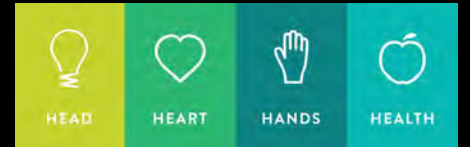


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Welcome Deb Andres

The Flint Hills District Board and staff extend a warm welcome to our new Family & Community Wellness Agent, Deb Andres, M.S., CFCS-HDFS. While not a stranger to the area, Deb began her new position on Monday, July 8, her primary office location is in Council Grove.

She will be working with groups, organizations, and individuals in both Chase and Morris County in the areas of nutrition, health, wellness, family relations, adult and youth education, community engagement/development, and older adults transition to- or living in- retirement. As a trained SHICK (Senior Health Insurance Counseling of Kansas) provider, she especially looks forward to working with Medicare beneficiaries looking for guidance on the important decisions that surround a person's 65th birthday. Deb will also work with those approaching retirement to help navigate four key areas for experiencing a healthy retirement: foundational relationships, healthy living, achieving balance, and planning for the future.

She will assist in providing support to 4-H families in the Flint Hills District and looks forward to working with the programs and projects as an Extension Agent, rather than the parent experiences she has had with her own children.

Deb and her husband, Duane have been married for over 33 years and lived most of that time in northern Morris County on the Andres family farm homestead where they raised their daughter, Jessica (deceased) and 3 boys: Mark, Joey, and Zach. More recently, they moved to the edge of Council Grove and enjoy time spent with family and friends, church family, singing, and traveling. Duane works as a para-educator at Council Grove Junior High and drives a bus route for USD 417.

Kansas State Fair

In lieu of ribbon premiums for entries in the 4-H Project Areas, the State Fair will once again give two tickets to exhibitors. This will be processed with State Fair entries; no additional form is necessary.

Check out the Kansas State Fair Book if you have questions on your exhibits going: https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/fair/documents/KSF%20Book_February%202024%20CLEAN%202.23.24.pdf

Complete 4-H Schedule: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/2024_kansas_state_fair_doc/2024%20KSF%20Schedule%20POST.pdf

State Fair entries and additional State Fair ticket orders are due to the Extension Office on **Thursday, August 8th**. Please do not bring your exhibit at this time. See the Club pages for drop off information to the Offices.

2024 State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2024, in Manhattan, Kansas. Our contest is hosted for the day by the Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources.

Intermediates must be 9 thru 13 before January 1 of the current year. Seniors must be 14-18 before January 1 of the current year.

The objective of 4-H Horticulture Judging is for members to grow in their ability to think, to reason, and to make logical and scientific judgments, through plant identification, knowledge testing and judging classes.

Registration begins at 9:30am and Awards will conclude the day at 2pm.

Cost per person will be \$18 per youth. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

Registration is due no later than August 1st.

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>

4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

The 2024 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be hosted on the K-State campus in Manhattan **August 17-18**.

All Kansas 4-H'ers are invited to participate in this livestock learning and competition experience. The Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl in one action-packed weekend. 4-H'ers can test their knowledge and display their expertise in a variety of livestock-related events. This is also the qualifying event to select youth who will represent Kansas at each of the national 4-H contests. Awards will be given in each contest, in addition to overall Sweepstakes buckles to the team and individual placing the highest in all four contests!

All entries must be submitted online through local extension units by August 1. Contact local extension offices for entry information and/or details on local-level qualifying opportunities.

Entry Deadline - **August 1st**

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)

What: Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2025 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

Objectives:

- Broaden your understanding of the meaning of leadership and the qualities of a leader.
- Practice leadership skills you can use in other situations, like your local club, school and community.
- Improve interpersonal communication skills.
- Gain confidence.

