

Flint Hills District 4-H Newsletter

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May 1st Project Add/Drop Deadline

Remember that you can add and/or drop projects in 4-H Online until **May 1st**. Take the time to check 4-H Online to be sure you are enrolled in every project that you are planning to take to the fair, and have dropped any project(s) you no longer plan to participate in. Please update 4-H Online when you have decided to add or drop a project. This helps keep project leaders, club leaders, and the Extension office up to date as meetings are scheduled and plans continue to move forward for 2026 Fairs.

Livestock Tagging

Livestock tagging dates are coming up. Mark these dates on your calendars and please make every attempt to be at the tagging event for your livestock and county. Each county has two dates for small livestock tagging, one weekday evening and a Saturday morning to allow for 4-H families to choose the day and time that works best for them.

Tags are \$3 per tag. Bring exact change.

Morris County Small Livestock Tagging and Weigh-In is Wednesday, April 22 and Saturday April 25, 2026.

Chase County Small Livestock Tagging and Weigh-In is Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Additional information with times and locations is on the county specific pages under the Livestock Deadlines heading.

Discovery Days Registration Now Open

Who: Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2026 are invited to register.

What: Discovery Days is a mini-college experience held on the K-State campus. Youth will have the opportunity to select classes and attend social functions. The primary purpose of 4-H Discovery Days is to gain new ideas and expand your 4-H experience. Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Judging will be held in conjunction with Discovery Days. It is listed as a session youth can choose from the Class Session Catalog. **Discovery Days participants who plan to participate in FCS Judging will need to select the afternoon session.** FCS Judging is not limited to those attending Discovery Days, please see more information about FCS Judging inside the newsletter.

When: Wednesday, June 3rd to Friday, June 5th, 2026

Where: Kansas State University campus

Cost: \$245

Registration: Registration deadline is May 8th. Many sessions have a participant limit so early registration gives the greatest flexibility in selecting sessions.

Registration is online and can be found at this link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/discovery-days/> Additional information including tentative schedule and a class session catalog can also be found at the link.



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District News

Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp

Registration for 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch is currently open on their website. At the time of registration, campers will be required to make a 10% deposit, with the rest paid in full by May 1st. There are several different camp options available. More information is on the Rock Springs Ranch website. An agent will not attend camp this year as Rock Springs provides counselors. Please let the Extension Office know if you have any questions. For more information and to register for camp please visit the Rock Springs website: <https://rockspringsranch.org/>



YQCA Training

There is one remaining YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) training session. Any individual that plans to show market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or purebred breeding females at the 2026 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. The last local session is in Cottonwood Falls at the Pendergraft Building on **Friday, April 3, 2026** from 9:30-10:30a.m. This session is open to both counties. 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. The training is also available online if you are unable to attend.

State Livestock Nomination

Official DNA envelopes MUST be ordered in advance.

DNA envelope order deadlines:

Beef - April 20

Small Livestock - June 5

Nomination deadlines:

Market Beef - May 1

Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep,
and Meat Goat - June 15



4-Step State Nomination Process:

1. Purchase Official DNA Envelopes. Only DNA envelopes ordered after 2022 will be accepted.
2. Enter Animal & Exhibitor Data through Online System (ShoWorks) by Nomination Deadline.
3. Mail Completed DNA Envelopes & Copy of Online Submission Receipt by Nomination Deadline.
4. Online Approval by Extension Agents (4-H) & FFA Advisors (FFA).

***Nomination Only Makes Animals Eligible** - A complete nomination does NOT constitute show entry.

****Resources** - ALL families are encouraged to use the Rookie Guide and specie checklists!

*****First Steps** - Exhibitors need to have completed their YQCA training for 2026 and downloaded their certificate before beginning the nomination process. Families should also locate their KSU Family Name and Nomination # before logging in to ShoWorks.

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL DNA HAIR SAMPLE ENVELOPES (PURCHASED IN 2022-2026).

