

Flint Hills District 4-H Newsletter

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Welcome New 4-H Agent

Hey y'all! My name is Jessica Mayhew, and I'm so excited to be joining the Flint Hills District! I graduated from Sam Houston State University with a degree in Ag Mechanics and recently moved to Kansas from a small town in Southeast Texas, where I spent the last 3 years teaching ag & being a FFA advisor. Outside of work, you can usually find me at the lake watching the sunset, drinking a cotton candy Alani, or spending time with my chocolate lab, Woodrow! I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and becoming part of the community!

We are thrilled to have Jessica join our Flint Hills District team! Jessica's first day will be June 8th and her primary office location is in Council Grove. Jessica will be assisting with the Morris County 4-H program and will also assist with Agriculture questions. Please stop in and say hi and help us make Jessica feel welcome.

Southeast Kansas Challenge Day

What: The Southeast Area Youth Challenge Day includes FCS Judging, Horticulture Judging, Photography Judging, and Crops ID Contests. This is a great opportunity to participate in multiple contest events on a regional level.

Who: The contests are open to 4-H youth in the intermediate (ages 9-13) and senior (ages 14-18) age divisions, as well as a non-competitive experience in FCS and Photography Judging for ages 7-8.

When: Thursday, June 18, 2026 starting at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Lyon County Fairgrounds, Emporia, KS

Schedule:

- 9:30 a.m. - Registration for All Contests
- 10:00 a.m. - All Contest Instructions Given
- 10:15 a.m. - All Contests Begin
- Horticulture is a timed contest and must be completed first.
- 12:00 p.m. - Contests Completed - Lunch is on your own.
- 1:15 p.m. - Award Ceremony

Please fill out the short online form via link below or QR code to the right to let us know if you plan to attend.

Link: <https://bit.ly/4dGFRLp>



County Fair Reminders

The following deadlines apply to both Chase and Morris counties.

- All horses must show proof of a negative Coggins test within 12 months prior to the horse show. **Proof of negative Coggins test is due to the Extension Office no later than July 7, 2026.**
- State 4-H Dog Show Immunization Record (MG-34) is required for the dog show at the county fair. **4-H Dog Immunization Records are due to the Extension Office no later than July 7, 2026.**



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District News

4-H Week at Rocking KM Vet

Once again Rocking KM Vet Service has generously offered special dates to assist 4-H families in meeting the testing and vaccine requirements for 4-H shows and our county fairs. **This year they are offering greater flexibility by designating a full 4-H week.**

Who: All 4-H members in the Flint Hills District with dog, cat, horse, or livestock projects.

What: A full week available to schedule appointments for 4-H project animals. **Exams will be free for all animals.** You must call or text Rocking KM Vet at 620-767-5914 to schedule your appointment.

When: June 15-19, 2026

Where: Rocking KM Veterinary Service, Council Grove, KS
Cost:

- DAPPL (canine Distemper, Adenovirus (Hepatitis), Parvovirus, Parainfluenza, and Leptospirosis) - \$48.25
- Canine Bordetella - \$29.75
- Rabies (canine and feline) - \$21.75
- FeLV/FVCRP (feline leukemia/Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis (FVR), Calicivirus (C), and Panleukopenia (P) - \$65
- Core Equine Vaccine (EEE, WEE, West Nile, Tetanus, Rabies): \$70.75
- Equine Flu Vaccine (EIV, EHV-1 & 4): \$42.75
- AGID Coggins: \$66.25
- ELISA Coggins: \$82.25

Rocking KM Vet recommends that every horse receives the core equine vaccine, and horses traveling or exposed to new horses receive the equine flu vaccine as well, which would apply to those planning to show at the fair.

Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo

The Wheat Expo will be a fun, educational and hands on program for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and K-State Extension staff. You do not have to be enrolled in crops/plant science projects to participate. **4-H members enrolled in Food and Nutrition, Photography and Field Crops are encouraged to participate.** There are contests for bin-run wheat, cleaned wheat, bread, cookies, muffins, wheat photography, and wheat educational exhibits. The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a fun day showcasing all things wheat. Lunch and refreshments are sponsored, and tours will be available. **This event will be held August 4, 2026, in El Dorado, KS.**

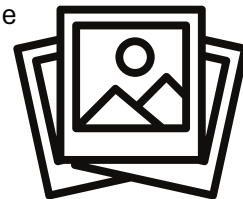


Photo Mat Boards for Fair

Photo mat boards are available at the Extension Office for the cost of \$2.

Each set comes with one (1) mat board, photo ID strip and matting instructions, and protective plastic bag. New state fair photography rules

state that “a full coverage permanent mount using a spray adhesive must be used. Do not use household glues, glue sticks, double stick tape/patches, etc. to adhere photo to matte board.”



State Horticulture Judging Contest

The Kansas 4-H State Horticulture Judging Contest will be held on **August 15, 2026**, at Throckmorton Hall on the K-State Campus in Manhattan. The 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest helps members grow in their ability to think, reason, and make logical and scientific judgments through plant identification, knowledge testing, and judging classes. The state contest is hosted by the Department of Horticulture, Forestry and Natural Resources.

