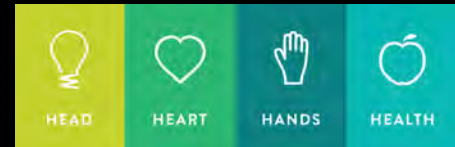


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Flint Hills Club Day



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 needs to be completed and returned to the office by 5pm **February 13th**, 2025. It may be electronically mailed but same date applies to rds8787@ksu.edu. 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 of assigned performance and talk times. If you have music arrangement needs please contact office ahead of time to make sure we are set up.

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!

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

Flint Hills District Session 2 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.

Horse Project

State Horse Judging is March 21st at Equifest

Interested in Judging? Horse lovers can learn to critique conformation and performance classes.

Life Skills:

- Decision Making
- Problem Solving
- Deductive Reasoning
- Oral Communications

Two contests are available- an open contest and a 4-H contest. Kansas 4-H members age 9-18 are invited to participate in the 4-H contest, and may also participate in the open contest. Youth of any age are eligible to participate in the open contest hosted by Kansas Quarter Horse Association. Cost to enter the 4-H contest is \$25. Registration for the open contest is \$15. To sign up for practice information complete the link: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7WCKwWfAKUIOTAI

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.

State 4-H Scholarships

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.

Project Spotlight Visual Arts

The visual arts project teaches artistic skills and the elements and principles of design. 4-H members explore techniques, study art history, culture, and discover their talents. Be creative; draw, paint and work with different mediums.



Things to Learn/Do in the Project

- ◆ Learn drawing, painting and printing techniques in paint, pencil, chalk, charcoal or mixed media
- ◆ Learn sculpture techniques
- ◆ Make something from wood, leather, paper or clay
- ◆ Weave a basket or wall hanging
- ◆ Etch glass or metal or make jewelry and wire sculptures
- ◆ Do mosaics or nature crafts
- ◆ Discover new mediums

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:

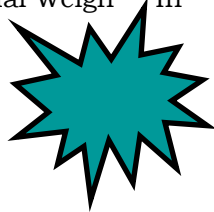
<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html>



DISTRICT 4-H DATES

Looking Ahead

- Feb 10 CS Co Buyers Workshop
- Feb 13 Deadline for Club Day Entries in Office by 5pm
- Feb 14 MRCO Buyers Workshop
- 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 21 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest at EquiFest
- March 22 Regional Club Days Madison, KS
- March 22 Junior Meat Goat Producer Day
- March 24 MRCO County Beef Weigh In 6-8pm
- March 28 CS County Beef Weigh In 5:30-7pm
- April 12 CS County Small Animal Weigh In and Bucket Calf Tagging 9a,-10:30am
- April 12 MRCO County Small Animal Weigh In and Bucket Calf Tagging 3pm-5pm
- April 20 Market Beef DNA envelope order deadline
- April 21 CS County YQCA 5pm



Flint Hills 4-H Sparks Challenge

Wouldn't it be cool if we had some videos like this of Chase and Morris 4-Hers on our Flint Hills District website. Here is the challenge? Help others find their SPARKS! Answer the following type questions in a 3-5 min video with an Introduction, How you got started, what you get to do, what you learn, how can you showcase, what are a couple goals and any advise to give others in the project. I would love to have some to rotate onto the website to showcase our kids! Then email it or drop off on a flash drive to the local office. Great way to practice for the upcoming club days!

Here are some examples:

<https://shorturl.at/kQM6Q>



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).

FASHION STUDIES SHOWCASE OF EXCELLENCE

Friday, April 18, 2025
K-State Alumni Center
7:00 pm
Tickets Required:
<https://FS-Showcase.eventbrite.com>

STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 - 12

Seeking outstanding fashion projects for the fashion show

Application Deadline
FEBRUARY 7, 2025

Apply Now <https://bit.ly/3Cdms5t>

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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 March 31st 615pm



YQCA Training: April 21st 5pm

(Note Date : Sorry there was a mistake in January newsletter)

Location TBA

- ♦ All 4-Hers in Market Beef that will be going to Tyson will need to be YQCA certified again this year.
- ♦ Open to all 4-H members in livestock projects. Great record book experience as well as educational in all aspects of livestock production safety.
- ♦ Great record book slot for citizenship activity!



Livestock Weigh In

March 28 Chase County Beef Weigh In : 5:30pm-7pm

This year we are going to make an opportunity for all beef to come and be tagged, weighed if desired at one location. This will take place at The Mushrush Ranch Sale Facility, Lake Rd. Elmdale KS

This gives 4-H members the opportunity to get a starting project weight, make feeding decisions and an option to do a rate of gain on market beef if approved by fair board. If for some reason this does not accommodate your family you will need to make arrangements with Ron PRIOR to March 28th to have an onsite tagging with agent. No Tags are sold out of the office.

April 12 - CS County Small Animal Weigh In and Bucket Calf Tagging 9am-10:30am @ Fairgrounds

Sheep/Goat/Swine

Buyers Workshop



February 10th 10am—Noon

Chase Co Fairgrounds

3 - 30 minute programs on what to look for in a project, options for where to buy, as well as feed and management tips for success. With time for questions at the end.

This is a no school day but alternate date if they use this as a make up day would be Feb. 26th 5:30 pm.



2025 Fair Dates

Mark your calendars!

Chase County Fair July 17-24th

FEBRUARY 2025

Chase County

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Willie and The Beanstalk Registration Opens	4	5 KSU Jr Swine Day Registration Deadline	6 Club Day Registration Deadline	7	8
9	10 Sheep/Swine/Goat Buyers Workshop 10am	11	12	13	14	15
16 Citizens In Action Topeka KS	17 Office Closed Citizens In Action Topeka	18	19	20	21	22 Horse Panorama Rock Springs
23 Horse Panorama Rock Springs CS Co Fairboard Meeting 6pm	24	25 Alt Date: Buyers Workshop 6:30pm (Only if 10th is rescheduled)	26 KSU Jr Goat Registration Deadline	27	28	1 State 4-H Scholarship Deadline FHD Club Day Chase Jr Swine Day

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2025 Fair Dates
Mark your calendars!
Fair dates for 2025 .
July 19-28th

Fair themes are being voted on now by council and fair board and we will send out a top 5 list for all members to vote on soon in a Qualtrics survey. Be looking for that email!



Sheep/Goat/Swine

Buyers Workshop I

February 14th 10am—Noon

Morris Co Fairgrounds

3 - 30 minute programs on what to look for in a project, options for where to buy, as well as feed and management tips for success. With time for questions at the end.

This is a no school day but alternate date if they use this as a make up day would be Feb. 26th 6:30 pm.

Buyers Workshop II

February 24th 10am

Same Information

Location TBA

White City/Dwight Area

Important Dates

Fair Board Meeting
Tuesday, Feb 4th

4- H Council Meeting
Monday, Feb 24th 6:30pm
Fairgrounds



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
Schrader's Farm

April 12 - MR County Small Animal Weigh In and
Bucket Calf Tagging 3pm-5pm Fairgrounds

FEBRUARY 2025 Morris County

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23 Horse Panorama Rock Springs	24 Sheep/Swine/Goat Buyers Workshop II 10am TBA (Dwight/White City) MRCO 4-H Council Meeting 6:30pm Fairgrounds	25	26	27	28	1 State 4-H Scholarship Deadline FHD Club Day Chase Jr Swine Day Deadline

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