New Information for 2026

All exhibitors will need to select "I am a new exhibitor" and create a new exhibitor account through ShoWorks this year. Even if the young person has nominated in previous years, a new account needs to be created at the beginning of 2026. The only exception is those who will be using the Passport App. Families will need their official KSU Family Name and Nomination #, as well as the new YQCA certification number to create an exhibitor's account. This information is posted via the KSU Family Nomination Name and Number List posted on the Nomination Information page of the website.

Reminder – all exhibitors who plan to show need their own ShoWorks exhibitor account. Animals must be nominated under each individual child that a family would like to be eligible to enter and exhibit that animal. It is highly encouraged to submit all animals under all kids. Families who have two (2) kids and three (3) animals should enter all three (3) animals under each child's ShoWorks account during nomination. Then, either child may enter the animal for a state show.

For more information on the Kansas State Livestock Nomination System: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>

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District 4-H Dates

April 2026

April 3 - YQCA Training - Cottonwood Falls, KS
April 4 - Ag Tech Day - Moundridge, KS
April 11 - Junior Sheep Producer Day - Manhattan, KS
April 11 - Photography Shutterbug Event - Manhattan, KS
April 14 - Morris County 4-H Council Meeting
April 18 - Spring State Shooting Sports Match - BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol - Great Bend, KS
April 20 - Morris County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Deadline
April 22 & 25 - Morris County Small Livestock Tagging and Weigh-In
April 24 & 25 - Morris County Fairboard Rummage Sale
April 25 - Spring into Volunteering - Salina, KS
April 28-29 - Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) - Manhattan, KS

May 2026

May 1 - Deadline to Add or Drop Projects
May 1 & 2 - Chase County Small Livestock Tagging and Weigh-In
May 22 - FCS Judging Study Meeting

May 2026 (continued)

May 25 - Extension Offices Closed - Memorial Day
May 26-28 - Tractor Safety School - Emporia, KS

June 2026

June 1 - Horse IDs Due
June 2 - Chase County Project Day
June 2 - Chase County 4-H Council Meeting
June 3-5 - Discovery Days - Manhattan, KS
June 4 - State FCS Judging Contest - Manhattan, KS
June 12-14 - State 4-H Geology Field Trip - TBD
June 19 - Extension Offices Closed - Juneteenth
June 19-20 - Insect Spectacular - Yates Center, KS

Looking Ahead

June/July - 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch
July 9-11 - Tri-County Free Fair - Herington, KS
July 18-27 - Morris County Fair
July 24-30 - Chase County Fair
August 15 - State Horticulture Judging Contest
August 22-23 - State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes
September 11-20 - Kansas State Fair

Spring Livestock Shows and Events

Information on spring livestock shows and events can be found on the K-State Youth Livestock Program website here: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/spring-shows/springshows.html>

Dog Qualifiers and Events

Information on dog shows and events, including state qualifiers can be found on the Kansas 4-H webpage. The dog show at the Morris County Fair will be a state fair qualifying event. Link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/dog/local-dog-events/>

Ag Tech Day

What: Ag Tech Day is an opportunity for youth (and their families) to explore how technology is shaping modern agriculture.

When: April 4, 2026 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Flickner Innovation Farm, Moundridge, KS

Who: This come-and-go event is open to the public, but registration is required. **Please register by Wednesday, April 1.** Educational stations are geared towards youth in grades 5-12.

Cost: This is a FREE event, but registration is required.

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/AgTechDay>

There will be no agent attending and no transportation provided.

Tractor Safety School

Who: This school is designed to certify 14 and 15 year-olds for farm employment.

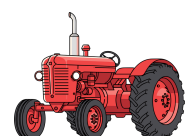
What: Youth tractor safety training. Participants must attend all three (3) sessions, no exceptions. A youth will receive their completion certificate once they return the signed document providing proof that he or she received four (4) hours of equipment operation training from their prospective employer.

