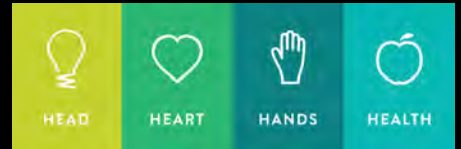


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ADD/DROP DEADLINE APPROACHING!



Remember that you can add and/or drop projects in 4-H Online until **May 1st**. 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 2025 Fairs.

YOUTH TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING

May 27-28-29

May 27 - Lyon County Extension Office

May 28&29 - Prairieland Partners John Deere

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

Participants must attend ALL THREE (3) sessions.

No Exceptions.

Pre-Registration is required by May 21, 2025!

Lunch and snacks will be provided.

There is a \$20 fee per student due at registration.



2025 Insect Spectacular!

Beetles, bugs, dragonflies, and more! It's time to get registered for the 33rd Insect Spectacular. The State Entomology Workshop will be held Friday and Saturday, June 27th & 28th. Activities will take place at the Butler County Community Building located at 200 N Griffith St in El Dorado, Kansas.

Registration for the workshop will be open April 25th through May 26th! Once registration closes, it will not be reopened.

For more information, contact Vicky Wallace at (620) 804-9170 or email Vicky.wallace55@gmail.com



40th Annual

Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic

July 11th & 12th @ Riley County Fairgrounds

Youth will have the opportunity to test their knowledge and compete for prizes in a Swine Skillathon, participate in a photography contest, Showmanship contest, Market & Prospect shows.

Watch for more information to be included in the June 4-H newsletter!



DISCOVERY DAYS 2025

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is planning to be in-person on KSU campus June 4th-6th.

Registration Deadline: May 5, 2025

Who: Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2025

Cost: \$235; some sessions may require an additional fee.

Discovery Days is a mini college experience designed for youth who are 13-18 years of age as of January 1. Youth will have the opportunity to select classes and attend social functions.

Discovery Days participants will be included in a special recognition event honoring the State Project Award Winners. This event will be held in the K-State Student Union on the evening of Thursday, June 5th and will include an evening social and entertainment.

The primary purpose of 4-H Discovery Days is to gain new ideas and expand your 4-H experience. Discovery Days can help our youth in many ways:

- Help youth learn new ideas, techniques, and skills they can use personally and in their 4-H clubs or groups and communities.

- Give youth in-depth training through hands-on educational sessions from content and youth development experts.
- Prepare youth to make informed decisions about their careers and college path.
- Enhance personal growth by giving opportunities to develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making, and time management skills.
- Help youth meet new people and make new friends from different places and with different backgrounds from across the state.
- Provide an opportunity for youth to experience the K-State campus and its wealth of resources.
- Develop college and career readiness skills that prepare participants academically and socially for a successful transition to college and life as an adult.

UPCOMING VET CLINICS BEING OFFERED BY ROCKING KM VET!

Horse Day!

When: May 3rd from 9-11am



This clinic is available to all Flint Hills District 4-H Horse Project members!

Rocking KM prices for the vaccinations and Coggins:

Core Equine Vaccine (EEE, WEE, West Nile, Tetanus, Rabies)- \$65

Equine Flu Vaccine (EIV, EHV-1+4)- \$41.25

AGID Coggins- \$64.25 (**Only 4-H Required item**)

ELISA Coggins- \$80.50

The only difference between the AGID and ELISA Coggins is that the ELISA test has a much faster turnaround time. Rocking KM Veterinary recommends that every horse receives the core equine vaccine, and horses traveling/exposed to new horses receive the equine flu vaccine as well, which would apply to those wanting to show at the fair.

All horses will require proof of Coggins' within 90 days when checking in at the fair.

Dog Vaccination Clinic!

When: June 7th from 9-11am



All 4-H members in Flint Hills District welcome!

All dogs showing at the county fair must turn in an immunization record with current rabies and the following vaccinations: Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza and Bordetella. Recent de-worming is strongly recommended. Immunization record sheets are available in the extension office or in KRSE bookstore.

4-H Judging Opportunities

Southeast Area Judging Contests 2025

June 3rd @ Iola

Livestock judging, Meats judging, & Livestock Skillathon

June 12th @ Emporia

Horticulture judging, Crops judging, Favorite foods Contest, & Photography judging

Sign-up details will be emailed.

78th Annual Tri-County Fair

Herington, Kansas

July 10, 11, & 12 2025

ANY 4H or FFA member in Kansas may show at the Tri County Free Fair in Herington!

