this next chapter of her journey.

# 4-H Activities & Training

## District Club Days

Our 2022 District Club Days has been scheduled on Saturday, March 5 and will be hosted by Morris County. The event will be held at the Council Grove Elementary School, 706 E Main St, Council Grove. For the day of the event, we will use the doors on the West side of the building for entry. 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 February 18 by 5 pm and will be accepted at either Extension Office or electronically. Just a reminder that members in each county will be placed separate, so a Chase County Top Blue and Morris County Top Blue can be eligible for entry at Regionals. Following the entry deadline, entries will be scheduled and participants will receive an update. NOTE: There have been a few age updates at the Regional level to match with the new state score sheets. These details are reflected on the 2022 Entry Form. Regional Club Days has been scheduled for March 26 and will be held at Madison High School.

## 2022 "The Benefits of Insects" Art Competition

It's time once again for K-State's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Insect Art Contest! This year's theme is "The Benefit of Insects". The goal is to capture in an art piece that insects benefit us as a society and why they are important. Selected artwork will be used to promote the importance of insects and to create other educational items. Artists that have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. We will select a winner from each of the outlined categories and one overall winner will be selected from those entries. There is an April 15, 2022 deadline.

Why should your 4-H'er participate?

1. It's fun.
2. It's an opportunity to learn more about the benefits of insects.
3. It's an opportunity to flex your creative muscles and practice your (art) craft.
4. It's a state contest and you can add that to your record book or pin application for Entomology and/or Visual Arts.

For additional information including rules and entry form please contact the Extension Office, or you can visit <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/>

## 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 2022 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 sessions will be held in the Morris Co. Courthouse Meeting Room. The dates are: February 6th and April 3rd. Each session will begin at 2:00 PM and you only must attend one training session. Use the following link to register online <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>. The cost of the training is \$3 which you will pay online when you register. Please use

## Scholarships

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Scholarship Applications are now open on the [website: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html). The application link has all materials submitted online. Youth who are in their senior year or older are encouraged to apply. All applications and corresponding requested materials must be submitted by March 1st, 2022. If you have any questions about the scholarship application process, please contact dsratlif@ksu.edu

## 2022 4-H Camp at Rock Springs

Families should have a paper mailer from the State 4-H office with an update regarding camp next year. Sign up for 2022 camp will use the link: <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>. 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 1. 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 1st. 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 10 options to be offered June 8-July 23. Flint Hills District has targeted Session #4: June 19-22 for attendance. Agent(s) will plan to attend camp during these dates and encourage any Flint Hills District 4-H members to attend during this session. If these dates won't work for your family, choose another session that works better for you, if you wish. If you have any questions regarding the new process, please let us know.

# 4-H Activities & Training

## CWF Up Coming Fundraisers

There are 10 4-H members committed to attend Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, DC. The trip is planned for June 3-12, 2022. Those members who are signed up to attend are: Castyn Andres, Mark Andres, Gavin Carson, Ian Effland, Kinslea Glanville, Sophia Glanville, Josepha Inlow, Colter Johnson, Jacob Kasten, and Gus Wainwright. The group is currently working to earn funds to attend the event by enlisting sponsors and holding fundraisers.

The group will offer a raffle for two(2) Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Licenses. Two hundred tickets will be sold, and two winners will be drawn to win a Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License. This raffle will open March 11 and the winner will be drawn on April 2nd. If you know of someone who is interested in purchasing tickets, please contact one of the members who are planning to attend.

The group is also planning a trio of breakfast fundraisers. These will be held in White City on March 19, Council Grove on April 2, and Strong City on \_\_\_\_\_. Cottonwood Falls on February 13 from 7-9 AM at the Flint Hills Community Church.

The members attending are excited to bring their experiences back to share within the District.

## 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 2022 Fairs.

## Record Keeping

Thank you to those who joined us for the Record Keeping Workshop. A recap of the resources that are available.

The Flint Hills District record keeping section of the website: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/district-record-keeping/recordbooks.html>

The link can be found at the top of our page to link to the state page with forms. That direct link is: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html>

The Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition is a great resource and understanding the Project Report Forms. It can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/docs/projectrecordsandawards/Master%20Guide%20to%20KS%204-H%20Project%20Recognition%20System.pdf>

For those interested in trying and using the online component for record books, these are called Z Books. The link is found on the state page above or the direct link below. There are videos on the page to help walk you through the process. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html>

Please reach out if you have any questions regarding record books.

## Wool Fabric

We had some wool fabric donated to the Extension Office in Morris county. If you would like to use wool in one of your projects please feel free to stop by and take a look.



