

Flint Hills District 4-H Newsletter

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4-H Enrollment for the New Year

It's almost time to enroll in the new 4-H year! **Every 4-H member and volunteer, new or returning, must enroll in 4-H Online starting October 1st. Please complete your enrollment for the new 4-H year by November 1st.** If you have any questions about the enrollment process, please reach out to the Extension Office so that we can assist you. 4-H Online is best accessed via a computer rather than a phone browser. There is a \$15 enrollment fee, and some clubs may reimburse this. In Morris County, the Morris County 4-H Foundation will cover the enrollment fee for youth who turn in a record book or are first-year 4-H members.

Families should review the years in each project as they make project selections. Please also review all personal information to make sure phone numbers, email addresses, and mailing addresses are all up to date. Please enroll in all projects you plan to take for the year as the enrollment list is what allows project leaders to plan the year and communicate about project meetings. The final drop/add deadline for project selection is May 1st.

Enroll at: <https://4honline.com>

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week will be held **October 4-11** this year. This is a great opportunity to show off your 4-H pride and share with our communities how much 4-H means to you.

- **Monday, October 5 - Go Green Day** - Wear your green and represent 4-H all day long at home, school, and in the community. We want you to be a positive example of our local 4-H program. **If you would like to be featured on our Facebook page showing your 4-H spirit, please email a picture to Tara at tlp7777@ksu.edu, message your picture to our Facebook Page, or share on Facebook and tag our page: **K-State Extension - Flint Hills District**.**
- **Thursday, October 8 - Thankful Thursday** - Share with our 4-H volunteers, supporters, fair sponsors, and anyone who has had an impact on your 4-H journey just how important their support has been to you. Something as simple as telling someone face to face how much you appreciate them and what they do for 4-H in our communities can mean a lot.

Volunteer Enrollment

Volunteering in support of our local 4-H program is a great way to lead by example and help build the 4-H program you want your kids to experience. There are openings for project leaders in both counties.

New Volunteers: New 4-H volunteers will need to contact the Extension Office to discuss what role you would like to volunteer in. They will then need to enroll in 4-H Online, complete Kansas 4-H Volunteer Orientation Training, and submit for a Background Check. The Extension Office will gladly help walk you through the steps to become a 4-H volunteer.

Returning Volunteers: Returning volunteers simply need to re-enroll in 4-H Online.

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District News



Link to Ronald McDonald House Children's Mercy wish list:



Important Details:

- 👤 Saturday, October 31st at the Morris County 4-H Community Building
- 👻 Doors open at 7:00 pm for all 4-H ghosts, ghouls, and goblins
- 🐾 4-H members ages 7-13 must be picked up by 11:00 pm
- 👧 4-H members ages 14+ must arrive before 11:00 pm and will stay until 6:00 am
- 🍕 There will be food, games, movies, music and more
- 👗 Dress to impress for a costume contest

Make your plans now to join us for the best Halloween party in the area. After an evening of trick-or-treating, keep the fun going by joining us for our first annual Halloween Dance and Lock-In!

All 4-H members from both Chase and Morris Counties are invited. Pizza, drinks, snacks, music, and games will all be provided. Bring your own pillow, blanket, sleeping bag, change of clothes, pajamas, toiletries, phone charger, any additional snacks you want, and anything else you may need. Remember, the 4-H code of conduct will apply.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jessica. We can't wait to see you there!

RSVP is required to attend. Invitations with RSVP details will be handed out at club meetings. RSVPs are due October 23rd to the Extension Office.

Admission to our Halloween Dance & Lock-In will be donations for the Ronald McDonald House at Children's Mercy. There will always be families like Wade's who need a home close to their child during long hospital stays. As 4-H members, we pledge our hearts to greater loyalty and our hands to larger service. Supporting Ronald McDonald House is one small way we can put those words into action by caring for families in difficult days and honoring Wade by continuing the kindness that surrounded his family.



