



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER July-August 2023

See You at the Fashion Revue

Come out for the 2023 Riley County Fashion Revue and judging. This includes Clothing Construction, Buymanship and Make It With Wool for both 4-Hers and Cloverbuds. Fashion Revue will be Thursday, **July 20** at the Manhattan Catholic School Jr. High at 306 S. Juliette.

Scripts for the evening fashion revue will be due Friday, **July 7**. No late scripts will be accepted. Details regarding Fashion Revue are included in the fair book. Submit scripts here <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTpcMj8jU5prYK5K-n6ZdfIxJ6RWKvBGv2cFYouFQSYxS8Gg/viewform>

Golden Clover Hunt

In early July, we will once again kick off the Golden Clover Hunt in anticipation of the Riley County Fair. Starting on Friday, July 14, 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!



2023 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 **'The Last Blast of Summer'** as the 2023 Riley County Fair theme. This theme will be represented in club banners, window decorations, and on the cover of the 2023 fair book.

Consider Taking the Longest Ear of Corn Challenge

Don't forget about the 2023 Riley County Fair 'longest ear of corn' competition. For more information contact Riley County Extension Horticulture Agent Gregg Eystone, 785-537-6350.



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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed on July 3 and 4 in observance of the 4th of July holiday.



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Riley County Fair Sign Up Info 2023

For Riley County Fair 2023 there are some changes that we enacted in 2022 that we need you to be aware of. First and foremost, we are using the Fair Entry online program for pre-entering **all 4-H exhibits**. This includes every project coming to the Riley County Fair; indoor static exhibits, all livestock exhibits, showmanship, as well as Cloverbud projects. Each separate project must have a pre-entry (i.e. 3 foods items, 3 separate pre-entries)

To access the Fair Entry program, **all 4-H families will use their 4-H Online login**. If you did not enroll in a particular project as of May 1, 2023, the program will not allow you to pre-enter or exhibit in that project area at the 2023 fair. You will follow the steps on the program for your entries. The Fair Entry program was open for dog entries on May 22 and closed on May 31. **Pre-entries will close on July 1 @ 11:59 pm.**

The final part of the fair preparation process will be selecting an interview judging time-slot, as we have done in the past, for all indoor static exhibits. All indoor exhibits must be interview judged. **These links will be sent out on Monday, July 3 and will remain open until midnight on Friday, July 14.**

As part of this new program, all entry cards will be printed in-house from the project information provided during the pre-entry process. Therefore, you will not need to fill out entry cards prior to coming to the fair.

***FIBER ARTS, CLOTHING AND FASHION REVUE ***

Clothing, knitting or crocheting project members are eligible to participate in the Fashion Revue on **Thursday, July 20** at the Manhattan Catholic School Junior High (306 S. Juliette). Use the Fair Entry program to register by **July 1**. Fashion revue script(s) for the evening revue will be **DUE July 7**. The script(s) is the responsibility of the 4-H'er and will be submitted via a Google form that will come out via email from Brandy in early July. The description should be 4 to 5 sentences; longer descriptions will be edited. If you have questions about writing a description, please contact the office, 785-537-6350. Judging forms and a schedule will be mailed to all fashion revue participants. These judging forms will need to be filled out and brought with you to fashion revue judging on **July 20**. The public evening revue will also be held at the Manhattan Catholic School Junior High (306 S. Juliette). ***Cloverbuds** will use the Fair Entry program to pre-enter by **July 1** for fashion revue and clothing construction.

CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION

All clothing construction will be judged on **Thursday, July 20** in conjunction with the fashion revue. This includes all classes listed in the Clothing and Textiles department (constructed article, garment or outfit, recycled clothing item, educational exhibit and the new class "A Case for the Cause"). For information on the new class, refer to the Fair book. Clothing construction members and Cloverbuds use the Fair Entry program to pre-enter by **July 1**.

Watch your emails for more project-specific information in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call 785-537-6350.

4-H Council Dates for 2022-2023

Monday, January 9, 2023; Monday, March 6, 2023; Monday, May 1, 2023; Monday, June 26, 2023; Monday, August 28, 2023.

4-H Council is held at Pottorf Hall and begins at 7 pm. Each club is allowed to have 5 voting representatives: 3 youth and 2 adults. You don't have to be a voting representative to attend.

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**.

