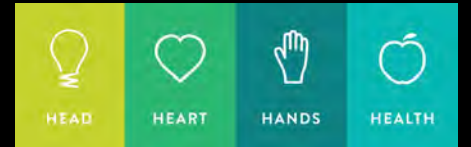


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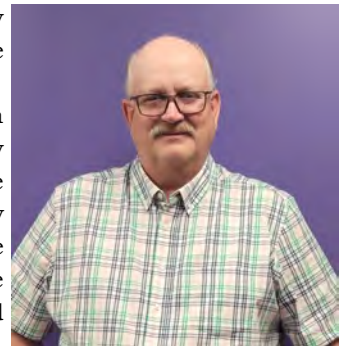
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Welcome Our New 4-H Agent

Ron Smith will be serving as the new 4-H Extension Agent for the Flint Hills District starting May 13th, 2024. He has taught Agriculture Education for 33 years sponsoring FFA and coaching multiple sports throughout his career. His wife, Kami and four adult children (Kaylee 30, Kolton 27, Karsyn 24 and Kamryn 22) who all went through 4-H and participated in most all projects possible over the years but focused on the livestock/horse areas. He also has 1 grandson Kaylor 9. Who competes in CYRA and Jr rodeos and is a 4-Her. He has both horses and goats currently and has a goat roping business on the side. Hobbies include team roping, side by side excursions, watching Chiefs, Royals and of course KSU Football and Basketball.

Horses have always been his passion and he grew up raising and training race horses and then later transitioned to team roping and training performance horses for all types of rodeo events. His kids all grew up in the Jr Rodeo Circuits and local saddle clubs before going on to compete at the JH and High School Rodeo levels and then to compete in the college rodeo circuit. One was on a college livestock judging team and another also competed on a college equestrian team. He was a member of the KSU Horse Judging Team and judged many county 4-H horse shows, round robin's and county project days over the years as well.

His passion for youth leadership development drives his interests in being a 4-H Agent and he is excited to meet all of you, work closely with your clubs to assist in whatever tasks they would like. Once training is complete he looks forward to being out in the community working hands on with members, clubs and community sponsors. He has a busy summer ahead as the district and its members prepare for fair activities. Contact Ron at the KSU Flint Hills Research and Extension office or email rds8787@ksu.edu.



Photography Rule Reminder for Fair

Photos with live subject(s) on railroad right of way or taken from railroad right of way property will not be displayed and will be disqualified and not judged per State Fair 4-H rules. If you have any questions about this or need clarification, please contact either Extension Office.

Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic

The Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic is hosted annually by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and K-State Research and Extension to provide Kansas youth ages 7-18 an opportunity to exhibit their swine projects. The event includes educational activities, such as a swine skillathon and photography contest, as well as showmanship, a prospect hog show and a market hog show. The event will be held at the Riley County Fairgrounds in CiCo Park in Manhattan.

Date: July 12th-13th

Entries are Due: June 24th

For more information go to <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/swineclassic.html>



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>

Southeast Challenge Day

Contests: FCS Judging, Favorite Foods Show (must be local extension unit winner), Horticulture, Crops ID, Photography Judging

Date: Tuesday, **June 25**

Location: Anderson Building on the Lyon County Fairgrounds, Emporia

Age: 9-18

Cost: \$10/person- may judge as many contests as you would like

If you are interested in attending please reach out to the Extension Office 620-767-5136 to let our 4-H Agent Ron Smith know.

Southeast Livestock Day

Contests: Livestock Judging, Skillathon, Meat Judging

Date: Thursday, June 27

Location: Riverside Park, Iola

Cost: \$10/person- may judge as many contests as you would like

Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required and may be changed at check-in: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGN36Sr-ydCdzhGaqIsdsyuLLgpK4-vNy0Px5nxtG2I66MOg/viewform?pli=1>

If you are interested in attending please reach out to the Extension Office 620-767-5136 to let our 4-H Agent Ron Smith know.

Tri-County Free Fair

Attached is the Schedule for the Tri County Fair July 11th, 12th and 13th.

This fair is open to all members in the Flint Hills District.

For more information please follow the link below.

<https://www.tricountyfairks.com/>

Kansas 4-H Thriving Study – We Want to Hear From 4-H Members!

