The 2022 Livestock Sweepstakes was held on August 20th - August 21st on the K-State Manhattan campus. The weekend consisted of Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skillathon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl. The Flint Hills Extension District was represented well this year.

Check out County pages for participant highlights.

**Ambassador Applications**

Would you like to see 4-H grow in Chase and Morris County? Here is your opportunity!

Apply to be a 4-H Ambassador to help educate others about the value of 4-H. Interact with members across the district as well as civic organizations, families, and businesses.

The ambassador group will meet as a district to participate in team building, leadership building, education about 4-H and promotion of 4-H. They will also have the opportunity to complete projects within their respective county.

This opportunity is open to members in 8th grade and older. The application is attached to this newsletter. Applications should be emailed to Shandi at sdandres@ksu.edu or dropped off either Extension Office by Wednesday September 21st. Applicants should plan to participate in interviews on Wednesday September 28th. Interview times will be determined once applications have been received.

**State Fair**

The Kansas State Fair is held in Hutchinson on September 9-18. The schedule for 4-H events can be found at the link below.


The full fair details can be found at: https://www.kansasstatefair.com/

Even if you are not taking an exhibit to the State Fair, be sure to stop by Centennial Hall and Crops building to view the 4-H Exhibits.
**4-H Activities & Training**

**Horse Project**

Howdy Ya’ll!
I would like to kick the new horse project year off by planning a once-a-month meeting. I am hoping having this schedule will help you plan for the coming year and work for most of our kids. We will plan for all of our ride activities to be held at the MCYRA arena, but this could be adjusted based on weather. We will also consider adding some additional meetings to prepare for Panorama and the state horse judging contest. If you are a part of the Kansas 4-H Horse Project and would like to stay up to date on any last-minute changes, please message Lisa Wainwright on Facebook or 785-466-3132. If you would like to volunteer to help the horse project, please message Lisa as well. I have included other 4-H important horse dates in the list of meetings.

**2022**
- September 5th Monday 3-5 Ride MCYRA Arena
- September 15-17th State Fair Horse show
- October 5th Wednesday 7-8 Ride MCYRA Arena
- November 6th Sunday 3-5 Ride? MCYRA Arena
- December 4th Sunday 3-5 Ride? MCYRA Arena

**2023**
- January 4th Wednesday 7-8 Court house meeting room
- January 27-29th Horse Panorama at Rock Springs (tentative)
- February 5th Sunday 3-5 Courthouse meeting room
- March 5th Sunday 3-5 Courthouse meeting room
- March 17-19th Equifest – Volunteer opportunity and Horse judging contest (tentative)
- April 5th Wednesday 7-8 Ride MCYRA Arena
- May 1st Horse ID papers Due (every year) (if you run out of signature lines, please renew paperwork)
- May 3rd Wednesday 7-8 Ride MCYRA Arena
- June 1st District Horse show entries due (Must have level 1 testing complete before this date) (tentative)
- June 7th Wednesday 7-9 Ride MCYRA Arena
- June 29th District Horse Show
- July 1st Morris County Fair horse show entries due (tentative)
- July 5th Wednesday 7-9 Ride MCYRA Arena
- August 1st State Fair horse show entries are due (tentative)
- August 6th Sunday 3-5 Ride MCYRA Arena
- September 6th Wednesday 7-8 Ride MCYRA Arena
- September 14-16 State Fair horse show (tentative)

Any 4-H member in the Flint Hills District enrolled in the horse project is welcome to attend these meetings.

**Dog Conference**

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be October 22-23 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. It is open to all Kansas 4-H members, accompanying parents, volunteer 4-H leaders and KSRE staff. This year’s theme is Doggie Olympics.

This is a fun weekend with your dog to learn and do things with them. There will be class presenters, prepared presentations given by 4Hers, Quiz Bowl competitions, and activities for the 4H members. Don’t forget your dog costumes! Registration will be open soon. **Deadline is Oct 7.**

Registration and details can be found here: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/dog-conference/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/dog-conference/index.html)

**4-H Leadership Learning Opportunities**

Please save the date for this 4-H Leadership Learning Opportunity scheduled for this fall. Be watching for registration information soon.

