



# RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

## March 2025

### To Continue Receiving 4-H Emails and Newsletter—please act!

Starting next week, we will be transitioning to using 4-H Online for all email communications. This will include newsletters, reminders, announcements, and more. **Emails will only be sent to families who are currently enrolled in 4-H.**

To ensure you continue receiving these important updates, please complete the enrollment process as soon as possible. [Enrollment Guide PDF](#)

If your 4-Her has aged out of the program but you'd still like to receive 4-H emails, please let Brandy know [brandymarie@ksu.edu](mailto:brandymarie@ksu.edu) and we'll make sure you remain on the

### 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](#).

### 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](http://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 7, 2025 with interviews in June.**

### Clover by 4-H Educational Resource

We were introduced to a new resource. [Clover by 4-H](#) is resource of National 4-H and includes resources for youth ages 5-18. It also includes resources for parents, volunteers and educators.

260+ online interactive activities in 22 different categories. Earn certificates, pins and awards. Content is created in collaboration with college and universities across the United States.



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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.

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 am -5 pm

## [4-H Horse Judging Contest](#)

Kansas 4-H, Kansas Quarter Horse Association, and EquiFest of Kansas are teaming up to host the 2025 Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. The Contest will be held March 21, 2025, in conjunction with EquiFest of Kansas in Salina.

Two contests are available- an open contest and a 4-H contest. Kansas 4-H members age 9-18 are invited to participate in the 4-H contest, and may also participate in the open contest. Youth of any age are eligible to participate in the open contest hosted by Kansas Quarter Horse Association. Cost to enter the 4-H contest is \$25. **Registration closes March 7.** [Please register here.](#)

This is considered the state horse judging contest for Kansas 4-H. The first place team will have the option to represent Kansas at the Western National 4-H Horse Judging Contest in Denver next January.

Please be sure to read all rules prior to entry- [4-H Horse Judging rules.](#)

## [Making Memories is What It's All About! with Host Families](#)

For many families, getting to know a young person from another country in their homes creates memories that last a lifetime. Some of those memories are of attending 4-H events, county fairs, club meetings, and 4-H socials with their visitors. 4-H exchange programs are with 4-H type programs, and their members hope to learn about 4-H, improve English language, see how Kansas families live, and make friends. Mostly they do what their host siblings do. They don't expect to be entertained or travel around the state or country, but many families find hosting a good excuse to visit local attractions and historic sites. If a short vacation is planned, the exchange visitor may go along. Opportunities are available for family members in the right age groups to visit exchange partner countries for home stays on outbound exchanges in future years.

Kansas inbound exchanges this summer will bring teens from the following youth programs to our state for the dates listed below:

- Costa Rica's 4-S, June 25-July19, 2025
- Norway's 4H, June 25-July 19, 2025
- Taiwan's 4-H, July 3-August 2, 2025
- Japan's Labo and LEX, July 21-August 16, 2025

Youth coming from Costa Rica, Norway, and Taiwan will be 15-18. Host families for them should have a host sibling the same gender and within two-three years of their visitor's age. The Japanese visitors are likely to be 12-16. There will be adult chaperones with the groups for travel. They can be placed with families with or without children at home, usually for half of the exchange period each for their own exchange experience while they support their exchange members.

Applications to host are now open on the States' 4-H International Exchange Program website: <https://states4hexchange.org/summeer-inbound/>

Apply to Host Families who have hosted a States' 4-H exchange previously should need only to update their applications and add exchange hosting preferences for 2025.

For more information on the first three Exchanges, contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas International Exchange Coordinator, [mkm2@ksu.edu](mailto:mkm2@ksu.edu), 785-375-3189.

For exchanges with Japan, contact Pam Van Horn, Japan Summer Inbound Exchange Coordinator, [pvanhorn@ksu.edu](mailto:pvanhorn@ksu.edu) or call 785-828-8917.

## 4-H Council Dates for 2024-2025

**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. .**

## Heaviest Pepper Contest

Challenge yourself by participating in the 2025 Riley County Fair 'Heaviest Pepper' Contest. Participants will enter a pepper of their choosing at a chance to take home bragging rights for a year...



## 4-H TRIPle E Excellent Exchange Experience

Did you know that there is a multi-county 4-H Interstate Exchange Trip group that 4-H youth can join?

4-Hers who are 12 years old or will be by June 10 this year, through those who are 18 4-H age on January 1 are eligible. Our group has recently planned, organized, fund-raised for, and participated in very fun, successful, enjoyable, educational, and awesome road trips to Ohio in 2023 and North Carolina in 2024, where we stayed with 4-H families there to learn about their customs, lifestyle, 4-H activities, and toured educational, historical sites in their states, plus en-route.