When: November 23-24, 2024

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2025

2024 Fees will be set in late summer/early fall

Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show

The 4-H Horse Safety Webinar and Quiz are now available to you at <https://bit.ly/3zbn5XC>. Both the Webinar and Quiz are required prior to entering the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show. Once you have watched the webinar, you will receive a link to complete the quiz. A passing score of 75% is required and members can take the quiz until they receive a passing score. Horse show Entries are due **August 1st**.

Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS)

Hello Kansas Youth Livestock Families!

We hope you can join us September 27-29, 2024, in Hutchinson for the 92nd Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS)! Entries for KJLS now are open at <https://kansasjls.fairwire.com/>.

Please have your entries in by 11:59 p.m. on August 15. Late entries will be accepted through August 31, but fees will double for those submitted after August 15.

While entering your livestock, be sure to enter Showmanship and the KJLS LEAD Challenge.

All KJLS details, including rules and the show schedule, can be found at www.kjls.net.

If you have questions about the entry process or anything related to KJLS, do not hesitate to reach out to Ryan Higbie who the Director of Livestock Show & Events for KJLS is. His email is kjls@kla.org and his phone number is 785-817-1350.

Kansas State 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl

What: 2024 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl: DOGZ of OZ

When: October 19-20, 2024

Who: The educational sessions are open to youth and adults interested in the Kansas 4-H Dog project. To participate in the quiz bowl and public speaking 4-H enrollment is required.

Agenda - COMING SOON!

Fees - COMING SOON!

Registrations are due on or before September 30, 2024



DISTRICT 4-H DATES

AUGUST

August 8 - State Fair Entries & Extra Ticket Orders Due to the Extension Offices

August 10 - State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

August 12 - State Wheat Expo

August 12- Chase County 4-H Council Meeting @5:30pm

August 17-18 - Livestock Sweepstakes

August 19- Morris County 4-H Council Meeting @6:30pm

SEPTEMBER

September 2 - Extension Offices Closed-Labor Day

September 6-15 - Kansas State Fair

September 27-29 - KJLS

LOOKING AHEAD

October 1 - 4-H Enrollment Opens

October 12-13 - 48 hours of 4-H

November 2 - Morris County 4-H Achievement Banquet

November 11 - Extension Offices Closed-Veterans Day

November 23-24 - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

November 28-29 - Extension Offices Closed Thanksgiving

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CHASE COUNTY

4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be scheduled for **August 12th at 5:30 pm.** 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!**

Key Award

The Kansas Key Award is one of the highest honors awarded to 4-H members across Kansas. As a reminder the basic requirements are:

The 4-Her must have passed their 16th birthday by January 1 of the current year

Completed four or more years of 4-H work

Enrolled in 4-H Leadership four or more years

They also must meet at least 9 of 11 optional requirements. If you are interested in applying for the Key Award, it is important you take a look at those requirements at least 4-5 years prior to applying.

Record Books

You will only need to complete one personal page and one copy of the permanent record. Each member will need to complete records for at least half of the projects that you are enrolled in (if half is not a whole number, round up). If you are enrolled in the Leadership project this must be one of the projects that you complete records for to complete this project for the year.

- Please find the Chase County 4-H Record Book Order of Assembly page here: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/chase-county/Chase%20County%204-H%20Record%20Book%20Order%20of%20Assembly%208-31-22.pdf>
- Leaders will collect club record books but will not score them at the club level. Please check for completion and that all signature lines are signed.
- Record books and club officer books will be due to the Extension Office by September 23rd
- Books will be swapped with another County for scoring. Look for a date soon for leaders or volunteers to sign up and evaluate record books from another County.

Thank You Notes!

Remember as the Fair wraps up and you collect your ribbon money, merchant prizes and/or premiums from the livestock sale, get your Thank You Notes written and in some cases your goodies baked and delivered to those who have so graciously donated to this year's Chase County Fair.

