

Flint Hills District 4-H News

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**4-H Enrollment,
Re-Enrollment &
Volunteer
Renewals Begin
Wednesday,
October 1st**

4-H Enrollment for the New Year

The new 4-H year begins **October 1st** which means it is time to enroll!

You must enroll via 4-H Online, version 2. The link is <https://v2.4honline.com/>. New enrollment and re-enrollments for 4-H members and all volunteers begins **October 1st** and needs to be completed **by November 1st**. The enrollment fee is \$15 (Morris County members, please see the Morris County section for more information on enrollment fees.) Your enrollment is not complete until the fee is paid. If you are unable to pay the enrollment fee please contact the Extension Office.

Please let us know if you have any questions as you complete the enrollment process. There are also enrollment guides available on the Kansas 4-H webpage: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html>

Please enroll in all projects that you plan to participate in this year. The enrollment list is what is given to project leaders so they can communicate about upcoming meetings. The final drop or add deadline for project selection is **May 1st**.

Volunteer Enrollment

Volunteering is a great way to show your 4-H youth how to get involved in 4-H. We have 4-H projects that are in need of project leaders in both counties. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for our 2025-2026 4-H year please reach out to the Extension Office to get signed up!

New Position: Extension Program Assistant

Job Description: The Program Assistant will provide support to agents with programs that they are preparing and presenting to a wide variety of audiences in the district. They will provide assistance for the dissemination of research-based information and assist with the implementation and development of educational programs. Programs will be in the following program areas: 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Community Wellness, Horticulture and Community Vitality. This person will also provide assistance in promoting the programs that are being presented through standard means and social media. This person will work with volunteers in the district. This person will work in both Chase and Morris Counties with their primary office being in Chase County at the Cottonwood Falls office.

How To Apply: Applications will be mailed or delivered to the Flint Hills Extension District Office, PO Box 100, 205 Broadway, Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845, attention: Chelsea Bartels. For more information or to send applications electronically, reach out to: chelse1@ksu.edu

Application can be found online at: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/>

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Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)

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

Registration Deadline:

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

National 4-H Week

The 2025 theme for National 4-H Week is ***Beyond Ready***. The dates for this year are Sunday, October 5–Saturday, October 11, 2025. National 4-H Week will be focused on two specific days:

- Monday, October 6
- Thursday, October 9

Monday, October 6 – *Beyond Ready: Go Green Day!*

On this day, 4-H members, families and volunteers are encourage to Go Green – anything green goes! 4-H shirts, green shirts, hats, socks, and clover face tattoos – get creative and have some fun!

Thursday, October 9 – *4-H for Good Day*

This is a day to recognize all the good our 4-H members and volunteers do throughout the year!

- Community service projects (consider highlighting past and future 48 Hours of 4-H)
- Recognize small efforts of kindness – helping a neighbor, teaching others, writing thank you notes – it all matters. No good deed is too small!

K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services, and activities.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the Extension Office two weeks prior to the start of the event at

620-767-5136. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

Best Practices for 4-H Publicity: What Families and Volunteers

As we begin the 2025–2026 4-H year, it’s important to understand how publicity permissions are handled and how we, as Extension professionals, can responsibly share the stories and successes of you, our 4-H members.

What Is the Publicity Release?

When families enroll in 4-H Online, they are asked to agree (or not agree) to a **publicity release**. This release gives permission for the use of a member’s name, image, and likeness by:

- Local Extension Units
- Kansas State University (including the State 4-H Office)
- The Kansas 4-H Foundation

This includes use in photos, videos, social media, websites, press releases, and more. If a family selects **“I Do Not Agree,”** their child’s name and image **cannot** be used. Some examples include:

- Kansas State Fair & County Fair entry cards, schedules, or results
- Local or state contests
- Social media posts
- News articles or promotional materials

Additional Consent Questions

To provide more clarity, families are asked to give specific permission for:

- First and last name
- Extension unit
- 4-H club or town name
- Media (photos, video, audio, etc.)
- Print-only media
- Social media
- County fair-related publicity

These responses **override** the general publicity release and help guide what can or cannot be shared publicly.

