

Flint Hills District 4-H News

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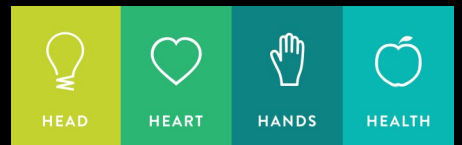
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Council Grove Extension Office

We have moved locations and can be found at **315 W Main St.** in Council Grove. We are no longer located in the Courthouse. We can still be reached at the same phone number, which is **620-767-5136**. We are excited to serve you from our new space!

Shooting Sports

Safety Day for 1st year BB members will be **November 3rd** at 1 p.m. at the old armory. You must attend this meeting in order to participate. Be sure you are on the Morris County Sharp Shooters Facebook page for updates. More information will be coming on future practice dates/times.

4-H Enrollment for the New Year

The new 4-H year began October 1st which means it is time to enroll! You must enroll via 4-H Online, version 2. The link is <https://v2.4honline.com/>. New enrollment and re-enrollments for 4-H members and all volunteers began October 1st and needs to be completed by November 1st.

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>

Families should review years in project as they make project selections and please review all personal information to make sure phone numbers, emails and mailing addresses are current. 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.

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!

Beyond Ready – Are YOU Ready for this Nationwide Movement?

By now everyone has heard the new 4-H catchphrase, "Beyond Ready". You probably are wondering what this is and what does it mean for you and the local program you serve. What you need to know is you are not behind, nor did you miss anything. For the last two years or so, the Extension leadership across the country (Extension Directors & 4-H Program Leaders) have been developing a collective, collaborative effort to connect us all across the country with the Beyond Ready movement. Can you imagine the synergy the 4-H program will have knowing that every state in the nation and U.S. territories will be working towards the same BOLD goal of reaching 10 million youth with the 4-H program by 2030? This means we are preparing young people for healthy, productive, and engaged lives. And our youth want to be ready for life and for work! I'm sure you are asking yourself, what will this look like? What is my place in this? Why don't I know more? The answer is simple. We are currently laying the groundwork for this movement. This programming year your State 4-H Team is developing a plan of action for Kansas. The Youth Development Program Focus Team, the Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents, and all of YOU are going to play key roles in making this bold goal a reality! I look at this movement of Beyond Ready as a piece that coincides alongside the Kansas State University NextGen plan.



K-State Junior Producer Days!

Registration now open for the K-State Junior Producer Days!

The junior producer day events are one-day family educational programs to learn about the selection and management of swine and/or meat goat youth livestock projects, as well as a variety of aspects related to the animal science industry. This is a family event! Parents and youth are invited to come learn together! The 2025 K-State Junior Producer Days will be hosted at the Stanley Stout Center, which is in Manhattan, north of campus, near the KSU Sheep & Meat Goat Center and KSU Purebred Beef Unit. A map and more specific directions will be provided to families who register the week leading up to the event. **NEW THIS YEAR – LIMITED REGISTRATION!** Registration for each junior producer day will be capped at 400 participants this year.

K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

Date – Saturday, March 1, 2025

Registration Deadline – February 5

Cost - \$20/person by February 5

*Only those who register by February 5 will receive a t-shirt.

**Both youth and adults attending (including parents) need to register.

***No refunds.

****Participation is limited to the first 400 registrants.

*****Late registration fee after February 5 is \$25/person and these participants will not receive a t-shirt.

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

K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

Date – Saturday, March 22, 2025

Registration Deadline – February 26

Cost - \$20/person by February 26

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YQCA

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-specie youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development. It is required for all Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS exhibitors. Several packers who purchase base bid animals at the local level require it as well. With the exception of those kids who test out at the beginning of the intermediate or senior age divisions, it is an annual certification. For more information about the program, please visit: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>.

- Training will be available at the Jr Producer Days and we will also have a date to be announced for local Morris and Chase county members to be able to attend. Keep an eye out in the coming months for more information.

