



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

February 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.

Riley County 4-H Scholarships Available

State and local scholarships are now available at www.riley.ksu.edu —> 4-H Youth Development —> Forms and Resources —> Scholarships

Local scholarships need to be turned into the Riley County Extension office **by 5 pm on Friday, February 2**. If you have questions about filling out the applications, please do not hesitate to call John or Brandy at the Riley County Extension Office for assistance 785-537-6350.

State 4-H Scholarships Available

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship is now posted <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

Youth who should be applying for this scholarship should be in their Senior year in High School OR OLDER (there are scholarships available for former 4-Hers who are Freshman-Senior in Post-Secondary Education and some that are available to Vet Med Students).

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 8, 2024 with interviews in June.**

How to Reach Us:

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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed Monday, February 19 in Presidents Day



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 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.

Seed Planting Workshop

For the 2024 Riley County Fair, we will once again host a vegetable growing challenge. We have selected the “Largest Tomato” for this year's event. In preparation for getting our tomatoes started, we will host a seed planting workshop on March 23, from 10 –11 am on Pottorf Hall. The event is free to anyone interested. Seeds will be available at the event.



Tagging Commercial Females ****NEW INFO****

All unregistered females 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, dairy goats, and swine. This is a new rule for all species except swine – tagging was already required for all gilts.

Beef and dairy exhibitors should plan to bring females to the beef tagging event on February 24, 2024 between 1 and 3 pm. 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.

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 on the top of this page.

4-H TRIPLE E Exchange Program

Meeting dates in 2024

*February 6, March 5, April 2, 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.

Help support our program by coming out on February 15th to the Pizza Ranch fundraiser!

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

Beef Weigh-In

Beef Weigh-in is **February 24 from 1-3 pm** Casement Barn, Riley County Fairgrounds. Questions, please contact Gary Fike; glike@rileycountyks.gov

Leaders and Parents

Consider in February

- Encourage families enroll/re-enroll via 4-H Online
- Make sure families are receiving emails from the Extension Office (at least weekly)
- Create club goals for the new year
- Start talking to families about attending the Annual Showcase event (February 17; RCGS)
- Encourage seniors to apply for county and state 4-H scholarships
- Invite Mr. Jobe to a club meeting
- Make sure 4-H Council Reps are attending meetings as voting representatives of your club
- Check on progress/needs of committees & parent volunteers/leaders
- Encourage project leaders to begin hosting project meetings
- Start the conversation about exhibiting at county fair with new families
- Encourage older 4-Hers to run for Fair Royalty (see page 1)

K-State Junior Beef Producer Day Registration Deadline Approaching

K-State Junior Beef Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 8 am to 4 pm in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth beef projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, the K-State Livestock Judging Team, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, meat science, reproduction, health, nutrition, hair care, grooming, fitting, and showmanship. An optional instructor led YQCA session will be offered at the conclusion of the program. A session over the state livestock nomination process will also be provided at the end of the day, concurrently with the YQCA training. The cost for junior beef producer day is \$20 per person, if registration is submitted by February 12, 2024, or \$25 per person after that date. This is a family event. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. Only participants who register by February 12 will receive a t-shirt. Families may register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264.

Register Now for K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day

K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day will be hosted on Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 8 am to 4 pm in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth sheep projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, graduate students, undergraduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, meat science, nutrition, reproduction, the starter flock program, wool, health and wellness, facilities and equipment, clipping and grooming, and showmanship. An optional instructor led YQCA session will also be offered at the conclusion of the program. A session over the state livestock nomination process will also be provided at the end of the day, concurrently with the youth YQCA training. The cost for junior sheep producer day is \$20 per person, if registration is submitted by February 26, 2024, or \$25 per person after the early deadline. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. Only those who register by February 26 will receive a t-shirt. Families may register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264.

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.



Free Youth Lawn Mowing Clinic

**Tuesday, March 5
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 required

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

(print clearly)

Clip and Return by **March 1**

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

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Return this form by **March 1** to: Riley County Extension; 110 Courthouse Plaza Rm. B220, Manhattan, KS 66502 or by fax at 785-537-6353.

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2023-2024 Riley County 4-H Calendar

February

- 1 Red Wheel Sales Begin
- 2 Local Scholarships DUE
- 17 Riley County Showcase, RCGS
- 18-19 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 19 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed
- 24 Beef Weigh-In; Fairgrounds 1-3 pm

March

- 1 State 4-H Scholarship and State PRFs DUE
- 4 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 5 Lawn Mowing Clinic, Pottorf Hall
- Late
- March Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders

April

- 8 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
- 20 Red Wheel Pick-Up, Pottorf Hall 9-9:30 am
- 20 State Shooting Sports Match
- TBA Discovery Days Registration DUE

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
- TBA Discovery Days, KSU Campus
- TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

June

- 1 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 1 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- 5-7 State Geology Field Trip
- 19 Juneteenth; Office Closed
- 22 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- TBA 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 & Livestock Judging
- 15 KJLS Entries DUE
- 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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