Entry Link Coming Soon:

<https://www.tricountyfairks.com/>



DISTRICT 4-H DATES

MAY

- May 1 - Project drop/add deadline
- May 1 - MR 4-H Foundation Scholarship Due
- May 1 - Market Beef Nominations Due
- May 3 - Shutterbug Photography Workshop, Wichita
- May 3 - Horse Day at Rocking KM
- May 3-4 - Gary Fuller Spring Classic - Lyon Co Fairgrounds
- May 9 - MR Konley Harding Scholarship Due
- May 10-11 - 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Full and Update Training, @ Rock Springs Ranch
- May 26 - Memorial Day, Extension Offices closed
- May 27,28,29 - Youth Tractor Safety Training
- May 28 - Chase County 4-H Council Meeting
- May 28 - Chase County Project Day
- May 30 - Horse Papers are due to the Extension Office
- May 31 - Poultry & Rabbit ownership deadline



State Livestock Nomination Information



Nomination deadlines-

May 1 – Market Beef (steers and heifers)

June 15 – Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers

- Market hogs & commercial gilts
- Market lambs & commercial ewes
- Market meat goats & breeding does (ALL – commercial and registered)
- Commercial heifers

When do DNA Envelopes have to be ordered?

**10 days prior to nomination deadline*

**YQCA certificate is REQUIRED to order DNA envelopes.*

June 5 – Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifer

JUNE

- June 3 - Southeast Area Livestock Day - Iola, KS
- June 4-6 - Discovery Days, Manhattan
- June 5 - Last day to order small livestock DNA envelopes for nominations
- June 7 - Rocking KM Dog Clinic
- June 7 - River Valley Spring Rabbit Show
- June 11-14 - K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy (KASLA)
- June 12 - Horticulture judging, Crops judging, Favorite Foods contest, & Photography judging - Emporia
- June 13-15 State 4-H Geology Field Trip
- June 15 - Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, & Meat Goat Nominations Due
- June 15 - Dairy ID's due
- June 19 - Food Handling Safety Presentation - Morris County
- June 19 - Morris County 4-H Council Meeting
- June 19 -21 - All Breeds State Dairy Show
- June 20 - State Dairy Judging, Quiz Bowl, and Skillathon Contest
- June 22-27 - 25th Annual 4-H Shooting Sports Championships, Grand Island, NE
- June 24 - Poultry Testing Morris County Fairgrounds

LOOKING AHEAD...

- July 4 - Extension Office Closed
- July 10, 11, 12 - Tri County Fair, Herington
- July 11-12 - Bob Hines Swine Classic
- July 17-24 - Chase County 4-H Fair
- July 19-28 - Morris County 4-H Fair
- August 16 - State Horticulture Judging Contest, Manhattan, KS

Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan - August 23-24

Plans are being made for this 2025 event! Watch your email and Facebook for official details.

Entry deadline: August 1, 2025.

Kansas State 4-H Horse Show Info

The Kansas State 4-H Horse Show will be held the second weekend of the Kansas State Fair. The final schedule will be released this spring.

Things you need to know in order to be qualified to exhibit in the 2025 Kansas State 4-H Horse show:

Please be sure to check out <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/docs/AreYouReadyFinal.pdf>

This guide will be helpful for setting goals to work toward with your project.

Where to enter:

Entries are due August 1, 2025 via [Kansas State Fair's ShoWorks entry system](#). Exhibitors must have completed ALL qualifications prior to August 1, including completing the Horse Safety Webinar and Exam. **ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER AUGUST 1 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE KANSAS STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW MUST COMPLETE THE [SAFETY WEBINAR](#) AND PASS THE [SAFETY EXAM](#) PRIOR TO ENTERING THE HORSE SHOW. IF THIS QUALIFICATION IS NOT MET, ENTRIES WILL BE DENIED.



RABBIT PROJECT

River Valley Rabbit Club Spring Rabbit Show!

When: Saturday, June 7, 2025

Where: 4-H Building - Clay Center, Kansas (located in the south east corner of the Clay County Fairgrounds)
Doors open at 7:30am!

Day of show entries available - Due by 8:30am

\$4 Class entries - \$8 for both shows!

Prize awarded for best in fur class - \$2 per entry

Concession, raffle prizes, and more!
Questions: Contact Steven Wright
785-265-3019



DOG PROJECT

The Morris County 4-H Dog Project is well under way, and the kids have really been working hard!

We have been learning and growing at our last 4 county project meetings.

Here are the dates for summer:

June 3rd, 9th, 17th, 25th: All meetings will begin promptly at 6:30pm at the Fair Building.

July 1st, 8th, 17th: All meetings will begin promptly at 6:30pm at the Fair Building.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Michelle Poole.

Any 4-Hers in the Flint Hills District is welcome.



