



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

April 2023

Fair Royalty Program

Please encourage older 4-H members to apply! Applications are available NOW. Fill one out today by visiting www.riley.ksu.edu (4-H → Forms/Resources → Other Resources). Contact the office if you have any questions. **Applications are due back to the Extension office by Friday, April 7, 2023 with interviews on June 14.**

2023-2024 4-H Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

Enrollment and re-enrollment is now open! Please log into [4-H Online](#) and complete your 4-H enrollment. If you have forgotten your email log in or password, PLEASE do not create a second account. Instead, contact Brandy brandymarie@ksu.edu or call 785-537-6350 and she can assist you. The deadline to enroll and change projects will be May 1.

If you are paying the 4-H Program Fee with a check, please make it payable to “4-H Youth Development” and mail it to: Kansas State 4-H Office 201 Umberger Hall 1612 Claflin Road; Manhattan, KS 66506

2023 Riley County Fair Theme

At the March 4-H Council meeting, club representatives voted a good number of fair theme ideas down to three options. At the March Riley County Fair board meeting, board members voted to use ‘**The Last Blast of Summer**’ as the 2023 Riley County Fair theme. This theme will be represented in club banners, window decorations, and on the cover of the 2023 fair book.

Grow Green Match Day

The 11th Annual Grow Green Match Day on Friday, April 21 holds an incredible opportunity for the Riley County 4-H Foundation. On that day, the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation will match donations made to our endowment fund—our long-term savings—and we could potentially receive up to a \$10,000 match. **Please watch your mailbox for a details on how to give.**

Interested in Assisting a Dept. Chair at the Fair?

We are currently looking for individuals willing to assist our department chairs at the 2023 Riley County Fair. If this is something you would be interested in please contact Lynne Berry via email at lberry@rileycountyks.gov or call the Extension Office at 785-537-6350.

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Remember to enroll
in Riley County 4-H
by **May 1!**

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If you have
something for the
4-H newsletter,
please submit it to
jajobe@ksu.edu
by the *10 of the
month.*

4-H Council Dates for 2022-2023

Monday, January 9, 2023; Monday, March 6, 2023; Monday, May 1, 2023; Monday, June 26, 2023; Monday, August 28, 2023.

4-H Council is held at Pottorf Hall and begins at 7 pm. **Each club is allowed to have 5 voting representatives: 3 youth and 2 adults. You** don't have to be a voting representative to attend.

Importance of attending 4-H Council

Our Riley County 4-H Council serves as a vital component to our month-to-month programming here in our area, but also allows club representative to take vital information back and report to their club. 4-H Council plans and implements county-wide events, oversees funding request, and votes to make necessary changes to our program as they see fit. Each club is allowed to have (5) voting representatives (3) youth and (2) adults. I would strongly encourage you to exercise that right throughout the year. You don't have to be a Council Representative to attend. It is open to all 4-Hers and parents.

The 4-H Council dates are **ABOVE**.

100 Years of Discovery Days

The 100th Anniversary of Kansas 4-H Discovery Days (formerly known as Round Up) will be happening on K-State campus from June 7-9, 2023. Registration for the event opened on Saturday, April 1. Registration will remain open until May 15, but some of the classes will be limited in size, so make sure they don't wait if there is a class they really want.

We are excited to have the Kansas 4-H Foundation also celebrating the Emerald Circle event during this year's Discovery Days. All the information that is available, will be found on our Discovery Days webpage found [here](#). **Registration opened on Saturday, April 1, so sign up today!**

Riley County 4-H Goal Contest

Join our 4-H Goal Contest. Share a 4-H project goal to our 4-H Facebook page post (see April 1 post). Don't have Facebook, email Brandy brandymarie@ksu.edu to submit your goal.

The goal must be **measurable**. Use this worksheet to help you set your goals. <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf> You may submit one goal per project. Two randomly drawn 4-Hers will receive a 4-H t-shirt.

Scratch Coding Workshop

Do you love video games and computers? Join us in making your very own simple computer game using a coding tool called Scratch!

Saturday, May 20
10-11:30 am
Manhattan Public Library
Collaboration Space



Participants will learn the basics of computer programming through Scratch, and even walk away with a completed simple game of their own. Geared towards beginner coders (ages 9 and up) with little to no experience in Scratch. Space is limited to 10 participants. If they wish, siblings could work together on one computer, but would only complete one game at the end of the workshop. Youth 9 years of age must be accompanied by a parent.