While record books are fresh in everyone's minds, it's a good time to evaluate how your record keeping worked this year and think about how to make it better for next year. Did you take enough pictures? Did you consistently document activities and events as they happened? If not, then now is a great time to plan how to make it work better in the new 4-H year.

One of the ways to prepare now for the new 4-H year is to use a goal setting page so you can plan for the 4-H year ahead and know how you want to learn and grow in your projects. You can find the Kansas 4-H goal setting worksheet here:
https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/download/setting-4-h-project-goals_4H1100

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District 4-H Dates

October 2026

October 1 - New 4-H Year Begins
October 1 - Morris County Record Books Due
October 2-4 - Kansas Junior Livestock Show
October 5 - Morris County 4-H Council Meeting
October 4-11 - National 4-H Week
October 10-11 - 48 Hours of 4-H
October 10-11 - State Shotgun Match
October 17-18 - Kansas 4-H Dog Conference
October 31 - District Dance and Lock-in - Morris County
Fairgrounds Community Building

November 2026

November 1 - Shooting Sports Safety Day
November 7 - Morris County Achievement Banquet
November 8 - Chase County Achievement Banquet
November 21-22 - KYLF - Rock Springs Ranch
November 26-27 - Extension Offices Closed -
Thanksgiving

Save the Date

February 7-8, 2027 - Citizenship in Action - Topeka, KS
February 20-21, 2027 - Horse Panorama - Manhattan, KS
June 9-11, 2027 - Discovery Days - Manhattan, KS

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)

Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers, and more.

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.

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2027

When: November 21-22, 2026

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Cost: \$215, with an optional additional \$55 for Friday overnight and breakfast.

Registration: <https://web.cvent.com/event/05a631ff-e2ef-4a66-9493-a1b9ba8d9e36/register>

The registration deadline is Thursday, October 15, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.

National 4-H Conference & Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications Open Now

Applications are available now to be considered for either National 4-H Conference Delegate and/or Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Representative for 2027. Through this application, candidates may pursue one or both opportunities: National 4-H Conference Delegate and Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Representative. Both roles serve on the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council, with delegates selected and representatives elected at the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum on November 21-22, 2026. **Applications, including online reference, are due no later than 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2026.**

Available positions include 12 Council Representative seats (3 per Extension Region: NE, SE, SW, and NW) and up to 6 National 4-H Conference Delegate appointments. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2027 may apply as a Youth Leadership Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2027 may apply for National Conference.

Shooting Sports Safety Day

Safety Day for first-year Shooting Sports participants will be **Sunday, November 1st at 1:00 p.m.** at the Morris County 4-H Community Building. You must attend this meeting in order to participate. Be sure you are on the Morris-Chase Sharp Shooters Facebook page for updates. More information will be coming on future practice dates/times.

This is an amazing opportunity for older 4-H members to really grow and shine in leadership positions. For more information about this opportunity, contact the Extension Office or find more information under the Helpful Links and Resources section of this web page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/>



4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council Meeting will be held prior to the Achievement Banquet at **4:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 8th** and will be at the Pendergraft Building. This will be the first meeting of the new 4-H year and will include 4-H Council officer elections.

Record Book Judging

Books will be swapped with another county for scoring. This year Chase County will judge Marshall County record books and they will judge ours. **Plan to have 3-4 volunteers from each club assist with judging record books.** These volunteers can be community leaders, parents, grandparents or anyone else who is interested. **This year we will judge record books October 12-16. Plan to judge between 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm.** We feel allowing record book judging every day would allow more volunteers to assist. If we need more time, we will open up an evening to judge record books too. Marshall County has a lot of projects, so please round up your volunteers early!

4-H Week & 48 Hours of 4-H

National 4-H Week is October 4-10 this year and is a great chance to show off your 4-H pride! 48 Hours of 4-H falls on **October 10-11, 2026**, this year. The last weekend of 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! Now is the time to start planning your service event.