Livestock Skillathon 2023

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 31, 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

Fair Pop Stand Sign Up

As we make the final drive towards fair 2023, we are putting together some of the details for non-project related scheduling. As with the past couple years, we are **not** appointing pop stand slots for each club. Instead we are allowing individuals or families to sign up for slots that work with their schedule. Ideally four kids and one adult are about as many people you want to have in the stand at one time, but you can staff it with as few as two kids and one adult. Below is the link to the time slots, so please don't wait to get signed up for a shift.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D44ADA72FA4FD0-4hpop>

Guidelines for operating the Riley County 4-H food stand



1. It is your groups responsibility to make sure someone is operating the pop stand during the assigned time.
2. One adult needs to be present when working.
3. Each group should clean throughout their scheduled time (wipe up spills, etc.)
4. Last group in the evening are responsible for cleaning up and closing.
5. If the club assigned after your club does not show up, please contact Brandy.

New at Riley County Fair, 2023 - Project Talks!

This year Riley County ambassadors are taking the lead on doing project talks and demonstrations in Pottorf Hall. There will be openings for all 4H'ers to sign up and do one in public, for practice or for a pin requirement. Utilize this opportunity to refine your public speaking skills and interact with the community. A link to the signup sheet will be provided later in the month."

4-H Club Window Decorations 2023

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 July 25. 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.

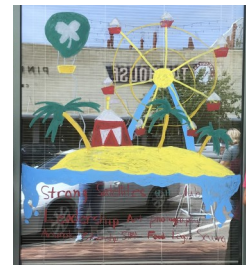
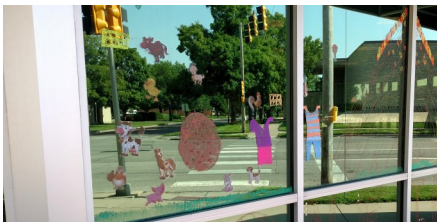
Fair window will need to be decorated by Monday, July 10.

Each club must notify the Extension office by Monday, July 10 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 2023" 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 4-H Cooking Class

Do you know a child who would like to gain hands-on cooking skills? Register today for our summer youth Cooking Camp in Manhattan! Youth 10 and older will learn nutrition basics, cooking skills, and how to prepare healthy meals! Join us **July 11 – 13 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 register soon! If you do try to register and it is full, please contact our office to be placed on a cancellation list. Registration will not be considered complete until payment is received. **If we have not received payment by July 6, your spot will be given away.** We hope to see you there!

Register at: <https://bit.ly/43k4mGy> Payments can be delivered to mailed to the Riley County Extension Office. Cash or check (payable to Riley County Extension).

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 29; 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall

Horticulture Judging - Saturday, July 29; 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall

Photography Judging - Saturday, July 29, 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall

Livestock Judging - Sunday, July 30, 3:30 pm; Hurlburt Show Arena

Vet Med ROCKS Camps at K-State

K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine is giving elementary, middle school, high school and college students an opportunity to experience "A Day in the Life of a Veterinary Student" at the 2023 Vet Med ROCKS summer camps.

Link: <https://www.k-state.edu/media/newsreleases/2023-04/Vet-Med-ROCKS4523.html>

Livestock Sweepstakes Scheduled for August 19-20

The 2023 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is scheduled for August 19-20 on the K-State campus in Manhattan, KS. The Sweepstakes event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl.

Rules and entry details will be released to extension offices soon and be made available on the 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes tab of the youth livestock program website. The deadline to enter will be August 1. All entries must be made by local Extension Units. Families interested in this event need to contact their local extension office for local opportunities and/or qualifying events. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264.

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.

County Fair Info

Questions About the Fair?

Check your fair book first. If you can't find the answer to your question, call the Extension Office at 785-537-6350. For your convenience keep this newsletter as a reference. If you need additional information check out the fair website; www.rileycountyfair.com

Extension Office Moving

We will be moving to the Fairgrounds from July 21– August 1. We will reopen the office downtown on **August 3**.

Riley Country Fair Work Night

Work Night is **Monday, July 24**, beginning at **5:30 pm** with supper. A meeting for all Superintendents and Junior Superintendents will begin at **5:45 pm**. After the meeting, Superintendents and Junior Superintendents and other volunteers will set up their department(s) for the fair.

Fair Livestock Check in

All livestock will be checked in **Thursday, July 27 from 7-11 am**.