Reminder: Cats that will be shown at the county fair must have proof of rabies and distemper vaccinations done at least 21 days prior to the fair.



HORSE PROJECT

Horse ID

The Kansas 4-H Horse ID Certificate (P1039) has been updated for the 2025 4-H program year. Beginning in 2025, registration papers WILL NOT be accepted to identify horses for the 4-H Horse project.

Horse papers are due to the extension office by Friday, May 30th!



4-H PROJECT INFORMATION



POULTRY PROJECT

Morris County Test Date: June 24th, 2025 from 5-7pm at the Morris County Fairgrounds. This is for all participants in the poultry project.

- All birds (excluding waterfowl) coming to the show must be tested!
- There is no cost for this.

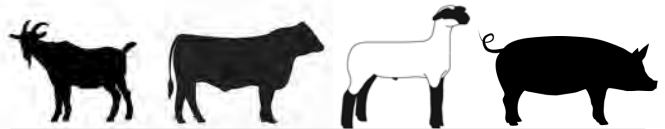
Testing is free and is good for 90 days, therefore, it will cover through the state fair.

Exhibition Testing Requirements:

To maintain our pullorum/typhoid-free status, the state must conduct a surveillance testing program. At exhibitions, all chickens, turkeys, and game birds, regardless of age, must be accompanied by a certificate or test chart approved to show compliance with the following requirement:

Pullorum-typhoid – originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified *U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean* under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP); or be negative to a pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to the opening date of exhibition.

Chase County date TBA soon!



GOAT, BEEF, SHEEP, & SWINE

Gary Fuller Spring Classic on the Lyon County Fairgrounds

When: May 3rd (Sheep, Goats, & Beef), May 4th (Swine)

Where: Lyon County Fairgrounds, Emporia

Cost: \$20 per head

For more info: Contact Lyon County Extension Office
@ 620-341-3220



DAIRY PROJECT

- **Dairy ID's are due June 15th**
- June 19th - All Breeds State Dairy Show
- June 20th - State Dairy Judging, Quiz Bowl, and Skillathon Contest - Registration dates coming out soon!



We need your help!

We are in need of County Wide Project Leaders!

Description of the position:

- To guide and support 4-H members with their project work. The learning experience to be structured around the special interests and abilities of the 4-H member.

PURPOSE: Understand, support and create educational experiences that:

- Develop important life skills and create opportunities for youth to learn, lead, and serve.
- Involve youth in becoming competent, caring, connected, citizens of character in their community.
- Schedule project meetings on a regular basis to assist 4-H members with their project work.
- Planning a sequence of learning experiences so that the project appeals to beginners and more advanced learners.
- Working with members with regard to records, demonstrations, exhibits or other project-related activities.
- Helping members evaluate their progress in the project area.
- Working with the 4-H Agent to make arrangements for a 4-H'er to attend county, sectional, or state events.

Qualifications:

- A sincere interest in teaching and sharing knowledge and skills with youth in an educational setting in the specific project area.
- A belief in the value of the 4-H Program.
- A willingness to become familiar with and work within the philosophy and guidelines of K-State Research and Extension, Kansas 4-H, and the local 4-H program.
- Willingness to be a positive role model.
- Conducting a minimum of 4-H's of instruction or 2 project meetings, workshops, tours or field trips.
- Involve experienced junior/teen leaders in teaching.
- Must complete the 4-H Online Training, Pass the criminal background check and interview with the 4-H Agent prior to being approved by the Extension Board.
- Fill out Project Leader Form.
- Fill out Project Meeting Report (Blue sheet).

Contact the Extension Office for complete information.

Current Morris County Project Leaders:

Aerospace/Rocketry (Open) Ag Mechanics Welding (Open) Agronomy (Dana Mayer) Beef (Clay Dalquest) Civic Engagement (Open) Communications (Open) Computer Science (Open) Dairy Cattle (Crystal Carson) Dairy Goat (Jeremy Thibideaux) Dog (Michelle Pool) Electrical & Renewable Energy (Open) Entomology (Open) Fiber Arts (Lizzy Buller) Foods & Nutrition (Open) Forestry (Open) Geology (Open) Health & Wellness (Michelle Overstreet) Horse (Lisa Wainwright) Horticulture & Landscape Design (Open) Leadership (Open) Meat Goat (Open) Performing Arts (Open) Photography (Open) Poultry (Diana Newey) Rabbits (Alicsa Mayer) Reading Adventures (Open) Robotics (Open) Sewing & Textile Design (Open) Sheep (Open) Shooting Sports (Clifford Carrol) Swine (Open) Uncrewed Aircraft System (Open) Visual Arts (Open) Wildlife (Open) Wood-working (Open)

Current Chase County Project Leaders:

Reading: Janet Ayers, Sheep & Goat: Kyle Gibb, Horse: Melinda Hickson, Wildlife & Visual Arts: Jessica Inlow, Shooting Sports: Billy Lauer, Rabbit: Paula Wilson, Poultry: Rachel Hodges

CHASE COUNTY

CHASE CO PROJECT DAY Wednesday, May 28th 9am-12pm

The photography judging and Family and Consumer Science judging contest will start at 9 am and go on throughout the morning. At 10 am the Project Meetings/Workshops will begin which will include Beef, Photography, Visual Arts, Leadership, Foods and Nutrition, Ag Welding, Meat Goat and Horse.