Registration Link

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=bybmwrdb&oeidk=a07ejq2dvlbe146a133>

4-H Club Window Decorations 2023

Each club will have the option to decorate a window in a local business or office in their local community. Window designs will be judged prior to the start of the fair. Photos of the window and ribbon placings will be on display in Pottorf Hall during the fair.

Below are the parameters:

Each club must secure their own window, making arrangements for painting as well as cleaning the window within a week following the fair.

Clubs CAN decorate more than one window, but can only submit one for judging.

Fair window will need to be decorated by Monday, July 11.

Each club must notify the Extension office by Monday, July 11 at 5 pm as to the location of their clubs window and send a picture of the window to Brandy at bbruna@rileycountyks.gov

Each window should include the fair dates as well as the wording “Riley County Fair 2023” somewhere in the design.

Designs are not required to follow the fair theme.

Judging criteria will be based on 1) Creativity 2) Fair Marketing Value/ Location.

IFYE Opportunities for Young Adult Exchanges in 2023

After a successful year renewing the exchange in 2022 after COVID, IFYE USA is back with exchange 2023 programs for 18-25 year-olds in numerous countries across five continents. Kansas 4-H has been a participant since the program began in 1948 and welcomes young adult 4-H alumni to participate in 2-month, 3-month or 6-month exchanges in 2023.

Traci Ross, a Rush County 4-H alumna, has returned from two months in Norway and is currently residing and working in Johnson County but is re-locating to Leavenworth County. She welcomes requests to share her experiences as an IFYE in that area of the state. Sanders Barbee, a Lawrence resident, also returned in August from an IFYE Exchange in Morocco. She was on an exchange sponsored by the United Sorghum Checkoff and focused on the agriculture of Morocco, a potential customer of grain sorghum production from the U. S. Sanders is in her senior year at K-State and welcomes requests for presentations in the Manhattan area, as well as when she is home in Lawrence during school breaks. Mary Kay Munson, 4-H International Exchange Coordinator, can assist in contacting Traci and Sanders. Contact her at mkm2@ksu.edu. 2023 IFYE Exchange Application and information is available at www.ifyeusa.org. Applicants from Kansas are expected to participate in Interviews and **First Orientation for Outbound Exchange Delegates November 20, 2023**. Contact should be made with Munson to be accepted as a Kansas applicant and to get further information on the application process by November 1.

Newsletter Worthy

I would love to highlight some of the wonderful activities and people who are currently active in our Riley County 4-H program. If you would like to let everyone know about something your 4-Hers have accomplished or honor a volunteer please email me the details and I will put it in the next newsletter. Also, if any of our young people deserve recognition for something they have done outside of 4-H let me know and we will recognize them.



4-H Garage Sale

April 21-22

Wreath Barn, Cico Park, Manhattan

**We are looking for a huge selection of items
to be donated.**

We do not accept TVs of any kind.

**Proceeds benefit 4-H members in Pottawatomie, Riley,
& Wabaunsee Counties**

Drop Off Items on Location

Wednesday, April 19, 5-8 PM

Thursday, April 20, 10 AM - 8 PM

Garage Sale

Friday, April 21, 9 AM - 8 PM

Saturday, April 22, 8 AM - Noon

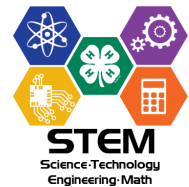
Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350





BUILD YOUR WORLD

OPEN CLASS (PUBLIC) BUILDING CREATIONS



1. Building Creations (LEGO®, K'NEX®, tooth picks, Etc.) should be no larger than 24"(L) x 24"(W) x 60"(H). **Special size accommodations can be made for larger creations with the approval of Mr. Jobe, Riley County 4-H Agent.** Contact him at the Riley County Extension Office prior to entry. 785-537-6350.
2. Building Creations will be judged on theme, neatness, and creativity.
3. Creations will be judged in (4) separate age categories; **Junior (ages 7-9), Intermediate (ages 10-13), Senior (14-19), and Adult (20+).**
3. Group exhibits are allowed, but only one prize will be given per exhibit if winner.
5. Each builder may enter a maximum of two exhibits.
6. One prize awarded for top exhibit in each age-category.
7. All entries must be completely assembled when entered. Only minor repairs will be permitted at entry.
8. **Entries will be displayed for the duration of the 2023 Riley County Fair**

All entries will be brought in on Wednesday, July 26 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Entries will be judged the afternoon of Thursday, July 27. Entries can be picked up Monday, July 31 from 5:00-7:00 pm. No early release will be permitted.