More information on 48 Hours of 4-H can be found at this link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/>



Officer Training

Officer training will be held in November. The date and time are still yet to be determined, but will be communicated as soon as it is finalized.

If you were elected to an office for the upcoming 4-H year, please make plans to attend. Everyone is welcome to come and participate even if you do not hold an office. It is a great way to learn about what the different officer positions do and how a 4-H meeting is run. Youth under the age of 10 must have an adult present. A light meal will be provided.



Chase County Achievement Banquet

The date for the Achievement Banquet has been set for **Sunday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m.** and will be held at the Pendergraft Building in Cottonwood Falls. 4-H members who turn in a record book are invited to attend the banquet. **Set up for the Achievement Banquet will be at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 8th.** The meal is going to be catered and we ask that you RSVP with the number attending by October 26th to the Extension Office.

Chase County

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National 4-H Week						
11 State Shotgun Match Augusta, KS	12	13	14	15	16 No School USD 284	17 State 4-H Dog Conference Rock Springs Ranch
18 State 4-H Dog Conference Rock Springs Ranch	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 No School USD 284	31 District 4-H Dance and Lock-In 7:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. Morris County Fairgrounds Community Building

MORRIS COUNTY

Morris County Extension Office Location:

315 W. Main St. Ste A, Council Grove, KS

Office Phone Number: 620-767-5136

4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **October 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Morris County Community Building at the Morris County Fairgrounds. As this is the first meeting of the new 4-H year it will include officer elections.

Morris County Achievement Banquet

When: Saturday, November 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Morris County 4-H Community Building

Cost: Adults and youth ages 14+ are \$10, age 13 and under are \$7.

Tickets must be paid for when ordered, there will be no late ticket sales or tickets available at the door.

Tickets will be sold through your 4-H club. Club leaders will be responsible for collecting money and placing the ticket order with the Extension Office no later than **November 2nd at 5:00 p.m.**

Set up: Saturday, November 7th at 10:00 a.m. by Willing Workers and Neosho Valley Clubs and 2025-26 4-H Council Achievement Banquet Committee Members.

Clean-Up: Immediately following the Achievement Banquet on November 7th by Dwight Sunflowers and Flint Hills Clubs.

Record Books

Record books, pin applications, club summaries, Friend of 4-H nominations, and 4-H Alumni nominations are all due to the Extension Office by October 1st. Books will be swapped with another county for judging. **Plan to have 3-4 volunteers from each Club assist with judging record books.** These volunteers can be community leaders, parents, grandparents or anyone else who is willing to volunteer some time to help out. **This year we will judge record books October 26-30. Plan to judge between 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm on Monday through Friday.** We feel allowing record book judging across multiple days will allow more volunteers to assist. If we need more time we will open up an evening to judge record books as well.

Officer Training

Officer training will be held on **Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m.** at the Morris County 4-H Community Building. If you were elected to an office for the upcoming 4-H year, please make plans to attend. Everyone is welcome to come and participate even if you do not hold an office. It is a great way to learn about what the different officer positions do and how a 4-H meeting is run. Youth under the age of 10 must have an adult present. A light meal will be provided.

48 Hours of 4-H

Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! 48 Hours of 4-H falls on **October 10-11, 2026**, this year. The Morris County 4-H Council has chosen two service projects for Morris County 4-H members to participate in during 48 Hours of 4-H that celebrate and honor the older generations in our communities. Many of our local seniors were once 4-H members, parents, volunteers, fair supporters, farmers, and community leaders who helped build the strong rural communities our 4-H members enjoy today. Now it's our turn to give back!

