



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

May 2025

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 Friday, May 23, 2025 with interviews in June.**

Riley County Fair Book Mailing

Watch your mail later this 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.

2025 Riley County Fair Theme

At the March 4-H Council meeting, club representatives voted on a good number of fair theme ideas and narrowed it down to options. At the March Riley County Fair board meeting, board members voted to use **'Fun For the Whole Herd'** as the 2025 Riley County Fair theme. This theme will be represented in club banners, window decorations, and on the cover of the 2025 fair book.

June Cooking Camp 2025

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 24-26 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!

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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 2024-2025

Monday, November 4, 2024; Monday, January 6, 2025; Monday, March 3, 2025; Monday, May 5, 2025; Monday, June 30, 2025; Monday, August 18, 2025 (Labor Day is September 1)

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

Heaviest Pepper Contest

Challenge yourself by participating in the 2025 Riley County Fair 'Heaviest Pepper' Contest. Participants will enter a pepper of their choosing at a chance to take home bragging rights for a year...



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!



NEW for Fair 2025

Riley County Extension is in the process of installing several permanent large TV screens inside Pottorf Hall. What we are looking for this year are clubs that would be willing to submit a photo montage, representing their club from this past year. We will run these photos on a loop throughout the duration of the Riley County Fair 2025. Contact John or Brandy if your club is interested.

4-H TRIPle E Excellent Exchange Experience

Did you know that there is a multi-county 4-H Interstate Exchange Trip group that 4-H youth can join?

4-Hers who are 12 years old or will be by June 10 this year, through those who are 18 4-H age on January 1 are eligible. Our group has recently planned, organized, fund-raised for, and participated in very fun, successful, enjoyable, educational, and awesome road trips to Ohio in 2023 and North Carolina in 2024, where we stayed with 4-H families there to learn about their customs, lifestyle, 4-H activities, and toured educational, historical sites in their states, plus en-route.

For the week of July 6 THIS summer, we will be hosting 4-Hers and their chaperones from North Carolina and Pennsylvania, then in 2026 we will travel to Eastern Pennsylvania. They are very excited to travel here and to host us next year!!!

We are currently seeking more 4-Hers and families to become involved in our program. The only cost is a \$75 application fee per 4-Her, and requirement to help with fundraisers when we have them. Travel expenses are covered by 4-H TRIPle E, and admission fees to visit attractions are paid by our group when we host, and by the other state when we travel there.

If your family might be interested, please contact Cherie Trieb at 785-844-0781 to discuss your questions and concerns, plus to be added to our list for meeting reminders.

If any Clubs would like a program about this for a 4-H Meeting or other events, please contact Cherie Trieb to arrange with our members.

Please note: There is a need to host adult chaperones, so if you don't have a 4-Her in your family to serve as a host, but you would like to become involved in our program by hosting an adult 4-H parent or leader, please let me know!!!

Leaders and Parents

Consider in May

- Encourage members to apply for fair royalty (See page 1)
- 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
- Horse ID papers (**NEW 2025 form**) 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 2025 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.

4-H Club Window Decorations 2025

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 14.**

Each club must notify the Extension office by **Monday, July 14 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 2025” 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.

Riley County Fair 2025 Open Class Challenge

“Scenes of Riley County”

Join us for the Riley County Fair 2025 Open Class “Scenes of Riley County” Challenge. This year the Riley County scene will focus on **“People of Riley County”**. All pictures must be taken in Riley County and a description of the person(s) 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 Courthouse for one year. Cropping is allowed, but no digital manipulation. Only **ONE** entry per person. Please refer to the 2025 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.



The date for
Riley County 4-H
Fashion Revue
has changed!!

Wednesday, July 16
Manhattan Catholic Schools



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**DID YOU
KNOW?**

4-H PRE FAIR WORKSHOP

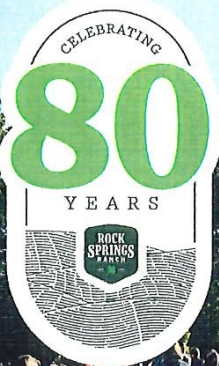
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2
5:30-7:00 PM
POTTORF HALL**



**COME AND GO EVENT
GET YOUR FAIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED
PRACTICE TALKING WITH A "JUDGE"
PICK UP FAIR PROJECT SUPPLIES
AND MORE!**

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REGISTER NOW!

Registration for summer camp is now available for ages 6-17. Campers unplug, make friends, learn lifelong skills and have fun in the Flint Hills of Kansas!

SCAN HERE!

Visit us online to learn more about camp!



www.rockspringsranch.org

SESSIONS

Mini Camp

Ages 6 - 8

- 2 nights | Session #1: June 22-24
- 2 nights | Session #2: June 25-27

Overnight Camp

Ages 8 - 17

- 3 nights | Session #1: June 1-4
- 3 nights | Session #2: June 4-7
- 3 nights | Session #4: June 15-18
- 3 nights | Session #6: June 29- July 2
- 5 nights | Session #3: June 8-13
- 5 nights | Session #7: July 6-11
- 5 nights | Session #8: July 13-18

Family Camp

All ages!

- 2 nights | Session #1: May 16-18
- 2 nights | Session #2: August 8-10

Leaders in Training (LIT)

Ages 14 - 15

- 5 nights | Session #1: June 8-13
- 5 nights | Session #2: June 22-27
- 5 nights | Session #3: July 6-11
- 5 nights | Session #4: July 13-18

Counselors in Training (CIT)

Ages 16 - 17

- 5 nights | Session #1: June 8-13
- 5 nights | Session #2: June 22-27
- 5 nights | Session #3: July 6-11
- 5 nights | Session #4: July 13-18

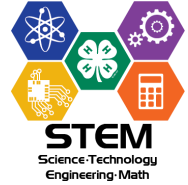
Specialty Camps

Ages 11 - 15

- June 22-27 | Ranch Camp
- June 22-27 | Shooting Sports Camp
- June 22-27 | Cooking Camp
- June 22-27 | Outdoor Wilderness Leadership Skills Camp



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 2025 Riley County Fair**

All entries will be brought in on Wednesday, July 23 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Entries will be judged the afternoon of Thursday, July 24. Entries can be picked up Monday, July 28 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



2025 Riley County 4-H Calendar

May

- 1 Project Add/ Drop Deadline
- 5 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging,
Hurlburt Arena, 5-7 pm
- 5 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 23 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
- 30 Dog Fair Pre-Entry Deadline
- TBA Discovery Days, KSU Campus
- TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

June

- 1 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 2 Pre-Entry Opens for Fair Projects
- 7 Dog Show (Showmanship & Obedience)
- 13-15 State Geology Field Trip
- 19 Juneteenth, Extension Office Closed
- 28 Dog Show (Rally O and Agility)
- 30 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- TBA Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall

July

- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
- 2 Fair Prep Workshop; Pottorf Hall 5:30-7 pm
- 4 Independence Day, Ext Off. Closed
- 11 Fashion Revue Scripts DUE
- 14 Fair Window Deadline
- 15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
- 16 Fair Fashion Review; MCS
- 19 4-H Horse Show; Diamond L Arena; Dewight
- 21 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
- 22 4-H Photography Judging
- 22 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
- 23 4-H Visual Arts Judging
- 23 4-H and Cloverbud Foods Judging
- 24-28 Riley County Fair, Cico Park
- 29 Fairground Cleanup

August

- 1 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
- 15 KJLS Entries DUE
- 16 State Horticulture Judging
- 18 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- TBA State Livestock Judging

September

- 1 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 4 State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
- 5-14 Kansas State Fair
- 19 Project Report Forms & Awards DUE

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