Livestock Showmanship Clinic

The Flint Hills District will be hosting a livestock showmanship clinic which will help youth with showmanship techniques within swine, beef, sheep, goat and horse projects. The clinic will be broken into two different days: **April 1st and April 22nd**. You do not have to attend both days, but by attending both it will help you sharpen your skills for Round Robin competitions. Please call either Extension Office to RSVP to both or one of the Showmanship Clinics.

**April 1st at Council Grove at the Fairgrounds from 9 AM - 11:30 AM**
- 9 AM - Sheep
- 10 AM - Goat
- 11 AM - Horse

**April 22nd at Cottonwood Falls at the Fairgrounds from 9 AM - 11 AM**
- 9 AM - Beef
- 10 AM - Swine

Equifest Judging Results

Thirteen Flint Hills Extension District 4-Hers attended Equifest Youth Horse Judging Contest on Friday, March 16, 2023 at Equifest held in Salina, KS.

Those who participated in the Junior Division were: Cooper Andres, Logan Hickey, Atley Johnson, Jhet Johnson, Laramie Mayer, and Ronnie Mayer. Those who participated in the Senior Division were: Castyn Andres, Ian Effland, Gus Wainwright and Mandy Wainwright.

Those participating in the Limited Division were: Hudson Lange, Khloe Lif, and Lexi Todd. Participants judged 5 classes, juniors and seniors gave 2 sets of reasons, and limited division answered questions.

Those placing in the **Top Ten Junior Division** – Placings: Cooper Andres, 5th and Logan Hickey, 10th. Those placing in the Top Ten Junior Division – Reasons: Atley Johnson, 5th and Cooper Andres, 7th. Overall Individuals were: Cooper Andres, 4th and Laramie Mayer, 9th. Team Rankings were: Laramie Mayer, Logan Hickey, and Jhet Johnson, 3rd Place Team; Cooper Andres, Atley Johnson, and Ronnie Mayer, 5th Place Team. Those placing in the **Top Ten Senior Division** – Reasons: Castyn Andres, 8th. Those placing in the Top Ten Junior Division – Placings: Mandy Wainwright, 1st. Mandy Wainwright placed 4th in Top Ten Senior Division – Overall Individual. The Senior Team placed 4th in the Contest. Those placing in the **Top Ten Limited Division** – Test: Hudson Lange, 2nd, Lexi Todd, 4th Khloe Lif, 5th

Those placing in the **Top Ten Limited Division** – Placings: Lexi Todd, 2nd, Khloe Lif, 3rd, Hudson Lange, 5th Overall in the Limited Division, Lexi Todd placed 2nd, Khloe Lif placed 3rd, and Hudson Lange placed 5th.

**Congratulations to the 4-Her’s on their participation!**
4-H Activities & Training

Rock Springs Ranch Open House!

Camp families and friends are invited to attend Open House at Rock Springs Ranch! Rock Springs Ranch is 735 acres in the Flint Hills and we want to share the 4-H camp experience with everyone. Come and join us for a tour of the property, meet our staff and learn all about the fun to be had at Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch. Guests will get to see our cabins, activity center, pool, ropes course, horses, dining hall and lots more. Our team is so excited to meet you and answer all of your questions.

Sunday, April 23, 2023 from 1-4 p.m.

Horse Project

Howdy Ya’ll!

If you are a part of the Kansas 4-H Horse Project and would like to stay up to date on any last-minute changes, please message Lisa Wainwright on Facebook or 785-466-3132. If you would like to volunteer to help the horse project, please message Lisa as well. I have included other 4-H important horse dates in the list of meetings.

2023

April 5th Wednesday 7-8 Ride MCYRA Arena
May 3rd Wednesday 7-8 Ride MCYRA Arena
June 1st Horse ID papers Due (every year) (if you run out of signature lines, please renew paperwork)
June 1st District Horse show entries due (Must have level 1 testing complete before this date)
June 7th Wednesday 7-9 Ride MCYRA Arena
June 28th District Horse Show
July 1st Morris County Fair horse show entries due (tentative)
July 5th Wednesday 7-9 Ride MCYRA Arena
August 1st State Fair horse show entries are due (tentative)
August 6th Sunday 3-5 Ride MCYRA Arena
September 6th Wednesday 7-8 Ride MCYRA Arena
September 14-16 State Fair horse show (tentative)

Any 4-H member in the Flint Hills District enrolled in the Clover and Logo

A full document over the guidelines for using the 4-H Clover and Logo has been sent to club leaders. Make sure that you are using the correct clover with the copyright number on the logo.

If clubs are printing shirts, they are encouraged to have the clover, but must follow the policies of copyright for the clover. If you have the clover printed on the shirt, it is also supposed to have the Co-brand of K-State Research and Extension with the clover somewhere on the shirt as well. The co-brand may be small, but should be on the shirt as well.

