



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

December 2024

4-H Showcase Event 2025

Our 4-H Showcase event date will be **February 22, 2025**. Once again we will be at Riley County Grade school, with events beginning 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 for the February event. See you there!

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 Thursday, February 6**. 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 for the 2025 academic year should be posted after the first of the year <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).

2024-2025 4-H Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

Enrollment and re-enrollment will 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.

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 Thursday, January 2**.

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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed half day on **Dec. 24 to Jan. 1** for the Christmas Holiday



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 4, 2024; Monday, January 6, 2025; Monday, March 3, 2025; Monday, May 5, 2025; Monday, June 30, 2025; Monday, August 18, 2025 (Labor Day is September 1)

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**.

Save the Date for 2025 K-State Junior Producer Days

Mark your calendar!! The 2025 K-State Junior Producer Day dates have been set for next spring. Since it is an odd year, it will be swine and meat goat. These are one-day educational events during which families learn about the selection and management of youth livestock projects. The junior day programs will be on a Saturday at the Stanley Stout Center, north of campus in Manhattan. Junior Swine Producer Day will be March 1, with Junior Meat Goat Producer Day scheduled for March 22. Stay tuned for more information, including the tentative schedule and registration details, later this month. Additional details will be released to extension agents via email, posted on the [Junior Producer Days](#) page of the youth livestock website, and via the KSU YLP Facebook page. Due to the capacity of the facility, registration will be limited for both events.

Rock Springs Ranch Updates

Kansas 4-H Camp registration opens November 15! From now until December 31, 2024, 4-H families can register early and receive a 10% discount on any session of summer camp at Rock Springs Ranch. To register, visit www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org.

Meet the Executive Director

Garrett Johnson begins his role this month. With many years of experience in positive youth development, Garrett joins the Kansas 4-H Foundation team from the YMCA camping system, where he served as Camp Director at Camp Potawatami in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Garrett has developed a strong background in camp operations, fiscal management, and facilities oversight. His commitment to outdoor recreation and understanding of how programming drives the strategy for 4-H camp and retreats will be instrumental in enhancing the experience and ensuring that 4-H is delivered effectively through engaging and impactful programming at Rock Springs Ranch.



GARRETT JOHNSON

Originally from San Antonio, Texas, Garrett is a proud graduate of Texas State University, holding degrees in Recreation Administration and Criminal Justice.

Connect with Garrett and explore all that Rock Springs Ranch has to offer! You can reach him via email at gjohnson@rockspringsranch.org.

Youth Baking Workshops

Join us as we explore the world of baking. Practice how to properly measure ingredients and learn the importance of temping baked items. We will be conducting four different workshops over school break. Workshops will be held in Pottorf Hall Kitchen; Cico Park from 9:00 am to Noon. \$15.00 per workshop.

Monday, December 30 - Cookies (oatmeal cookies and homemade granola bars)

Tuesday, December 31 - Quick Breads (oatmeal muffins and drop biscuits)

Thursday, January 2 - Bagels and tortillas (tortilla recipe will be a combination of cornmeal and wheat flour)

Friday, January 3 - Gluten Free Bakes (specific bakes TBD)

Youth 9 and younger must have 1 adult with them the entire time. Space is limited to 12 youth (6 youth will minimum). You must pay before attending. Parents are welcome to stay and watch/help.

Register and pay before 5 pm on December 18.

You may pay via credit card when you register or pay with cash/check (payable to “Riley County 4-H”) at the Riley County Extension Office. We are open Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 5 pm and Friday 7:30 am to noon. There is an after-hours drop box to the left of the building doors. Please write “Riley County Extension” on the envelope and include a note of what you are paying for.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/vzdd75b>

Questions, please let us know.

Brandy

4-H at Home Holiday Activity Guide

Check out this publication issued by the Kansas 4-H Office. Bring 4-H to your home this holiday season with 15 fun, hands-on activities!

<https://4-h.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/08094637/4H-at-Home-Holiday-Activity-Guide-and-Cookie-Making-Recipes-2020.pdf>



Kansas 4-H T-Shirts

There are 2 designs available this year and they can be ordered online through December 1, 2024 and will be shipped before December 25, 2024.