Send us pictures of how you are *Beyond Ready* for a new 4-H Year! We are happy to share them on the Flint Hills District social media page. We encourage you to submit newspaper articles on what your club is doing to celebrate *4-H for Good Day* and *48 Hours of 4-H!*

District 4-H Dates

October

October 1 - 4-H Enrollment Opens

October 1 - Morris Co. Record Books, Club

Summary, Friend of 4-H, and 4-H

Alumni Award Nominations Due

October 3-5 - Kansas Junior Livestock Show

(KJLS)

October 4 - Morris Co. Community 4-H Carnival

October 5-11 - National 4-H Week

October 8 - Morris Co. Record Book Judging

October 11-12 - 48 Hours of 4-H

October 11-12 - State Shotgun Match Sedgwick/

Augusta

October 14 - Morris Co. 4-H Council Meeting

October 14 - Chase Co. 4-H Council Meeting

October 15 - Chase Co. Record Book Judging

October 18-19 - State 4-H Dog Conference

November

November 1 - 4-H & VIP Enrollment Deadline

November 2 - Morris Co. 4-H Achievement Banquet

November 4 - Chase Co. 4-H Officer Training

November 8 - Chase Co. Health Fair

November 9 - Chase Co. 4-H Achievement Banquet

November 11 - Extension Offices Closed -

Veterans Day

November 13 - Morris Co. 4-H Officer Training

November 22-23 - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

November 27-28 - Extension Offices Closed

Thanksgiving

Looking Ahead

December 25 - Extension Offices Closed-Christmas

January 1 - Extension Offices Closed -

New Years Day

Kansas Youth Virtual Entrepreneurship Challenge

The Kansas Youth Virtual Entrepreneurship Challenge is a great starting point for young innovators to explore entrepreneurship, build confidence, gain experience pitching ideas—and win cash prizes! Participation in KYVEC also serves as excellent preparation for the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC Summit). Click on the link below for more information and to register. <https://www.campdestinationinnovation.com/kyvec>

Who: Open to elementary, middle, and high school students across Kansas.

What: A statewide virtual business pitch competition. Students submit a 3–5 minute video pitching their business idea for a chance to win cash prizes.

Where: Online (virtual submission & judging)

Dates to Remember:

Oct. 26 – Submission Deadline

Oct. 28–Nov. 4 – Judging

Nov. 6 – Winners Announced

Prizes:

Elementary: 1st – \$300 | 2nd – \$150 | 3rd – \$100

Middle School: 1st – \$500 | 2nd – \$250 | 3rd – \$150

High School: 1st – \$1,000 | 2nd – \$350 | 3rd – \$250

48 Hours of 4-H

What: Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Find all the information here and start planning your projects. Please register your projects and then follow up with a report so we know about all the great things that happened across the state. 48 Hours of 4-H is the perfect compliment to #InspireKidstoDo. View our 48 4-H Guide to learn more: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/docs/484H%20Guide%202019.pdf>

When: October 11-12, 2025

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni, Partnerships, Community Organizations, Potential 4-H Families

CHASE COUNTY

Chase County Extension Office Location: 205 Broadway St.
Cottonwood Falls, KS

Office Phone Number: 620-273-6491

4-H Council Meeting

(Date Change)

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **October 14th at 6:30pm at the Pendergraft Building**. If the 4-H Council Rep is unable to attend from your club, please have the alternate attend. Officers will be elected at this meeting for the 2025-2026 4-H Year.

Achievement Banquet

The date for the Achievement Banquet has been set for **Sunday, November 9th at 6pm** and will be held at the Pendergraft Building (new 4-H building). 4-H youth who turn in a record book are invited to attend the banquet. The meal is going to be catered and we ask that you RSVP how many are attending by **October 27th** to the Extension Office. No cost to the 4-H member, parents and siblings. Anyone extra will need to pay \$10.

Record Books

Books will be swapped with another County for scoring. This year Chase County will judge Morris County record books. Plan to have 3-4 volunteers from each Club assist with judging record books on **October 15th from 9am-7pm** at the Extension Office.

Officers Training

Training will be held Tuesday, November 4th at 6:30 pm at the Pendergraft Building (New 4-H Building) in Cottonwood Falls. Youth under the age of 10 must have an adult present. Everyone is welcome to participate in officers training even if you do not hold an office. It is a great way to learn about an office that you may want to hold in the future. Pizza will be provided.