**Kansas Youth Leadership Forum - Rock Springs Ranch - For Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2023**

**Shutterbug events**

Shutterbug events are photography workshops put on across the state by the Kansas State 4-H Photography Action Team. Workshops are typically scheduled as a morning session and concentrate on a variety of aspects of composition. The events typically end around Noon. Examples of sessions include: Portfolio, I have a camera now what?, Panning, Close-ups, Aperture Settings & Kaleidoscopes/Reflections.

**2022 Events:**

- **Shutterbugs at Big Creek**
  1. **Where:** Agricultural Research Center, Hays, KS
  2. **When:** Saturday, **October 29, 2022**
  3. **Registration begins at 8:30 AM**

- **Shutterbugs at Old Jefferson Town**
  1. **Where:** Oskaloosa, KS
  2. **When:** Saturday, **November 5th, 2022**
  3. **Registration begins at 8:30 AM**

For updated information, you can visit [https://ksre.k-state.edu/tuesday/announcement/?id=80972](https://ksre.k-state.edu/tuesday/announcement/?id=80972)

https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/kansas/2020-most-beautiful-fall-ks/
The Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar series gives Kansas 4-H'ers, Horse volunteers and parents to gain skill and knowledge about horses and the horse industry in Kansas. Topics will include basic 4-H Horse project knowledge, horse health and college and career readiness. Industry experts and K-State faculty will share their experience and expertise during the webinars.

Webinars will be hosted live the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Please register in advance to receive the link and details to join. Webinars will be recorded and made available for those wishing to view at a later date.

Participants may submit questions relating to the webinar topic to klnordyke@ksu.edu until 2:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled webinar. Please include “Equine Webinar Question” in the subject line of your email.

After attending the live webinar, or viewing the recording, please provide feedback through the survey link. This helps Kansas 4-H to plan and improve future webinars.

Please click the link below to register: https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/equine-webinar-series.html

Central Leadership Forum - Will be held Saturday, October 22 at Kansas State in Salina.

For Youth 12-18 years of age before January 1, 2023

The theme for all regional events: Unearthing Possibilities!

Registration is open. Deadline is Friday September 23.

Payment will be made to the Extension Office, payable to County 4-H Council. Cost is $35.

Tentative Schedule:
(9:30-10:00) Registration
(10:05-10:35) Opening Speaker
(10:35-10:55) Small Groups
(11:10-11:55) Workshop 1
(12:00-12:45) Lunch
(12:55-1:40) Workshop 2
(1:50-2:25) Workshop 3
(2:35-3:05) Closing Speaker
(3:05-3:30) Small Groups
(3:30-4:00) Philanthropy Lesson/ Closing

Registration link: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_elBrlLUMH82TZRQ

The 4-H year begins October 1! It is almost time to enroll for 4-H again!

You must enroll via 4-H Online, version 2. The link is https://v2.4honline.com/. New enrollments and re-enrollments begin October 1 and need to be completed by November 1. This includes 4-H members and all volunteers.

Please let us know if you have any questions as you complete the enrollment process. You can call our offices. Just a reminder that there is a $15 enrollment fee.

Families should review years in project as they make project selections. This is the one feature that did not carry over from version one.

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

September 5 - Extension Office Closed  
September 9-18 - Kansas State Fair  
September 11 - State Photography Judging Contest  
September 17 - State FCS Judging Contest  
September 21 - Ambassador Applications Due  
September 26 - Chase County Record Books and Club officer Books Due  
September 26 - Chase County 4-H Council  
September 28 - Ambassador Interviews  
September 30- October 2 - Kansas Junior Livestock Show

**October**

October 1 - 4-H Enrollment Begins  
October 2-8 - National 4-H Week  
October 3 - Morris County Record Books Due, Check Sheet, Pin Applications, Club Summary, Friend of 4-H, and 4-H Alumni Award Nominations  
October 12 - Chase County record book judging  
October 12 - Morris County record book judging  
October 17 - Morris County 4-H Council  
October 22 - Central Region Leadership Forum  
October 22 - Family Fun Night

**Looking Ahead**

November 1 - 4-H Enrollment Deadline  
November 5 - Morris County Achievement Banquet  
November 11 - Extension Offices Closed  
November 12- Chase County Achievement Banquet  
November 19-20 - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)  
November 24-25 - Extension Offices Closed

**2023**

June 28-29 - District Horse Show

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https://www.hobbyfarms.com/play-farm-animals-playing-health-development/
2022-2023 Flint Hills District 4-H Ambassador

Application

Mission: Promote the 4-H Program to the families and youth of Chase and Morris Counties through leadership, service and support.

