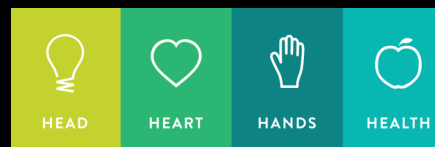


Flint Hills District 4-H News

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Citizenship In Action

What: Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

Cost: \$225

When: February 16-17, 2025

Where: Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center (formerly Capitol Plaza)

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

Registration: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html>

Registration Deadline: January 24, 2025 Spots are limited

BANQUET will be Sunday evening, if you are asking your legislators to join, please email dsratlif@ksu.edu by Feb 3 with any additional attendees. The cost is \$35 for additional attendees.

Cool Careers 4-H Video Contest 2025!

This competition allows 4-H members to learn about a career and then produce a video to create their own episode of the series [Cool Careers](#). Entries can be submitted by an individual or a small group. Groups can consist of no more than four 4-H members of the same or different age group. If registering as a group, at least 1 or 2 4-H members need to be enrolled in the specific project they will be highlighting, meaning not all group members need to be enrolled in the project to participate. Deadline to submit videos is August 1, 2025. All information, including contest guidelines and registration link will be located on kansas4-h.org, listed on the front page under News & Updates and also under contests.

This is a result of a new partnerships between Kansas 4-H and [HirePaths](#)

State Livestock Nomination Information

Nomination Deadlines:

Market Beef – May 1

Small Livestock – June 15

DNA Envelope Order Deadlines:
Official DNA Envelopes must be ordered in advance!

Market Beef – April 20

Small Livestock – June 5

Kansas State Livestock Nomination System (ShoWorks) Link:

<https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/>



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. 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.

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

*Only those who register by February 26 will receive a t-shirt. **Both youth and adults attending (including parents) need to register.

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



YQCA

Mark your calendars! There will be two training sessions for those needing to become YQCA certified. YQCA stands for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. Any individual that plans to show market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or purebred breeding females at the 2025 Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show must be YQCA certified to participate. However, anyone is welcome to attend a training session to become certified. One session will be held in the Morris Co. Courthouse Meeting Room on **February 1st** from 9am. The other session will be held in Cottonwood Falls Extension Office on **April 21st, 5pm**. Both locations are open to both counties; please attend whichever one fits your schedule best. You only need to attend one. Use the following link to register online <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. The cost of the training is \$3 which you will pay online when you register. You will be required to take a pre test prior to and post test after training is complete to receive certification. As a reminder, you can take the training online or at the Junior Producer Days in March if that fits your schedule better.

Parents and Volunteers Needed:

The NE Regional 4-H Project Award Screening is scheduled for Thursday, January 9. This will be held in-person in Manhattan and volunteers are needed to help screen the award applications. If you or someone you know would be interested in this opportunity or have any questions, please email Ron at rds8787@ksu.edu by January 2nd.

Club Day



Our 2025 District Club Day has been scheduled for Saturday, March 1st and will be hosted by Chase County. The event will be held at the Chase Co High School. A family registration form is included with this letter and needs to be completed and returned to the office by 5pm **February 13th**, 2025. It may be electronically mailed but same date applies. No Late entries accepted. All scoring sheets may be found on the Flint Hills District website by clicking 4-H then club days. Once we have registration complete we will post a full schedule.

State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Changes

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Family Scholarship application process is now open. Applications are due by March 1, 2025, at 11:59 PM. To learn more about the scholarship process use the following link or click here (<https://kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>). Scholarships are available to current high school seniors and undergraduate students. There are several scholarships that graduate and professional students are eligible for. Please encourage all of these individuals to apply for one of the Kansas 4-H Scholarships. Questions can be directed to Sarah Keatley, 620.366.0035 or keatley@ksu.edu.

Horse Panorama

When: February 22-23, 2025

Where: Rock Springs

Who: 4-H Members ages 9-18 and adult volunteers. Horse Panorama is a compilation of various contests related to the Horse Project. Contests include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking presentations, photography and educational posters.

