



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

March 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 Monday, April 3, 2023 with interviews on June 14.**

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.

Spring Into Volunteering - April 22 in Salina

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" in Salina on the K-State Campus on Saturday, April 22. 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 some new things in their volunteer roles.

Sessions for the day include: Understanding the 4-H Thrive Model, Technology Tools for Volunteers, Engaging All, Strengthening 4-H Clubs, Clover Buds, 48 Hours of 4-H and more!

Registration for the day is \$20 and includes, materials, snacks and lunch! Online registration is due April 1, 2023.

4-H Exchange Group Sponsoring BINGO Event

4-H TRIPLE E Excellent Exchange Experience group is sponsoring a BINGO Fundraiser Thursday, March 23 at the Columbian Theatre in Wamego ~ doors open at 6:30 and games begin at 7:00 pm. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase, along with extra cards in addition to starter pack.

4-Hers will be taking orders for our Easter Pie Sale. Pies will be delivered on April 7 Good Friday in time for you to serve with Easter Dinner.

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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 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.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Course

It is our livestock quality assurance course and is required annually for ALL exhibitors at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Greg will be hosting two in-person sessions: **Wednesday, March 15, 2-4 pm; Pottorf Hall and Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 6-8 pm; Pottorf Hall**

2022-2023 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. We are sending project specific emails to enrolled members only.

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

Multi-County Rabbit Project Educational Group and Informational Session

This Rabbit group has formed and is providing monthly rabbit information meetings to teach and enhance youth contest skills.

PLEASE join us at our 2:00 meetings Sundays, March 26t April 16, May 21~ Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds in Alma.

This group provides leadership and citizenship opportunities.

Additionally, we are recruiting new members to the Rabbit project. If interested, join us for an informational session about rabbit basics at 6:30 pm on March 7 in Green Valley Community Center on Green Valley Road.

If you have a rabbit and would like it identified or evaluated for show quality, please bring it. To RSVP call or text 785-844-0781 or for more info, so we can plan for handouts

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.



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

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Free Youth Lawn Mowing Clinic

**Tuesday, March 7
4:30-6:00 p.m.**

**Pottorf Hall - Cico Park
1710 Avery Avenue
Manhattan, KS**



Open to any youth in grades 4-6 who would like to learn more about lawn mowing, mower safety, and the business of lawn care.

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Pre-registration req. - Masks encouraged - Social distancing will be observed

You may register on-line at www.riley.ksu.edu or

(print clearly)

Clip and Return by **March 3**

Student (First & Last) Name: _____ Grade: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Return this form by **March 3** to: Riley County Extension; 110 Courthouse Plaza Rm. B220, Manhattan, KS 66502 or by fax at 785-537-6353.

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Leaders and Parents

Consider in March

- Check your club mailbox
- Consider hosting a club project meeting
- Have club members give feedback from CIA 2023
- Encourage Discovery Days 2023
- Remind Families of the May 1 enrollment deadline for dropping/ adding projects
- Encourage members to apply for fair royalty
- Horse ID papers are due June 1 for all horses being exhibited at the Riley County Fair

Encouraging Fair Participation

As we ride out these winter 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.

Wanted Host Families for Japanese Exchange Summer 2023

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? Host a new friend from Japan in your home this summer, July 22 – August 17. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for 30-35 families this summer. Host families are needed who would be willing to host a Japanese boy or girl. The Japanese youth will be between the ages of 12 - 16. Our responsibility is to make host family assignments matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other.

Any Kansas family with children aged 10-16, who is interested in the Japanese culture, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host sibling for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life.

Interested families can complete the application at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> to start the process.

If you have further questions, please call Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, 785-826-8917, or e-mail pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

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2023 Riley County 4-H Calendar

March

- Early
- March State 4-H Scholarship and State PRFs DUE
- 6 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 7 Rabbit Info Meeting, 6:30 pm GVCC
- 16 Spring Breakout 4-H Camp
Counselor Training
- 17-18 Spring Breakout 4-H Camp
- 15 YQCA 2-4 pm, Clover Room, Pottorf
- 23 YQCA, 6-8 pm, Clover Room, Pottorf
- 23 Exchange BINGO, Columbian Theatre
- 26 Multi-County Rabbit Meeting, Alma

April

- Early April Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders
- 3 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
- TBA Discovery Days Registration DUE

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
- 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. Judgi
- 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

