



July -August 2026

Riley County

4-H Newsletter

4-H Family BBQ

We would like to invite all 4-Hers and their families to the 2026 Riley County 4-H BBQ, **the exact date is TBD**, but it will **start at 5:00 pm**. Once a date has been set, we will email families. We will setup a buffet style line near the wash racks on the west side of the show barn. After Friday, July 17, each family will need to stop in the fair office in Pottorf Hall to get tickets for each family member attending.

Stop at the Project Check In Table

All 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 cards and attach it to your project.

4-H Photos for fair slideshow

We will be running a photo slideshow in Pottorf Hall with fair related photos (window decorating, dog show, horse show, banner prep, fashion revue, etc.) We will run these photos on a loop throughout the duration of the Riley County Fair 2026. Watch your email for a link to submit photos.

Fair Judging Contests

Join us for multiple judging contests. Family and Consumer Science, Horticulture and Photography. All 3 contests will be held on **Saturday, July 25 from 1-3 pm** in Pottorf Hall. You don't have to be enrolled in the project to participate. Each contest is come and go. This is a great way to expand your 4-H participation. No experience is necessary.

How to Contact Us

Daniel: skuciusd@ksu.edu

Brandy: brandymarie@ksu.edu

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 am to 5 pm Friday 7:30 am to noon

Sign up for fair judging times

The final part of the fair preparation process will be selecting an interview judging time for all indoor exhibits (4-H and Cloverbud). All indoor exhibits must be interview judged. Links to sign up for a judging time will be **sent out on July 2** and will remain open until midnight on July 12.

One interview time per 4-Her per project area. i.e. one time slot for visual arts judging, one time slot for geology judging, 1 time slot for photography judging.

All Cloverbud project (except Sewing/Fashion Revue) will be judged Tuesday, July 21. **One interview time per Cloverbud.**

*FIBER ARTS, SEWING AND TEXTILE DESIGN, AND FASHION REVUE * Sewing and Textile Design, Knitting or Crocheting project members are eligible to participate in the Fashion Revue on **Wednesday, July 15** at the Manhattan Catholic School Junior High (306 S. Juliette). Use the Fair Entry program to pre-enter by July 1.

*Cloverbuds will use the Fair Entry program to pre-enter by July 1 for fashion revue and constructed garments/items.

4-H Sewing and Textiles and Fashion Revue Judging

If you chose to participate in the evening fashion revue (optional), you will need to submit a script prior to **July 10**. Watch for an email from Brandy with details. Scripts will be read as you model in the evening fashion revue. The script is a 4-5 sentence description of your outfit. If you have questions about writing a description, please contact the office, 785-537-6350.

Judging forms and a schedule will be emailed to all fashion revue participants. Copies of the judging form can be picked up from the Extension Office or from our display rack at the Riley and Leonardville Post office. These judging forms will need to be filled out and brought with you to fashion revue judging on July 15. The public evening revue will also be held at the Manhattan Catholic School Junior High (306 S. Juliette). This year we will be following state fair guidelines. There will no longer be classes separated by gender in the Fashion Revue Department. Classes will only be separated into Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

Club Window Decorating 2026

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.

- 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 13.

Each club must notify the Extension office **by Monday, July 13 at 5 pm** as to the location of their clubs window and send a picture of the window to Brandy at brandymarie@ksu.edu

Each window should include the fair dates as well as the wording "Riley County Fair 2026" 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.

We asked businesses in the community if they would be willing to have their windows decorated. Below are the responses we have received. You are welcome to contact other businesses. Your club is responsible for securing it's own location and for cleaning the windows after the fair

1419 Mercantile (4th St; MHK)
Contact: 785-320-5017

Pawleashed (2048 Tuttle Creek Blvd; MHK)
Contact: Haley (785) 706-1066

Fragrant Blend Candles (320 Poyntz Ave; MHK)
Contact: Karen (785) 340-2035

Potential 4-H Window Decorating Location

Volunteer to Work the 4-H Food Stand

We are excited to share that the 4-H Food Stand will be open during the 2026 Riley County Fair from **Friday, July 24 through Sunday, July 26, operating daily from 10:30 AM to 7:30 PM.**

We will be looking for volunteers to help work the food stand throughout the weekend. This year, sign-up opportunities will be offered as a free-will sign-up. We encourage all 4-H members and families to participate. Volunteers receive a free meal from the food stand.