State Fair Results

Lily Hancock	Color Photo Fashion Revue Shopping in Style	Blue Blue Blue
Kate Mushrush	Color Photo	Red
Clara Patterson	Color Photo	Blue
Grace Welsh	Color Photo	Purple
Kinslea Glanville	Color Photo	Blue
Heidi Hansford	Color Photo Food - Nutrition	Blue Blue
Alexys Miller	Color Photo	Purple
Ava Matile	Color Photo Visual Arts-3 Dimensional	Red Blue
Bella Mushrush	Color Photo	Blue

State Fair Results

Sadie Mushrush	Color Photo	Blue
Tori Bower	Black & White Photo	Blue
Enley Lauer	Black & White Photo Fiber Arts - Crochet Food & Nutrition Foods Education	Purple Purple Red Purple
Lakin Spain	Black & White Photo	Purple
Tanner Swigert	Black & White Photo	Purple
Josepha Inlow	Black & White Photo Photo - Career Portfolio	Blue Red
Lydia Filingier	Fine Arts	Purple
Bryson Koch	Clay & Ceramics	Blue
Guthrie Danford	General Crafts	Red
Liam Lauer	Food & Nutrition Robotics Wildlife - Educational	Blue Blue Red
Archer Hodges	Food & Nutrition Poultry - Standard - Large Fowl	Blue Red
Hezekiah Peters	Food & Nutrition	White
Vonda Danford	Food & Nutrition	Purple
Wyatt Edmunds	Food & Nutrition Ag Mechanics Welding	Red Blue
Carter Mann	Woodworking	Blue
Max Mann	Woodworking	Blue
Hadden Giger	Agronomy - Native Hay	Blue
Naomi Peters	Horticulture - Fresh Culinary Herbs	Blue
Jerit Inlow	Photography Judging Contest	16th
Intermediate Team	Photography Judging Contest	11th
Tate Gibb	<u>Poultry</u> Standard - Large Fowl Standard - Bantams Standard - Bantams Market Lamb - Speckle Breeding Ewe - Dorset Advantage	Red Blue Blue 14th 4th
Owen Hodges	Poultry-Standard - Bantams Poultry-Standard - Bantams	Blue Red
Hadlee Litke	Rabbit-Senior Buck Rabbit-Senior Doe	Red White
Karlie Gibb	Market Lamb - Speckle Breeding Ewe - Dorset	7th 3rd

OCTOBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4-H Enrollment Begins	2	3	4
5 KJLS	6	7	8	9	10	11 KJLS
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK						
12 48 HRS OF 4-H	13	14 4-H Council Meeting @6:30pm	15 Record Book Judging	16	17 USD 284 No School	18 State Dog Conference
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 USD 284 No School HAPPY HALLOWEEN	1 4-H & VIP Enrollment Deadline

Record Books

- Record books are due to the Extension Office from Community Leaders by **Wednesday, October 1st**. Please coordinate with your community leaders to get them fully signed by members, parents, and leaders.
- Books will be swapped with another County for scoring. This year Morris County will judge Marshall County record books. Plan to have 3-4 volunteers from each Club assist with judging record books on **October 8th from 9am-7pm** at the Extension Office. Please ask volunteers to sign up for their time slots on Sign-Up Genius at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/>

Community 4-H Carnival

This year Morris County 4-H Council is offering a Community Carnival. Invite your friends and come have a good time!

When: Saturday, October 4th from 6-8pm

Where: Community Building, Morris County Fairgrounds

What: Free Carnival Games and Prizes

Who: For families interested or involved in 4-H with children ages 5-19, Volunteers are welcome too!

Open to the public!

4-H Member Movie Night

When: Saturday, October 4th following the carnival from 8:30-11pm

Where: Community Building, Morris County Fairgrounds

What: Free Movie and Pizza

Who: For current (2024-2025) 4-H members. Bring lawn chairs and/or bean bags for comfortable seating.

Watch Morris County Happenings FB page for more information.

Cloverbuds

We are looking for new Cloverbud Leader(s) starting in October. If you are interested please contact the Extension office at 620-767-5136 and we can get you more information.

Important Dates

Fair Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 7, 7 pm

4-H Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 pm

Pancake Feed & Bake Sale

Join us on **Saturday, October 11, 2025**, at the Morris County Community Building for pancakes, sausage, and eggs from **8 a.m. to noon**. The bake sale will begin at **8 a.m. and run until sold out**. Free will donations will benefit the **Jeremy Thibodeaux family**. Sponsored by the Morris County Fair Board.

4-H Fall Garage Sale

4-H Fall Garage Sale happening on **Saturday, October 11, 2025**, from **8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the Morris County Fairgrounds. Shop a wide selection of gently used items, with proceeds supporting **4-H members and fairground improvements**. Special deal: a Walmart-size bag of clothes/shoes for \$10!