Shooting Sports

Members who are enrolled in shooting sports, be sure you are on the Morris County Sharp Shooters Facebook page for updates.

Congratulations to our Shooting Sports members who have qualified to shoot at the State Match on April 15th in Alma.

Cole Wilson qualified in Air Pistol.

Members who qualified in BB are: Castyn Andres, Cooper Andres, Ellena Bell, Kimberly Davis, Logan Hickey, Khloe Lif, Laramie Mayer, Ronnie Mayer, Macelyn Taylor, Lexi Todd, Mallory Wells, Cole Wilson, and Kasey Wilson.

Also, Congratulations to the Team who placed 3rd in the VFW Tournament at Derby on March 18. This placing qualified them to receive an invitation to participate in the 2023 Daisy National BB Tournament in Rogers, Arkansas this summer. Those team members are: Ellena Bell, Enley Lauer, Khloe Lif, Laramie Mayer, Macelyn Taylor, Lexi Todd, and Mallory Wells.

We will have Shooting Sports, Shotgun discipline available this year. Those interested in participating in Shotgun, be sure to get enrolled. Shotgun will meet for Safety Day and program overview meeting will be Sunday, April 16 at 6:30 PM, at the Morris County Courthouse.

Practices will be on Saturdays at 3:30 beginning May 6. State Qualifying Matches - July & Aug
State Match - October

State Livestock Nomination Information Available

The 2023 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 2022) 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 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: http://bit.ly/ksunominations. Families are highly encouraged to use the resources available, especially the Rookie Guide.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Extension office to help answer any questions.
2023 4-H Horse Project Changes

Changes to the 4-H Horse Project for the 2022-2023 4-H year are outlined below.

**Horse Ownership:** Each horse should be properly identified with theExtension Office by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. Horses may be identified by:
- a) Completed Horse ID certificate with all required signatures
- b) Breed registration papers with horse ownership listed in the 4-H member’s or a family member’s name. "Family member" includes immediate family: parent, stepparent, sibling, stepsibling, grandparent, or legal guardian.

A copy of the 4-H Horse ID certificate or the horse’s registration papers must be submitted to the Extension office by June 1. 4-H members exhibiting at the State Fair will be required to present a copy of the registration papers or 4-H Horse ID certificate at check-in.

**Level Testing:** Beginning in 2023, the Kansas 4-H Horse Achievement Levels will no longer be required to participate at the State Fair 4-H Horse Show. Equine Webinar Series-Horse Safety: All 4-H Horse Project Members are encouraged to participate in the live session or watch the recording of the “4-H Equine Webinar: Horse Safety” episode and quiz. The webinar and quiz will be available on the Kansas 4-H equine Webinar page, on Monday April 24th at 7 pm, and must be completed before the state fair entry deadline. Members who wish to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show are required to watch the session and complete the quiz prior to entering the State Fair 4-H Horse Show.

**Qualifying for State Fair:** Exhibit a properly identified horse at a horse show in a class group and be qualified to exhibit in any class included in that group. The horse show is not required to be a “4-H” show. Shows may include: 4-H show, open shows, circuits, local associations (SCSHA, etc), breed/discipline associations (AQHA, APHA, NRHA etc.). Qualification for each group is based on one horse/rider combination. Exception: If a 4-Her qualifies more than one mare/gelding in the same halter class. In this case, another 4-Her can show the second horse in the appropriate halter class at the State Fair.

**Group 1 Halter, Showmanship**
- Group 3 Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail
- Group 4 Ranch Rail, Ranch Pattern, Ranch Trail, Reining
- Group 5 Barrels, Poles, Flags

Exhibitors will be limited to entering only those classes in which they qualified for a particular horse. The qualification period will be from October 1- August 1 of the current 4-H program year. 4-H members will need to have the affidavit signed from the show they qualified at. [https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/P1110.pdf](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/P1110.pdf)

**For the State Fair:** Complete online entry information for the Kansas State 4-H Horse Show via ShoWorks by August 1 of the current program year. You will need the signed affidavits. 4-H Horse Project Members are not limited in the total number of horses they may exhibit at the State Fair. Exhibitors may show more than one horse in the following classes: Halter, Trail, Reining, Ranch Horse Pattern, Ranch Horse Trail, Barrel Racing, Flag Race, and Pole Bending. If a 4-H member has multiple horses in a halter class, the horse must be exhibited by another currently enrolled Kansas 4-H member.

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2023 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

Due to Discovery Days being scheduled during the session that was chosen for camp and no members having signed up yet, we are changing our designated date for CAMP. Flint Hills District has changed to targeting Session #1: June 4-7 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.

Sign up for 2023 camp will use the link: [https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/](https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/). Early bird registration for 4-H families will open November 15, 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 will be offered and run through December 31. 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 8 options to be offered June 4-July 14.