Funds raised go back to support the Riley County 4-H Council and it's activities including the 4-H Achievement Celebration meal, countywide community service projects and other activities and events. Friends and family members are also welcome to volunteer and help make the food stand a success!

[Sign up to volunteer with the 4-H Food Stand](#)

Thank you for your support of the Riley County 4-H food stand.



We are asking individuals or families to sign up to work the 4-H Pop Stand (fundraiser for 4-H Council). Choose a time that works with your schedule. Below is the link to sign up, so please don't wait. The opening shift will have additional responsibilities.

[Sign up to volunteer with the 4-H Pop Stand](#)

Guidelines for operating the Riley County 4-H Pop Stand:

- Your group is responsible for operating the pop stand during the assigned time with at least 1 adult and 2 youth present.
- Each group should clean throughout their scheduled time (wipe up spills, restock the drink cooler, etc.).
- Last group in the evening is responsible for cleaning up and closing the Pop Stand.
- If the group assigned after you does not show up, please contact the fair office 785-537-6350.

Volunteers to Work the 4-H Pop Stand

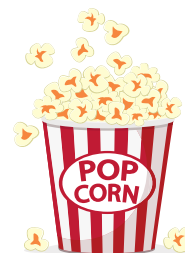
Questions About the Fair?

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
<https://www.riley.k-state.edu/fair/RLFair.html>

Volunteers to Pop Popcorn for the 4-H Pop Stand

We are looking for volunteers to pop and bag popcorn on **Monday, July 20**. This will be done in the Pottorf Hall Kitchen. All supplies and instructions will be provided. This is a great activity for a younger 4-Her if they have help from a older 4-Her or parent.



This popcorn will be sold in the 4-H Pop Stand during the fair as a fundraiser for Riley County 4-H Council.

Volunteer times:

10 am to noon

Noon to 2 pm

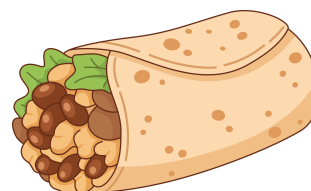
2 pm to 4 pm

To sign up, click the link below

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0445A4AD2CA1FFC25-64545387-volunteers>

Volunteers to Make Breakfast Burritos for the 4-H Pop Stand

We are looking for volunteers to make breakfast burritos on **Monday, July 20**. This will be done in the Pottorf Hall Kitchen. All supplies and instructions will be provided. This is an activity for couple of older 4-Hers and/or adults. Burritos will be sold in the 4-H Pop Stand during the fair as a fundraiser for Riley County 4-H Council.



Volunteer times:

1 pm to 2 pm

2 pm to 3 pm

To sign up, click the link below

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0445A4AD2CA1FFC25-64546723-volunteers>

Eat at the 4-H Food Stand

We encourage everyone to check out the Fair Food Stand. Our food stand manager is the owner of The Farmhouse so you know the food will be good. We (the Extension Office) thinks it's amazing!

Some of our favorites (we try about everything) are walking tacos, cheeseburgers, dirt dessert cups, cherry pie, grilled chicken salad, fruit salad and pasta salad. Enjoy a variety of cold bottled drinks and even root beer floats!

All funds raised go back to Riley County 4-H Council. 4-H Council helps support the 4-H Achievement Celebration meal, countywide community service projects, and other activities and events.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10:30 am to 7:30 pm

Riley County 4-H Foundation Silent Auction

This year our Riley County 4-H Foundation will hold a silent auction during the fair (July 23-27). Items will be on display in Pottorf Hall. Final bids are due **Monday, July 27 by 5 pm**. Winning bidders will be contact in early August.

We are looking for donations for the auction. If there is anything you or an affiliated business would be willing to donate to the auction, simply call the Riley County Extension office by Friday, July 10 . We will coordinate with you.

