



# RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

## October 2023

### Join us for the County 4-H Achievement Celebration

Join us for the County 4-H Achievement Celebration on **Sunday, October 22** at Pottorf Hall in Cico Park starting at 5 pm. Parents, guardians, 4-Hers, and siblings are welcome! Enjoy a catered Taco Bar (beef and pork) brought to you by The Farmhouse, followed by a short award presentation starting at 5:30 pm. Please **RSVP by October 13** using the link below or from our website. Look for “RSVP for 4-H Achievement Celebration” under Hot Topics.

#### Attendance Registration Link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6DsgTxBe-IJj97A-zXo7Hi3olwrce9y56xEUlp-U9yjXggg/viewform>

### 2023-2024 4-H Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

Enrollment and re-enrollment will open 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](mailto: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.

### 4-H Council Officer Applications

If you wish to be a 4-H Council Officer, applications are due **Friday, October 27**. For details on 4-H Council Officer responsibilities and for an application, please visit <https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/council/index.html> You will have to download the application in order for it to be form fillable.

### Trips and Awards Nominations

Nominations for new 2023-2024 Trips and Award Committee members are due on **Friday, October 27**.

**Qualifications:** Any adult (leader, parents' advisory committee member, or parent) with three years exposure to the 4-H program.

**Applications can be accessed online:** <https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/awards/index.html>

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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed **Monday, October 9** in observance of Columbus Day



If you have something for the 4-H newsletter, please submit it to [jajobe@ksu.edu](mailto: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 4, 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.**

## **Importance of attending 4-H Council**

Our Riley County 4-H Council serves as a vital component to our month-to-month programming here in our area, but also allows club representative to take vital information back and report to their club. 4-H Council plans and implements county-wide events, oversees funding request, and votes to make necessary changes to our program as they see fit. Each club is allowed to have (5) voting representatives (3) youth and (2) adults. I would strongly encourage you to exercise that right throughout the year. You don't have to be a Council Representative to attend. It is open to all 4-Hers and parents. The 4-H Council dates are **ABOVE**.

## **State Fair Results**

**If you have not already, check out the digital-entry 2023 State Fair results at**

**<https://faireentry.com/Fair/Results/19045>** Congratulations to all of our exhibitors this year!

## **4-H Showcase Event 2024**

Our 4-H Showcase event date will be announced in the coming weeks. Our hope is that once again we will be at Riley County Grade School on Saturday, February 17. Events will begin at 8:30 am and we should be done by 3:00 pm. As part of the event we will have photography, horticulture, and FACs judging. Breakfast and lunch items will be served throughout the day. Registration will open to 4-Hers in December so check back in with us. Start the planning process now. See you there!

## **4-H TRIPLE E BINGO Fundraiser**

Please come to Wamego to support our 4-H TRIPLE E BINGO Fundraiser on Thursday, November 9 @ Columbian Theatre.

Doors open 6:30 ~ Games begin at 7:00 ~ \$10 pack for 1 card/game or 3 cards/all 10 games = \$25.

Additional cards may be purchased for \$1 each. We will also be taking orders for delicious (like homemade) pies from Golden Boy Pies in Olathe that will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving.

4-H TRIPLE E is a Multi-County 4-H Exchange Trip group for 12-18 year old 4-Hers ~ for more information call or text 785-844-0781. We will be traveling in 2024 & hosting in 2025. Participation in our group can help you fulfill CWF requirements as well.

## **Flint Hills 4-H Rabbit Raisers**

Flint Hills 4-H Rabbit Raisers is a multi-County project group and welcomes anyone wanting to learn more about rabbits, leadership, and citizenship.

Please mark your calendars for our monthly meetings on Sundays ~ September 24, October 29, and December 10.

**Meetings are 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm @ Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds in Alma. For more info call/text Cherie at 785-844-0781.**

## [2024 Riley County Foundation Grants](#)

Are you a Riley County 4-H youth development group seeking support funds? Consider filling out a Riley County 4-H Foundation funding request application. Application must be returned to the Riley County Extension office, 110 Courthouse Plaza, Rm B220 by **5:00 pm on Thursday, November 22**. Recipients will be notified after the first of the year as to the status of their request.

Applications can be found online at <http://a.cms.omniupdate.com/10/#k-state/k-state/ksre-riley/preview/4-hfoundation/index.pcf>

If your group received a grant at the beginning of 2023 you will need to fill out a grant follow-up report <http://a.cms.omniupdate.com/10/#k-state/k-state/ksre-riley/preview/4-hfoundation/index.pcf>

## [Kick off the 4-H Year with Service](#)

We hope every Extension Unit will join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too!

When: October 7-8, 2023

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

It's time to make plans for your club to participate. [www.Kansas4H.org/484H](http://www.Kansas4H.org/484H)



## [Applying for National Conference and Youth 4-H Youth Leadership Council](#)

The Youth Council Application and National 4-H Conference Application will be combined again this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities.



Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2024 may apply as a Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2024 may apply for National Conference.

This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one year terms on council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview prior to KYLF and they serve a two year term on council.

Application information for [State 4-H Youth Leadership Council](#) and [National Conference](#) is available now. The deadline will be October 2, 2023.