<https://bit.ly/4HGROWN2024>

The link to the online order form is up on the Kansas 4-H Website under News and Updates. You can order either design on any color listed. Group or club orders will help you minimize shipping fees. Thanks for supporting this 4-H Youth Leadership Council Fundraiser and showing Kansas 4-H Pride!

Leaders and Parents

Consider in December

- 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 22; 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 (even if it needs to be virtually)
- Start the conversation about exhibiting at county fair with new families

Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) 2025

Are you a high school-age youth living or attending school in Riley County? Have you ever had an idea for a business or product, but haven't had the outlet or guidance to put together a business plan or prototype? Well HERE is your chance to make it happen...and earn some MONEY!

In partnership with the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, Riley County Extension, Network Kansas, SPARK and generous donations from local donors, we will be hosting our 8th Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) event on Wednesday, March 12th at the Manhattan Town Center Mall. Participants will have the opportunity to compete against other young entrepreneurs for \$3,000 + in cash.

The competition consist of (3) components including; the submission of a simple business plan, the creation of a tabletop trade show booth, and finally a 5-6 minutes formal presentation in front of a panel of judges. All three of these components will be judged based on a specific set of predetermined criteria.

If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, I would love to get you started by sharing event specifics, including the scoring rubrics use by judges, but also the template for creating a solid business plan.

To recap, if you're high school age, living or attending school in Riley County, are interested in business or entrepreneurship, and are willing to create a business plan, tradeshow booth, and present a 5-6 minute presentation, you will have the chance to win a portion of the \$3,000 + in cash. Call the Riley County Extension office or email me at jajobe@ksu.edu to get started today.

Welcoming New Families

As new families come into your club, please make sure you have assigned someone to greet these families and make them feel welcome. Feeling welcome can be the difference between a family staying with the 4-H program for years to come, or dropping out after a few meetings. New Family Handbooks are available at the Extension Office to share with your new families.

Riley County Fair 2025 Open Class Challenge “Scenes of Riley County”

Join us for the Riley County Fair 2025 Open Class “Scenes of Riley County” Challenge. This year the Riley County scene will focus on “**People of Riley County**”. All pictures must be taken in Riley County and a description of the person(s) 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 2025 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.



2024-2025 Riley County 4-H Calendar

December

- 24 Half Day, Extension office
- 25– Jan. 1 Christmas Holiday, Office Closed
- 30-31 4-H Baking Workshops

January

- 2 Project Report Forms DUE to Office
- 2-3 4-H Baking Workshops
- 6 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 9 NE Area PRF Screening, Pottorf Hall
- 20 MLK Jr. Day, Extension Office Closed
- TBA 4-H Showcase Pre-Entry DUE

February

- 6 Local Scholarships DUE by 5 to Ext. Office
- 16-17 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 15 Beef Weigh-In; Fairgrounds 1-3 pm
- 17 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed
- 22 Riley County Showcase, RCGS
- 22-23 Horse Panorama, Rock Springs
- TBA State Horse Judging
- TBA 4-H Ambassador Training, Rock Springs

March

- 1 State 4-H Scholarship and State PRFs DUE
- 1 Red Wheel Sales Begin
- 3 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hal
- Late March Red Wheel Sales DUE to your club
- TBA YQCA, 6-8 pm, Clover Room

April

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

May

- 1 Project Add/ Drop Deadline
- 3 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging, Hurlburt Arena, 5-7 pm
- 5 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
- 7 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- 28 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- 30 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- TBA State Geology Field Trip

July

- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
- 4 Independence Day, Ext Off. Closed
- 15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
- 17 Fair Fashion Review
- 19 4-H Horse Show
- 21 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
- 22 4-H Photography Judging
- 22 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
- 23 4-H Visual Arts Judging
- 23 4-H and Cloverbud Foods Judging
- 24-28 Riley County Fair, Cico Park
- 29 Fairground Cleanup

August

- 1 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
- 15 KJLS Entries DUE
- 18 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- TBA State Horticulture & Livestock Judging

September

- 1 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 4 State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
- 5-14 Kansas State Fair
- 19 Project Report Forms & Awards DUE

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