

Flint Hills District 4-H News

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Deadline to have
news added to the
newsletter is the
20th of the month

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.

You're invited to celebrate 80 years of Rock Springs Ranch!

The Kansas 4-H Foundation is excited to invite you to join us in celebrating 80 years of Rock Springs Ranch!
Our team is hosting and we'd love for you to be part of the celebration.

Event Schedule: April 12, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Camp Beautification Day – Help us prepare for summer camp with various volunteer projects.

A volunteer appreciation lunch will be held from 12 - 1 p.m.

April 12, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Ice Cream Social – Join us for a sweet treat and enjoy a tour of Rock Springs Ranch.

April 13 4-H Camp Open House

RSVP for Open House:

<https://rockspringsranch.org/events/open-house>



4-H Shutterbug Workshop in Wichita on May 3rd!

Members of all ages interested in learning more about their camera and photography skills or using a smart phone to take photos are invited! Various workshop classes will take place across Botanica to help youth learn a variety of techniques. Youth in attendance will need to attend with a screened volunteer, parent/guardian or extension agent. This is a great way to get a head start on your photography project! BOTANICA GARDENS IN WICHITA Registration Fee: \$24.00 per attendee; please pay at your local extension office.



Each 4-H member will receive 2 photo mount boards with registration. The registration fee allows for all day access to Botanica.

Doors open and registration begins at 9:00; Workshops run from 9:30-12:00. What to bring: Smartphone or camera, extra batteries. Bonus: Cameras will be available for checkout!

Please bring an SD card so you can take your photos with you!

Key Topics: How to properly mount photos, using kaleidoscopes, how to use light & color and light shadows composition, and how photos are judged.

K-STATE Animal Science Leadership Academy

Students from across the country with an interest in the livestock industry and related careers are encouraged to apply for the Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy. The academy is an intensive 4-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in ninth through 12th grades.

The sixteenth class will meet in Manhattan, Kansas, on June 11-14. Applications are due April 15, 2025, and can be found at asi.ksu.edu/KASLA. The Only 20 students will be accepted for the 2025 session to ensure individualized attention from counselors, professors, and industry leaders. Participants will stay on campus in university housing, while transportation to and from the event is the responsibility of the participant, along with a \$50 fee to reserve his or her space. The fee is only due upon acceptance and not at the time of application. LMIC generously provides all other sponsorships. For more info, please contact academy director, Sharon Breiner, with questions at sbreiner@ksu.edu or 785-532-6533



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

Flint Hills District Session 2 will be held in Cottonwood Falls on April 21st, 5pm. It is open to both counties; Use the following link to register online <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. The cost of the training is \$3 which you will pay online when you register. You will be required to take a pretest prior to and posttest after training is complete to receive certification. Location TBA.

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.



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!

Proze awarded for best in Fur class - \$2 per entry

Concession, raffle prizes, and more!

Questions: Contact Steven Wright

785-265-3019

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DOG PROJECT KIDS...

CHECK OUT THIS OPPORTUNITY!



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.

JUNE 28
ROCKING KM

Presentation by Dr. Davis
@ Rocking KM
3-5pm

4-H DOG VACCINE CLINIC

Free exams at the Vaccine Clinic Half priced exams scheduled June 24-28

All 4-H members are welcome for the presentation!

Plan Now for National Volunteer Week April 20-26, 2025

It is time to get National Volunteer Week on your calendar so you will have a plan to recognize your local 4-H and Extension Volunteers. A reminder to 4-H members that our programs are not possible without the wonderful volunteers from our club leaders, project leaders, board members, superintendents and others who make 4-H a great place to be!

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.

