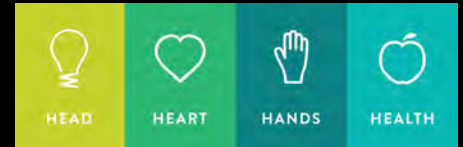


# Flint Hills District 4-H News

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## 4-H Dog Conference

October 19th and 20th, Kansas 4-H Dog project members, their dogs, and families will convene at Rock Springs Ranch for a weekend of learning, fellowship, and fun at the 4-H Dog Conference. This year's theme of "Pupkin Spice" will be a great fall treat to kick off the new 4-H year in the dog project.

Conference sessions will include topics on dog care, training, and showing. Contests will include photography, quiz bowl, and presentations.

Don't miss this opportunity for fun and fellowship with your dog and 4-H'ers from across the state! **Registration opens September 13th and is due September 30th.** Complete details can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/dog-conference/index.html>.

## Kansas State Fair

The Kansas State Fair will be held in Hutchinson on **September 6th-15th.**

Check out the Kansas State Fair Book if you have any questions on your exhibits going. The following link will also give you the 4-H Schedule: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>

The full fair details can be found at: <https://www.kansasstatefair.com/>

The Kansas State Fair will require a negative PT test for Poultry still and they will be offering testing at check-in.

## State Livestock Sweepstakes

Congratulations to the FHD Livestock Teams who competed at the State Livestock Judging Contest held at the K-State Purebred Unit on Saturday, August 17th. Members evaluated 9 classes of livestock including beef, sheep, swine and meat goats and were asked to present 4 sets of oral reasons to the KSU Livestock Team who served as officials for the event. Morris County placed 9th overall out of 39 complete teams and can be very proud of their accomplishments. Pictured left to right: Cassidy Dalquest, Haylee Nielsen, Macey Hensley, Laramie Mayer, Castyn Andres and Cooper Andres.



The very young Chase Co team consisted of Bella Mushrush, Sadie Mushrush and Tate Gibb who competed well, gaining valuable experience.

Livestock Judging provides members the opportunity to increase decision making, critical thinking, species analysis and communication skills in the animal science project.

## Pin Application Forms

The pin application forms have been updated at the State level and have been updated on 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>

## 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 coming soon**

**Registration Deadline : October 15, 2024**

## 4-H Enrollment for the New Year

It is almost time to enroll for 4-H again! The new 4-H year begins October 1st! You must enroll via 4-H Online, version 2. You must wait until after October 1st to enroll or it will not count for the 2024-2025 4-H year.

The link is <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. We ask that you get your completed enrollment done by November 1st. This includes 4-H members and all volunteers. Please let us know if you have any questions as you complete the enrollment process. You can call our offices. Just a reminder that there is a \$15 enrollment fee, and some clubs will reimburse this. The Morris County 4-H Foundation takes care of this for youth who turned in a record book in Morris County or for new 4-H members. 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 address are current. Please enroll in any projects that you plan to take this year. The enrollment list is what is given to project leaders so they can communicate about upcoming meetings. The final drop add deadline for project selection is May 1st.

## 48 Hours of 4-H

Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Find all the information here and start planning your projects. Please register your projects and then follow up with a report so we know about all the great things that happened across the state. 48 Hours of 4-H is the perfect complement to #InspireKidstoDo

**When:** October 12th-13th, 2024

**Who:** 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni, Partnerships, Community Organizations, Potential 4-H Families

### For more information

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/docs/484H%20Guide%202019.pdf>

## Why Complete a Record Book

Because your 4-H agent highly encourages it, Because it's the right thing to do, Because of the cool rewards that you become eligible for, Because It gives a feeling of accomplishment! The record component of your project is an effective tool to set your sights on achieving your goals. It makes you stand out as a leader, a role model for others and gives you a sense of pride in the final step of your project completion. Don't think of it as a task that has to be done but rather a milestone which can lead to future success. If you need help....Just Ask. You can ask your club leader, project leader or Extension Agent to make suggestions or get you the assistance needed

"Make The Best Better" and learn valuable life skills.

