



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

July-August 2024

Golden Clover Hunt

On July 12, we will once again kick off the Golden Clover Hunt in anticipation of the Riley County Fair. Each weekday a new clue will be posted to the Riley County Fair website at www.rileycountyfair.com. As well as on Eagle Radio. Clues will continue to post right up until the start of the fair or until someone finds the clover. Upon discovery, the individual or family will be showered in wonderful gifts donated by local participants. Good luck to you all!



See You at the Fashion Revue

Come out for the 2024 Riley County Fashion Revue and judging. This includes Clothing Construction, Buymanship and Make It With Wool for both 4-Hers and Cloverbuds. Fashion Revue will be Thursday, **July 18** at the Manhattan Catholic School Jr. High at 306 S. Juliette.

Scripts for the evening fashion revue will be due Friday, **July 5**. No late scripts will be accepted. Details regarding Fashion Revue are included in the fair book. The link for submitting scripts is https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSo6CFAYRemTb8TAL-I_xLJAz8KeYpf_9V4B4x_3QqUMThSw/viewform?usp=sf_link

2024 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 **'Sew It, Grow It, Show It!'** as the 2024 Riley County Fair theme. This theme will be represented in club banners, window decorations, and on the cover of the 2024 fair book.

Annual Fair 4-H Family BBQ 2024

Once again we would like to invite all 4-Hers and their families to the 2021 Riley County 4-H BBQ, **Friday, July 26 starting at 5:00 pm**. We will setup a buffet style line near the wash racks on the west side of the show barn. After Friday, July 19, each family will need to stop in the fair office in Pottorf Hall to grab tickets for each family member attending.

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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 2023-2024

Monday, November 6, 2023; Monday, January 8, 2024; Monday, March 25, 2024; Monday, May 6, 2024; Monday, July 1, 2024; Monday, August 26, 2024.

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

Fair Pop Stand Sign Up

As we make the final drive towards fair 2024, we are putting together some of the details for non-project related scheduling. As with the past couple years, we are **not** appointing pop stand slots for each club. Instead we are allowing individuals or families to sign up for slots that work with their schedule. Ideally four kids and one adult are about as many people you want to have in the stand at one time, but you can staff it with as few as two kids and one adult. Below is the link to the time slots, so please don't wait to get signed up for a shift. **We build in an extra (30) minutes for opening shifts Friday through Monday to accommodate the preparation of the pop stand. The opening shift will have additional responsibilities.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D44ADA72FA4FD0-4hpop>

Guidelines for operating the Riley County 4-H pop stand

1. It is your groups responsibility to make sure someone is operating the pop stand during the assigned time.
2. One adult needs to be present when working.
3. Each group should clean throughout their scheduled time (wipe up spills, etc.)
4. Last in the evening are responsible for cleaning up and closing.
5. If the group assigned after your group does not show up, please contact Brandy (typically in fair office).

Livestock Skill-a-thon 2024

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 beginning at **12:30 pm on Monday, July 29**, 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 Ethan Sylvester at ewsylvester@ksu.edu

Fair Judging Contests

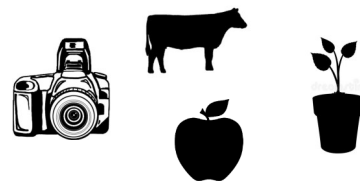
Join us for multiple fair judging contest. You don't have to be enrolled in the project to participate! Each is a come and go event. Top scorers can participate on the state fair judging team. A great way to expand your 4-H participation! No previous experience is necessary.

FCS Judging - Saturday, July 27; 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall

Horticulture Judging - Saturday, July 27; 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall

Photography Judging - Saturday, July 27, 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall

Livestock Judging - Sunday, July 28, 3:30 pm; Hurlburt Show Arena



4-H Club Window Decorations 2024

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 15.

Each club must notify the Extension office by **Monday, July 15 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 2024” 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.



Potential Window Decorations Locations

We asked businesses in the community if they would be willing to let 4-H clubs paint their windows for the fair. Below are the response we received. You are welcome to contact other businesses. Your club is responsible for contacting the business to discuss window painting. Your club is also responsible for cleaning the windows after the fair.

Kansas 4-H Foundation (Charles Place)

Contact: Mindi Weixelman

Wildcat Vet Service (Tuttle Creek Blvd.)

Contact: Trisha Kvasnica

Pawleashed by Haley (Tuttle Creek Blvd.)

