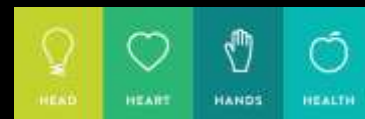


# Flint Hills District 4-H News

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Deadline to have news added to the newsletter is the 20th of the month prior to publication. Our goal is to get it mailed by the 1st.



## What's in a Motto "To Make the Best, Better"

### Kansas State Fair

State Fair entries are due to the Extension Office on Friday, August 8th. Please do not bring your exhibit at this time. Youth will be given two complimentary tickets in lieu of premiums again this year.

Additional Tickets may be ordered through the office by the 13th of August. All extra tickets must be paid for in the office by the 13th with checks made out to Flint Hills Extension District. Adults \$7 Youth \$4

Aug 26 Non Perishable Items that will fit into the suburban need to be in the Extension Office along with all required paperwork, release forms or artist intent forms.

Sept 4th: All Items to be delivered to Hutchinson for judging. If it does not fit in the suburban, you will need to make arrangements with the state fair for delivery options on large items.

Compete Fair Schedule

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/fair-resources/kansas-state-fair/docs/2025/2025%20Kansas%20State%20Fair%204-H%20Schedule.pdf>



## Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

What: Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2026 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 22-23, 2025

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2026

2025 Fees will be set in summer

2024 Fees: \$215 and additional optional \$55 for Friday overnight and breakfast.

**Registration Deadline:**  
Deadline - Wednesday, October 15, 2025 by 11:59 p.m.



## KJLS Entry Information

*August 15 - KJLS Entry Deadline*

Animals that are nominated but do not follow the appropriate entry processes set forth by each show will not be permitted to exhibit. Each show manages their own rules and entries. All families should review the show rules prior to entry. Exhibitors will login and submit their show entries using the same exhibitor accounts they used for state nominations – including exhibitor name and password. Then, nominated animals will be selected from a drop-down menu, using their 4-H tag number. Registered breeding females will be entered off of their registration papers, which must be in the exhibitor's name by the deadlines listed in the show rules.

For nomination questions, please contact Lexie Hayes at [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu). Questions regarding show rules or entries should be directed to each specific show (KSF Grand Drive 620-669-3623 or KJLS 785-817-1350).

KJLS Website - <https://www.kjls.net/>

## 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>

## September Newsletter Change

Starting in September we will be having printed newsletter copies available in Club Boxes in Extension Office by the end of the first week of the month for leaders to pick up and distribute at 4-H meetings. A digital copy will be emailed out to all households, project leaders, board members and stakeholders who are on our email list. If you do not make the meeting, you can always come by the office to pick up a printed copy. Again we hope this will catch everyone and reduce the price paid for postage over \$1500 throughout the year. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we look to continue to provide our 4-H newsletter.

## District Dates

### AUGUST

- 8 State Fair Entries Due to Extension Office
- 11 Chase 4-H Council Meeting
- 13 State Fair Ticket Orders & Money Turned into office
- 15 KJLS Entries Deadline
- 16 State Horticulture Judging Contest, KSU
- 18 Morris Co 4-H Council Meeting
- 19 Morris Co Carcass Awards Dinner
- 23 Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan, KS
- 26 State Fair Exhibits - Non Perishables to Extension Office

### September

- 1 Closed Labor Day
- 4 Delivery Date for State Fair Items  
(See County Page for Time Schedule)
- 4-14 Kansas State Fair
- 8 Morris & Chase Ambassador Applications Due
- 24 Chase Record Books Due

### October

- 1 Morris Record Books Due
- 1 4-H Enrollment Opens
- 3-5 Kansas Junior Livestock Show



## Communication Opportunities State Fair

Remember that 4-H Members ages 9 and older who participated in 4-H Day and received a Purple or top blue ribbons can take their project talks, demonstrations, and illustrated talks to the Kansas State Fair. Poetry entries can also be entered.

New this year, Public Speaking entries can come to the State Fair; however, regardless of the topic used locally, all contestants at the State Fair will use the same topic, "What 4-H Means to Me". More information can be found in the [2025 State Fair Book](#).

### KS 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes Schedule

Saturday August 23rd

Kansas State University

7am Livestock Judging Check In

Purebred Beef Unit

2230 Denison

Manhattan, KS 66506

8am Livestock Judging Begins

11:30am Lunch Provided for Contestants

Reasons portion at Umberger Hall

4pm Approximate Ending and Officials

4:30pm Skillathon Check In

Umberger Hall 105

5:00pm Skillathon Begins

## 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 County Fair.

# CHASE COUNTY

## State Fair Notes

State Fair entries are due August 8th to the Extension Office. Please do not bring your exhibits at this time. Please have your exhibits to the office by August 26th except for foods and floriculture/horticulture products which can be brought the morning of September 4th between 7:30am-8:00am. If the item is too large to fit in a vehicle or requires a machine or multiple people to unload and load it then you will be responsible for taking it to the fair and picking it up. Also, NO animals will be transported by the Extension Office.

4-H Council Meeting  
August 11th @ 5:30pm  
Fairboard Meeting  
August 14th, 6:30pm  
Pendegraft 4-H Building

## 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 Please check for completion and that all signature lines are signed. Leaders will need to set club due date.
- Record books and club officer books will be due to the Extension Office by September 24th
- 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



## 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

## Fair

### Survey

Please Take Time to give your valuable feedback!  
Thanks to all who Helped make our fair great!



## Chase Ambassador Team Wants You !



Applications are available for anyone interested in stepping up their leadership game and can be found on the Chase 4-H page of the Flint Hills Extension District Website. Applicants must be enrolled in the leadership project with experience to step into roles of promoting 4-H in Chase County and being an actively engaged member of this exciting team. Applications can also be picked up in the Extension Office. Current members do not have to re-apply and term limits have been removed. Due Date Sept 8th

# August 2025 Chase County

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 State Fair Entries Due	9
10	11 Council Meeting 5:30 pm	12	13 State Fair Ticket Orders and Money Due	14	15 KJLS Entries Due	16 State Horticulture Judging Contest
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 State Livestock Sweepstakes
24	25	26 Non Perishables Due to Extension Office	27	28	29	30
31	1 Extension Office Closed	2	3	4 State Fair Exhibits Delivered to Hutch	5	6

# MORRIS COUNTY

## Deep Roots, Dusty Boots Success

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.

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 Wednesday, August 27th 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!

## Upcoming Meetings :

Council - Monday August 18th 6:30pm  
Fairboard: Sept 2nd, 7pm

## Carcass Contest Awards Dinner

Educational Workshop by:

Dr Erin Beyer KSU Meat Specialist

Aug 19th 6:30 PM Fairgrounds Building

Who: All participants in the beef and swine projects are invited to attend and learn about the contest even if you were not involved in this years contest.

*RSVP with Shandi Andres by August 16th*

*mrcofairboard@gmail.com or extension*

*office rds8787@ksu.edu*

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## Record Books

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



## Morris County Ambassador Applications

Expand your leadership role in Morris County by joining the Ambassador Team. Applications are available online or in the Extension Office. All applications for new ambassadors are due September 8th. Interviews will be scheduled following turn in date.

# August 2025 Morris County

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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 State Fair Entry Forms Due	9
10	11	12	13 State Fair Ticket Orders and Money Due	14	15 KJLS Entries Due	16 State Horticulture Judging Contest RSVP Due for Carcass Dinner
17	18 4-H Council Meeting 6:30pm	19 Carcass Awards Dinner 6:30pm	20	21	22	23 State Livestock Sweepstakes
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