Auction Items in the past have included:

Behind the Scenes Experiences
Sports and Theater Tickets
Gift Baskets

Staycations
Handmade Items

100% of the proceeds from the auction will benefit the Riley County 4-H Foundation. The Riley County 4-H Foundation supports 4-H events, activities and scholarships for local youth.



Extension Office Moving to the Fairgrounds

The Riley County Extension Office will be moving to the fairgrounds on Friday, July 17. We will be open on Monday, July 20 at 8 am at Pottorf Hall in Cico Park. We will move back to the downtown office on Tuesday, July 28. The office will reopen at 7:30 am on Wednesday, July 29. We can always be reached at 785-537-6350 or in person at Pottorf Hall in Cico Park during the fair.

Fair Work Night Volunteers Needed!

Work Night is **Monday, July 20**, beginning at **5:30 pm** with supper. Pizza and ice cream will be served out of the 4-H Food Stand and the 4-H Pop Stand.

A meeting for all Pottorf Hall 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. We can always use help!

Banner Intake

Just a reminder that all 4-H club banners will need to be brought into Pottorf Hall on **Monday, July 20 from 8:00 am -7:00pm**. Please take home your club's 2025 banner. Daniel will be your point on contact.

Fair Livestock Check In

All livestock, including rabbits and poultry will be checked in **Thursday, July 23 from 7-11 am**. No livestock can be unloaded before 7 am. And need to be vet-checked before going to stalls or pens.

Exhibitor Celebration at the fair

The Riley County 4-H Ambassadors invite all 4-Hers and Cloverbuds participating in the fair to join them in celebrating their fair experience. They will host a celebration dance in the show arena on Sunday night, July 26 following the Pedal Tractor Pull. Be watching for more information during the fair, or if you have questions, feel free to ask an Ambassador!

Fair Exhibit Release

The release time for exhibits is **5-7 pm on Monday, July 27**. 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.

Bring Your Heaviest Onion to the Fair!

Did you grow the heaviest onion in your horticulture project? Participate in the 2026 Riley County Fair 'Heaviest Onion' Contest. 4-Hers and Cloverbuds will enter a onion of their choosing and a chance to take home bragging rights for a year. Entries can be submitted **Thursday, July 23 from 1-3 pm.**

Golden Clover Hunt

On **July 10** we will 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 page <https://www.riley.k-state.edu/fair/RLFair.html>. You can also listen to Eagle Radio (97.5 and 103.5) They will announce the clue for the day. Clues will continue until someone finds the golden clover. Upon discovery, the individual or family will receive a gift basket of items donated by local businesses. Good luck to you all!

Fair Clean Up Volunteers Needed!

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 Tuesday, July 28.**



All help is appreciated and we'll provide the snacks. We will be finished by 11:00 am.

Leader Check List for July and August

- Check your club mailbox
- Prepare a committee to work on the fair banner and window decorations
- Work with new families to make sure they are fair-ready
- Help work the 4-H Pop Stand and 4-H Food Stand during the fair. Encourage families to volunteer too!
- Attend the August 31 Leader's Meeting
- Encourage members to attend the August 31 4-H Council Mtg

State Horticulture Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held on **Saturday, August 15, 2026**, in Manhattan, Kansas.

If you enjoyed Horticulture judging at 4-H Showcase or the Riley County Fair, consider giving this a try! If you are interested or have questions, please contact Gregg Eyestone geyeston@ksu.edu

August 22-23 will be the State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes contests, which include livestock judging, meat judging, skillathon, and quiz bowl.

If you enjoyed participating the Livestock Skillathon at 4-H Showcase, this may be for you! We will be having practices in July and August to help prepare for these contests, and it's open to anyone who wants to better their skills.

If you're interested in practicing, please fill out the form as we work to find a day of the week that works best.

<https://forms.gle/x5mp7UXbk5z3Qpzw7>

There will be a Leaders Meeting on **Monday, August 31 at 6 pm** at Pottorf Hall. Leaders or another adult from each club are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing enrollment, 4-H Award Applications, Project Report Forms, and more.