- Setting and achieving goals
- Makes you evaluate your efforts
- Teaches to prioritize, summarize and improve written communication skills
- Apply and earn achievement pins
- Be creative in pictures and captions
- Using reflection as a key component of the learning model
- Challenge yourself to make the best better
  - \* Chase Books are due: Sept 23rd
  - \* Morris Books are due: Oct 1st

# DISTRICT 4-H DATES

## SEPTEMBER

**September 2 - Extension Offices Closed-Labor Day**  
**September 6-15 - Kansas State Fair**  
**September 8 - State Photography Judging**  
**September 14 - State FCS Judging**  
**September 13 - MR County Ambassador Applications Due**  
**September 23 - CS County Ambassador Applications Due**  
**September 23 - CS County Record Books, Key Award, & Leaders Choice Award Due**  
**September 27-29 - KJLS**  
**September 30 - MR County Ambassador Interviews**

## OCTOBER

**October 1 - 4-H Enrollment Opens**  
**October 1 - MR County Record Books Due, Check Sheet, Pin Applications, Club Summary, Friend of 4-H, and 4-H Alumni Award Nominations Due**  
**October 2 - CS County Ambassador Interviews**  
**October 6-12 - National 4-H Week**  
**October 12-13 - 48 Hours of 4-H**  
**October 12-13 - State Shotgun Match Sedgwick/ Augusta**  
**October 19-20 - Dog Conference**  
**October 21 - MR County 4-H Council meeting**

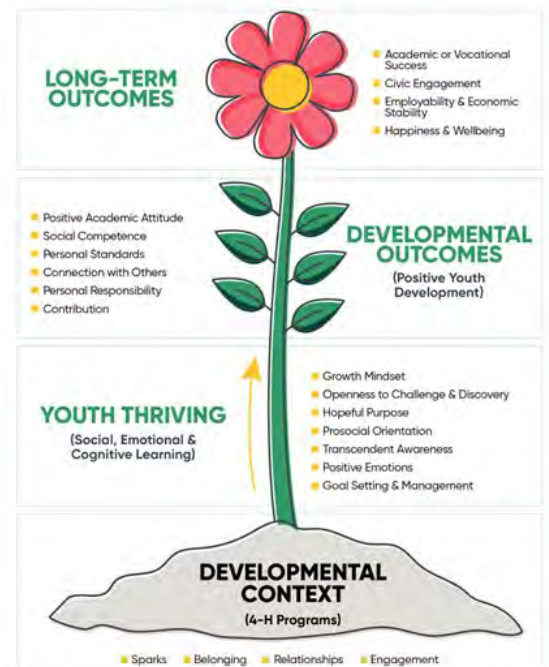
## LOOKING AHEAD

**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 11 - Extension Offices Closed-Veterans Day**  
**November 23-24 - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum**  
**November 28-29 - Extension Offices Closed Thanksgiving**

### Don't Just Attend : THRIVE

The heart of the Flint Hills District 4-H programs are at the local club level. The dedication of club leaders, project leaders and volunteers make or break the success of our membership. Work ethic is a tangible and visible character trait that leaders must demonstrate while our 4-H members gravitate towards what is modeled. Making 4-H a priority in the family is a difficult choice as it adds to our already busy plate. Family, school, sports, and all demands on our time pull us in opposite directions. Our youth see our commitment to what is important and if we set an example then our 4-H programs will thrive. Those soft skill traits that we can develop in our youth make an impact that will last a lifetime. The first step towards success is attendance. We must have a quorum (1 more than half) of members to be able to conduct our club business meetings and members must attend more than half the club meetings to keep them accountable in their development. Please see the value that is offered, make 4-H a priority, model the work ethic for others to follow and continue to, "make the best better".