DUE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

APPLICATION AND RESPONSES MUST BE TYPED, NOT HANDWRITTEN.
EMAIL APPLICATION AS AN ATTACHMENT TO sdandres@ksu.edu

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
- One full year of experience as a Flint Hills District 4-H Club member (Chase or Morris County)
- 8th grade to Age 18
- Current 4-H member

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Full Name:
Preferred Name:
Home Mailing Address (city, state and zip):

E-mail:
4-H Club Name: Phone:
Years in 4-H: Text – YES OR NO
School:
Current Grade:

Parent or Guardian Name:
Parent or Guardian Phone: Text – YES OR NO
Parent or Guardian Email:

Applications must be received via email by midnight on September 21st. All applicants will be contacted following submission of the application to confirm an interview time. Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, September 28th from 5:30-7:30 pm, scheduling start times every 10 minutes. Your application should be no more than 3 pages in length.

STATEMENT BY 4-H MEMBER:
I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be true.

E-Signature: ____________________________ Date: _____________
PLEASE RESPOND TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. Define the word ‘Leader’.

2. How would you describe your leadership style?

3. What skills have you gained from 4-H?

4. How will 4-H help you in the future?

5. What part of 4-H do you like to talk about most and why?

6. Why do you want to be a Morris County 4-H Ambassador?

Limit total responses to 2 pages.

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Each of the clubs across the district meet once a month. Attendance at meetings is essential for the Clubs to have a quorum to conduct business. This is a chance for 4-H members to participate in club meetings, share about project work, and network with other members.

Attendance is also required for completion of the year in Chase County. Morris County has a rule in place at fair requiring attendance at one over half of the club meetings to receive premiums from fair. As we begin a new 4-H Year, please be aware of attendance from the beginning of the year so you don't get behind.

We have not had agent visits since before COVID, look for details to be released soon on plans for us to come visit your club meetings.

Record Books!

I hope everyone has had a great start to their school year and are excited for the upcoming 4-H year! As we all know it is time to get those record books completed and turned into your Community Leaders. If you have questions please reach out to your Community Leaders or the Extension Office. The record book workshop Zoom meeting that was held on August 30th was recorded and is available to watch. Record books are important for so many reasons! Record keeping in 4-H teaches valuable life skills and is an important part of completing each project. Record books help members set goals, keep track of activities, record events, track project costs, and a whole lot more! They also teach members valuable, lifelong skills in record keeping, accounting, reporting, and written communication.

Fall into Leadership

You say, “September”, I hear, “Pumpkin spice and all things nice!” As we head into fall, we also head into new officer elections in clubs and 4-H Ambassador selection! I would encourage you to consider running for an officer position or applying for the 4-H Ambassador team. Serving as an officer or leader really does build skills that will help you throughout your life. Knowing how to work with others, problem-solve as a team, speak to people one-on-one or in a group, listen to others, and get multiple people to move in a common direction will help you succeed throughout high-school, college, and your adult life. So, even if speaking to other people makes you feel a bit nervous, I encourage you to try for a leadership position! If you don't get it, don't sweat it! From my viewpoint, the fact that you are willing to get out there and try for a position shows that you are already developing the skills of a leader, regardless of whether you have an official title or not.
4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **August 22nd** at 6:15 p.m. and the Council will finalize plans for the Achievement Banquet at this meeting.

Achievement Banquet

The Achievement Banquet date has been set for November 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Building in Cottonwood Falls. The theme this year is “Get S’more Out of Life with 4-H”. The meat, drinks and table service will be provided. Families are asked to bring a covered dish. A planning committee will meet on September 19th at 10a.m. in the meeting room at the Extension Office. As a reminder the banquet is for 4-Her’s who completed the 2021-2022 4-H year.

Livestock Sweepstakes

Six Chase County 4-H Members participated in the livestock judging portion at the Livestock Sweepstakes on August 20th. The 4-Her’s who participated are left to right: Sadie Mushrush, Vonda Danford, Lilly Hinkson, Henry Giger, Harrison Giger & Heath Giger. The team overall placed 39th and each participant also received an individual score. Great Job!