4-H Council will be held **Monday, August 31 at 7 pm** at Pottorf Hall. You don't have to be a Council Representative to attend. Everyone is welcome!



Beyond Ready

Livestock Reminders for County Fair

Livestock Set Up

Animal Health

Registration Papers at Check-In

Below are some notes that the Livestock superintendents and extension staff wanted to remind exhibitors about as we approach exhibiting at the county fair. First and foremost, **READ YOUR FAIR BOOK**. If you have questions about any rules and expectations, ask a superintendent or the extension office. You are responsible for knowing and abiding by the fair rules published in the fair book.

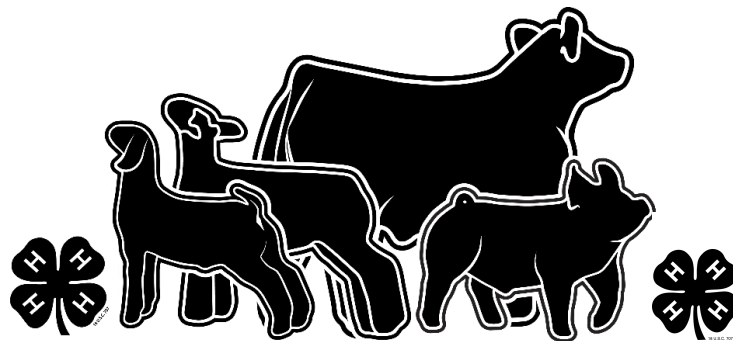
Fair work night is **Monday, July 20, at 5:30 p.m.** Make sure you're there! We will work together to set up barns and show rings.

No personal setup on work night. The barns will be open from **8 am-8 pm. on July 21 & 22**, for you to bring in your equipment and set up your personal stalls.

Pay special attention to the animal health requirements in the fair book. Now is the time to look for ringworm, warts, and lice and treat those issues. We want every animal to be able to show at the fair, so take care of any issues now.

When arriving at the fair, the vet checks must occur first as you get off the trailer.

If you're bringing registered livestock with papers and did not attach the registration papers when you completed your fair entry, please bring hard copies of the registration papers to check in.



Livestock Exhibitor Meeting

Attend the livestock exhibitor meeting at **1 p.m. on Thursday of the fair (July 23)** at Hurlburt Arena. We will make any last-minute fair reminders and announcements and hear from each species' superintendents, so exhibitors know whom to contact if they have any questions.

We will also hand out your exhibitor's packets at the meeting, which will include a lot of important documents for the fair.

You should have recently received a letter in the mail to all exhibitors about the premium sale, including sale flyers. We encourage all exhibitors to invite buyers to the premium sale to purchase their animal. Additional printed sales flyers are available in the extension office or can be printed off (or sent electronically). Check out our new webpage dedicated to the premium auction. There, you can find additional sale flyers and an Frequently Asked Question page.

As a reminder, it's your responsibility to invite buyers to the auction

2026 Riley Co. 4-H Premium Auction



**Monday, July 27th 2026 at
7pm at Hulburt Hall Arena**

4-Hers Eligible to Exhibit at State Fair

Is your 4-Her 9 years old (4-H age) and did they receive a purple ribbon at the Riley County Fair? They can take their project to the State Fair (we will take it down for you).

Entry forms to exhibits at State Fair due **before noon on Friday, July 31**. Stop by the Fair Office during the fair and fill out an entry form.

There are a few project exceptions. Only selected Lego, Visual Arts and Fashion Revue projects may go to State Fair. There may also be other project expectations. If you have question if your 4-Her project can go, please give us a call.

If your 4-Her gave a Project Talk, Demonstration or Poetry reading at 4-H Showcase or the fair, they can also present at State Fair. Entry forms for these are also due **before noon on Friday, July 31**.

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.

Volunteering provides you with a great opportunity to gain a better understanding in a 4-H project area. It can be included in your record book or 4-H Project Report Form as volunteer at State Fair counts at a state event.

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.

4-H families may order youth and adult gate tickets from the Extension Office. They are slightly cheaper than at the gate. Please stop by **before noon on July 31** to place your order. Gate tickets may also be purchased at the State Fair.