When: May 26-28, 2026

Where: PrairieLand Partners - Emporia, KS

Why: Since 1969, the U.S. Department of Labor has declared many agricultural tasks to be hazardous to youth younger than 16. **With certain exemptions, employment of youth under 16 for tasks that require operation of a tractor and machinery is illegal unless the youth are certified.** By successfully completing this certification program, 14 and 15 year old youth may legally operate farm tractors and powered machinery for hire which they otherwise would not be allowed to operate under the U.S. Department of Labor's Hazardous Occupations Order in Agriculture.

Registration: Information coming in the May 4-H Newsletter.



State Family & Consumer Sciences Judging

This year State Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Judging will be held on K-State Campus during Discovery Days. It is part of what is now called the Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Experience. The FCS Experience will include the Family and Consumer Sciences Judging Contest, lunch on campus, workshops, and a campus tour.

Who: Open to all youth ages 9-18 (youth can participate as individuals or a team of 3-4 youth in the same age group).

Intermediates are ages 9-13; Seniors are ages 14-18.

Where: Justin Hall on the Kansas State University Campus

When: Thursday, June 4, 2026

What: The FCS Judging Contest includes:

1. Consumer Decision Placing classes and reasons (individual participants)
2. Skill-a-thon identification (individual participants)
3. Group Think – which is a presentation inviting the team's perspective in response to a situation presented on the day of competition. (Team presentation to a judge).

Cost: \$15 per participant (includes lunch at Kramer Dining Center); \$10 for Discovery Days participants. No refunds (but substitutions will be allowed).

Registration: Deadline is Friday, May 8th. Registration is through our local extension offices. There is no limit to the number of 4-H'ers who can participate in the contest. We will form separate Chase and Morris county teams for each age division based on placings at our district contest.

Discovery Days participants who plan to participate in FCS Judging will need to select the afternoon session.

Awards: Certificates will be mailed to the top three individuals and teams in each age division. The first-place Senior division team will qualify to participate in the 4-H FCS National Championship and Conference in 2027 (reimbursement support available to assist with expenses). Additional prizes may be awarded.

There will be a Study Session/Informational meeting on May 22nd for those registered for the State FCS Judging Contest. Time and location to be determined.

A Zoom option will be available.

District Family & Consumer Sciences Judging Results

Chase County

Junior:

- 1st - Peter Tulip
- 2nd - Mya Slappy
- 3rd - Wade Bartels
- 4th - Scout Swigert
- 5th - Tre Slappy

Intermediate:

- 1st - Lily Hancock
- 2nd - Eva Schlup
- 3rd - Harvey Schlup
- 4th - Maelie Gibb
- 5th - Hadden Giger
- 6th (tie) - Archer Hodges
- 6th (tie) - Addie Fink
- 8th - Jeremiah Hodges
- 9th - Hadlee Litke
- 10th - Annie Welsh
- 11th (tie) - Addison Hansford
- 11th (tie) - Hezekiah Peters
- 11th (tie) - Zeke Peters
- 14th - Slade Potts
- 15th - Juzzara Slappy
- 16th - Max Mann
- 17th (tie) - Owen Hodges
- 17th (tie) - Enley Lauer
- 19th - Kate Mushrush
- 20th - Sally Tulip

Chase County (cont.)

Intermediate (cont.):

- 21st - Rhett Litke
- 22nd - Lakin Spain
- 23rd (tie) - Liam Lauer
- 23rd (tie) - Brooke Fink
- 25th - Jaxon Bower
- 26th - Piper Tulip
- 27th - Eli Mushrush

Senior:

- 1st (tie) - Guthrie Danford
- 1st (tie) - Vonda Danford
- 3rd - Vincent Hodges
- 4th - Maggie Peters
- 5th - Grace Welsh
- 6th - Ava Matile
- 7th - Naomi Peters
- 8th - Carter Mann
- 9th - Kailyn Budke
- 10th - Bella Mushrush
- 11th (tie) - Karlie Gibb
- 11th (tie) - Millie Tulip
- 13th - Jerit Inlow
- 14th - Heidi Hansford
- 15th - Sadie Mushrush
- 16th - Tate Gibb
- 17th - Tori Bower
- 18th - Heath Giger