Open Class Building Creation prizes are made possible by a generous donation from the Manhattan Optimist Club



Leaders and Parents

Consider in April

- Check your club mailbox
- Consider hosting a club project meeting
- Encourage Discovery Days 2023
- Remind Families of the May 1 enrollment deadline for dropping/ adding projects
- Encourage members to apply for fair royalty (DUE Friday, April 7 at 5 pm)
- Horse ID papers are due June 1 for all horses being exhibited at the Riley County Fair

Encouraging Fair Participation

As we enjoy these warmer spring months , think about what you can do to get your club active. Perhaps set a date aside from the monthly club meetings as a fun “project day” where each 4-Her walks away with a completed project they can display at the 2023 Riley County fair. Alternatively, make sure your club families are aware of the monthly project meetings taking place here in our area. Keep in mind that it is the “doing” that makes 4-H great. Getting active also allows for our 4-H youth to work alongside knowledgeable adults in completing a project or task.

Livestock Skillathon 2023

The 4-H youth livestock skillathon contest is designed to promote understanding of management and care of livestock, and is focused on the following species: cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. Contest stations can include any or all of the following areas: feed ID/use, breed identification/characteristics, animal anatomy, meat cut ID, livestock equipment ID/ use, animal health management, and livestock quality assurance. There is no team competition; 4-Hers will compete as individuals. Awards will be presented to the top individual in each age division (Junior, Intermediate, Senior). After winning a division, the individual will need to compete in the next older age division in following years. Individuals are eligible to compete in the senior division multiple years, but may only receive an award once per age division.

The contest will be held on the afternoon of Monday, July 31, and you will sign up for the contest at the fair; no fair pre-entry is required. It will be held in the open air tent north of Pottorf Hall. Belt buckles will be given to each division winner. All 4-Hers may compete in the contest; you do not have to be enrolled in a livestock project to compete. Questions, contact Gary Fike gfike@rileycountyks.gov

Updated Address

Please make sure your address is correct in 4-H Online, as this is the address we use to mail out all fair books.

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2023 Riley County 4-H Calendar

April

Early April Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders
 7 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
 8 Dog Agility Workshop
 16 Multi-County Rabbit Meeting, Alma
 21-22 CWF Garage Sale, Cico Park
 22 Red Wheel Pick-Up, Pottorf Hall 9-9:30 am
 TBA State Shooting Sports Match

May

1 Project Add/ Drop Deadline
 1 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging,
 Hurlburt Arena, 5-7 pm
 1 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
 15 Discovery Days Registration DUE
 21 Multi-County Rabbit Meeting, Alma
 TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

June

1 Horse ID Papers DUE
 3 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
 7-9 Discovery Days, KSU Campus
 TBA Campference, Rock Springs
 14 Fair Royalty Interviews; Pottorf Hall
 24 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
 26 4-H Council Meeting, Pottorf Hall
 TBA State Geology Field Trip

July

1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
 4 Independence Day, Ext Off. Closed
 15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
 20 Fair Fashion Review
 22 4-H Horse Show
 24 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
 25 Photography Judging; Pottorf Hall
 25 Cloverbud Project "Judging"; Pottorf Hall
 25 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
 26 Visual Arts Judging; Pottorf Hall
 26 4-H and Cloverbud Foods; Food Pres. Judging
 26 4-H and Cloverbud Cake Decorating Judging
 27-31 Riley County Fair, Cico Park

August

1 Fairground Cleanup
 4 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
 15 KJLS Entries DUE
 TBA State Horticulture & Livestock Judging
 28 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall

September

4 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
 6 State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
 8-17 Kansas State Fair
 22 Project Report Forms & Awards DUE

**GROW GREEN
 MATCH DAY**

**Friday, April 21, 2023
 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 555 Poyntz Avenue
 Colony Square Atrium**

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