Each exhibiting 4-Her (excluding livestock/animals) will receive two gate tickets free. You will be responsible for picking them up from the Extension office. Watch for an email.

Teens and Adults Volunteering for State Fair

Tickets to the Kansas 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>

Lindsay and Brandy 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 Thursday, September 10**.

Please wait until **September 1** to bring in your state fair exhibits. Small exhibits, except foods and horticulture entries, must be in the Extension Office **by 5:00 pm Wednesday, September 9**. Foods and horticulture exhibits must be in the Extension Office from **7:30-8:00 am sharp on Thursday, September 10**. Any late exhibits will be left in Manhattan.

Transporting 4-H Exhibits to State Fair

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 or trash bag. 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. Lego exhibits, please bring us a picture of your item incase it need repairs. **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, we would suggest making arrangements to transport the item separately. If you chose to take down your entry, you must pick up entry cards from the Extension Office before hand!

State Fair Exhibit Release

Exhibits will be released at 6:00 pm on Sunday, September 20. Lindsay and Megan will transport exhibits back to the Extension office. Members may pick up exhibits beginning on Wednesday, September 23 after 8:00 am.

Kansas State Fair

Qualifying for the Kansas State Fair with 4-H

Additional Paperwork for State Fair Exhibits

The Kansas State Fair is September 11-20 in Hutchinson, KS.

Copies of the State Fair Book can be found at the Extension Office. An electronic copy can be found on the State Fair website www.kansasstatefair.com

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.

- Am I 9 years of age or older (4-H age)?
- 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 Sewing and Textiles or Shopping in Style (Buymanship)?
- Did I have one of the six selected entries in the arts/crafts division at the county fair?
- Was my Lego exhibit picked for State Fair?

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 29.

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 **before noon on Friday, July 31.**

Anyone exhibiting at the state fair in the visual arts, sewing and textiles and shopping in style, 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.

SHARK SCHOOL

Dive into the deep sea and
learn about sharks!

July	10 a.m. - 12p.m.
14	Pottorf Hall, 1710 Avery Ave

No registration charge.
Sign up here!



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Riley County **APPS AND APPS!! "APPETIZERS AND APPLICATIONS"**

Swing by to get help completing 4-H Pin applications and Project Report forms that are due in September. We invite you (**parents and youth**) to come, bring either hard copies of your applications or report forms or bring a computer to get hands-on assistance in completing them. Even if you don't need extra help, this might be a dedicated time to work on these!

**FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING
THEIR FAVORITE APPETIZER TO SHARE**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
4-6 PM, POTTORF HALL**



TUESDAY

8am

Building Block Engineering
Project Poster/Notebooks

Vet Science

Wildlife

Shooting Sports

Interior Design

1pm

Photography

All Cloverbud projects

(except Clothing &

Fashion Revue)