Morris County

Junior:

- 1st - Rylee Baseley
- 2nd - Camille Macy
- 3rd - Waylan Mayer
- 4th - Grayson Longren
- 5th - Lithé Thibodeaux

Intermediate:

- 1st - Andrew Schrader
- 2nd - Josh Lutt
- 3rd (tie) - Fred Cummings
- 3rd (tie) - David Bowling
- 3rd (tie) - Beatty Mayer
- 6th - Riggan Parker
- 7th - Thea Thomsen
- 8th - Koltin Baseley

Senior:

- 1st - Harlow Thomsen
- 2nd - Laramie Mayer
- 3rd - Jameson Lutt
- 4th - Kiley Benedick



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Regional Club Day Results

Congratulations to our Flint Hills District 4-H'ers who competed at Regional Club Day on March 28th in Madison, KS. Below are the results from Regionals.

Junior Project Talk

Maelie Gibb - Chase County - Blue
Grayson Longren - Morris County - Blue
Lithé Thibodeaux - Morris County - Blue

Intermediate Project Talk

Clara Patterson - Chase County - Blue
Archer Hodges - Chase County - Blue
Riggin Parker - Morris County - Blue
Andrew Schrader - Morris County - Blue

Junior Demonstration/Illustrated Talk

Zeke Peters - Chase County - Blue
Magnolia Thibodeaux - Morris County - Champion

Intermediate Demonstration/Illustrated Talk

Enley Lauer - Chase County - Blue
Jeremiah & Owen Hodges - Chase County - Red
Riggin Parker - Morris County - Champion
Mâriette Thibodeaux - Morris County - Blue

Senior Demonstration/Illustrated Talk

Vincent Hodges - Chase County - White
Maggie & Naomi Peters - Chase County - White
Warren Longren - Morris County - White

Job Interview

Jerit Inlow - Chase County - Blue
Macey Hensley - Morris County - Blue

Public Speaking

Heath Giger - Chase County - Reserve Champion
Haylee Nielsen - Morris County - White
Macey Hensley - Morris County - Champion

Junior Readings

Camille Macy - Morris County - Champion

Intermediate Readings

Riggin Parker - Morris County - Reserve Champion

Senior Readings

Jerit Inlow - Chase County - Reserve Champion

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Bazaar Club - Chase County - Reserve Champion
Dwight Sunflowers Club - Morris County - Blue

Dance

Beatty Mayer - Morris County - Blue

Chorus

Diamond Club - Chase County - Champion

Junior Instrumental Solo

Enley Lauer - Chase County - Red
Charlotte Forbeck - Morris County - Champion

Senior Instrumental Solo

Kailyn Budke - Chase County - Champion

Junior Vocal Solo

Brooke Fink - Chase County - Champion
Mâriette Thibodeaux - Morris County - Blue

Junior Gavel Games

Bazaar Club - Chase County - Reserve Champion
Clara, Kate, Addie, Sally

Senior Gavel Games

Bazaar Club - Chase County - Champion
Sadie, Maggie, Naomi, Milly, & Jerit - alt



Spring Into Volunteering

What: Get ready to Spring into Volunteering with the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers! Join us for a day of learning, networking, and fun at the Kansas State University Salina Aerospace and Technology Campus.

When: April 25, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Kansas State University Salina Aerospace and Technology Campus

Who: Anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it.

Cost: \$25

Registration Link:

<https://bit.ly/4sgaGeW>

or scan the QR code for more information.

Registration deadline is April 15th.