Record Book Judging:

Just a few notes to follow up on the record books. First, A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who came into the offices and helped judge. This takes time and energy and our office can not thank you enough. Next are just a few thoughts about how to be more successful as you move forward. We all know in the agricultural industry as well in everyday life that keeping records is a valuable tool which allows us to set goals, prioritize and make management decisions that affect the outcomes of our successes and failures. When looking at a record book I would hope that you use it as a tool of reflection more than just a way to win an award. Evaluate the successes and challenges and how you can adapt or grow in your project area. Next, have you looked at the scoring rubric? How records are entered make an impact on the scoring of your book. I would encourage you to do so to not miss out on easy points to be gained. Areas that tend to be missed are in project leadership and citizenship! I know many members have done more than they have actually listed in their books and the score reflects that in many cases. If none were identified then make a plan to incorporate them into your project area. In many cases, Learning Experiences only had one item listed. I find it difficult to believe that more skills were not gained in these areas. I always say, you need at least five goals and should have a minimum of three learning experiences that go along with each goal which would give at least fifteen total. Our hope is to have a Record Book workshop this spring as I am finishing up on some Z-Book training and might suggest this as an option moving forward to assist in the completion of your records. Please look for further information to come, and congratulations to those who made a difference as county champions.

Horse Project News:

The Kansas 4-H Horse ID Certificate (P1039) has been updated for the 2025 4-H program year. Beginning with the 2025 4-H program year, please use the new form and destroy previously used 4-H Horse ID Certificates. As a reminder, to properly identify your horse, complete the 4-H Horse ID Certificate, and have your Extension Agent sign it and copy it. A COPY of the Horse ID Certificate is kept on file in the Extension Office and the 4-H Horse member maintains the ORIGINAL certificate. The original certificate is presented by the 4-H member to show staff for check-in at the local 4-H horse shows. Beginning in 2025, registration papers WILL NOT be accepted to identify horses for the 4-H Horse project. An example of the Horse ID Certificate is available online. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/docs/SampleHorseID.pdf>

For a fillable copy https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/fair/2024%20horse-identification-certificate_P1039.pdf



DISTRICT 4-H DATES

NOVEMBER

November 1 - 4-H & VIP Enrollment Deadline
November 1 - CS County 4-H Achievement Banquet
November 1 - CS County 4-H Council Meeting
November 2 - MR County 4-H Achievement Banquet
November 4 - CS County 4-H Ambassador Training
November 11 - Extension Offices Closed-Veterans Day
November 12 - MR County Officer / Leader Training
November 13 - CS County Officer / Leader Training
November 23-24 - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
November 27-29 - Extension Offices Closed Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

December 24-25 - Extension Office Closed Christmas

LOOKING AHEAD

February 22-23 - Horse Panorama
March 1 - Junior Swine Producer Day
March 22 - Junior Meat Goat Producer Day
March 25 - Beef Weigh In
April 12 - CS County Small Animal Weigh In
April 12 - MR County Small Animal Weigh In

Sheep & Goat Project Focus:

We have had an anonymous donor in the district who has retired from sheep production and has some really nice Premier sheep and goat feeders he wanted to donate to 4-Hers who could use them in their learning experience. He gave me full discretion on how to distribute and I selected everyone who turned in a record book in either the sheep or goat project who was continuing this project in 4-H for the coming year to receive one. These include 3' and 5' ground feed bunks that are like-new, a couple of fence line combination bunks for hay and grain and a couple of hay only fence line feeders. I can't thank him and his family enough for thinking about 4-H kids and if totaled up new these items would well be close to \$2000 which is awesome for our kids in the Flint Hills District. I will be contacting those members by email on how and when to pick these items up.



Flint Hills District 4-H Round Table

Discussions

- Oct 28th Morris
- Jan 20th Chase
- April 21st Morris
- June 23rd Chase

October Meeting Topics

- New Year
- Participation
- Agent Roles
- Needs in the District/County
- Leader/Officer Training

Who: Open to all Club Leaders of Chase and Morris Co 4-H

What : Club Leader Round Table Discussion Sessions

When: 6:30-8:30 pm (time as needed)

Please RSVP by email rds8787@ksu.edu three days prior

Where: Extension Offices unless more space is needed, then TBA

Why: To Brainstorm, Collaborate and Communicate Ideas

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CHASE COUNTY

4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **November 1st at 4:45 pm. This will be held prior to the Achievement Banquet at St. Anthony's Hall in Strong City.** At this meeting we will be electing new officers so please have the 23-24 council reps and the 24-25 council reps attending this meeting.

Chase Co Leader/Officer Training

Training will be held **Wednesday, November 13th** at 6:30 pm at the community Building in Cottonwood Falls. Youth under the age of 10 must have an adult present. Everyone is welcome to participate in officers training even if you do not hold an office. It is a great way to learn about an office that you may want to hold in the future.

Officer Training Registration: Please complete the Qualtrics Survey to RSVP for Officer Training by **November 7th.** Each person in a family needs to complete their own survey.