1:30pm

Small Engines

Aerospace/Rockety

Computer Sciences

6pm

4-H Pets

2026 Riley County Fair Schedule

WEDNESDAY

10am

Visual Arts

Foods & Nutrition

11am

Food Preservation

Decorated Cakes

3pm

Bake Sale Begins

Judge Banners

Enter OC Building

Creations

THURSDAY

7-11am

4-H Livestock Arrive

8am

Pottorf Hall Opens

4-H Bake Sale Opens

10am

Enter OC Horticulture

Enter Clothing for Display

Fiber Arts

Geology

Forestry

12pm

Shepherd's Lead

Pre-Entry Due

1pm

Woodworking

4-H Horticulture

Judge OC Horticulture

Entomology

Livestock Exhb. Meeting

2pm

Electric

Judging OC Building Ceations

6-10pm

Carnival Open

7pm

Sheep Show/Shepards Lead

10pm

Pottorf Hall Closes

FRIDAY

8am

Pottorf Hall Opens

Dairy Goat Show

1pm

Poultry Show

4pm

Meat Goat Show

6-10pm

Carnival Open

7pm

Swine Show

10pm

Pottorf Hall Closes

SATURDAY

8am

Pottorf Hall Opens

Rabbit Show

OC Art and Clothing

OC Photography

Dairy Cattle Show

9am

Beef Show

10am

OC Foods

11am

Bucket Calf Show Follows

Beef Show

1-3pm

Hort, Photo, FACS Judging

Contests

6-10pm

Carnival Opens

10pm

Pottorf Hall Closes

SUNDAY

10am

Pottorf Hall Opens

11am

Round Robin Begins with

Swine and then other species

1pm

Baking Contest

3:30pm

Livestock Judging Contest

6-10pm

Carnival Opens

6:30pm

Pedal Pull Registration

7pm

Pedal Pull

10pm

Pottorf Hall Closes

MONDAY

7-11am

Non-Sale Livestock

Released

8am

Pottorf Hall Opens

10am

Fair Olympics

5-7pm

Release Pottorf Hall

Exhibits

6-10pm

Carnival Open

7pm

4-H Livestock and Food

Champion Auction

7pm

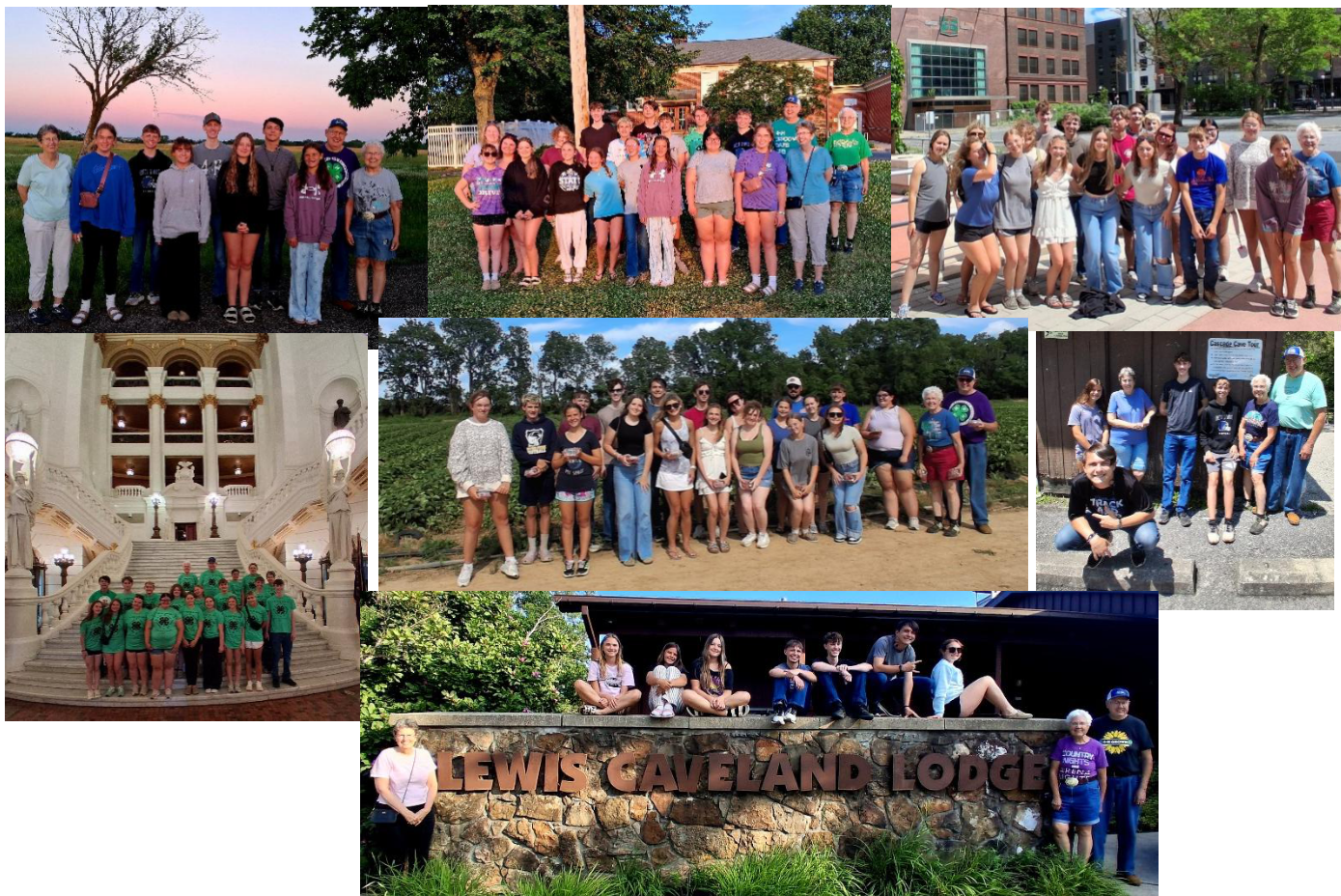
Pottorf Hall Closes

4-H TRIPLE E Excellent Exchange Experience Program Travel Opportunity Summer 2027

This **Interstate** Exchange program (not travelling to other countries) is open to 4-H members 12-18 as of June 10, 2027. In June, we drove to Montgomery County (Philadelphia area) in Pennsylvania to complete Exchange with PA 4-Hers. The commitment to the Exchange is usually for at least 2 summers. In our Exchange experience, we traveled to Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota in 2018, hosted a 4-H group from PA in 2019, but we were unable to travel there in 2020 nor 2021, so we hosted Van Wert County Ohio in 2022, going there in 2023, then to North Carolina in 2024, hosting Nash County NC and Montgomery County PA in 2025, with travel to PA in 2026. We are a Multi-County Group.