Banner Intake

Just a reminder that all 4-H club banners will need to be brought into Pottorf Hall on **Monday, July 24** from **8:00 am -7:00pm**. Please make these arrangements as soon as possible.

Fair Check-In Table

Pottorf Hall exhibits will be checked in at an information table located inside the southwest corner of the building. Please stop here first with all of your entries at your pre-selected interview time. You will pick up your project exhibit card at that time and attach it to your project.

Photo mats, photo labels, entomology/geology box labels, foods labels, food preservation labels, etc can be picked up at the Extension Office any time.

Fair Exhibit Release

The release time for exhibits is **5:00 pm on Monday, July 31**. **Do not remove exhibits before that time**. The Riley County Fair Board has advertised that exhibits will be on display until then. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

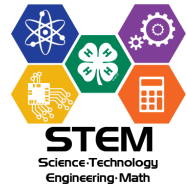
Fair Clean-Up

Help us clean the fairgrounds after the fair is over. We will be picking up trash, packing things away, taking the pop stand down, and moving items into storage. We will begin at **9:00 am on August 1**. All help is appreciated and we'll provide the snacks. We will be finished by 11:00 am. Please contact John Jobe at the Riley County Extension office if you are willing to assist with clean-up, 785-537-6350 or email him at ja-jobe@ksu.edu.



BUILD YOUR WORLD

OPEN CLASS (PUBLIC) BUILDING CREATIONS



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 2023 Riley County Fair**

All entries will be brought in on Wednesday, July 26 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Entries will be judged the afternoon of Thursday, July 27. Entries can be picked up Monday, July 31 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 Optimist Club



Riley County Fair 2023 Open Class Challenge “Scenes of Riley County”

Join us for the Riley County Fair 2023 Open Class “Scenes of Riley County” Challenge. This year the Riley County scene will focus on “**Barns of Riley County**”. All pictures must be taken in Riley County and a description of the barn 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 2023 Riley County fair book for additional requirements. The fair book can be found online at www.rileycountyfair.com. Contact the Riley County Extension office with any questions about the challenge 785-537-6350.



2023 RILEY COUNTY FAIR BAKING CONTEST

chocolate chip cookies

Sunday, July 30 at 1:00 PM, Pottorf Hall, Cico Park

Contest Rules

- This contest is open to anyone wishing to bake one dozen chocolate chip cookies.
- All entries **MUST** include a written/typed recipe. Cookies must be checked in by 1:00 PM on Sunday, July 30.
- Please bring your cookies in a disposable container, plate, or pan - containers **WILL NOT** be returned.
- Judging is based on appearance, presentation, texture, and flavor.
- Cookies **CANNOT** contain any raw/uncooked eggs or flour; cookies must be able to safely stand at room temperature - no perishable cookies will be judged.
- We will have two divisions this year, plain chocolate chip and variety chocolate chip cookie.
- Following the judging, cookies will be sold to the public. All proceeds will go to support Riley County 4-H. If you wish to bake a dozen cookies and not have them judged, we will be happy to accept them and sell them to raise funds for the Riley County 4-H.
- The winners will be announced immediately after the judging. First places will receive a prizes!

State Fair Book

The Extension Office **does not** have extra copies of the State Fair Book. If you need a specific project division, copies of that division can be made for you or check out the State Fair web site:

www.kansasstatefair.com

2023 Kansas State Fair

If you can answer “yes” to any of the following questions, you may be eligible to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. To be certain, check exhibitor age and class requirements listed in the online state fair book. If you do qualify, see the special pages in this newsletter for additional state fair information.

Did my horse entry qualify at the District Horse Show?

Did my dog and I qualify at a sanctioned show?

Did I receive purple ribbons on other fair exhibits (**Except Visual Arts and Livestock**)?

Did I receive champion in the fashion revue for construction or buymanship?

Did I have one of the six selected entries in the arts/crafts division at the county fair?

****Note: the visual arts division at the state fair is now for competition.****

Exhibiting at the State Fair

Age classification as listed below is based on the age a 4-H member was before January 1, 2023. All exhibits are open to **9-19** year old 4-H members.

*Rabbit Evaluation

*Fashion Revue – Sr. Division County Winners

*Crops Identification Contest

If classes are available, and exhibitor meets show and age requirements, purple ribbon winners at the county fair are eligible for competition at the Kansas State Fair.