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0P9ZtNOcsqqvknI

Achievement Banquet

This year's banquet is scheduled for Friday, November 1st at St. Anthony Hall in Strong City. Sherry Wilson is catering the meal. 4-H Council will cover the cost of all 4-Her's and their families. **Meal will be served 6:30 pm.**

As a reminder the Achievement Banquet is for those that turned in a Record Book.

The Council decorating committee will need to keep in mind that nothing can be put on the walls of the hall - so all decorations will need to be tabletop decor. One thing you probably will want to think about is some type of backdrop for photos.

RSVP to the Extension Office no later than **October 18th.**

2025 Animal Deadlines

- Market Beef tagging/ownership deadline will be March 25th.
- Market Lamb, Market Hog, Market Goat and Bucket Calf tagging/ownership deadline will be April 12th.
- 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

Fairgrounds Updates

If you have not been by the fairgrounds lately, check out the progress! Definitely will be an asset to the 4-H Program in Chase County.



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>



2024 Chase County



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Achievement Banquet 6 pm 4-H Council Meeting	2
3	4 Ambassador Training USD 284 No School	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Extension Office Closed	12	13 Officer / Leader Training	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 KYLIF
24 KYLIF	25	26	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving	29	30

USD 284 No School Thanks Giving Break

Extension Office Closed

MORRIS COUNTY

Morris Co Leader/Officer Training

Officer Training will be held **Tuesday, Nov 12th from 6:30-8pm** in the 4-H Community building at the Morris County Fairgrounds. All officers and club leaders should attend as well as anyone who might be interested in holding an office in the future. Youth under 10 must have an adult present.

Officer Training Registration: Please complete the Qualtrics Survey to RSVP for Officer Training by **November 7th**. Each person in a family needs to complete their own survey.

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Creative Ideas to Enhance Your Club Meetings and Participation

BACKWARDS MEETING: Start the meeting with the motion for adjournment and go from there! The entire meeting is backwards. Members and parents might even want to dress backwards. Talk about really learning the meeting order; this will do it! **PARTICIPATION INCENTIVES:** This works best when the officers or leaders take charge. When members make a motion, give discussion or ask a question, attend a discovery days, camps, project meetings, they can be presented with an incentive. This might just increase club participation! Incentives can be "traveling, leaderboard poster, Royals Game voucher, 4-H promo item, etc. **CRAZY THEME DAY:** One meeting could be jazzed up by incorporating a fun theme. During roll call, members may show off and tell the story behind what they brought to match the theme. Suggested themes include a mismatched day, 4-H green day, hat day, pajamas day, crazy shoe day, tie day, bring a stuffed animal day, sunglasses day, backwards clothing day and dress as your parents' day. These are just some examples. Have the club help you create more or add more yourself. **INVITE A FRIEND:** Encourage members to invite their friends who are not members of 4-H to a meeting. Have a special introduction ceremony for the club guests. Be sure to include information on how to join 4-H. **HAVE A SECRET WORD CONTEST:** When the Secretary reads the minutes of the previous meeting, a secret word can be inserted. Members will listen closely to determine what the word is. Members who then use the word in some way during the meeting can receive a small prize from the club's supply tote. Secret word examples include popsicle, pillow, jellybean, clover, and armadillo.

New Office Sign



Important Dates

Fair Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 5, 7 pm

4- H Council Meeting
Monday, January 27, 6:30 pm

Morris County Achievement Banquet

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

Location & Time: Fair Building at 6 pm.

Theme: 4-Her's in Full Bloom

Ticket prices: \$6.00 per person

RSVP: October 18th

Record Book T-Shirt

Congratulations to our Record Book T-Shirt Design winner, Lindsay Bunn who was selected among the four which were submitted. This design is being printed and t-shirts will be here soon for all members who turned in record books. An honorable mention goes out to Cassidy Dalquest, Mariette Thibodeaux and Lithe Thibodeaux who also submitted designs and will receive the donated 4-H Buckle Key Chains for their effort.



Enrollment Fees

If you will be a new 4-H member or your child fully completed a 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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)!





2024 MORRIS COUNTY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Enrollment Deadline USD 481 No School USD 417 Late Start	2 Achievement Banquet 6 pm
3	4	5	6	7	8 USD 417 No School	9
10	11 Extension Office Closed	12 Officer / Leader Training	13	14	15	16
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USD 417 & 481 No School

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