# DISTRICT 4-H DATES

## February

February 5 - Morris Co. Lock In  
February 6 -YQCA training  
February 13 - CWF Fundraiser @ Cottonwood Falls  
February 17 - Chase Co. 4-H Council Meeting  
February 18 - Club Days Entry Deadline  
February 20- 21 -Citizenship In Action (CIA)  
February 21 - Morris Co. 4-H Council Meeting  
February 27 - Morris Co. Project Day

## March

March 1 - Chase Co. Beef Tags Available  
March 4 - KSU Cattleman's Day  
March 5 - District Club Day, Morris County Host  
March 5 - Jr. Beef Producer Day  
March 15 - Morris Co. Beef Weigh In  
March 18-20 - Equifest  
March 19 - Jr. Sheep Producer Day @ KSU  
March 19 - CWF Fundraiser @ White City  
March 26 - Regional Club Days @ Maddison  
March 28 - Chase Co. 4-H Council Meeting  
March 30 - Chase Co. Beef Tagging Deadline

## Looking Ahead

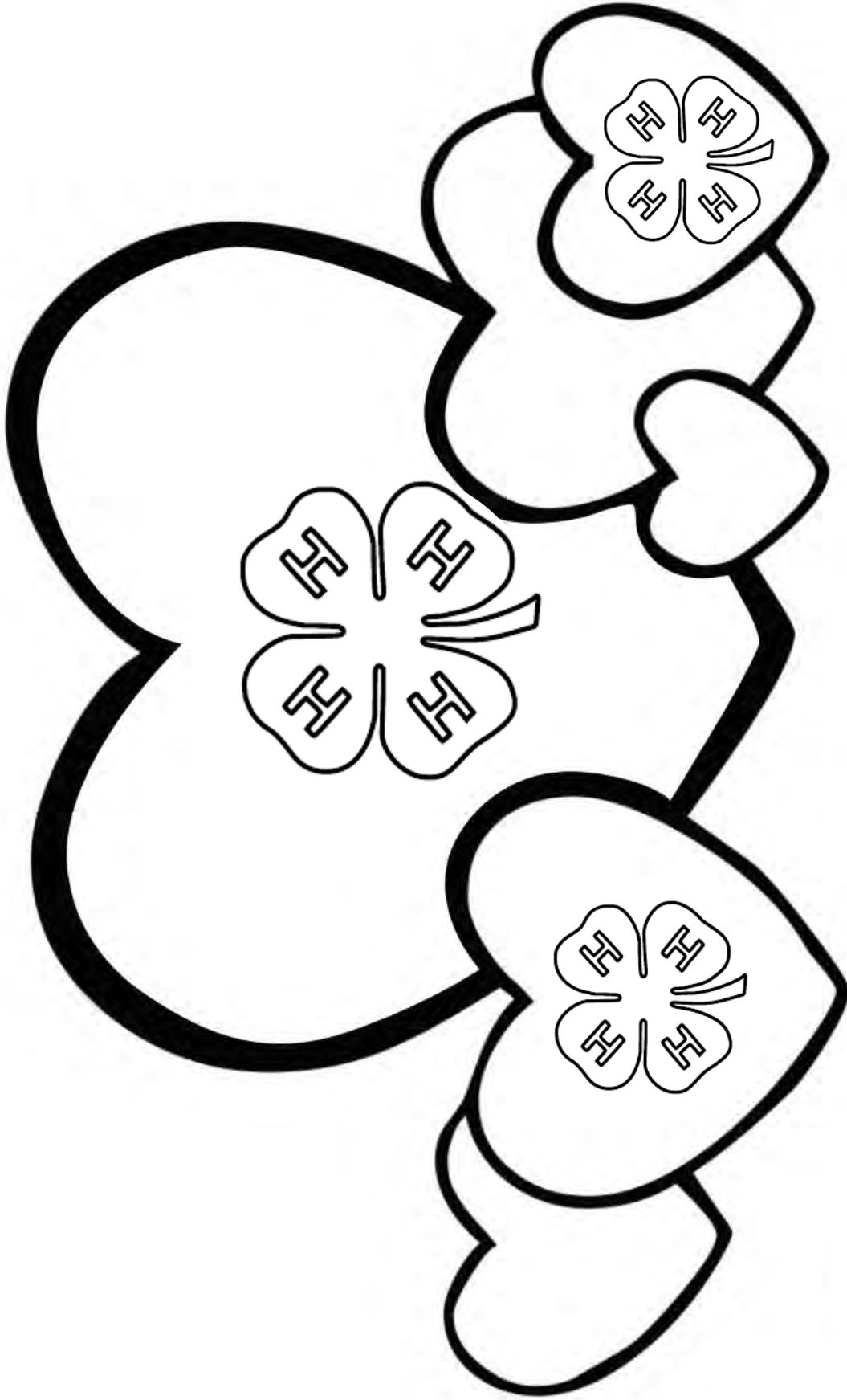
April 2 - CWF Fundraiser @ Council Grove  
April 3 -YQCA training  
April 18 - Morris Co. 4-H Council Meeting  
April 30 - Chase Co. Small Animal Weigh In (9 AM - Noon)  
May 1 - Morris Co. Small Animal Weigh In (2-4 PM)  
May 25 - Chase Co. Project Day  
June 1-3 - Discovery Days  
June 3-12 - Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)  
June 19-22, 2022 - Rock Springs 4-H Camp session #4  
July 8-10 - Tri-County Fair  
July 21-29, 2022 - Chase Co. Fair  
July 23- Aug 1, 2022 - Morris Co. Fair

