



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

May 2024

Important Enrollment Announcement

We are sending out project specific letters and emails. If your 4-Her is not enrolled, you will **not be receiving this important information**. We encourage you to enroll and double check project enrollment today! Here are links to guides to help you with [enrollment](#) and [adding/deleting projects](#).

2023-2024 4-H Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

Enrollment and re-enrollment opened on **October 1** and will be done via [4-H Online](#). If you have forgotten your password, 4-H Online can set you up with a temporary one. If you have forgotten your email log-in, 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. **You must be enrolled by May 1 to exhibit at the Riley County Fair.**

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.

Pre- Fair Workshop 2024

Join us on **Tuesday, June 18** for our annual pre-fair informational event. 4-Hers can come out and learn about exhibiting their projects at the 2024 fair. 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.**

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.



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

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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 Geology Field Trip

WHEN: June 14-16

WHERE: The headquarters for the 2024 4-H Geology State Field Trip is the Trego Community High School, 527 Russell Avenue, WaKeeney, KS

WHAT: A variety of workshops and activities are planned for Friday and Saturday evenings. A variety of stops are planned on the Field Trip Saturday and Sunday. Project members are encouraged to participate in judging and quiz bowl. A catered supper will be provided Saturday evening for \$15.00 per person and we will have a variety of educational publications for sale through the Kansas Geological Survey.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **May 24** - You must register all those who plan to attend including siblings ages 0-18 and all adults 19 and up - One registration per person **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS** and NO registrations at the door.

COST:

- Registration - \$15.00 per person
- Saturday Meal - \$15.00 per person
- Guidebooks - \$4.00 each
- T-Shirts - \$20.00 each

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Riley County Fair Book Mailing

Watch your mail next month for your Riley County Fair Book and pre-entry letter. This will be mailed to the address listed on your 4-H Online account. If a 4-Her has a parent that lives at a different address and they wish to have a fair book mailed to them, please contact the Extension Office.

The fair book has all the dates, times, and guidelines for each project area. All exhibits will have to be entered into the fair pre-entry system by July 1.

Details on signing up for interview judging times (inside exhibits only) will be shared after the July 1 pre-fair entry deadline.

Fair Judging Contests

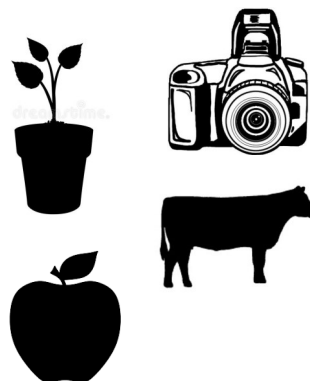
Join us for multiple fair judging contest. You don't have to be enrolled in the project to participate! Each is a come and go event. Top scorers can participate on the state fair judging team. A great way to expand your 4-H participation! No previous experience is necessary.

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



Tagging Commercial Females ****NEW INFO for 2024****

All unregistered females, except Dairy Goats, exhibited at the 2024 Riley County Fair need to be tagged with an official 4-H ear tag by May 1. This includes beef, sheep, goats, dairy, and swine. This is a new rule for all species except swine – tagging was already required for all gilts.

Sheep and goats should come to the tagging event on **May 6, 2024**; between 5 and 7 pm. (The fair book says May 1 but sheep and goat tagging has historically been the first Monday in May, which is May 6 in 2024. You get 5 extra days this year.) Swine may be tagged at home prior to May 1.

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.



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!



Leaders and Parents

Consider in May

- Check your club mailbox
- 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.
- Consider hosting a club project meeting
- Encourage Discovery Days 2024
- Horse ID papers are due June 1 for all horses being exhibited at the Riley County Fair
- Prepare a committee to work on the fair banner and window decorations
- Work with new families to make sure they are fair-ready

Encouraging Fair Participation

As we enjoy these warmer spring 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 2024 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.

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 on the afternoon of 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 gfike@rileycountyks.gov

4-H TRIPLE E Exchange Program

Meeting dates in 2024

May 7, June 4

All meetings are 7:00 PM at Green Valley Community Center.

Participants must be 12-18 by June 1, 2024 & travel dates are June 24 thru July 2.

For more information please contact Cherie Trieb 785-844-0781



**4-H Garage Sale
May 3-4
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, May 1, 5-8 PM

Thursday, May 2, 10 AM - 8 PM

Garage Sale

Friday, May 3, 9 AM - 8 PM

Saturday, May 4, 8 AM - Noon

Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350



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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.



CALLING ALL ADVENTURERS CLIMBERS FLIPPERS & BUG CATCHERS!

Registration for 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch is now open!

At Rock Springs Ranch, campers unplug, make friends, learn lifelong skills and have fun in the Flint Hills of Kansas.



Register Now!

Visit us online to learn more about 4-H camp!



Mini-Camp
Rising 1st-3rd graders
Session #1: July 24-26

Half-Week
Rising 3rd-12th graders
Session #1: June 2-5
Session #2: June 5-8
Session #3: June 16-19
Session #4: June 19-22
Session #7: June 30-July 3

Week-Long
Rising 3rd-12th graders
Session #1: June 9-14
Session #2: June 23-28
Session #3: July 7-12

LIT
(Leaders In Training)
Rising 10th-12th graders
Session #1: June 9-14
Session #2: June 23-28

CIT
(Counselors In Training)
Rising 12th graders
Session #1: June 9-14
Session #2: June 23-28
Session #3: July 7-12

2023-2024 Riley County 4-H Calendar

May

- 1 Project Add/ Drop Deadline
- 6 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging,
Hulburt Arena, 5-7 pm
- 6 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 28 Pre-Dog Entry DUE

June

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

July

- 1 4-H Council, 7pm Pottorf Hall
- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
- 4 Independence Day, Ext Off. Closed
- 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 (tentative)
- 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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