



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

June 2024

Pre- Fair Workshop 2024

Join us on **Tuesday, June 18** for our annual pre-fair informational event. 4-Hers and Cloverbuds can come out and learn about exhibiting their projects including; Project Poster/Notebook, Rabbit, Garden/Plants/Flowers, Rockets/Space Tech, STEM/Computer Science, Photography (bring your photos to mount), Geology (bring your rock/minerals/fossil specimens), Livestock Skill-a-thon Practice, Horticulture Judging practice, Clothing and Textiles, Shopping in Style (Buymanship) and there will be an opportunity to learn/practice how to model.

We will have project-experts to answer all you fair-project questions, as well as an interview judging practice station. Join us that evening at **Pottorf Hall from 5:30–7:00 pm**. This is a come and go event.

Consider Taking the Largest Tomato Fair Challenge

Join us as we start the charge for the 2024 Riley County Fair 'largest tomato' competition. For more information contact Riley County Extension Horticulture Agent Gregg Eyestone, 785-537-6350.



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.

Golden Clover Hunt

In early July, 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. 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!



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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.

4-H Cooking Camp

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 25 - 27 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!

Fair Judging Contests

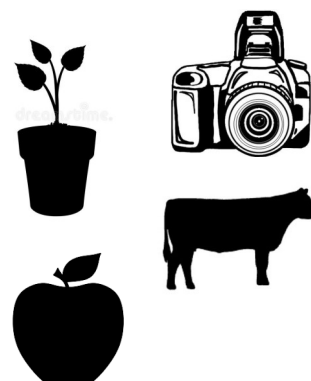
Join us for multiple fair judging contest. You don't have to be enrolled in the project to participate! Each is a come and go event. Top scorers can participate on the state fair judging team. A great way to expand your 4-H participation! No previous experience is necessary.

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



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 food 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 food 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 club assigned after your club does not show up, please contact Brandy (typically in fair office).

Forestry Project Opportunity

Enrolled in the Forestry project? Join in the gathering of tree leaves for the fair on **Saturday, June 15**. The event will be led by District Forester and Thad Rhodes beginning at **10 am at the Wildcat Park** which is located off of Anderson Avenue between Manhattan and Keats. Please sign up at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7DU6r0PzI7cnEw_EPY53sKnHM-EosrsWkbuWrOYAfamSSJA/viewform?usp=sf_link by **June 13**.

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 for dog entries on May 22 and will close on May 30. All other exhibits, pre-entries open 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**.

Finally, each Cloverbud and 4-H member will find enclosed a Pop Stand Coupon. It is good for \$2 off your order at the 4-H Pop Stand, located next to Hurlburt Arena. Please use your coupon at the fair July 25-29. Unable to attend, feel free to give it to a 4-H friend. No change is given. Coupons are donated by Riley County Farm Bureau.

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.

Consider in June

- 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 during the fair
- Encourage new 4-H families to attend the Pre-Fair Workshop on Tuesday, June 18; 5:30-7:00 pm Pottorf

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 Gary Fike glike@rileycountyks.gov

Riley County Extension will host (2) Skill-a-thon practices on June 20 and 27 from 5-7 pm at the Riley County Extension office, 110 Courthouse Plaza, Rm B220

4-H Baking Workshop on Campus

We hope you will consider joining us for a 4-H Project Workshop on **Tuesday, June 11 from 6:30-8 pm**. It will be held on the KSU Campus (109 Shellenberger) and taught by Aaron Clanton (KSU Instructor and former 4-H parent). Discover some of the science involved in baking by exploring that not all flours are created equal. Participate in hands-on baking activities and learn about career opportunities in the baking industry.

For youth 11 years of age and older. Limited to 20 youth. \$10 per youth. **Register and pay by 5 pm, June 6.** Register at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/nfkchwh/lp/685f88d3-a442-477b-85a2-f4ac047e3f85> Pay with credit card when you register or bring cash or a check payable to “Riley County 4-H” to the Extension Office before the registration deadline.

Questions, please contact the Riley County Extension Office.



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.

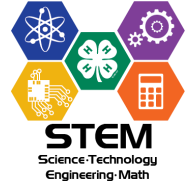
<http://bit.ly/ksunominations>

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

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



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 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

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



Riley County Fair 2024 Open Class 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.



2023-2024 Riley County 4-H Calendar

June

- 1 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 1 Dog Show (Showmanship/Obedience)
- 5-7 Discovery Days
- 14-16 State Geology Field Trip
- 18 Pre-Fair Workshop 5:30-7 pm ; Pottorf
- 19 Juneteenth; Office Closed
- 19 Fair Royalty Interviews; Pottorf Hall
- 22 Dog Show (Agility/Rally-0)

July

- 1 4-H Council, 7pm Pottorf Hall
- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
- 4 Independence Day, Ext Off. Closed
- 5 Fashion Revue Scripts DUE
- 15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
- 18 Fair Fashion Review
- 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

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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