- **Senior Center Food Drive** - Each club is responsible for coordinating a food drive for the senior center in their community. Please reach out to your local senior center to learn their needs and coordinate with your club members to gather and deliver donations. Please share with us so we can celebrate the work of our 4-H members. Completing this during National 4-H Week would be ideal, but is not necessary for it to count as 48 Hours of 4-H.
- **Mini Fair at Morris County Assisted Living** - We are bringing the county fair experience to the residents at the assisted living home on **Sunday, October 11 from 2:00-3:30 pm.** We need Morris County 4-H members to bring one or more projects they have worked on through 4-H and share it with the residents! It does NOT have to be what they took to fair this year, just a 4-H related project to share! We have space to set up both indoor exhibits and host animals outside with a mini show. Foods entries will be donated to Morris County Assisted Living. Please sign up for what you would like to bring at this link or via the QR code below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4CAFA92EA2F8C52-65949066-mini>

Sign up here for the 48 Hours of 4-H Mini Fair. You may bring as many projects as you like.



Morris County Enrollment Fees

Once again the Morris County 4-H Foundation is sponsoring the enrollment fees for any Morris County 4-H'er who turned in a record book as well as any first-year members. **The coupon code will be applied in the office for eligible members.**

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State 4-H Dog Conference Rock Springs Ranch						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			Late Start USD 417		No School USD 481	District 4-H Dance and Lock-In 7:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. Fairgrounds Community Building
Record Book Judging in the Extension Office from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.						

State Fair Results

Chase County

Jaxon Bower	Color Photo	Blue
Vonda Danford	Color Photo	Blue
	Foods & Nutrition	Blue
Brooke Fink	Black & White Photo	Blue
Maelie Gibb	Poultry - Bantam - Young Bird	Purple
	Poultry - Bantam - Old Bird	Purple
	Poultry - Large Fowl - Young Bird	Blue
Tate Gibb	Poultry - Large Fowl - Young Bird	Blue
	Poultry - Bantam - Young Bird	Blue
	Poultry - Bantam - Young Bird	Blue
Hadden Giger	Agronomy - Corn	Blue
Lily Hancock	Color Photo	Purple
	Foods & Nutrition	Red
	Foods & Nutrition Educational Exhibit	Blue
	Electrical	Blue
Heidi Hansford	Color Photo	Blue
Jerit Inlow	Black & White Photo	Blue
	Wildlife Educational Display	Blue
Bryson Koch	Wildlife Notebook	Blue
Enley Lauer	Black & White Photo	Blue
	Foods & Nutrition Educational Exhibit	Red
	Food Gift Package	Blue
	Shooting Sports Poster	Blue
Liam Lauer	Foods & Nutrition	Purple
	Robotics	Red
	Wildlife Poster	Red
	Vegetable Plate	Blue
	Fresh Flower Arrangement	Red
Hadlee Litke	Black & White Photo	Blue
	Rabbits - Senior Doe	Red
Ava Matile	Color Photo	Blue
	Black & White Photo	Blue
	Visual Arts - Three Dimensional	Purple
Eli Mushrush	Wildlife Educational Display	Blue
Bella Mushrush	Color Photo	Blue

Chase County (continued)

Bella Mushrush	Visual Arts - Fine Arts	Blue
Sadie Mushrush	Color Photo	Red
Clara Patterson	Color Photo	Blue
Zeke Peters	Foods & Nutrition	Purple
Hezekiah Peters	Foods & Nutrition	Purple
Maggie Peters	Color Photo	Purple
	Foods & Nutrition	Blue
Naomi Peters	Visual Arts - Clay & Ceramics	Red
	Foods & Nutrition	Red
	Fresh Culinary Herbs	Red
Lakin Spain	Color Photo	Blue
Annie Welsh	Black & White Photo	Red
Grace Welsh	Color Photo	Blue
	Shooting Sports Poster	Blue