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week will be observed October 2nd-8th. Clubs should observe 4-H Sunday on October 2nd or the 9th and should celebrate Business Appreciation that week as well. Ways to celebrate National 4-H Week include: promoting 4-H by wearing 4-H gear, storefront displays or giving a talk about 4-H at school or church, giving back to your community, saying thank you to businesses and individuals that support 4-H.

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%208-21-22.pdf](https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/chase-county/Chase%20County%204-H%20Record%20Book%20Order%20of%20Assembly%208-21-22.pdf)

♦ Leaders will collect club record books but will not score them at the club level. Please check for completion and that all signature lines are signed.

♦ Record books and club officer books will be due to the Extension Office by September 26th.

♦ Record book screening of other county books will be October 12th from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Extension Office. Please have at least 3 adult volunteers from each club plan to assist with judging of books. Allow for at least 2 hours to review books.

4-H 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 those requirements at least 4-5 years prior to applying.
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**September 2022 Chase County**
Carcass Contest Results

The Carcass Contest Banquet was held on Thursday, August 18th at the community building. Speakers relating Meat Science and the Beef Industry presented information relevant to those industries today. Results were then shared along with awards. For swine, the Grand Champion Carcass went to Leyton Olsen, with Reserve Champion awarded to Mason Goeckel. For beef, the Grand Champion Carcass belonged to Samuel Barr, and Joshua Lautt was awarded the Reserve Champion Beef Carcass.

Family Fun Night

What has been called the 4-H Expo in the past will be part of Family Fun Night this year!!! Mark Saturday, October 22 on your calendar!!! It will be held at the Morris County Fairgrounds.

6-7 pm will be the Appreciation Picnic. 4-H Families, Fair sponsors, buyers at food auction and livestock auction, 4-H Foundation, and supporters will be invited to attend! Meal will be provided.

Family Fun Night is open to ALL members of the community. Invite friends from school, family, church members, etc. to come join in the evening. Cost is FREE. The flier is attached in the newsletter.

7-9 pm Music, Carnival Games (PLINKO, Spin the Wheel, Game of 4-H Life, and many others), Project Spotlight, Club Displays, Fun Size Goodie Walk, Snacks

9-10 pm DANCE

Each club is asked to have a carnival game and prizes. You are welcome to have information about your club displayed or to hand out.

County or Club Project leaders may also have a table/booth to share about their project.

All Food project members are invited to make goodies for the cake walk. Please assemble in sets of 2 or a small portion,( for example: 2 cookies, 2 brownies, a small portion of bred etc.)

Please report to the Extension Office with those wishing to have a booth. Any other ideas are appreciated.

Record Book Judging

4-H record book judging will be held on Wednesday, October 12th from 11 am to 7 pm in the Extension Office. We ask that each club send at least 3 representatives to help with judging; more are always welcome to join us. There will be a meal provided for lunch and dinner. Please contact the Extension Office by Monday, October 9 to let us know who will be attending and representing your club so we can plan for food.

Important Dates

Fair Board Meeting
Tuesday September 6th, 7 PM

4-H Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 7PM

Livestock Sweepstakes

Morris county 4-Hers that participated in Livestock Sweepstakes were: Skillathon were Cooper Andres and Macey Hensley. Those in Livestock judging were Castyn Andres, Cooper Andres, Carissa Dalquest, and Cassidy Dalquest.

Cloverbuds

We will be having our next Meeting September 10th, at the Courthouse.

October 15th November 12th December 10th

Achievement Banquet

The date for the Achievement Banquet has been set for Saturday, November 5th from 6-8 pm. We will plan to begin with the meal, followed by the program. Mark your calendars!

Fair Lost and Found

Please look closely at the image. If you are missing something please come pick it up at the Extension Office.
OCTOBER 22, 2022
at the MORRIS COUNTY FAIRBUILDING

Family Fun NIGHT

Community members and youth are invited to attend...

7-9 PM   Carnival Games, Snacks & Music
          (Plinko, Spin the Wheel, Fun Sized Goodie Walk,
           and many others)

9-10 PM   Dance

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