Members can attend up to three sessions, each lasting 30 minutes. There will be a short council meeting at noon. The Horse Project meeting will take place after the council meeting at 1pm.

2025 Animal Weights

Premium Auction Minimum Weight

Steers/heifers: 1,000 lbs.

Hogs: 220 lbs.

Lambs: 100 lbs.

Goats: 50 lbs.



Chase County 4-H Leadership Fund:

Chase Co 4-H Council has voted to approve the use of the Chase Leadership Fund to support youth who want to attend State Events and build their leadership skills and knowledge. Members must fill out a scholarship application and they will be reviewed at council meetings. Here are some of the details.

Events 1-3 Scholarships are for 50% of the registration fee.

1. Discovery Days
2. Citizenship in Action (CIA)
3. Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)

These activities/events are maximum up to \$100 scholarships: Other State or National Level Activity (such as SELF, 4-H Camp, Horse Panorama, a geology field trip, Livestock Sweepstakes, Etc.) If it is project specific, members must be currently enrolled in that specific project.

Applications are available on the Flint Hills Extension Website or in the office. Anyone who is interested in donating to the leadership fund or any memorials can be made out to the Chase Co 4-H Council and turned into the extension office.

2024-2025 COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Guthrie Danford

Vice President: Jerit Inlow

Secretary/Treasurer: Dominic Barrett

Next 4-H Council Meeting:

May 28th @ 2pm

Location: Community Building



2025 Fair Dates

Mark your calendars!

Chase County Fair July 17-24th

2025 Animal Deadlines

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- * Dog vaccine records are due to the Extension Office by **May 30th**.
- * Poultry and Rabbit ownership deadline is **May 31st**.



Congratulations, Graduates!

Our 2024-2025 4-H Members graduating high school this year are:
Lydia Filinger, Harrison Giger, Kinslea Glanville, Josepha Inlow, Carson Schroer



2025 Chase County

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				1 Add/Drop Project Deadline Market Beef Nominations Due	2	3 Shutterbug Photography Horse Clinic @ Rocking KM Gary Fuller Spring Classic, Lyon Co
4 Gary Fuller Spring Classic, Lyon Co	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Chase County High School Graduation	19	20	21	22 USD 284 last day of school	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day - Extension Office Closed	27 Tractor Safety	28 Tractor Safety Chase County Project Day 4-H Council Meeting	29 Tractor Safety	30 Horse Papers & Dog Vaccine Records due to Extension Office	31 Poultry & Rabbit Ownership Deadline

MORRIS COUNTY

Morris County 4-H Scholarship Opportunities:

- Morris County 4-H Foundation scholarship is due **May 1st**
- Konley Harding Scholarship is due **May 9th, 2025**

Applications are available on the Flint Hills Extension website!

Upcoming Meetings :

Council - Thursday, June 19th

Fair Board - Tuesday, May 6th

Food Handling Presentation - June 19th

All Council Members and their parents are required to attend, as well as all Club Leaders and Adult Council Representatives. Presentation will begin at 6pm at the Morris County fairgrounds. Council Meeting will be held following the safety training.

2025 Animal Weights

Premium Auction Minimum Weight

Steers/heifers: 1,000 lbs.

Hogs: 230 lbs.

Lambs: 90 lbs.

Goats: 40 lbs.



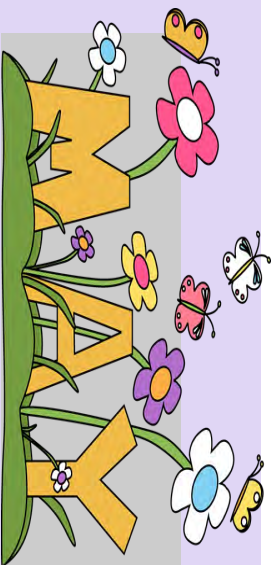
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18 Council Grove High School Graduation	19 4-H Council Meeting, Food Handling Presentation	20	21 USD 417 last day of school	22	23	24
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