Morris County Fairboard

Rummage Sale

The annual Morris County Fairboard Rummage Sale will be held on April 24th and 25th at the Morris County fairgrounds community building. Donation drop off is Wednesday, April 22nd and Thursday, April 23rd from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at the community building. They are looking for a wide variety of new & gently used items to be donated. Home decor, kitchen items, books, CD's, DVD's, toys, puzzles, baby items are welcome. Only 1 large bag of clothes & shoes per donation drop off. No TV's or VHS tapes. Furniture by pre-approval only. No fall or Christmas items. Come and shop during Council Grove City-Wide Sale days on **Friday, April 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

2026 Livestock Deadlines

- Small Animal (sheep, swine, goats, & bucket calf) tagging / ownership deadline for the Chase County Fair is May 2nd. Weigh-In will be held **Friday, May 1st** at the Fairgrounds from 5-7pm and **Saturday, May 2nd** from 8:30-10:30am. **Tags are \$3 per tag. Please bring exact change.**
- Ownership deadline for breeding livestock of any species for the Chase County Fair is **May 1st.**
- Poultry and Rabbit ownership deadline for the Chase County Fair is **May 1st.**

YQCA Training

As a reminder **all Beef project members who plan to sell their market beef to Tyson at the conclusion of the Chase County Fair MUST take YQCA training.** The last local session is in Cottonwood Falls at the Pendergraft Building on Friday, April 3, 2026 from 9:30-10:30a.m.

Project Day

Make sure to mark the 2026 Project Day on your calendars. It is scheduled for **June 2, 2026**, at the Pendergraft Building. We will start the day with **Photography Judging** and a **Horticulture Judging** contest. Youth are encouraged to attend and participate in these regardless if they are in the project or not. They are great opportunities and can be marked in your record books! The judging contest will run from 9-10am and youth can judge anytime during that hour. We will start the project day sessions at 10 and go until noon. We will have three rotations and projects that will be offered will be announced in the May Newsletter.



Check Sheet Update for 2026

There have been a few updates made to the Chase County Record Check Sheet. Please make a note of the changes when planning your 4-H year. The updated Check Sheet can be found on our district website under 4-H Youth Development, District Record Keeping. If you need a check sheet printed for you, stop by the Extension Office.

4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **June 2, 2026 after Project Day** at the Pendergraft Building. If the 4-H Council Rep is unable to attend from your club, please have the alternate attend.

2026 Fair Changes

- **2026 Fair Dates: July 24-30, 2026**
- Horse Show will begin at 9 am on Sunday, July 26th at the Strong City Rodeo Grounds
- All projects except for Food & Nutrition are required to be checked in either between 1-4pm on Sunday, July 26th or on Monday, July 27th between 8:30 and Noon.
- Food Flop entry is being added back to the Fair Book. In the instance your food entry is a flop, still bring it!
- Visual Arts and Building Block Engineering will both be required to sign-up for Consultation with the judge in order to be eligible for Champion Awards.
- Consultation Judging for other static exhibits (Electricity, Robotics, Woodworking, Welding, Rockets) is up to the individual 4-Her and is not a requirement.
- All youth who qualify to show in the Round Robin must be able to show all species of animals which include: horse, swine, sheep, goat and beef. A youth who is uncomfortable with showing all these species can pass and the opportunity will go to the next youth who qualified. Once the show order and animal selection is completed there will be no changes.
- Poultry Judging will start at 8:30am on Wednesday morning and Rabbit Judging will start at 9:30am.
- Minimum Weights for Market Animals
 - Beef: 1100 lbs - **New Weight**
 - Lamb: 100 lbs
 - Goat: 50 lbs
 - Swine: 220 lbs
- **No waddle swine breeds will be accepted by the floor buyer in 2026. Families can still show them and take them through the premium sale.**



Chase County

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Easter 5	6 No School - USD 284 Unless makeup day is needed	7	8	9	10	11 Shutterbug Event Manhattan, KS Junior Sheep Producer Day Manhattan, KS
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Spring Shooting Sports Great Bend, KS
19	20	21	Earth Day 22	23	24	25 Spring Into Volunteering Salina, KS
26	27	28	29	30	May 1 Livestock Tagging 5:00-7:00 PM Chase Co Fairgrounds Project Drop/Add Deadline	May 2 Livestock Tagging 8:30-10:30 AM Chase Co Fairgrounds

MORRIS COUNTY

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Big John Award

The Big John award began in 1977, named for the Big John 4-H club that disbanded at that time. The purpose of the Big John award is to encourage club members' participation in Club Day, with extra points awarded for speaking presentations (project talks, demonstrations, etc.) and parliamentary entries (model meetings, gavel games). The recipient of the Big John Award is determined each year, based on a rubric, by the the results of 4-H Club Day and the number of club members. **This year's winner of the Big John Award is the Flint Hills 4-H Club.**

4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **April 14, 2026 at 6:30pm** at the Morris County Community Building at the Morris County Fairgrounds.