Exchange period is generally for 7-10 days. Exact dates are confirmed each year as soon as possible, considering other 4-H conflicts. Those who travel with our program are expected to host the previous summer or a future year, in their home or in another home prearranged through Coordinator approval, and by engaging in activities, planning, and fundraising. It is hoped that those who host, will be able to stay with that 4-Her when we travel there and vice versa. Host families are to provide room and meals with the family. A separate room is not required but a separate bed is (air mattresses can be approved as a separate bed) – talk with Coordinator about your situation. Homes are to be clean – a little clutter is acceptable, but a dirty house is not. The family should include the visitor in family activities and teach them about local 4-H projects, activities, and customs of Kansas. During family days, you may plan your own outings or activities to entertain them at your expense, but that's not required and staying home is acceptable. During the Exchange, the group spends some of their time together enjoying tours that are selected by the teens. Family members are welcome to participate by paying reduced group admission rate. Adults in Host Families will be required to submit a background check.

Our group will have monthly meetings and form committees to plan group activities and itinerary while hosting and when traveling. A \$75 deposit is required with Application to participate. Fundraising will be conducted to raise enough money for the group. All participants are required to participate in fundraising, as this is an important means of bonding our group, enhancing leadership, citizenship, communication, networking, and teamwork skills. Participation qualifies as an optional requirement for CWF Program. Informational meeting September 1st – call or text 785-844-0781 for notifications & questions.



2025-2026 Riley County 4-H Calendar

July

- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE Online
- 3 Extension office closed
- 6 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
- 15 Fair Fashion Review (including Cloverbuds)
Manhattan Catholic Schools Jr High; 7 pm
- 17 Extension Office closed to move to fairgrounds
- 18 4-H Horse Show, Bilbrey Event Center; KSU
- 20 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall; 5:30 pm
- 23-27 Riley County Fair, Cico Park
- 28 Fairground Cleanup
- 28 Extension Office closed to move back
- 29 Extension Office opens at its downtown location
- 31 State Fair Entry Form DUE



August

- 1 State Horse Show DUE
- 15 State Horticulture Judging
- 15 Wheat Expo, El Dorado
- 22-23 State Livestock Judging
- 31 4-H Leaders Meeting; 6 pm, Pottorf Hall
- 31 4-H Council; 7 pm; Pottorf Hall
- TBA KS Jr. Livestock Show Entries DUE



September

- 1 Triple E Exchange Information Meeting
- 7 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 1-10 State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
- 11-20 Kansas State Fair
- 18 Project Report Forms & Awards DUE
- 23 Pick up State Fair exhibits from Ext. Office



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