Complete registration information and rules are available at:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html>

Horse ID

The Kansas 4-H Horse ID Certificate (P1039) has been updated for the 2025 4-H program year. 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>



DISTRICT 4-H DATES

January

January 1-2 Extension Office Closed
January 9 NE 4-H Project Record Judging, Manhattan
Jan 13 CS County Council 6:30pm St Anthony's Hall
January 16 Round Table Discussions, Chase Fair Gr.
January 20 Extension Office Closed MLK Day
Jan 27 MR County Council 6:30pm Courthouse

Looking Ahead

Feb 1 Flint Hills YQCA Training Council Grove
February 16-17 4-H Citizenship in Action
February 22-23 4-H Horse Panorama
March 1 Flint Hills District Club Day
March 1 Junior Swine Producer Day
March 7 Legacy Bull Sale
March 20 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest at EquiFest
March 22 Regional Club Days Madison, KS
March 22 Junior Meat Goat Producer Day
March 24 MR County Beef Weigh In 6-8pm
March 28 CS County Beef Weigh In
April 5 CS County Small Animal Weigh In and Bucket Calf Tagging 8am-12:00pm
April 12 MR County Small Animal Weigh In and Bucket Calf Tagging 8am-12:00pm
April 21 CS County YQCA 5pm

Round Table Discussion

Our next round of Club Leader Discussion will occur on **Thursday Jan 16th** (**date change) 6:30pm
Chase Community Building @ Fairgrounds

Open for All Flint Hills District Leaders

- **Who:** Club Leaders Chase and Morris Co 4-H
- **What :** Club Leader Round Table Discussion Meetings (held quarterly)
- **Why:** To brainstorm and discuss the following topics and others that might get brought up in discussions. Relaxed open discussion format; no such thing as silly questions or ideas as we can all gain from learning from each other.

January Meeting Topics

Club Days
Z Books Training
Clinics
Sparks

WILLIE AND THE BEANSTALK

Join the K-State Department of Agronomy for the Annual Soybean Competition.

Willie and the Beanstalk is a soybean competition for Kansas K-12 students to encourage interest in the field and increase their knowledge of soybean development. Be part of the contest to grow the biggest soybean plant in 47 days! Registration for the 2025 contest:

OPENS FEBRUARY 3, 2025. Please contact beanstalk@ksu.edu with questions about registration. [Rules for the 2025 Contest](#)

- First day to plant/soak seed - Monday, February 24, 2025 Documentation submission deadline - Friday, March 28, 2025

- [New information on documentation](#)
- Judging on Saturday, April 12, 2025

[Information on remote judging](#)

In person judging will be April 12, 2025 from 9 am to noon at the K-State Manhattan Campus Open House, **inside Waters Hall**, (details will be posted later).

Dog Project Judges Training

The 2025 Kansas 4-H Dog Judges Training and Recertification will be held in Hutchinson at the Hutchinson Kennel Club January 18-19, 2025. Participants can become trained and certified to judge the four dog phases of showmanship, obedience, agility and rally obedience in the Dog Care and Training Project. This training is appropriate for both leaders as well as potential judges. Registration is due January 3, 2025. Cost to participate is \$120, which includes training materials, certification and lunch both days of training. Complete information and the link to register is available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/trainings/dog-leader/index.html>

Parliamentary Procedure-A Life Tool

Unscramble the underlined words to discover a little about parliamentary procedure and why it is such a valuable life tool.

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CHASE COUNTY

4-H Council

2024-2025 Council Officers

President: Guthrie Danford

Vice President: Jerit Inlow

Secretary/Treasurer: Dominic Barrett

Next Meeting is January 13th 6pm

St Anthony's Catholic Church Hall

4-H Officer Training

Dec 30th, 2pm-3:30

Community Building at Fairgrounds

Available to all current officers and those who might want to be an officer in the future. General group session, then breakout workshops for specific offices keep it fun while learning to step up and lead. If you haven't done so, please register at : https://kstate.yu11.qualtrics.com/survey-builder/SV_7aqCplZbInFUAAa/edit

Chase Co Ambassador Training will follow officer training on Dec 30th approximately 4pm

NE Area Record Book

Due into Chase office by Jan 6th!

Please email rds8787@ksu.edu if you plan to send your champion recordbook so we know who to plan for.

NE Regional Screening will take place on January 9th in Manhattan. County Champions who meet the age requirements are eligible to go on to this competition. Emails will come out to those qualifying in the next few days with information on requirements. Below is a link to begin the requirement process.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/docs/>

Livestock Weigh In

March 28 CS County Beef Weigh In

April 5 - CS County Small Animal Weigh In and

Bucket Calf Tagging 8am-12:00pm

Save the Date

YQCA Training: April 5th 9am

Location TBA

Club Day Tip Sheet

What is included in a good talk? All talks have three parts: an opening or introduction, the body that presents the information, and a short summary that highlights the main points of the talk.