State Fair Pre-Entries

You must have completed a pre-entry form for all exhibits and 4-H activities you wish to participate in at the state fair. Pre-entry information for the State Fair will be available in the county fair office (Clover Room in Pottorf Hall) during the county fair, or at the Extension Office beginning **August 2**.

You must pre-enter your exhibits! You are **not** automatically pre-entered if you receive purple ribbons. All pre-entries are due into the Extension Office by **5:00 pm Friday, August 4**.

State Fair Exhibit Details

Anyone exhibiting at the state fair in the **visual arts, clothing, dog, electric, entomology, fiber arts, foods, forestry, geology, home environment, horticulture, photography, shooting sports, space tech and wildlife** departments have extra forms to complete. You may obtain these forms at the Riley County Fair office during the county fair or at the Extension Office after the fair. These forms must be included with your exhibit upon entering it at the state fair.

State Fair Livestock Entries

State Fair livestock entries are due **July 15**. Families with nominated market animals or commercial females should receive an e-mail reminder from Lexie Hayes, state 4-H youth livestock coordinator. However, families only showing registered females will not receive that notice. Go online to <https://www.kansasstatefair.com>

Teens and Adults Volunteering with State Fair

Apply to volunteer at the Kansas State Fair. Sign up online by August 15!! You pick the project you wish to volunteer in.

Teen volunteers must be at least 13 years of age and mature enough to handle tasks without excessive supervision. A great opportunity to gain better understand in a 4-H project area. Can be included in your record book or 4-H Project Report Form.

The link to sign up was not yet available when we published this newsletter. Contact us for more information or watch your email for more details.

Gate Tickets

4-H families may order youth and adult gate tickets from the Extension Office. Please stop by before **August 4** to place your order. Gate tickets may also be purchased at the State Fair. In addition, there will be no premiums this year, but instead each exhibiting 4-Her will receive (2) gate tickets. You will be responsible for picking them up from the Extension office. Watch for an email.

Parking Hang Tags

The Extension Office must place orders for hang tags in advance. Different lots require different parking tags. Inquire at the Extension Office when making reservations for gate tickets and encampment. Orders must be placed by **August 4**.

Exhibit Transportation

John will transport any exhibits that are small and non-living. Large exhibits must be transported by the 4-H member. Check-in for all exhibits will be on **Wednesday, September 6**.

Please wait until **September 1** to bring in your state fair exhibits. Small exhibits, except foods and horticulture entries, must be in the Extension Office by 5:00 pm **Tuesday, September 5**. Foods and horticulture exhibits must be in the Extension Office from **7:30-8:00 am sharp on Wednesday, September 6**. Any late exhibits will be left in Manhattan.

Packing Instructions: Items must be securely packed in order to be transported to the Kansas State Fair safely. Clothing items should be placed in dry cleaning bags. Geology and entomology boxes should be packed in the following manner: cover the top with cardboard, foam core, carpet sample or wrap with bath towels. Secure with string. Avoid putting boxes inside another box, if at all possible. **Please label your boxes/packing material with your name.** This will help when exhibits are released. Flowers should be in disposable containers. If families are concerned that travel/ movement may damage their exhibit, I would suggest making arrangements to transport the item separately.

Exhibit Release

Exhibits will be released at **6:00 pm on Sunday, September 17**. John will transport exhibits back to the Extension office. Members may pick up exhibits beginning on **Wednesday, September 20 after 8:00 am**. 11

2023 Riley County 4-H Calendar

July

- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
- 4 Independence Day, Ext Off. Closed
- 15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
- 20 Fair Fashion Revue; MHK Catholic School
- 22 4-H Horse Show; Riley County Fairgrounds
- 24 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
- 25 Photography Judging; Pottorf Hall
- 25 Cloverbud Project “Judging”; Pottorf Hall
- 25 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
- 26 Visual Arts Judging; Pottorf Hall
- 26 4-H and Cloverbud Foods; Food Pres. Judging
- 26 4-H and Cloverbud Cake Decorating Judging
- 27-31 Riley County Fair, Cico Park

August

- 1 Fairground Cleanup
- 4 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
- 12 State Horticulture Judging
- 15 KJLS Entries DUE
- 28 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- TBA State Livestock Judging

September

- 4 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 5 State Fair Projects DUE to Extension Office
- 8-17 Kansas State Fair
- 22 Project Report Forms & Awards DUE

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