## Livestock Shows

A complete list of shows available can be found here:  
<https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/spring-shows/index.html>

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Happy Valentine's Day

# Agent's Tip of the Month

## Record Keeping

Record Keeping is a skill that is needed throughout the lifetime. Let's look at skills developed and purpose of 4-H Record Keeping. There are many skills developed through 4-H record keeping including: patience, perseverance, organization, written communication, financial records, and attention to detail. Don't overlook the skills and learning that happens by completing project records.

Purposes of 4-H Record Keeping include: \*To teach how to set goals \*To make plans for action \*Evaluate – how well you did \*To learn record keeping skills \*To learn to communicate, prioritize and summarize what you did \*To practice responsibility \*To evaluate and prioritize information \*To allow 4-H members to tell how they have grown, learned within outline parameters \*Competition

As always, if you have any questions with the record keeping process, please ask.



Shandi

## Thank You Flint Hills 4-H

As To all of the 4-Hers and their families in Morris and Chase counties, thank you for a wonderful two and a half years and showing me what the Flint Hills District 4-H program is all about! It has been a pleasure getting to know all of you and seeing just how passionate you are about projects and your 4-H growth. For those that do not know, I have accepted a new position and will be leaving the Flint Hills District. My last day in the office will be February 28th. Please always feel free to reach out, whether it's a question or just to say hi, my email will be remaining the same! Again, thank you all for a wonderful two and a half years and I look forward to seeing your continued growth in 4-H!



Shannon

## Lamb Project

Small animal weigh-in for Chase County is April 30th and Morris County is May 1st. With that being said if you are enrolled in the lamb project you should start considering where you will be getting your lamb from and what traits you should pick for. Markets lambs should weigh at least 100lbs or more by fair check in, ideally your market lamb should weigh between 120-150lbs for a market ready lamb.

Fat covering, finish or condition is extremely important in a market lamb class. The amount of fat can be determined by feeling down the top, using the ends of your fingers. Ideally, you should be able to detect the lamb's backbone by using light pressure with your fingers. If the backbone is extremely definite and sharp, the lamb may not be carrying enough finish. However, if you cannot feel the backbone, the lamb should be considered too fat. Ideally, a lamb should exhibit from .15 to .25 inches of back fat when correctly finished. A firm, hard finish is desirable. Lambs with an abundance of muscling in the hind saddle are ideal.

I look forward to seeing all your lamb projects at the County Fair this year! If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office for more information.



Chelsea

# CHASE COUNTY

## Tagging and Weigh In

We will be using EID tags for all livestock animals in 2022 again. This year each 4-Her will be responsible for paying for their tags and they will cost \$3.25 each. Beef tagging deadline will be March 30th and the small animal weigh-in and tagging will be from 9am-12pm on April 30th (This is a Date Change) at the Chase County Fairgrounds. Tags for beef will be available starting March 1st for pick up in the Extension Office in Cottonwood Falls.



## New Member Packet

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.

Note: these materials have been updated to reflect the Project Report Forms that were used last year for the record books.

As 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 Council Meeting

The January 4-H Council meeting was rescheduled for Thursday, February 17 at 6:15 pm at the Community Building.

Moving forward, meetings will be scheduled for the 4th Monday of the odd Months at 6:15 PM. Please remember if your representatives are unable to attend the meeting, make arrangements for an alternate to attend in your place.

## Project Day

Chase County Project Day has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 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.

## Fair 2022

The Fair Board voted to allow market goats to sell in the Livestock Premium Sale for the 2022 Fair. Members will still be limited to selling one animal per specie through the premium sale. Extra animals who have made weight can be sold to the floor buyer if they wish. All market animals must be tagged with a 4-H eID tag by the 4-H tagging deadlines.