Judging Results

Photography Judging

Senior Division	Intermediate Division
1st- Karlie Gibb	1st- Vonda Danford
2nd- Bryson Koch	2nd- Vincent Hodges
3rd- Clark Miller	2nd- Ava Matile
4th- Jerit Inlow	3rd- Dentin Matile
Junior Division	4th- Heidi Hansford
1st- Oakley Mayes	1st Overall- Karlie Gibb
2nd- Lakin Spain	
3rd- Eli Mushrush	
4th- Rhett Litke	

FACS Judging

Perfect Scores

Karlie Gibb	Kailyn Budke
Bryson Koch	Eva Schlup
Lydia Peters	Heidi Hansford
Lydia Filingner	Maelie Gibb

Livestock Judging

Senior Division	Junior Division
1st- Sadie Mushrush	1st- Vonda Danford
2nd- Maggie Peters	2nd- Kate Mushrush
3rd- Paisley Voboril	3rd- Bella Mushrush
1st Overall- Vonda Danford	

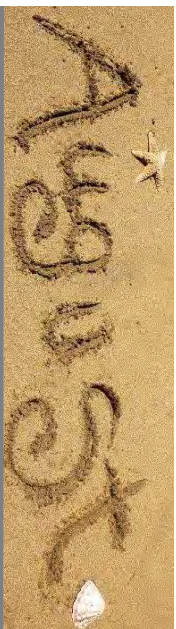
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Fair Survey

Please visit the QR code for the fair survey.
It will be open until **August 9th.**





2024 Chase County



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11	12 4-H Council Meeting @5:30pm State Wheat Expo	13	14	15	16	17 Livestock Sweepstakes
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Bring State Fair Exhibits except for Foods, Horticulture/Floriculture						

MORRIS COUNTY

Fair Survey

Please visit the QR Code below for the fair survey. It will be open until Monday, August 5th.



Fair Board Meeting

The Morris County Fair Board will host their fair wrap-up meeting on Tuesday, August 6th at 7pm at the Morris County 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds. Attendance is welcome to give constructive feedback. There will be a time limit on how long each person has to speak.

2024 Fair Wrap-up

A huge thank you to all of the 4-H members, parents, leaders, superintendents, fair board members, and volunteers who worked to help the Fair run smoothly from start to finish. Thank you to each and every one of you who stepped up to fill a hole when asked.

Please remember to fill out your thank you cards as soon as possible.

Livestock premium sale participants: Please be sure to have your cards signed when you deliver your thank you cards. These should be turned in to the office by Thursday, **August 29 at 5 pm.**

Congratulations to all who participated in the fair! It is always exciting to see each of the projects brought to showcase at the fair!

Morris County Achievement Banquet

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

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Important Dates

Fair Board Meeting

Tuesday, Aug 6, 7 pm

4- H Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 pm

Record Books

Record books are due to the Extension Office from Club Leaders by Tuesday October 1st. Please coordinate with your club leaders to get them fully signed by members parents and leaders.

Photography Judging

Senior Division

1st- Laramie Mayer

2nd- Castyn Andres

3rd- Cassidy Dalquest

Intermediate Division

1st- Brayden Jarvis

2nd- Dani Day

3rd- Jameson Lutt

4th- Joshua Lutt

Junior Division

1st- Lexi Day

2nd- Brody Jarvis

3rd- Taevyn Black

4th- Erin Effland

FACS Judging

Senior Division

1st- Lexi Todd

2nd- Cassidy Dalquest

3rd- Laramie Mayer

4th- Haylee Nielsen

Intermediate Division

1st- Jameson Lutt

2nd- Lindsay Bunn

2nd- Logan Bunn

3rd- Cutler Kasten

4th- Memphis Burton

Junior Division

1st- Erin Effland

2nd- Brody Jarvis

Livestock Judging

Senior Division

1st- Cassidy Dalquest

2nd- Castyn Andres

3rd- Haylee Nielsen

4th- Macey Hensley

5th- Laramie Mayer

Junior Division

1st- Hudson Lange

2nd- Andrew Schrader

3rd- Nolan Effland

4th- Elijah Schrader

5th- Daylen Nielsen

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