

## **Chase County 4-H members will benefit from Monsanto gift**

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The Chase County 4-H Council is \$2,500 richer, and youth will benefit from the gift. Friday night Wayne Bahler of Lamar, representing Monsanto Company, presented the check to Lisa Schilke of Lamar, who then turned it over to the Council.

The ceremony was held during the annual 4-H carnival at the Chase County fairgrounds.

The money comes from the Monsanto Fund's Grow Communities, which gives farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local nonprofit organizations.

Schilke was chosen as the winning farmer in Furnas County. As a lifelong 4-H supporter, first as a participant, then a leader for nine years and a council member for seven years, her first thought was to support the Chase County 4-H Council.

The council will use the gift towards the Experience 4-H program, where members are given a chance to work with volunteers to do hands-on 4-H projects.

Some of the funds will also go to help current members experience 4-H camp and purchase project materials.

“With the Experience 4-H event we invite kids to get a sample of multiple different 4-H project

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areas like fishing, wildlife, food and nutrition, sun safety or forestry,” according to Kim Cook, Chase County Extension Educator.

“We have 50 to 60 kids typically show up who are very excited to try things out. We usually have four or five new families enroll their kids from just that event.”