Achievement Banquet

Please join us at our Achievement Banquet to recognize the hard work of our 4-Her's in 2024-2025! Ricky's Café will be catering the evening.

Ticket Prices are: \$7 per person.

When: November 2nd; Doors open at 6pm

Where: Morris County 4-H Community Building

Set-Up: Saturday, November 1st @ 5pm;
Dwight Sunflowers & Flint Hills 4-H Clubs

Clean-Up: Sunday, November 2nd after the banquet;
Willing Workers & Neosho Valley 4-H Clubs

Officers Training

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4-H Enrollment Begins & Record Books and Club Officer books Due	2	3	4 Community 4-H Carnival & Member Movie Night
5 KJLS	6	7	8 Record Book Judging - Use Sign-Up Genius to volunteer! 9AM-7PM	9 Garage Sale Donation Drop-off 5-8pm	10	11 MRCO Fair Board Garage Sale & Fundraiser Breakfast
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK						
12 48 HRS OF 4-H	13	14 4-H Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm	15	16	17 USD 417 & 481 No School	18 State Dog Conference
19	20	21	22	23	24 USD 481 No School	25
26 / 2 4-H Achievement Banquet 6 pm	27	28	29 USD 417 2-Hr Delay	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN	1 4-H & VIP Enrollment Deadline

MORRIS COUNTY

State Fair Results

Joshua Laultt	Presentation Color Photo Visual Arts - 3-Dimensional Food & Nutrition	Purple Blue Purple Blue
Jameson Laultt	Presentation Food & Nutrition	Blue Red
Participant AS	Presentation	Purple
Riggin Parker	Presentation Poetry Wildlife - Educational Wildlife - Knowledge Check	Purple Purple Purple Red
Ronald Mayer	Presentation	Blue
Laramie Mayer	Presentation Color Photo <u>Rabbits</u> Senior Buck Senior Doe Normal White Fur Showmanship	Purple Blue Blue Blue Red Blue
Mariette Thibodeaux	Presentation Fiber Arts - Patchwork Sewing & Textile Design	Blue Red Blue
Beatty Mayer	Color Photo Horticulture - Annual Horticulture - Perennial Horticulture - Fresh Flower Arrangement <u>Rabbits</u> Senior Buck Intermediate Buck Junior Buck Junior Doe Junior Doe Normal Colored Fur Showmanship	Blue Red White Red Red Red Red "Best Opposite of Breed" Blue Red Blue
Korbyn Platz	Color Photo	Blue
Kiptyn Platz	Color Photo Woodworking	Blue White
Lillian Stilwell	Color Photo	Blue
Elijah Schrader	Color Photo	Purple

Lindsay Bunn	Color Photo Fine Arts <u>Rabbits</u> Senior Buck Senior Doe Colored Rex Fur Showmanship	Blue Blue Purple Purple Red Blue
Lexi Todd	Color Photo	Blue
Ian Effland	Color Photo	Blue
Norah Effland	Color Photo	Blue
Nolan Effland	Color Photo	Purple
Brayden Jarvis	Color Photo	Blue
Cindy Prince	Black & White Photo	Blue
Samantha McDonald	Black & White Photo	Red
Madison Schrader	Leather & Jewelry	Purple
Alyvia Participant	Patchwork or Quilted Article <u>Rabbits</u> Senior Buck Senior Buck	Blue "Best of Breed, Reserve Best of Show" Purple
Logan Bunn	Food & Nutrition	Purple
Koltin Baseley	Woodworking	White
FCS Inter Team	Inter FCS Judging Team	14th
FCS SR Team	Senior FCS Judging Team	10th
Inter Photo Team	Photography Judging Team	8th
Tayle Black	Mkt. Lamb - Light Weight - Crossbred Breeding Heifer - Class 7 - Angus	11th 2nd
Macey Hensely	Mkt. Goat - Class 9 - Div III	7th
Cassidy Dalquest	Breeding Heifer - Class 4 - Angus Breeding Heifer - Class 55 - Simmental Beef Showmanship Mkt. Swine - Class 12 - Spot Mkt. Swine - Class 31 - Dark Crossbred	4th 5th 5th Overall 8th 11th
Finlee Scott	Breeding Heifer - Class 6 - Angus	10th
Laicee Scott	Breeding Heifer - Class 8 - Angus Breeding Heifer - Class 8 - Angus Breeding Heifer - Class 8 - Angus	4th 6th 9th