## [Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and 4-H Volunteer Forum](#)

**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION and Leadership** is the theme for the 2023 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum! Saturday/Sunday, November 18-19 - Rock Springs Ranch - For Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2024.

The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum will be held at the same time! A great opportunity for volunteers to learn from each other and get excited about trying some new things in their 4-H Clubs.

Watch your email and the State 4-H Website for more information as it is available! Registration will be due: Monday, October 16, 2023

# Leaders and Parents

## Consider in October

- ◆ Make sure families enroll online by the May 1 deadline if they wish to exhibit at the Riley County Fair.
- ◆ Finalize plans for Club Achievement Celebration
- Make plans to attend 4-H Achievement Celebration (**Sunday, October 22**, 5:00 pm ; Pottorf Hall, meal provided. Please **RSVP by October 13**).
- ◆ A meal will be served to all those in attendance. Registration is open.
- ◆ Install new officers & recognize new members
- ◆ Create club goals for the new year
- ◆ Have members sign up for club committees
- ◆ Select your (5) new club 4-H Council Representatives at your October meeting.
- ◆ Send club and 4-H activity photos to the Brandy [brandymarie@ksu.edu](mailto:brandymarie@ksu.edu) for use at the county-wide

## Project Report Form Screening

Volunteers are needed to screen Project Report Form (formerly KAP) from Pottawatomie County this year. Screenings will take place at the Riley County Extension office, **Wednesday, October 4 and Thursday, October 5**, starting at 9:00 am both days. **Each club is required to provide at least two screeners.**

No previous experience is necessary! We can walk you through the screening process and answer any questions you may have! Plenty of snack and drink will be available.

Screeners can come and go from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on Wednesday and 9:00 am to whenever we're finished on Thursday.

**Email John or Brandy with your screeners ASAP [jajboe@ksu.edu](mailto:jajboe@ksu.edu) or [brandymarie@ksu.edu](mailto:brandymarie@ksu.edu). Please consider this opportunity!**

## Annual 4-H Officers Training 2023

Join us on **Tuesday, November 14 from 6:30-8:00 pm** at Pottorf Hall in Cico park for our annual officers training meeting. Both junior and senior officers are encouraged to join the fun for that evening. We will have a general session, then break out into training groups for President, Vice President, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Reporter, Rec. Leader, and Song Leader. We hope to see you there!

## Riley County Fair Beef Exhibitors

The Riley County Fair Board voted on Tuesday evening (September 26) to eliminate the market beef breed classes at the Riley County Fair. **We will return to breaking classes by weight and not by breeds.** The rationale is simple – our show isn't large enough to generate enough entries to make the breed classes work.

We are sending this message now so you can plan accordingly when shopping for a steer or market heifer this fall.

Note – swine will still have breed classes in the market hog show. Numbers are high enough that breed classes still work for swine.





**4-H Garage Sale**  
**November 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, November 1, 5-8 PM**

**Thursday, November 2, 10 AM - 8 PM**

**NO ITEM PICKUP**

**Garage Sale**

**Friday, November 3, 9 AM - 8 PM**

**Saturday, November 4, 8 AM - Noon**

**Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350**

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# 2023-2024 Riley County 4-H Calendar

## October

- 1 4-H Year Begins
- 2 Online 4-H Enrollment Opens
- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 4-5 Project Report Form (PRF) Screening
- 21-22 State Dog Conference
- 22 Achievement Celebration, 5 pm Pottorf Hall
- 27 4-H Council Officer Applications DUE
- 27 Trips/ Awards Nominations DUE

## November

- 1-4 CWF Garage Sale/ Cico Park
- 6 4-H Council Meeting, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 10 Veteran's Day, Extension Office Closed
- 14 Officers Training, Pottorf Hall
- 18-19 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
- 22 Riley County 4-H Grant Proposals DUE
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday, Ext Office Closed

## December

- 7 YQCA Training, 6-7:30 pm; Pottorf Hall
- 25 Christmas Holiday, Office Closed

## January

- 1 NYE Holiday, Ext. Office Closed
- 4 YQCA Training; 6-7:30 pm; Pottorf Hall
- 8 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 10 YQCA Training; 6-7:30 pm; Pottorf Hall
- 11 NE Area PRF Screening, Pottorf Hall
- 15 MLK Jr. Day, Extension Office Closed
- 27 Horse Panorama, Rock Springs
- TBA 4-H Showcase Pre-Entry DUE
- TBA State and Local Scholarships DUE

## February

- 19 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed
- 24 Beef Weigh-In; Fairgrounds 1-3 pm
- TBA State Horse Judging
- TBA 4-H Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
- TBA Riley County Showcase, RCGS
- TBA Citizenship in Action, Topeka

## March

- 1 State 4-H Scholarship and State PRFs DUE
- 1 Red Wheel Sales Begin
- 4 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall

## April

- Early April Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders
- TBA Fair Royalty Applications DUE
- 20 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
- 6 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging, Hulbert Arena, 5-7 pm
- 6 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- TBA Discovery Days, KSU Campus
- TBA Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall
- TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

## June

- 1 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 1 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- 19 Juneteenth; Office Closed
- 22 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- TBA State Geology Field Trip

## 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
- 15 KJLS Entries DUE
- TBA State Horticulture & Livestock Judging
- 24 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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