



# RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

## June 2023

### Pre- Fair Workshop 2023

Join us on **Thursday, June 29** for our annual pre-fair informational event. 4-Hers can come out and learn about exhibiting their projects at the 2023 fair. We will have project-experts to answer all you fair-project questions, as well as an interview judging practice station. Join us that evening at **Pottorf Hall from 5:30– 7:00 pm**.

Project information in the following categories will be represented at the event; Clothing Construction, Buymanship, Fashion Revue (practice modeling), STEM Energy Management, STEM Space Tech, Geology, Project Posters/Notebooks, Photography (including help mounting photos – bring your photos), Rabbit, and Poultry.

### 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](http://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 Eyestone, 785-537-6350.



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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*.

The Riley Extension office will be closed on **Monday, June 19** in observation of Juneteenth



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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 will once again be 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. **All other exhibits, pre-entries open on June 6 and will close on July 1.**

To assist you in using the Fair Entry program, we will be posting a guide and video in the coming weeks. These tools will be housed in the 'Hot Topics' portion of our Riley County Extension landing page at [www.riley.ksu.edu](http://www.riley.ksu.edu). We highly suggest using a computer or tablet. Entering information in the Fair Entry program can be difficult on a cell phone.

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 July 3 and will remain open until midnight on July 10.**

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.

Exhibits in the Miscellaneous "Other" section that will require a display area larger than 2' x 3' (refer to page 73 of the fair book) must reserve space by July 1, by calling 785-537-6350. Home Environment exhibitors that need floor space for an exhibit (see page 42 of the fair book) must also call the office by July 1.

### **\*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](mailto: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 food 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 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.

## 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 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 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](mailto: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.

## 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

## 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!

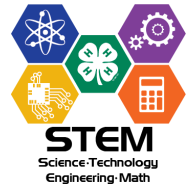
Register at: <https://bit.ly/43k4mGy> Payments can be delivered to mailed to the Riley County Extension Office. Cash or check (payable to Riley County Extension).





# 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](http://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*

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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!

# 2023 Riley County 4-H Calendar

## June

- 1 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 3 Dog Show (Agility and Rally-O)
- 6 Dog Pre-Entry Opens
- 7-9 Discovery Days, KSU Campus
- 9-11 State Geology Field Trip
- June 12-19  
4-H TRIPle E Trip to Van Wert County Ohio
- 14 Fair Royalty Interviews; Pottorf Hall
- 24 Dog Show (Showmanship/ Obedience)
- 26 4-H Council Meeting, Pottorf Hall
- 29 Pre-Fair Info Session, 5:30– 7 pm @ Pottorf

## 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
- 6 State Fair Projects DUE to Extension Office
- 8-17 Kansas State Fair
- 22 Project Report Forms & Awards DUE

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