**Insect Spectacular**

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held June 16-17, 2023 in Manhattan, Kansas. Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H’er. Registration, proposed schedule, and full information will be available in the spring. Stay tuned!

**Pullorum-Typhoid Testing for 2023**

Kansas continues its designation as a Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) clean state. With that being said the Kansas Department of Agriculture is able to decrease the required surveillance for PT testing. Routine surveillance testing will be performed for each county fair a minimum of once every 5 years. KDA has created a map designating the next time Chase and Morris Counties will need to be tested and that will be in 2025. If you have birds from in-state, you do not currently need to test for PT or provide proof of being from a certified PT clean flock this year for the Morris or Chase County Fairs. If you get new birds for the County Fair this year and they come from out-of-state, you must show proof that they originated from a certified U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean flock or provide a negative PT test. Other poultry shows may still require a negative PT test to participate, this rule is only for your local county fair. This year, 2023, Lyon County is one of the counties that is designated for P-T testing, so we will share their test date in case you are needing to test. The Kansas State Fair will require a negative PT test still and they are working on details for testing poultry on site.

Please note that if P-T is discovered in the state, requirements could change. If you have questions please reach out to the Extension Offices with any questions.
Insect Art Contest

The Kansas State Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-Her’s and art students as well as adults. This year the artwork needs to fit into the contest theme of “Insect Superheroes”. The goal is to explore why real life insects can be considered superheros. Selected artwork will be used to create 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. Categories are as follows:
1. Kindergarten – 2nd grade (1st -3rd place)
2. 3rd grade – 5th grade (1st -3rd place)
3. 6th grade – 8th grade (1st -3rd place)
4. High School (1st -3rd place)
5. Adult (1st- 3rd place)

Categories
1. Illustrates a real life insect superhero
2. Illustrates a fictional insect superhero
3. 3-D (pottery, stained glass, or other medias)

Submission deadlines:
Entries should be postmarked by April 14, 2023.
Mail entries to: Frannie Miller
Pesticide Safety and IPM Program
600 West Woodside
McPherson, KS 67460
https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/

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 2023 Fairs.
APRIL
April 1 - Showmanship Clinic @ CG
April 2 - YQCA training 4:30 PM
April 7 - Extension Offices Closed
April 15 - State Shooting Sports Match @ Alma
April 20 - Beef DNA Envelope order Deadline
April 22 - Showmanship Clinic @ CWF
April 29 - Chase County Small Animal Weigh In
April 29 - Morris County Small Animal Weigh In

MAY
May 1 - Drop/ Add Deadline
May 1 - Market Beef Nomination Deadline
May 24 - Chase County Project Day and 4-H Council

KANSAS 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE WEBINAR SERIES
To Register to attend please follow the link: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bxPYyUieLxZMB2C

KANSAS 4-H PRESENTS: EQUINE WEBINAR SERIES
Please click the link below to register
https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/equine-webinar-series.html

LOOKING AHEAD
June 1 - Horse ID’s Due
June 4-7 - Camp
June 5 - Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep & Meat Goat DNA Envelope order Deadline
June 7-9 - Discovery Days
June 15 - Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep & Meat Goat Nominations Due
June 16-17 - Insect Spectacular
June 27-28 - District Horse Show
July 6-8 - Tri County Fair
July 20-28 - Chase County Fair
July 22-31 - Morris County Fair
August 19-20 - Livestock Sweepstakes
September 8-17 - Kansas State Fair
September 29-October 1 - KJLS
November 18 - Morris County Achievement Banquet

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

SHEEP ACROSS KANSAS SERIES: FEEDING & SHOWMANSHIP
Sign up for the webinar at:
https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0kplxgqu4s9gc2a

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**Practice, Practice, Practice**

This time of the year everyone starts to get busier! Try to think about your 4-H projects as well, not just after school is getting out in May. 4-H animal projects take longer to get ready for the County Fairs, so participating in Spring Shows and the Tri-County Fair which is open to Chase and Morris County 4-H’ers, are great practice and will help expand your skill set. Also attending your counties project days and project meetings for specific species is beneficial to your 4-H projects.

All Spring Livestock Shows and Horse Shows are listed on the KSRE website at [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/) and Dog Qualifier Shows may be found here: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/local-dog-events/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/local-dog-events/index.html) and if you have any questions feel free to call the Extension Offices.

Even if you are not able to take your animal to the shows, just going and observing and listening to the judges’ comments is a great way to learn as well. Keep working hard on those projects! I look forward to seeing them all at the County Fairs this year.