DISTRICT 4-H DATES

APRIL

- April 18 - Extension Offices Closed
- April 20-26 National Volunteer Week
- April 20 Market Beef DNA envelope order deadline
- April 20 - Market Beef Nomination Deadline
- April 21 CS County YQCA
- April 22 - Round Table Discussions @ Extension office 6:30pm
- April 23 - Alternate weigh-in date for MRCO 6-7pm
- April 24 - Alternate weigh-in date for Chase Co 6-7pm
- April 26 MRCO County Small Animal Weigh In and Bucket Calf Tagging 9-11am
- April 26 CS County Small Animal Weigh In and Bucket Calf Tagging 1-3pm
- April 26 Shooting Sports State Spring Match -Great Bend

MAY

- May 1 - Project drop/add deadline
- May 1 - Market Beef Nominations Due
- May 3 - Shutterbug Photography Workshop
- May 10-11 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Full and Update Training, Rock Springs Ranch
- May 28 - Project Day
- May 31 - Horse Papers are due to the Extension Office.

LOOKING AHEAD...

- June 3 Southeast Region Livestock Day
- June 4-6 Discovery Days, Manhattan
- June 5 - Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes for Nominations
- June 11-14 KASLA
- June 12 Southeast Region Challenge Day
- June 13-15 State 4-H Geology Field Trip
- June 15 - Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, & Meat Goat Nominations Due
- June 22-27 25th National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships, Grand Island, NE



State Livestock Nomination Information

Who should nominate?

Youth must nominate all market animals and commercial breeding females for those animals to be eligible for the [Kansas State Fair Grand Drive](#) and/or [KJLS](#).

What is state livestock nomination?

State livestock nomination is the formal process of identifying livestock projects a current 4-H or FFA member owns, possesses, and would like to be eligible to show at one of the two state youth livestock shows in Kansas.

What are the nomination deadlines?

May 1 – Market Beefsteers, market 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.*

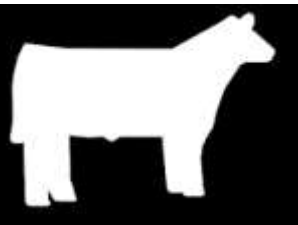
April 20 – Market Beef

June 5 – Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifer

Do registered breeding heifers, gilts, and ewes have to be nominated?

Registered breeding females do not have to be nominated, since they show off of their papers. The registration papers must be in the **exhibitor's name by the appropriate deadline and those animals basically skip the nomination process and go straight to show entry.** Exhibitors are encouraged to make sure the tattoo, ear notches, tag, etc. matches the information listed on the papers to avoid being disqualified at one of the state shows. The exception is breeding does. Neither show offers a papered division for meat goat breeding does, so ALL meat goats have to be nominated to show in any division.

Kansas State University
c/o State 4-H/FFA Shows
ATTN: Lexie Hayes
214 Weber Hall
1424 Claflin Road
Manhattan, KS 66506-0202



CHASE COUNTY

4-H COUNCIL

2024-2025 COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Guthrie Danford

Vice President: Jerit Inlow

Secretary/Treasurer: Dominic Barrett

Next 4-H Council Meeting:

May 28th @ 12pm!

Location : Community Building

YQCA Training: April 21st 5pm

Location: Community Building

All 4-Hers in Market Beef that will be going to Tyson will need to be YQCA certified again this year.

Open to all 4-H members in livestock

Projects!



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.



4-H CLUB DAY - REGIONAL RESULTS



EVENT	NAME	RESULTS
Sr Vocal Solo	Ava Matile	Champion
Dance	Annie Welsh	Blue
Skit	Gladstone	Champion
Job Interview	Josepha Inlow	Blue
Sr Demo/ Illustrated Talk	Jerit Inlow	Reserve Champion/Blue
Sr Reading	Kinslea Glanville	Champion
Intermediate Read- ing	Heidi Hansford	Blue
Intermediate Demo/Illustrated Talk	Enley Lauer	Blue
Intermediate Pro- ject Talks	Hadden Giger	Blue
Jr Project Talks	Liam Lauer	Blue

Livestock Weigh In

April 26 - CS County Small Animal Weigh In and Bucket Calf Tagging 1-3pm @ Fairgrounds

Only if there is a conflict a second option will be available on Thursday April 24th 6-7pm in addition to the 26th date.

Premium Auction Minimum Weight

Steers/heifers: 1,000 lbs.

Hogs: 220 lbs.

Lambs: 100 lbs.

Goats: 50 lbs.