2026 Livestock Deadlines

- Small Animal (sheep, swine, goats & bucket calves) ownership deadline for the Morris County Fair is April 25th. Weigh-In and tagging will be held **Wednesday, April 22nd** from 5:00-7:00 pm and **Saturday, April 25th** from 9:00-11:00 am at the Morris County Fairgrounds. **Tags are \$3 per tag. Please bring exact change.**
- Breeding livestock of any species ownership deadline for the Morris County Fair is **May 1st**.
- Poultry and rabbit ownership deadline for the Morris County Fair is **May 31st**, except for meat pens and pre-junior rabbits, which should not be over 70 days old from the date of judging at the fair. *Note this is a new date.*

Dog Project Meeting Dates

Dog project members, mark your calendars now. The April Dog Care and Training project meeting will be held **Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 5:00 pm.**

Future meeting dates are listed below.

June & July meeting dates will be Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Actual dates will be announced at a later date. All meetings are at the Community Building at the Morris County Fairgrounds.

- Wednesday, May 27th at 6:30 pm



Morris County 4-H Foundation

Scholarships

Applications for Morris County 4-H Foundation Scholarships are available on our website or by contacting the Extension Office. In addition to the Morris County 4-H Member Scholarship there is now also a scholarship for Morris County 4-H Alumni. **The application deadline for both scholarships is April 20, 2026.**

Konley Harding Memorial Scholarship

Applications for the Konley Harding Memorial Scholarship are available on our website or by contacting the Extension Office. This scholarship is for current or former 4-H members who are from Morris, Marion, or Dickinson counties who are seeking post-secondary education. Preference is given to students applicants who are pursuing an agricultural-related field of study. **The application deadline is May 8, 2026**

Applications for both scholarships can be found on our website at <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/scholarships/>

4-H Foundation Support for Morris County 4-H'ers

Morris County 4-H'ers who plan to attend 4-H events including Discovery Days or 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch should contact the Extension Office about discounted registration rates thanks to the generosity of the Morris County 4-H Foundation. Morris County is blessed to have the support of an active 4-H Foundation and we need to remember to show our appreciation through thank you notes.

Reading Adventures Project Meeting

There will be a Reading Adventures project meeting on **Saturday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Dwight City Library, 616 Main Street, Dwight.

2026 Fair Dates

- Tri-County Fair: July 9-11, 2026
- Morris County Fair: July 18-27, 2026
- Kansas State Fair: September 11-20, 2026

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Easter 5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Shutterbug Event Manhattan, KS Junior Sheep Producer Day Manhattan, KS
12	13	14 4-H Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Fairgrounds Community Building	15	16	17 No School - USD 417 & 481	18 Spring Shooting Sports Great Bend, KS Reading Adventures Project Meeting 1:00 p.m. Dwight City Library 4-H Foundation Banquet Council Grove, KS
19 Dog Project Meeting 5:00 p.m. Fairgrounds Community Building	20 4-H Foundation Scholarship Deadline	21	Earth Day 22 Livestock Tagging 5:00-7:00 PM Morris Co Fairgrounds	23	24 Morris County Fairboard Rummage Sale Fairgrounds Community Building	25 Spring Into Volunteering Salina, KS Morris County Fairboard Rummage Sale Fairgrounds Community Building Livestock Tagging 9:00-11:00 AM Morris Co Fairgrounds
26	27	28	29 Late Start - USD 417	30	May 1 Project Drop/Add Deadline	

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