Contact: Haley Jellison

Cox Brothers BBQ (McCall Road)

Contact: Shelby Ostrand Priddle

Studio 202 (in Ogden)

Contact: Meredith Butler

Fragrant Blends Candle Bar (Poyntz Ave)

Contact: no name given

Candlewood Health Mart Pharmacy

Contact: unknown

Fit Nation Manhattan (Blue Hills Shopping Center)

Contact: Nathan L. Downey

Riley County Fair Sign Up Info 2024

*****Read letter very carefully*****

Once again we will be using the Fair Entry online program for pre-entering **all 4-H exhibits**. This includes every project coming to the Riley County Fair; indoor static exhibits, all livestock exhibits, showmanship, as well as Cloverbud projects. Each separate project must have a pre-entry (i.e. 3 foods items, 3 separate pre-entries)

To access the Fair Entry program, all 4-H families will use their 4-H Online login. If you did not enroll in a particular project as of May 1, 2024, the program will not allow you to pre-enter or exhibit in that project area at the 2024 fair. You will follow the steps on the program for your entries. The Fair Entry program opened on June 5 and will **close on July 1**. We highly suggest using a computer or tablet. Entering information in the Fair Entry program can be difficult on a cell phone.

The final part of the fair preparation process will be selecting an interview judging time-slot, as we have done in the past, for all indoor static exhibits. All indoor exhibits must be interview judged. These links will be sent out on July 2 and will remain open until midnight on July 12.

As part of the Fair Entry online program, all entry cards will be printed in-house from the project information provided during the pre-entry process. Therefore, you will not need to fill out entry cards prior to coming to the fair.

***FIBER ARTS, SEWING AND TEXTILE DESIGN, AND FASHION REVUE ***

Clothing, knitting or crocheting project members are eligible to participate in the Fashion Revue on **Thursday, July 18** at the Manhattan Catholic School Junior High (306 S. Juliette). Use the Fair Entry program to pre-enter by **July 1** and your script(s) for the evening revue will be **DUE July 5**. The script(s) is the responsibility of the 4-H'er and will be submitted via a Google form that will come out via email from Brandy in early July. The description should be 4 to 5 sentences; longer descriptions will be edited. If you have questions about writing a description, please contact the office, 785-537-6350. Judging forms and a schedule will be mailed to all fashion revue participants. These judging forms will need to be filled out and brought with you to fashion revue judging on **July 18**. The public evening revue will also be held at the Manhattan Catholic School Junior High (306 S. Juliette). *Cloverbuds will use the **Fair Entry program to pre-enter by July 1 for fashion revue and constructed garments**.

CONSTRUCTED GARMENTS

All constructed garments will be judged on **Thursday, July 18** in conjunction with the fashion revue. This includes all classes listed in the Sewing and Textile Design department (constructed article, garment or outfit, recycled clothing item, and educational exhibits). Constructed garment project members and Cloverbuds use the Fair Entry program to pre-enter by **July 1**.

Watch your emails for more project-specific information in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call 785-537-6350.

Welcome to the **Riley County Fair**



County Fair Info

Questions About the Fair?

Check your fair book first. If you can't find the answer to your question, call the Extension Office at 785-537-6350. For your convenience keep this newsletter as a reference. If you need additional information check out the fair website; www.rileycountyfair.com

Extension Office Moving

We will be moving to the Fairgrounds on Friday, July 19 at 1 pm and will reopen the office downtown on Tuesday August 31.

Riley Country Fair Work Night

Work Night is **Monday, July 22**, beginning at **5:30 pm** with supper. A meeting for all Superintendents and Junior Superintendents will begin at **5:45 pm**. After the meeting, Superintendents and Junior Superintendents and other volunteers will set up their department(s) for the fair.

Fair Livestock Check in

All livestock, including rabbits and poultry will be checked in **Thursday, July 25 from 7-11 am**.

Banner Intake

Just a reminder that all 4-H club banners will need to be brought into Pottorf Hall on **Monday, July 22** from **8:00 am -7:00pm**. Please make these arrangements as soon as possible.

Fair Check-In Table

Pottorf Hall exhibits will be checked in at an information table located inside the southwest corner of the building. Please stop here first with all of your entries at your pre-selected interview time. You will pick up your project exhibit card at that time and attach it to your project.

Photo mats, photo labels, entomology/geology box labels, foods labels, food preservation labels, etc can be picked up at the Extension Office any time.