**Please come to the Livestock Showmanship Clinics!**

Calling all livestock 4-H’ers! I highly encourage you to attend the Livestock Showmanship Clinics on April 1st and April 22nd to learn more about selection and showmanship. When you are new to an activity, it can be hard to know what questions to ask or even what to look up online. I’m hoping that these clinics provide newer livestock project members an opportunity to gain foundational knowledge, see in-person demonstrations, and ask questions to a live person. For more seasoned livestock project members, I’m hoping that these clinics provide members an opportunity to learn more about other species for Round Robin and to improve the knowledge and skills they already have! If you have other hands-on trainings that you would like to see, please reach out to us in the Extension Offices!
4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **May 24** at 11 AM following **project day** at the Community Building in Cottonwood Falls. **If the 4-H Council Rep is unable to attend from your club, please have the alternate attend.**

4-H Dog Meeting

Chase County 4-H members enrolled in the Dog Project are welcome to attend the Morris County Dog meetings for the 2022-2023 4-H year. Dog meetings will be held at the Morris County Fair Building, Sundays @ 4:30 pm on the following dates:

**Apr. 23**
May - Please note that due to Mother’s Day, I changed the dog project meeting to **May 7 at 1:00 pm**
June and July will be held once weekly until the fair. Specific dates and times will be determined in May.

Livestock Tagging Deadlines

We will be using EID tags for all livestock animals in 2023. Each tag will cost $3.25 each and each 4-H’er will be responsible for paying for their tags. Different this year an Extension Agent **MUST** be present for tagging all livestock.

The small animal and bucket calf weigh-in and tagging will be **April 29th from 8:30 am-10:30am** at the Chase County Fairgrounds. If you are unable to make it to weigh-in, you **MUST** have made arrangements prior to April 29th with the Extension Office to get your animal tagged!

Livestock Ownership

Dates for 2023 are as follows:
- **Bucket Calves** - Born after January 1, owned and tagged by April 29
- **Market Swine** - Born after January 1, owned and tagged by April 29
- **Market Sheep** - Born after January 1, owned and tagged by April 29
- **Market Goats** - Born after August 1, owned and tagged by April 29
- **Rabbits and Poultry** - Owned by May 31

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.

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

Project Day

Chase County Project Day has been scheduled for Wednesday, **May 24th** 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
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**Photography**

**Chase County**

**2023**
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Gavin Carson
Alyvia Corgill
Guthrie Danford
Lexi Day
Heidi Hansford
Lennon Laramore
Khloe Lif
Carter Mann
Noah McIver
Bethany Peters
Harvey Schlup
Gus Wainwright
**Fair Theme**
The Fair Theme for 2023 will be Party on the Prairie

**Fair Schedule**
The fair schedule has been finalized and can be found on the Extension website at https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/fair/

Check the Facebook event for additional information!

**Weigh In Dates**
Tags will be $3.25 each. Different this year an Extension Agent **MUST** be present for tagging animals. If you are unable to make it to a weigh-in, you **MUST make arrangements with the Extension Office to get your animal tagged PRIOR to the weigh-in**
Small Animal weigh in will be held **Saturday, April 29** from 4-6 pm at the Fair Grounds.

**Bee Weigh In Results**

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**Important Dates**

**Fair Board Meeting**
Tuesday, April 4, 7 PM

**4-H Council Meeting**
Tuesday, April 17, 7PM

**Cloverbuds**
We will be having our next Meeting **April 8**, at the Courthouse.
May 13
June 10

**Dog Meetings**
Dog meetings will be held at the Morris County Fair Building, Sundays @ 4:30 pm on the following dates:
**Apr. 23**
May - Please note that due to Mother’s Day, I changed the dog project meeting to **May 7 at 1:00 pm**
June and July will be held once weekly until the fair. Specific dates and times will be determined in May.

**Pet Meeting**
The pet meetings will be held at the Morris County Courthouse Saturdays @ 10 AM.
**April 8**
May 13
July 15
This means you will have to make it to 3 meetings to make it to the majority.

**4-H Foundation Camp support**
The Morris County 4-H Foundation voted to pay $236 toward registration fees for Morris County 4-H members to attend camp in 2023. The Extension Office will coordinate for this credit to be applied to accounts at Rock Springs between April 15 and May 1.

**Morris County 4-H Scholarship**
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 1, 2023**.
Konley Harding Scholarship is due Wednesday **May 10, 2023**.
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**April 2023**

**Showmanship Clinic**

- Mon 4/6 PM: Meet in Small Animal
- Wed 4/8 AM: Market Breeding DNA Last Day to Order
- Fri 4/21: 4-H Council Meeting 7 PM
- Fri 4/28: Schooling Sports Pack 14

**Small Animal**

- Fri 4/7 NO SCHOOL
- Sat 4/8 NO SCHOOL

**Photography**

- Fri 4/21: 7 PM 4-H Council Meeting
- Wed 4/26: 7 PM Schooling Sports Pack 14
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