What Should My Animal Weigh on April 26? 85 Days to Gain to July 20th

Swine: 100-110lbs - Target Weight 280lbs

Sheep 60-65lbs - Target Weight 130lbs

Goat: 40-45lbs - Target Weight 80lbs

All weights are estimates based on averages.

Averages fluctuate with nutrition, management, health, environment and genetics.



2025 Fair Dates

Mark your calendars!

Chase County Fair July 17-24th

Chase Co April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Extension Office Closed USD 284 No School	19
20 Market Beef DNA envelope order deadline National Volunteer Week	21 CS County YOCA @ 5pm →	22 Round Table Discussions @ MRCO Extension Office 6:30pm	23	24 Alternate weigh in date 6-7pm	25 →	26 CS County Small Animal Weigh-In and Bucket Calf Tagging 1-3pm Shooting Sports State Spring Match Great Bend
27	28 USD 284 No School	29	30	1 Add/Drop Project Deadline Market Beef Nominations Due	2	3 Shutterbug Photography

MORRIS COUNTY

'Big John Award'

The Dwight Sunflowers 4-H Club is the winner of the Big John Award for the 2024 4-H District Club Day. The recipient of the Big John Award is determined each year, based on a rubric, by the results of 4-H Club Day and the number of club members. A plaque is updated each year and displayed in the Extension Office with the name of the winning club. Congratulations, again, Dwight Sunflowers!

Dwight Sunflowers members are: Grayson Longren, Andrew Schrader, Camile Macy, Warren Longren, Laramie Mayer, Ronnie Mayer and Beatty Mayer as representatives.

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 Flint Hills Extension website!

Livestock Weigh In

- April 26th - MR County Small Animal Weigh In and Bucket Calf Tagging 9-11am Fairgrounds
- **Alt Date: Those who can't make Saturday due to shooting sports or other can come Wednesday, 4/23 from 6-7pm.**
All ADG will be based on weigh date.

Premium Auction Minimum Weights:
Steers/halfers: 1,000 lbs.

Hogs: 230 lbs.

Lambs: 90 lbs.

Goats: 40 lbs.

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Sheep 60-65lbs Target Weight 125lbs

Goat: 40-45lbs Target Weight 80lbs

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Upcoming Meetings :

Council - Tuesday, April 15th @ Fairgrounds

Fair Board - Tuesday, April 1st @ Fairgrounds



4-H CLUB DAY REGIONAL RESULTS

EVENT	NAME	RESULTS
Jr Instrumental Solo	Charlotte Forbeck	Reserve Champion
Dance	Beatty Mayer	Blue
Public Speaking	Haylee Nielsen	Blue
Public Speaking	Cassidy Dalquest	Champion
Sr Demo/ Illustrated Talk	Ronnie Mayer	Blue
Sr Reading	Ronnie Mayer	Blue
Jr Reading	Camille Macy	Champion
Intermediate Reading	Andrew Schrader	Blue
Jr Demo/ Illustrated Talk	Lithe Thibideaux	Reserve Champion
Intermediate Demo/ Illustrated Talk	Josh Lauth	Blue
Jr Project Talk	Riggin Parker	Blue
Intermediate Project Talk	Andrew Schrader	Blue
Intermediate Project Talk	Mariette Thibideaux	Blue

Morris Co 4-H Teams State Horse Judging Results - Excellent job!

Intermediate Horse Team : 2nd Overall Team, 3rd Halter, 2nd Reasons, 2nd Performance Team

Hudson Lange: Neosho Valley: 2nd High Individual Overall

Beatty Mayer: Dwight Sunflowers

Cutler Kasten: Dwight Sunflowers

Senior Team: 3rd Overall Team, 3rd Halter, 3rd Reasons, 2nd Performance Team

Laramie Mayer: Dwight Sunflowers: 10th High Individual Overall

Ronnie Mayer: Dwight Sunflowers

Haylee Nielsen, Neosho Valley



Morris Co April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Fair Board Meeting- Fairgrounds 7pm	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 4-H Council Meeting Fairgrounds 7pm	16	17	18 Extension Office Closed	19
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