## Project Changes

There have been some project changes at the State level. The fair book is being revised to update and include these project changes. Be sure to look over the complete project list when selecting projects for the 4-H year and look for updates in next year's fair book





# 2022 CHASE COUNTY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 YOGA TRAINING 2 PM	7 USD 284 NO SCHOOL	8	9 CS CO. FAIRBOARD MTG. 6 PM	10 4-H COUNCIL MTG 6:15 PM	11 USD 284 NO SCHOOL CLUB DAY ENTRIES DUE 5 PM	12
13 CME BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER 7-9 AM	14 VALENTINES DAY	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 USD 284 NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED	21	23	24	25	16
27	28					

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Castyn Andres  
Ellis Bell  
Evan Birk  
Ryan Davis  
Eve Dodge  
Wyatt Edmunds  
Logan Hickey

Joshua Lutt  
Cooper Miller  
Kate Mushrush  
Stephen Prince  
Rhett Reyer  
LaiCee Scott  
Barrett Voboril

## A Flashback in 4-H History



# MORRIS COUNTY

## 4-H Lock-In

The Morris County Lock In is scheduled for Saturday, Feb 5 at 7 pm - Sunday, Feb 6 at 7 am. This is open to all registered 4-H members (not Cloverbuds at this time). The cost is \$10 per attendee. This will cover the cost of meals and snacks during the event. If you have any specific food allergies, please let us know when you sign up. Just a reminder that each club is asked to send one parent to attend if they have kids sign up from their club to attend. Call the office or email to get kids signed up to attend.

## Project Day

Project Day will be held Sunday, February 27, 2022 from 2-5 pm. There will be 4 rotations project meetings available in 45 minute time slots. Any project leaders interested in holding a meeting on that day, please let the Extension Office know.

## Meeting Attendance

Just a reminder 4-H members must attend one over half of their club meetings to be able to receive premium money from the fair.

## Weigh-In and Scales

Beef weigh-in and tagging will take place on March 15, at Derek Schrader's (16333 Hwy 177, Alta Vista) from 6-8 pm. Then, small animal weigh - in and tagging will be from 2-4 pm on May 1 at the Morris County Fairgrounds.

## Come One Come All to a Cowboy

February 18th, 2022 from 7-10pm there will be a youth style Cowboy Ball. Food, Ice Cream Sundae bar, Carnival style games (cost of games will be between \$.25 - \$1.00), Free board and card games, Music, photo booth, and of course DOOR PRIZES!! All 4-H youth are invited and they are also invited to bring 1 or more non 4-H guests. All non-4-H attendees must be a guest of a current Morris County 4-H member.

Tickets are \$10 per person with all proceeds going back into the Morris County Fairgrounds improvement funds. A detailed list of fairgrounds improvements will be coming out soon.

Any adults that would like to volunteer to help chaperone (we are looking for 10 or so) please contact the Extension Office or Lisa Wainwright 785-466-3132.

## Important Dates

### Fair Board Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 7 PM

### 4- H Council Meeting

Monday, Feb. 21, 7 PM

## Dog Meeting

Dog meetings will be held at the Morris County Fair Building on the following dates:

Sunday, February 20th at 4:30 pm

Sunday, March 20th at 4:30 pm

Sunday, April 24th at 4:30 pm

Sunday, May 15th at 4:30 pm

\*June and July meeting dates and times will be established by May 15th. Members can expect to have one meeting a week during June (4) and July (3).

## Cloverbuds

We will be having our next Meeting February 12th at 11AM. Meet at the Courthouse Meeting room.

March 12th

July 30th at fair

April 9th

August 13th

May 14th

September 10th

June 11th

## Mend Our Achy Breaky Fairgrounds Fundraiser

February 19th, 2022 we will be hosting a fundraiser evening of dinner and dancing for adults. Beginning at 6pm with Happy Hour drinks, snacks, and games. 7pm dinner will be served. 8pm will kick off dancing the night away with games available all night until drawings complete. 9pm Grand Prize drawing for a weekend for 2 getaway. During the evening there will be games, prizes, photo booth, music and dancing provided by Lizardskin Entertainment. Tickets are \$30 per person and will include dinner, drinks of choice, unlimited photo booth access, and 1 ticket into the Grand Prize Drawing. All proceeds will go into the Morris County Fairgrounds Improvement fund. A detailed list of upcoming improvements will be available soon. Fliers will be up soon and for tickets please contact Lisa Wainwright 785-466-3132 or Amy Moore 913-558-0276



# 2022 MORRIS COUNTY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 FAIRBOARD MTG 7 PM	2	3	4	5 LOCK-IN 7 PM
6 YOGA TRAINING 2 PM SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE	7	8	9	10	11	12 CLOVERBUDS MTG. 11AM
13 SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE	14 VALENTINES DAY	15	16	17	18 USD 417 NO SCHOOL CLUB DAYS ENTRIES DUE 5 PM COMPOY BALL 7-10 PM	19
20 QIA DOG PROJECT MEETING SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE	21 OFFICE CLOSED USD 481 NO SCHOOL MR CO. 4-H COUNCIL MTG 7 PM QIA	22	23	24	25 USD 417 NO SCHOOL	26
27 PROJECT DAY 2-5 PM SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE	28					

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