



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

January 2024

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

All state and 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).

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 page (2).

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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed Monday, January 15 in observance of the MLK Holiday



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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 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.

Citizenship In Action

What: Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

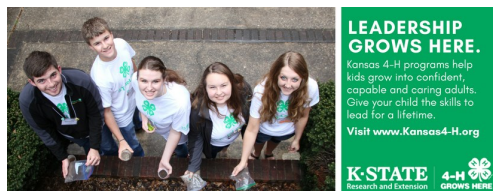
When: February 18-19, 2024

Where: Topeka KS - Hotel Topeka at City Center (formerly Capitol Plaza)

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

Registration: [HERE!](#)

Registration Deadline: January 26, 2024



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 years event. In preparation for getting our tomato's 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. Sheep and goats should come to the tagging event on May 6, 2024. (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.

Area Project Report Form Due Dates

Project Reports attending the NE-AREA screening need to be turned in to the Riley County Extension office by **5 pm on Friday, January 5.**

Leaders and Parents

Consider in January

- 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 (info coming soon)

4-H Showcase Event 2024

The event will be held at Riley County Grade School on **Saturday, February 17 starting at 8:30 am**. At this time, we are simply asking families to submit their interest in participating in the event at the following link **(DUE Jan. 31)** https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vMprqtHt-zHa6mwZQg951paTyy_1t1mOd0GyJUF9WO8/edit?usp=sharing. Please be specific (project talk, jr. demo, piano solo, reading, drum solo). By filling out this interest form it will allow us to release a time-specific registration in mid-January, so families can select their individual time slots for each Showcase event you plan on participating in (DUE February 12).

This year we will be offering (2) new showcase events for participating 4-Hers.

***(NEW in 2024)** In place of the morning event known as Gavel Games, we will instead offer a team Trivia Challenge. 4-Hers can compete in teams of 3-4, answering questions about 4-H history, parliamentary procedure, as well as some general knowledge questions. The challenge will be broken up into (2) age categories; Juniors (ages 7-12) and the Senior division (ages 13+). The event will run from 9 am to 11 am on February 17, so plan accordingly if you are participating in other showcase events this day.

***(NEW in 2024)** We will also host Impromptu “Pickle Talks” at this year’s 4-H Showcase Event. In short, each 4-Her will have the opportunity to meet with a judge, select a discussion topic from a list of 3-4 prompts, then deliver a 3 minute impromptu talk. All participants will then receive a full-sized pickle-on-a-stick for their efforts. 4-H Cloverbuds are also encouraged to participate in this event and parents can request the list of questions for this younger group prior to the day of the event for practice purposes.

A schedule will be sent to all 4-H families after final registration closes on February 12, so please let us know if things change between then and the day of the event.

Horticulture Judging, Photography, Family and Consumer Sciences (FACs), and Poultry judging will be from 9-noon. No previous experience is necessary. If you participate in Horticulture, Photography, or FACs judging at 4-H Showcase, it can count as one of your items on your Achievement Pin application. In addition, we will have Livestock Skill-a-thon questions on hand for those who want to practice.

Definitely check out the awesome STEM activities in the cafeteria, available all day.

Drink and donuts will be on hand for the duration of the day, but we will not offer breakfast or lunch.

Even if you have families that will not be participating in the 2024 Showcase event, please encourage them to come out and check out the event!

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Greg McClure

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MONDAY, JANUARY 29 • 3:30 - 5:30 PM
POTTORF HALL, 1710 AVERY AVE, MANHATTAN, KS

Retirement Celebration

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 Courthouse 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

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
- 29 Greg McClure Retirement Party
- 31 4-H Showcase Pre-Entry DUE

February

- 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
- TBA State Horse Judging

March

- 1 State 4-H Scholarship and State PRFs DUE
- 1 Red Wheel Sales Begin
- 4 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 5 Lawn Mowing Clinic, 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
- 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 Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall
- 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)

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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