



# **RILEY COUNTY**

## **4-H NEWSLETTER**

### **April 2025**

#### **Welcome Sherri Rogers to the Riley County Extension Office**

We are excited to announce the addition of Sherri Rogers as our new administrative assistant!

Sherri brings to us 15+ years of office management experience and is excited to continue to serve the community that she grew up in. Stop by and say hello anytime! We are excited to have her as part of our extension family.

#### **Discovery Days 2025**

Kansas 4-H would like to invite you to this year's Discovery Days event scheduled for June 4-6, 2025 at the Kansas State University.

Registration is now open and the link for that and our Class Session offerings can be found on our [Discovery Days](#) webpage. Please take time to review all the Session Options prior to trying to navigate the registration.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Dona Ratliff at (785) 532-5800 or [dsratlif@ksu.edu](mailto:dsratlif@ksu.edu).

#### **Grow Green Match Day**

The 13th Annual Grow Green Match Day on Tuesday, April 22 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 email for details on how to give.**

#### **May 1 4-H Enrollment Deadline**

May 1 is the 4-H enrollment deadline for 4-Hers and Cloverbuds. You must be enrolled and have paid the 4-H Program Fee or applied for a waiver before May 1.

Please log into [4-H Online](#) and double check all your 4-Hers project selections. If you are not enrolled in a project, you will not be able to exhibit it at the Riley County Fair.

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

<https://v2.4honline.com/>



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

#### **How to Reach Us:**

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4-H Info: [4hinfo@rileycountyks.gov](mailto:4hinfo@rileycountyks.gov)  
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 am -5 pm  
Friday 7:30 am - noon

## 4-H Council Dates for 2024-2025

Monday, November 4, 2024; Monday, January 6, 2025; Monday, March 3, 2025; Monday, May 5, 2025; Monday, June 30, 2025; Monday, August 18, 2025 (Labor Day is September 1)

Each club is allowed to have 5 voting representatives: 3 youth and 2 adults. .

## Heaviest Pepper Contest

Challenge yourself by participating in the 2025 Riley County Fair 'Heaviest Pepper' Contest. Participants will enter a pepper of their choosing at a chance to take home bragging rights for a year...



## 4-H TRIPle E Excellent Exchange Experience

Did you know that there is a multi-county 4-H Interstate Exchange Trip group that 4-H youth can join?

4-Hers who are 12 years old or will be by June 10 this year, through those who are 18 4-H age on January 1 are eligible. Our group has recently planned, organized, fund-raised for, and participated in very fun, successful, enjoyable, educational, and awesome road trips to Ohio in 2023 and North Carolina in 2024, where we stayed with 4-H families there to learn about their customs, lifestyle, 4-H activities, and toured educational, historical sites in their states, plus en-route.

For the week of July 6 THIS summer, we will be hosting 4-Hers and their chaperones from North Carolina and Pennsylvania, then in 2026 we will travel to Eastern Pennsylvania. They are very excited to travel here and to host us next year!!!

We are currently seeking more 4-Hers and families to become involved in our program. The only cost is a \$75 application fee per 4-Her, and requirement to help with fundraisers when we have them. Travel expenses are covered by 4-H TRIPle E, and admission fees to visit attractions are paid by our group when we host, and by the other state when we travel there.

If your family might be interested, please contact Cherie Trieb at 785-844-0781 to discuss your questions and concerns, plus to be added to our list for meeting reminders.

If any Clubs would like a program about this for a 4-H Meeting or other events, please contact Cherie Trieb to arrange with our members.

Please note: There is a need to host adult chaperones, so if you don't have a 4-Her in your family to serve as a host, but you would like to become involved in our program by hosting an adult 4-H parent or leader, please let me know!!!

## 2025 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 **'Fun For the Whole Herd'** as the 2025 Riley County Fair theme. This theme will be represented in club banners, window decorations, and on the cover of the 2025 fair book.

## Save the Date for Spring into Volunteering

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" in Salina on the K-State Polytechnic Campus on Saturday, April 26. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try new things in their volunteer roles.

Sessions for the day include Preparing Youth for Real-World Opportunities, Personalities and How They Affect Volunteers, Facilitating Civic Engagement and Service, Keeping Kids Engaged, and Resources for You.

The registration fee for the day is \$20 and includes materials and lunch! Riley County 4-H will pay for any Riley County volunteer or parent that wishes to attend. **Registration is due April 15, 2025.** [2025 Spring into Volunteering Registration](#)

## 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 a weekend of fun and meaningful events, 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. RSVP: [Camp Beautification RSVP Form](#)

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 – If you know families interested in learning more about 4-H Camp, invite them to join us for a special open house event.

RSVP: RSVP for Open House: <https://rockspringsranch.org/events/open-house>

### Get Involved:

If you can't make it to the events, please consider sharing your favorite memories from Rock Springs Ranch as we highlight 80 years of the state 4-H center. Submit your memories here: [Memory Submission Form](#). We hope to see you there!

## 4-H Club Window Decorations 2025

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 14.**

Each club must notify the Extension office by **Monday, July 14 at 5 pm** as to the location of their clubs window and send a picture of the window to Brandy at [brandymarie@ksu.edu](mailto:brandymarie@ksu.edu)

Each window should include the fair dates as well as the wording "Riley County Fair 2025" 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.