In early June, Kansas 4-H will be conducting a 4-H Thriving Model evaluation. Members in grades 3 and up will be invited to participate in a survey to tell us about their experience in 4-H. The survey is designed to help Kansas 4-H understand how youth are thriving in 4-H. While the survey is optional, we would love to hear from every member.

Emails will be sent to the parent emails we have on file in 4-H Online with an electronic survey link. Parents will be asked to share the electronic survey link with their child(ren).

Here are some key things to know

- The goal is for the first survey to go out the week of June 9. Two reminders will be sent to all participants who have not completed the survey. The survey will close mid-July.
- This data will help us share the impact of 4-H programs in Kansas. By responding, your child(ren) will help us tell the story of Kansas 4-H.
- If you do not want your child(ren) to participate in this study, you can simply delete the message. There is no impact on 4-H programming, and Extension Agents will never know who completed and who did not complete the survey.
- Direct any questions to Samantha Grant (samgrant@ksu.edu), Evaluation Consultant, or Sarah Maass (semaass@ksu.edu), State 4-H Program Leader, or 785-532-5800.

Thank you for supporting Kansas 4-H as we continue “To Make the Best Better!”



DISTRICT 4-H DATES

JUNE

June 3-5 - Champions Livestock Judging – Camp 1
June 5 - DNA Envelopes Order Deadline
June 5-7 - Kansas 4-H Discovery Days
June 5-8 - K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy
June 10-12 - Champions Livestock Judging- Camp 2
June 13 - KSU Horse Judging Advanced Camp
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
June 25 - South East Challenge Day
June 27 - South East Livestock Day

JULY

June 30-July 3 - Daisy Nationals
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

LOOKING AHEAD

August 10 - State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest
August 12 - State Wheat Expo
August 17-18 - Livestock Sweepstakes
September 6-15 - Kansas State Fair
September 27-29 - KJLS
November 2 - Morris County 4-H Achievement Banquet
November 23-24 - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

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 clcarsonfarms@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. The Small Animal and Commercial females' are due by **June 15th**. The deadline to order DNA envelopes has been moved up to 10 days prior to the deadline, which is **June 5th**. 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.

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CHASE COUNTY

4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be scheduled for **August** once the school calendar is out. It will be 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 at 6 pm
- ◆ The Sheep/Goat Show will take place on Monday, July 22nd at 8:30 am. weigh-in will be after the horse show on Sunday at 7 pm.
NO livestock will be allowed prior to 7 pm!
- ◆ The Swine Show will still take place on Tuesday, July 23rd at 8:30 am and weigh-in will be Monday between 5:30 and 7 pm.
- ◆ 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

Plan B Option

The Chase County Fair board has decided that moving forward the Plan B option at the Fair for the livestock sale will no longer be an option. Plan B is where the buyer can pay the premium and also purchase the animal to take to a locker. If a buyer would like to purchase the animal, they can do so but arrangements need to be made prior to the county fair with the 4-Her. If you have any questions please reach out to Chelsea at the Extension Office.

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.

2024 Theme Basket Sale

Bazaar - Household Essentials
Diamond - Outdoor Fun
Gladstone - Coffee
Toledo - Homemade Ice cream

Remember that each member is asked to sell 12 tickets. You may sell more.

Tickets are: \$1 each this year. Community Leaders will be notified when tickets are available.





2024 Chase County



4-H SUMMER CAMP

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Rodeo Parade
2	3	4	5 Deadline to order DNA Envelopes	6	7	8
9	10	11	Discovery Days			15 - Grade Dairy ID Forns Due - Small Livestock & Breeding Heifers Nomination Deadline
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30		Kansas Jr. All-Breeds Dairy Show				

MORRIS COUNTY

Morris County Fair Book

The Morris County Fair Book has gone through some revisions. Please be sure to read the book very carefully when you receive it! It will also be on the Flint Hills District website.

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.



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/>

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Important Dates

Fair Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 4, 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

*June 28th

Cloverbuds

We will be having our next meeting **at the Fair**.

Dog Project Meetings

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

*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 Achievement Banquet

Mark your calendars! The date for the Achievement Banquet has been set for Saturday, November 2nd.

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.



2024 MORRIS COUNTY



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