4-H Enrollment for the New Year
The new 4-H year began **October 1st** and enrollment needs to be completed by **November 1st**! You must enroll via 4-H Online, version 2. The link is [https://v2.4honline.com/](https://v2.4honline.com/). The enrollment fee is $15 (Morris County members, please see the Morris County section on enrollment for more information on enrollment fees.) Your enrollment is not complete until the fee is paid.

Please let us know if you have any questions as you complete the enrollment process. There are also enrollment guides available on the Kansas 4-H webpage: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html)

Please enroll in all projects that you plan to participate in this year. The enrollment list is what is given to project leaders so they can communicate about upcoming meetings. The final drop or add deadline for project selection is **May 1st**.

**Best to all of you!**

In the last year and half, I have collected many good 4-H memories that I will take with me when I leave. I enjoyed the conversations I got to have with Morris County 4-H youth and parents about themselves, their projects, and life during trips, Fair, and local events. In my time here, I saw determined youth of all ages continue to hone their skills and abilities. I watched confident, outgoing youth further themselves with practice. And I witnessed quiet youth beautifully communicate and reflect aspects of themselves in their projects. For the time and effort that volunteers put into the 4-H program and that parents invested into their children—thank you! For the different kindnesses that people have shown—thank you! I hope the best for each of you. Take care,

Abby.

**Shooting Sports**

Safety Day for 1st year BB members will be **November 5th at 1 p.m.** at the Council Grove Rec Building. Be sure you are on the Morris County Sharp Shooters Facebook page for updates. More information will be coming on future practice dates/times.

**Volunteers**

Kansas 4-H invites you to make the difference in the life of a young person. Volunteers make 4-H possible through the passion, skills, and talents they share with young people. The Flint Hills District 4-H programs are always seeking individuals who want to volunteer within Chase and Morris Counties. Volunteer roles at the local level can be through the local club level or at the county or even district level. We are always welcoming project leaders and community leaders. Reach out to the Extension Office today to find out more!
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District 4-H Dates

NOVEMBER
- November 1 - 4-H and VIP Enrollment Deadline
- November 10 - Extension Office Closed
- November 12 - Chase County Achievement Banquet
- November 14 - Chase County Officer Training
- November 14 - Chase County 4-H Council
- November 14 - Morris County Officer Training
- November 18 - Morris County Achievement Banquet
- November 18-19 - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
- November 23-24 - Extension Office Closed Thanksgiving

DECEMBER
- December 25 - Extension Office Closed

LOOKING AHEAD
- January 1 - Extension Office Closed

Kansas 4-H T-Shirts

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE KANSAS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL! 2 Design Options for 2023

Order Deadline: **December 1st, 2023** at the link

https://tinyurl.com/2023KS4HTSHIRT

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4-H Council Meeting
The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **November 14th after Officer Training** at the Community Building in Cottonwood Falls. It will be a short meeting to elect officers and set the meeting schedule for the 4-H year.

Fair Updates
Changes for the 2023-2024 4-H Year:
- Minimum weights for livestock: Market Beef 1000lbs, Market Hogs 220lbs, Market Lambs 100lbs and Market Goats 50lbs
- Fair Dates: July 18th-July 25th, 2024
- The Dog Show will take place on the Friday before, 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

Achievement Banquet
The date for the Achievement Banquet has been set for **Sunday, November 12th at 6pm** and will be held at the Cottonwood Falls Community Building. The theme this year is Kansas and the meal will be catered by Sherry Wilson. The menu will include pulled pork sandwiches, green beans and cheesy potatoes. Each club has been asked to bring 5 desserts. 4-H Council will cover the cost. We ask that you **RSVP to the Extension Office ASAP**. As a reminder, only those who turned in their record books are allowed to attend.

Record Books!!
With a new year of 4-H upon us, it is time to think about all the goals that you will set for the 4-H year within each project that you are enrolled in. It's important to look ahead at your pin applications now and see what requirements you need in order to plan ahead. Think about what leadership and citizenship roles you will need to complete in order to successfully fill out your project report forms. Starting now by just printing off the record book forms or downloading them to a computer and filling in things as simple as your name will get you a jump start for next year's record book! Here is the link to our FHD website where the forms can be found: [https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/district-record-keeping/recordbooks.html](https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/district-record-keeping/recordbooks.html)

Officer Training
Officer training will be held Tuesday, **November 14th at 6:30pm** at the Community Building in Cottonwood Falls. Youth under the age of 10 must have an adult present.
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- **November 2023**
- Chase County
- Happy Thanksgiving
- Extension Office Closed
- Officer Training
- Council Meeting
- USD 284 No School
- Achievement Banquet
If you will be a new 4-H member or your child fully completed a 2022-2023 record book, the Morris County 4-H Foundation will be covering the $15 enrollment fee using a coupon code!

The Extension Office will be applying the coupon code in 4-H Online for qualifying 4-H Members. For new members or members who have fully completed a 2022-2023 record book, please submit your enrollment at full cost and indicate that you will be paying by check. The Extension Office will then apply the coupon code to pay for your enrollment fee. If you have questions or problems, please call the office (620-767-5136).

**Cloverbuds**

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

- January 13th
- March 9th
- May 11th
- July at the Fair
- September 14th

**2024 Animal Weights and Deadlines:**

Premium Auction Minimum Weights:

- Steers/heifers: 1,000 lbs.
- Hogs: 230 lbs.
- Lambs: 90 lbs.
- Goats: 40 lbs.
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