1. The introduction is the opening statement. It should catch the audience's attention by doing one of the following: • Ask a question. • Show an object or a picture. • Tell a startling fact • Make a challenging statement • Tell a short story.
2. The body is the main part of the talk. It should be 80 to 90 percent of your talk. First, tell what the main idea of your talk will be. Then explain or illustrate important facts while developing the main idea. Tell of personal experiences whenever they relate to your talk. Use pictures, poster boards, or other visuals if they enhance the talk. Visuals are not required in project talks, but they may add to your talk if they have a purpose.
3. Give the summary or conclusion. Repeat just a few of the major points. A quotation, poem, or saying might be used at the close. Audience questions are not solicited after project talks, as they are in demonstrations and illustrated talks.

2025 Fair Dates

Mark your calendars!

Fair dates for 2025 .

Chase County Fair July 17-24th

JANUARY

2025

Chase County

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	Officer / Leader Training 2pm Ambassador Training 4pm		Office Closed New Years Day			KS 4-H Day @ KSU Women's Basketball
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Regional Record Books Turned in to office.			Regional Record book Screening @ KSU		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	4-H Council Meeting 6:30 pm St Anthonys Catholic Hall, Strong City			Round Table Leader Meeting 6:30pm Chase Co. Fairgrounds		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Office Closed MLK Day					
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

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Cloverbud Connection

Cloverbuds will meet Saturday, January 11, 2025 in the basement of the Morris County Courthouse from 11am till Noon.

NE Area Record Book

Books are Due in the office by Jan 6th for review!

4-H Senior Champion Record Books Alert:
Due into Morris office by Jan 6th!
Please email rds8787@ksu.edu if you plan to send your champion record book so we know who to plan for.

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[https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/docs/projectrecordsandawards/Master%20Guide%](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/docs/projectrecordsandawards/Master%20Guide%202025.pdf)

County Record Book Project Winners

Senior county champions included: Cooper Andres, Ag Mechanics; Castyn Andres, Beef; Gavin Carson, Dairy; Lexi Todd, Dog; Jacob Kasten, Foods & Nutrition; Laramie Mayer, Horse; Lakoddah Downes, Meat Goat; Laramie Mayer, Rabbit; Macey Hensley, Sheep; Cassidy Dalquest, Swine; Haylee Nielsen, Vet Science

2025 Fair Dates

Mark your calendars!

Fair dates for 2025 .

Morris County Fair July 19-28th

Important Dates

Fair Board Meeting
Tuesday, **January 7th**

4- H Council Meeting
Monday, Jan 27th 6:30pm
Court House Meeting Room



4-H Dog Project

The first Morris County 4-H Dog Project Meeting will be January 19th at 5pm. This meeting is **without** your dog, please attend this meeting with your child. We will go over project expectations and a schedule of all the meetings. We do meet once a month, on the 3rd Sunday at 4:30 and meetings will last about an hour depending on how many project members attend each meeting. During the months of June and July we will meet once a week to allow more options for practice time with the dogs prior to the Morris County 4-H Dog Show.

Project Day 2025

This spring will be a day for project leaders to schedule meetings on the same day and members can attend multiple project meetings. It is planned for **Sunday, March 30th** from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Fairgrounds. The day will consist of four (4) time slots of 45 minutes each. If you are a project leader and interested in participating, please contact Ron at the Extension Office, 620-767-5136 or rds8787@ksu.edu

Feel free to bring in speakers, do an activity, etc. When you respond, please tell me if you would like to/are able to attend and how many sessions to offer. If time slots are not filled we will bring in project area for popular projects enrolled in.

Livestock Weigh In

March 24- MR County Beef Weigh In 6-8pm

April 12 - MR County Small Animal Weigh In and Bucket Calf Tagging 8am-12:00pm

JANUARY

2025

Morris County

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5	6 Regional Record Books Turned in to office.	7	8	9 Regional Record book Screening @ KSU	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Round Table Leader Meeting 6:30pm Cottonwood Falls Fairgrounds	17	18
19	20 Office Closed MILK Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 4-H Council Meeting 6:30 pm Courthouse Meeting Room	28	29	30	31	1

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