Morris County

Henry Armbrust	Building Block Engineering	Blue
	Forestry Notebook	Purple
Kresten Armbrust	Color Photo	Blue
	Wildlife Educational Display	Blue
	Forestry Notebook	Purple
Koltin Baseley	Rabbits - Senior Buck	Red
	Rabbits - Senior Doe	Red
	Rabbits - Senior Doe	White
	Rabbits - Normal Colored Fur	Red
	Rabbits - Showmanship	Red
Lindsay Bunn	Foods & Nutrition	Red
	Rabbits - Senior Doe	Red
	Rabbits - Senior Doe	Purple
	Rabbits - Senior Doe	Blue
	Rabbits - Junior Buck	Purple
	Rabbits - Junior Doe	Purple
	Rabbits - Colored Rex Fur	Purple
	Rabbits - Showmanship	Blue
Logan Bunn	Foods & Nutrition	Red
Dixie Burton	Visual Arts - Leather & Jewelry	Red
Mephis Burton	Color Photo	Blue
August Carson	Agronomy - Alfalfa Hay	Red
Irie Carson	Sewing & Textile Design	Red
Alyvia Corgill	Rabbits - Senior Buck	Red
	Rabbits - Intermediate Buck	Purple Best of Breed
	Rabbits - Junior Buck	Blue

State Fair Results

Morris County (continued)

Alyvia Corgill	Rabbits - Junior Doe	Purple Best Opposite of Breed
	Rabbits - Showmanship	Blue
Nolan Effland	Color Photo	Purple
Sheldon Effland	Color Photo	Red
Jaylee Engel	Color Photo	White
	Visual Arts - Three Dimensional	Blue
	Fashion Revue - Shopping in Style	Blue
Bowen Evans	Dog - Intermediate Showmanship	Red
	Dog - Novice Obedience	White
Brayden Jarvis	Color Photo	Blue
Jameson Lautt	Demonstration/Illustrated Talk	Blue
	Foods & Nutrition	Blue
Joshua Lautt	Project Talk	Blue
	Black & White Photo	Blue
	Foods & Nutrition	Red
Beatty Mayer	Color Photo	Red
	Fashion Revue - Sewing & Textile Design	Blue
	Foods & Nutrition	Purple
	Annual Garden Flower	Red
	Perennial Garden Flower	Blue
	Perennial Garden Flower	Blue
	Rabbits - Senior Buck	Red
	Rabbits - Senior Doe	Blue
	Rabbits - Intermediate Buck	Red
	Rabbits - Intermediate Doe	Red
	Rabbits - Junior Buck	Blue
	Rabbits - Junior Doe	Blue
	Rabbits - Normal Colored Fur	Purple
	Rabbits - Showmanship	Blue
Laramie Mayer	Black & White Photo	White
	Fashion Revue - Shopping in Style	Blue
	Wildlife Educational Display	Red
	Rabbits - Normal White Fur	Red
	Rabbits - Showmanship	Blue
Lakyn Parker	Medium Vegetable Plate	Red
	Large Vegetable Plate	Red
Riggin Parker	Veterinary Science Poster	Blue
	Demonstration/Illustrated Talk	Blue

Morris County (continued)

Riggin Parker	Poetry or Prose	Blue
	Wildlife Educational Display	Purple
	Wildlife Knowledge Check	Red
Kiptyn Platz	Woodworking	Red
Korbyn Platz	Color Photo	Blue
Andrew Schrader	Project Talk	Blue
Benjamin Schrader	Rocketry	Blue
Elijah Schrader	Color Photo	Blue
Conner Shearer	Rabbit - Senior Buck	Blue Best of Breed
	Rabbit - Senior Doe	White
	Rabbit - Junior Buck	Blue
	Rabbit - Junior Doe	Blue Best of Breed
	Rabbit - Showmanship	Blue
Liliana Stilwell	Color Photo	Purple
Lithé Thibodeaux	Demonstration/Illustrated Talk	Blue
	Fiber Arts - Crochet	Blue
	Sewing & Textile Design	White
Mâriette Thibodeaux	Demonstration/Illustrated Talk	Red
	Sewing & Textile Design	Blue
	Sewing & Textile Design	Purple

CONGRATULATIONS



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