Livestock Sweepstakes

Mark your calendars! 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 year's contest will be held **August 22-23, 2026** in Manhattan, KS.

Don't Neglect Your 4-H Records

It is already over halfway though the 4-H year, fair preparations are well underway, and hopefully project record forms are collecting information and not dust. As you are participating in 4-H events, spending money on projects, and making fair preparations make sure to be taking pictures and keeping track of all the information that can be added to your permanent and project records. Don't let record books become an end-of-the-year rush, work on them throughout the 4-H year as events and experiences happen.

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District 4-H Dates

June 2026

June 1 - Horse IDs Due
June 1 - Dairy Cattle ID Form 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 - Parsons, KS
June 15 - Morris County 4-H Council Meeting
June 15 - State Show Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, & Meat Goat Nominations Due
June 15-19 - 4-H Week at Rocking KM Veterinary Services
June 18 - Southeast Kansas Challenge Day - Emporia, KS
June 18-20 - Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show - Salina
June 19 - Extension Offices Closed - Juneteenth
June 19-20 - Insect Spectacular - Yates Center, KS

July 2026

June/July - 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch
July 3 - Extension Offices Closed - Independence Day
July 7 - Chase County Fair 4-H Entries Due
July 7 - Morris County Fair Pre-Entries Due
July 9-11 - Tri-County Free Fair - Herington, KS
July 10-11 - Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic
July 18-27 - Morris County Fair
July 24-30 - Chase County Fair

August

August 1 - State 4-H Horse Show Entries Due
August 4 - 4-H Wheat Expo - El Dorado, KS
August 15 - State Horticulture Judging Contest
August 17 - Morris County 4-H Council Meeting
August 22-23 - State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

Looking Ahead

September 5 - State 4-H Dog Show
September 11-20 - Kansas State Fair
September 26 - State Smallbore/Muzzleloading Match
October 1 - New 4-H Year Begins
October 2-4 - Kansas Junior Livestock Show
October 10-11 - State Shotgun Match
November 21-22 - KYLF - Rock Springs Ranch

79th Annual Tri-County Fair

July 9-11, 2026



ANY 4-H or FFA member in
Kansas may show at the
Tri-County Free Fair in Herington!
<https://www.tricountyfairks.com/>



State 4-H Horse Show

The entry system for the State 4-H Horse Show is now open. **Entries are due by August 1st, 2026.** The horse safety webinar and quiz are due every year prior to submitting entries. Find more information on the state 4-H website: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/fair-resources/kansas-state-fair/>

Livestock Shows and Events

Information on 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>

Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show

The Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show is scheduled for **June 18-20, 2026** at the Saline County Livestock and Expo Center in Salina. Registration is now open, with a registration deadline of June 8, 2026. This is a unique opportunity for Dairy project members to participate in Dairy Judging, Quiz Bowl and Skillathon while networking with other youth dairy enthusiasts from across the state. More information can be found at this link: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/dairy/dairyevents/jr-dairy-show/>

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/>

State Livestock Nomination

Official DNA envelopes MUST be ordered in advance.

DNA envelope order deadline:

Small Livestock - June 5



Nomination deadline:
Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep,
and Meat Goat - June 15

More information on the Kansas State Livestock Nomination System is in the April 4-H Newsletter or can be found online: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>

2026 Livestock Deadlines

- Dog vaccine records are due to the Extension Office by **July 7th**.
- Horse ID's due **June 1st** to the Extension Office. All horses that will be exhibited at the County Fair must have a Horse ID. **ALL horses must also have a current Coggins**. Proof of Coggins is required in order to show. Please turn in proof of Coggins to the Extension Office by **July 7th**.

2026 Raffle Basket Themes

Bazaar - Kansas Pride
Diamond - Gardening
Gladstone - Gift Card Gala
Toledo - Chase County Proud



Remember that each member is asked to sell 12 tickets. You may sell more. Tickets are \$1 each. Community Leaders will be notified when tickets are available.

Open Scales

The scales will be set up and available for you to weigh your animals on **Saturday, June 13 from 8:30-9:30 am at the Chase County Fairgrounds**. This is an optional weigh-in and you do not need to participate, but if you have any concerns about your animal making weight for the fair/sale you might want to consider taking advantage of this opportunity.

If you want to weigh your animal(s), you will need to call the office or email Chelsea so we know that you plan to participate. Please let us know and do not just show up because if we don't know you are coming we may not be there.

Project Day

The 2026 Chase County 4-H Project Day is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 2, 2026 from 9:00 am to Noon**, at the Pendergraft Building. We will start the day with **Photography Judging** and **Horticulture Judging** available from 9:00-10:00 am. Youth may judge any time during that hour. Youth are encouraged to attend and participate in project day regardless if they are in the projects represented or not. Project Day is a great learning opportunity and can be marked in your record books!