Fair Exhibit Release

The release time for exhibits is **5:00– 7:00 pm on Monday, July 29**. **Do not remove exhibits before that time**. The Riley County Fair Board has advertised that exhibits will be on display until then. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

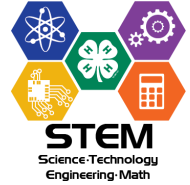
Fair Clean-Up

Help us clean the fairgrounds after the fair is over. We will be picking up trash, packing things away, cleaning the pop stand , and moving items into storage. We will begin at **9:00 am on July 30**. All help is appreciated and we'll provide the snacks. We will be finished by 11:00 am. Please contact John Jobe at the Riley County Extension office if you are willing to assist with clean-up, 785-537-6350 or email him at jajobe@ksu.edu.



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 2024 Riley County Fair**

All entries will be brought in on Wednesday, July 24 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Entries will be judged the afternoon of Thursday, July 26. Entries can be picked up Monday, July 29 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



Riley County Fair 2024 Open Class Photo Challenge

“Scenes of Riley County”

Join us for the Riley County Fair 2024 Open Class “Scenes of Riley County” Challenge. This year the Riley County scene will focus on **“Windmills of Riley County”**. All pictures must be taken in Riley County and a description of the windmill 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 Office Building for one year.** Cropping is allowed, but no digital manipulation. Only **ONE** entry per person. Please refer to the 2024 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.



2024 RILEY COUNTY FAIR BAKING CONTEST

Scones

Sunday, July 28 at 1:00 PM, Pottorf Hall, Cico Park

Contest Rules

- This contest is open to anyone wishing to bake a half dozen scones
- All entries **MUST** include a written/typed recipe. Scones must be checked in by 1:00 PM on Sunday, July 28.
- Please bring your scones in a disposable container, plate, or pan - containers **WILL NOT** be returned.
- Judging is based on appearance, presentation, texture, and flavor.
- Scones **CANNOT** contain any raw/uncooked eggs or flour; scones must be able to safely stand at room temperature - no perishable scones will be judged.
- We will have one division this year for all scones and will award champion and reserve champion placings.
- Following the judging, scones will be sold to the public. All proceeds will go to support Riley County 4-H. If you wish to bake a dozen scones and not have them judged, we will be happy to accept them and sell them to raise funds for the Riley County 4-H.
- The winners will be announced immediately after the judging.

GRAND DRIVE & KJLS IMPORTANT DATES

April 20	Last Day to Order Beef DNA Envelopes
May 1	Market Beef Nominations Due Online & DNA Postmarked
June 5	Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes
June 15	Small Livestock Nominations Due Online & DNA Postmarked -Market Swine, Commercial Breeding Gilt -Market Lamb, Commercial Breeding Ewe -ALL Meat Goat (Market & Breeding)
	Commercial Heifer Nominations Due Online & DNA Postmarked
	Registered Breeding Heifer Papers in Exhibitor's Name
	Registered Breeding Gilt Papers in Exhibitor's Name
July 1	Registered Breeding Ewe Papers in Exhibitor's Name
July 15	Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entry Deadline
July 25	Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Late Entry Deadline
August 15	KJLS Entry Deadline
August 25	KJLS Late Entry Deadline
Sept. 6 - 8	Kansas State Fair Grand Drive
Sept. 27 - 29	KJLS

*All market animals must be nominated to be eligible for either show, regardless of breed or gender.

**All commercial breeding females must be nominated to be eligible for either show.

***Registered breeding females must be in the exhibitor's name by the appropriate date to be eligible for either show. Refer to show rules for details.

****All meat goats, including market, commercial breeding does, and registered breeding does must be nominated to be eligible for either show.

<http://bit.ly/ksunominations>

<https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/competitions/grand-drive-25th-anniversary>

<http://www.kjls.net/>

State Fair Book

The Extension Office **does not** have extra copies of the State Fair Book. If you need a specific project division, copies of that division can be made for you or check out the State Fair web site:

www.kansasstatefair.com

2024 Kansas State Fair

If you can answer “yes” to any of the following questions, you may be eligible to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. To be certain, check exhibitor age and class requirements listed in the online state fair book. If you do qualify, see the special pages in this newsletter for additional state fair information.

Did my horse entry qualify at the District Horse Show?

Did my dog and I qualify at a sanctioned show?

Did I receive purple ribbons on other fair exhibits (**Except Visual Arts, LEGOs, or Livestock**)?

Did I receive champion in the fashion revue for construction or buymanship?

Did I have one of the six selected entries in the arts/crafts division at the county fair?

****Note: the visual arts division at the state fair is now for competition.****

Exhibiting at the State Fair

Age classification as listed below is based on the age a 4-H member was before January 1, 2024. All exhibits are open to **9-19** year old 4-H members.