# Leaders and Parents

## Consider in April

- Check your club mailbox
- Make sure 4-H Council Reps are attending meetings as voting representatives of your club
- Start the conversation about exhibiting at county fair with new families
- Consider hosting a club project meeting
- Encourage Discovery Days 2025
- Remind Families of the May 1 enrollment deadline for dropping/ adding projects. You must be enrolled and signed up for projects in order to exhibit at the Riley County Fair.
- Encourage members to apply for fair royalty (See page 1)
- Horse ID papers (**NEW 2025 form**) are due June 1 for all horses being exhibited at the Riley County Fair

## \*\*\*NEW for Fair 2025\*\*\*

Riley County Extension is in the process of installing several permanent large tv screens inside Pottorf Hall. What we are looking for this year are clubs that would be willing to submit a photo montage, representing their club from this past year. We will run these photos on a loop throughout the duration of the Riley County Fair 2025. Contact John or Brandy if your club is interested.

## IFYE Exchanges are Back!

After a year of assessment and planning, IFYE USA, Kansas 4-H's partner for exchanges of young adults over 18, is back offering exchanges in a limited way in fall 2025. The exchanges will include both outbound and inbound exchanges with partners in Chile, Germany, Slovenia, and Taiwan. As of this writing, Switzerland is pending as a potential exchange partner.

These exchanges will be from September to December. Kansas will be seeking multiple hosts for each inbound we host. We anticipate most of these inbounds will seek farm experiences in Kansas. Outbound programs from the USA will place IFYE delegates in all of the participating countries, Please inform 4-H alumni of this opportunity. They can go to [www.IFYEUSA.org](http://www.IFYEUSA.org) for applications and information.

In Kansas, individuals may contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-375-3189 or [mkm2@ksu.edu](mailto:mkm2@ksu.edu) for information and updates. Kansas IFYE Association has scholarships available for outbound delegates from our state. We anticipate application deadlines this spring for the 2025 exchanges.

## June Cooking Camp 2025

Do you know a child who would like to gain hands-on cooking skills? Registration coming soon for our summer youth Cooking Camp in Manhattan! Youth 8 - 12 will learn nutrition basics, cooking skills, and how to prepare healthy meals! Join us **June 24-26 from 1 – 3 pm** at Pottorf Hall in Manhattan for a cooking adventure! The cost for the program will be \$30 per individual which will cover everything needed for the camp! Space is limited though, so keep an eye on emails and our Facebook page for the registration link. We hope to see you there!





# **4-H Garage Sale**

## **April 11-12**

### **Wreath Barn, Cico Park, Manhattan**

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

**We do not accept TVs or Books of any kind.**

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

## **Drop Off Items on Location**

**Wednesday, April 9, 5-8 PM**

**Thursday, April 10, 10 AM - 8 PM**

## **Garage Sale**

**Friday, April 11, 9 AM - 8 PM**

**Saturday, April 12, 9 AM - Noon**

**Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350**

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# Riley County Fair 2025 Open Class Challenge

## “Scenes of Riley County”

Join us for the Riley County Fair 2025 Open Class “Scenes of Riley County” Challenge. This year the Riley County scene will focus on **“People of Riley County”**. All pictures must be taken in Riley County and a description of the person(s) and location must be included on the back of the photo. The winning photo will receive a special ribbon and will be hung in the Riley County Courthouse for one year. Cropping is allowed, but no digital manipulation. Only **ONE** entry per person. Please refer to the 2025 Riley County fair book for additional requirements when it comes out. Contact the Riley County Extension office with any questions about the challenge 785-537-6350.



The date for  
Riley County 4-H  
Fashion Revue  
has changed!!

Wednesday, July 16  
Manhattan Catholic Schools



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**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

# 4-H PRE FAIR WORKSHOP

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2  
5:30-7:00 PM  
POTTORF HALL**



**COME AND GO EVENT  
GET YOUR FAIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED  
PRACTICE TALKING WITH A "JUDGE"  
PICK UP FAIR PROJECT SUPPLIES  
AND MORE!**

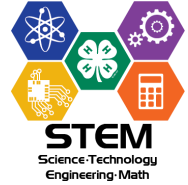
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# BUILD YOUR WORLD



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 2025 Riley County Fair**

**All entries will be brought in on Wednesday, July 23 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Entries will be judged the afternoon of Thursday, July 24. Entries can be picked up Monday, July 28 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 Breakfast Optimist Club**





# 2025 Riley County 4-H Calendar

## April

- 7 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
- 19 Red Wheel Pick-Up, Pottorf Hall 9-9:30 am
- TBA State Shooting Sports Match
- TBA Discovery Days Registration DUE

## May

- 1 Project Add/ Drop Deadline
- 3 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging, Hurlburt Arena, 5-7 pm
- 5 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 30 Dog Fair Pre-Entry Deadline
- TBA Discovery Days, KSU Campus
- TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

## June

- 1 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 7 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- 19 Juneteenth, Extension Office Closed
- 28 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- 30 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- TBA State Geology Field Trip
- TBA Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall

## July

- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
- 2 Fair Prep Workshop; Pottorf Hall
- 4 Independence Day, Ext Off. Closed
- 15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
- 16 Fair Fashion Review
- 19 4-H Horse Show
- 21 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
- 22 4-H Photography Judging
- 22 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
- 23 4-H Visual Arts Judging
- 23 4-H and Cloverbud Foods Judging
- 24-28 Riley County Fair, Cico Park
- 29 Fairground Cleanup

## August

- 1 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
- 15 KJLS Entries DUE
- 18 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- TBA State Horticulture & Livestock Judging

## September

- 1 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 4 State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
- 5-14 Kansas State Fair
- 19 Project Report Forms & Awards DUE

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