The full schedule can be viewed on our district website:
https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/chase-county/project_day/

Please register for Project Day using the QR code to the right:



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, Floriculture, Horticulture, and Livestock 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.**
- The showing of all species of livestock will be a **No-Fit Show, except for horses**. "No Fit" is defined as using no adhesive, glue, paint, oil, polish or powder products. **Water only** is acceptable for fitting. Animals may be clipped, blown, brushed, or combed to enhance their appearance. **This rule applies to the livestock shows and the Stanley Stout Memorial 4-H Auction.**
- Animals that do not make the minimum weight will show in an underweight class and will not be eligible to show for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion in market hog, lamb, goat and beef classes. They will not be allowed to sell in the Livestock Auction.



Chase County

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Enjoy
SUMMER

	1 Horse IDs Due Dairy Cattle IDs Due	2 Project Day 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 4-H Council Meeting After Project Day Pendergraft Building	3	4 State FCS Judging Manhattan, KS	5	6
			Discovery Days - Manhattan, KS			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Open Scales 8:30-9:30 am Chase County Fairgrounds
Flag Day 14	15	16	17	18 Southeast Kansas Challenge Day Emporia, KS	19 Juneteenth	20
	4-H Week at Rocking KM Vet					Extension Office Closed
Father's Day 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

MORRIS COUNTY

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July 18-27, 2026

2026 Fair Updates

- **2026 Fair Dates: July 18-27, 2026**
- The theme for the 2026 Morris County Fair is **Hometown Harvest**.
- All 4-H clubs are responsible for making sure that their shifts are covered in the Snack Shack. **If a club is unable to cover their entire shift they must coordinate with leaders from other clubs to ensure the Snack Shack stays fully staffed.**
- Wearing the fair shirt during the premium sale is optional.
- **New for 2026** - 4-H members are required to sign in on clean up night after the livestock sale in order to receive any and all premium money. Indoor clean up will sign in with Michelle Poole and outside clean up will sign in with Shandi Andres.
- At the end of the night, all families are expected to pitch in and help with clean up. Inside/outside assignments are listed in the fairbook. **It is the responsibility of every 4-H member to keep the fairgrounds clean and tidy throughout the entire fair. Do your part!**

FFA Rule Updates for Fair

- **2026** - FFA members are allowed to exhibit in Morris County Fair divisions which align with the possible SAE project list. **FFA members who wish to exhibit at the fair must designate the desired divisions to exhibit for the upcoming fair by May 1 to the Fair Secretary.** Market animals must follow designated weigh-in dates.
- **2027** - FFA members are allowed to exhibit in Morris County Fair divisions which align with the possible SAE project list. FFA members must designate their SAE to the FFA Adviser in the fall prior to the Fair. SAE projects should be on record with the Fair Secretary by May 1. Market animals must follow designated weigh-in dates.

2026 Fair Books Available

Fair books for the 2026 Morris County Fair will be available in our office starting June 1st. Please stop by and pick up your fair book. Pre-entries will also be available on FairEntry on June 1, 2026, with a pre-entry deadline of July 7, 2026.

4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **June 15, 2026 at 6:30pm** at the Morris County Community Building at the Morris County Fairgrounds.

Food Handling and Safety Meeting

There will be a county foods meeting/snack shack food safety training on **Monday, June 15th at 5:30 pm** at the Community Building at the Morris County Fairgrounds. **All Club/Community Leaders and 4-H Council Members are asked to attend this meeting as well to prepare for the Fair Snack Shack.** Please wear your hair pulled back or wear a ball cap, as we will be in the kitchen preparing food. No loose clothing or open-toed shoes allowed. Contact Deb Andres at the Extension Office if you have questions.

Swine, Poultry, & Rabbit Clinic

The Bunn family is hosting a swine, poultry, and rabbit clinic at their farm on **June 12, starting at 5:30 pm**. The address is 1800 K Ave, White City. There will be showmanship demonstrations and practice opportunities, and 4-H'ers are invited to bring their own animal to practice with. You may also bring your own chair. This will be a great learning opportunity for Morris County 4-H'ers as they are preparing their own animals for the fair.

Dog Project Meeting Dates

See below for the list of June and July Dog Project meeting dates. As a reminder you must attend at least 7 project meetings to show at the Morris County Fair 4-H Dog show. All meetings begin at 6 pm and are at the Community Building at the Morris County Fairgrounds.

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

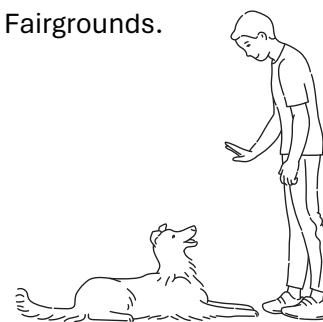
Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Thursday, July 16, 2026



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	1 Horse IDs Due Dairy Cattle IDs Due	2	3 Dog Project Meeting 6:00 p.m. Fairgrounds Community Building	4 State FCS Judging Manhattan, KS	5 Discovery Days - Manhattan, KS	6
7	8	9 Dog Project Meeting 6:00 p.m. Fairgrounds Community Building	10	11	12	13
Flag Day 14	Food Handling Meeting 5:30 pm 4-H Council Meeting 6:30 pm Fairgrounds Community Building	15	16	17 Dog Project Meeting 6:00 p.m. Fairgrounds Community Building	18 Southeast Kansas Challenge Day Emporia, KS	19 Juneteenth Extension Office Closed
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