*Rabbit Evaluation

*Fashion Revue – Intermediate and Sr. Division County Winners

*Crops Identification Contest

If classes are available, and exhibitor meets show and age requirements, purple ribbon winners at the county fair are eligible for competition at the Kansas State Fair.

State Fair Pre-Entries

You must have completed a pre-entry form for all exhibits and 4-H activities you wish to participate in at the state fair. Pre-entry information for the State Fair will be available in the county fair office (Clover Room in Pottorf Hall) during the county fair, or at the Extension Office beginning **July 31**.

You must pre-enter your exhibits! You are **not** automatically pre-entered if you receive purple ribbons. All pre-entries are due into the Extension Office by **5:00 pm Friday, August 2**.

State Fair Exhibit Details

Anyone exhibiting at the state fair in the **visual arts, clothing, dog, electric, entomology, fiber arts, foods, forestry, geology, home environment, horticulture, LEGOs photography, shooting sports, space tech and wildlife** departments have extra forms to complete. You may obtain these forms at the Riley County Fair office during the county fair or at the Extension Office after the fair. These forms must be included with your exhibit upon entering it at the state fair.

State Fair Livestock Entries

State Fair livestock entries are due **July 15**. Families with nominated market animals or commercial females should receive an e-mail reminder from Lexie Hayes, state 4-H youth livestock coordinator. However, families only showing registered females will not receive that notice. Go online to <https://www.kansasstatefair.com>

Teens and Adults Volunteering with State Fair

Apply to volunteer at the Kansas State Fair. Sign up online by August 16! You pick the project you wish to volunteer in.

Teen volunteers must be at least 13 years of age and mature enough to handle tasks without excessive supervision. A great opportunity to gain better understand in a 4-H project area. Can be included in your record book or 4-H Project Report Form.

The link to sign up was not yet available when we published this newsletter. Contact us for more information or watch your email for more details.

Gate Tickets

4-H families may order youth and adult gate tickets from the Extension Office. Please stop by before **August 2** to place your order. Gate tickets may also be purchased at the State Fair. In addition, there will be no premiums this year, but instead each exhibiting 4-Her will receive (2) gate tickets. You will be responsible for picking them up from the Extension office. Watch for an email.

Exhibit Transportation

John will transport any exhibits that are small and non-living. Large exhibits must be transported by the 4-H member. Check-in for all exhibits will be on **Wednesday, September 4**.

Please wait until **August 26** to bring in your state fair exhibits. Small exhibits, except foods and horticulture entries, must be in the Extension Office by 5:00 pm **Tuesday, September 3**. Foods and horticulture exhibits must be in the Extension Office from **7:30-8:00 am** sharp on **Wednesday, September 4**. Any late exhibits will be left in Manhattan.

Packing Instructions: Items must be securely packed in order to be transported to the Kansas State Fair safely. Clothing items should be placed in dry cleaning bags. Geology and entomology boxes should be packed in the following manner: cover the top with cardboard, foam core, carpet sample or wrap with bath towels. Secure with string. Avoid putting boxes inside another box, if at all possible. **Please label your boxes/packing material with your name.** This will help when exhibits are released. Flowers should be in disposable containers. If families are concerned that travel/ movement may damage their exhibit, I would suggest making arrangements to transport the item separately.

Exhibit Release

Exhibits will be released at **6:00 pm on Sunday, September 15**. John will transport exhibits back to the Extension office. Members may pick up exhibits beginning on **Wednesday, September 18 after 8:00 am**.

2023-2024 Riley County 4-H Calendar

July

- 1 4-H Council, 7pm Pottorf Hall
- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
- 2 Fair Interview Judging Sign Up Opens
- 4 Independence Day, Ext Off. Closed
- 5 Fashion Revue Scripts DUE
- 15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
- 18 Fair Fashion Revue; MCS Jr. High
- 19 Evening Public Fashion Revue; MCS Jr High
- 20 4-H Horse Show
- 22 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
- 23 4-H Photography Judging
- 23 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
- 24 4-H Visual Arts Judging
- 24 4-H and Cloverbud Foods Judging
- 25-29 Riley County Fair, Cico Park
- 30 Fairground Cleanup
- 31 Extension office moving back downtown

August

- 2 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
- 10 State Horticulture Judging Contest
- 15 KJLS Entries DUE
- 17 State Livestock Judging Contest
- 26 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall

September

- 2 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 4 State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
- 6-15 Kansas State Fair
- 20 Project Report Forms & Awards DUE



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