Thanks for all you do!



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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.

## 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.

**Due September 23rd**

## 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.

## Achievement Banquet

This year's banquet is scheduled for Friday, November 1st at St. Anthony Hall in Strong City. Sherry Wilson has us on her calendar to cater the meal including dessert.

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.

## 2024-2025 4-H Ambassador Application

Mission: Promote the 4-H Program to the families and youth of Chase County through leadership, service and support. Special Thanks to Kelly Glanville, our Ambassador Leader once again for 2024-2025.

- Due September 23rd, 2024
- Applications are available by stopping by the office, or emailing [rds8787@ksu.edu](mailto:rds8787@ksu.edu) or online at: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/chase-county/index.html>
- Email completed applications to [rds8787@ksu.edu](mailto:rds8787@ksu.edu) or drop by the Extension Office in Cottonwood Falls.

## Thank You Notes!

Remember as 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.

## State Fair

State Fair entry items which include foods/horticulture/floriculture, must be dropped off September 5th from 7:30am-8:00am. **No Later!**

## 4-H Council Representatives

Each club is to elect two council representatives and one alternate. Only two from the club can vote and voice discussions as well as make motions. Representatives are recommended to be older than 12 but it is at the club's discretion. Adults are advisory only roles. Council members are positions of high importance as they represent the club's view and are the voting delegates for your club. They must be dedicated to attend the meetings, willing to serve on committees, serve as council officers and capable of communicating for your club. New members will take over the council with elections in the November meeting.

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# SEPTEMBER

## 2024 Chase County



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Extension Offices Closed Labor Day No School USD 284	3	4	5 State Fair Foods, Horticulture, and Floriculture Due to Extension Office 7:30 -8am	6 <b>Kansas State Fair</b>	7 State FCS Judging
8 State Photography Judging	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>September 6-15 Kansas State Fair</b>						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Ambassador Applications, Record books, Key Award Due No School USD 284	24	25	26	27	28
29	30				<b>September 27-29 K.J.L.S.</b>	

# MORRIS COUNTY

## T-Shirt Design Contest

Do you have a knack for graphic design? Maybe a creative side? The Extension Office is holding a t-shirt design contest for all youth to participate in. These t-shirts will be handed out to everyone who completes a record book this year. Please keep the design somewhat simple to be more cost-effective. We want your input! Designs are due September 21st and may be sent to **Ron** at [rds8787@ksu.edu](mailto:rds8787@ksu.edu).



## Shirt Designers

Extension staff will select a design winner from each club and winners will receive a 4-H Buckle Key Chain sponsored by, "a big fan of record books" and overall winning design will be used for the 2023-2024 Record Book T-Shirt Design.

## Ambassador Applications

Ambassador applications are due to the Extension Office **September 13th by 5 pm.**

Interviews will be set for September 30th. You will be contacted to schedule your interview time.

## Morris County Achievement Banquet

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

## State Fair

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## Record Books

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

## Important Dates

**Fair Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 3, 7 pm

**4- H Council Meeting**  
Monday, October 21, 6:30 pm

## We Want You



As Morris County 4-H Council Representatives:

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## Carcass Contest Results

The carcass contest was held on August 1st and 2nd at First Choice Meats in Herington and was judged by Taylor Dieball, Graduate Student at Kansas State University. In the swine division, placings were 1st-Jameson Lauth, 2nd-Lithe Thibodeaux and 3rd-Jameson Lauth. In the beef division, 1st went to Castyn Andres, 2nd to Cooper Andres and 3rd to Hudson Lange. Awards were handed out at the Carcass Dinner on August 26th with a meal sponsored by the Andres Ranch. Dr. Erin Beyer, KSU Meats Extension Specialist, was our guest speaker and reviewed the data with the members. Congratulations to all winners and thank you to our fair sponsors.



# SEPTEMBER 2024 MORRIS COUNTY



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