For the week of July 6 THIS summer, we will be hosting 4-Hers and their chaperones from North Carolina and Pennsylvania, then in 2026 we will travel to Eastern Pennsylvania. They are very excited to travel here and to host us next year!!!

We are currently seeking more 4-Hers and families to become involved in our program. The only cost is a \$75 application fee per 4-Her, and requirement to help with fundraisers when we have them. Travel expenses are covered by 4-H TRIPle E, and admission fees to visit attractions are paid by our group when we host, and by the other state when we travel there.

If your family might be interested, please contact Cherie Trieb at 785-844-0781 to discuss your questions and concerns, plus to be added to our list for meeting reminders.

If any Clubs would like a program about this for a 4-H Meeting or other events, please contact Cherie Trieb to arrange with our members.

Please note: There is a need to host adult chaperones, so if you don't have a 4-Her in your family to serve as a host, but you would like to become involved in our program by hosting an adult 4-H parent or leader, please let me know!!!

## Save the Date for Spring into Volunteering

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" in Salina on the K-State Polytechnic Campus on Saturday, April 26. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try new things in their volunteer roles.

Sessions for the day include Preparing Youth for Real-World Opportunities, Personalities and How They Affect Volunteers, Facilitating Civic Engagement and Service, Keeping Kids Engaged, and Resources for You.

The registration fee for the day is \$20 and includes materials and lunch! Online registration is due April 15, 2025, and the fee will be submitted to local offices. Once registration opens, it will be shared through the listserv, 4-H Online, and TEAMS.

## Spring Break Baking Classes 2025

We will be hosting several baking classes over Spring Break. Join us as we explore the world of baking. Practice how to properly measure ingredients and bake for others.

We will also be thinking of others and making thank you cards and extra cookies. They will be delivered to the City of Manhattan and Riley County road crews as a thank you for all their many hours of snow removal. We will also be making birthday cards. They will be given to local retirement communities and nursing homes. Staff can then share them with residents.

Join us for 1 or more days. Workshops will be held in Pottorf Hall Kitchen; Cico Park from 9:00 am to Noon. \$15.00 per workshop.

### **Tuesday, March 18**

Swiss Roll/Jelly Rolls  
Oatmeal Cookies  
Bring a cookie scoop

### **Wednesday, March 19**

Sourdough Discard Crackers  
Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookies  
Bring a cookie scoop and rolling pin

### **Thursday, March 20**

Banana Snack Cake  
Peanut butter Cookies  
Bring a cookie scoop

Youth 9 and younger must have 1 adult with them the entire time. Limited to 12 youth (minimum 6). You must pay before attending.

Parents are welcome to stay and help. Extra adults help things go more smoothly.

To register and learn more, visit <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/wdy9huj/lp/b842ad5b-8b1b-4c6a-b289-99d2115591e1>



## Riley County 4-H and Red Wheel Fundraiser

Riley County 4-H is excited to offer Red Wheel products as a fundraiser! A variety of items are available, including pizza, enchiladas, pretzel bites, kitchen accessories, dip mixes, and more. Some items can be shipped directly to your home, while others will be delivered by a Riley County 4-H member.

Funds raised will support 4-H club activities, community service projects, and more.

To place an order or learn more, please contact a Riley County 4-H member or the Riley County Extension Office by March 25. Thank you for supporting Riley County 4-H!

# Leaders and Parents

## Consider in March

- Check your club mailbox
- Make sure 4-H Council Reps are attending meetings as voting representatives of your club
- Start the conversation about exhibiting at county fair with new families
- Consider hosting a club project meeting
- Encourage Discovery Days 2025
- Encourage members to apply for fair royalty (See page 1)
- Horse ID papers (NEW 2025 form) are due June 1 for all horses being exhibited at the Riley County Fair

## YQCA Program

The YQCA program is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program available for youth 7-21 years of age. The program focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development. This is annual training, as the learning modules change each year. The curriculum grows with young people as they advance through the program. In the absence of an agriculture agent, Riley County 4-H youth will be recommended to receive certification online at: [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org).

**7-year-olds must receive training in person.** For those youth or others who wish to have an in-person option, information for that can be found below.

**Who needs to attend?** – All Riley County 4-H members exhibiting **market livestock** (beef, sheep, swine, goats) at the county fair must attend a quality assurance training annually to receive valid certification. Also, **all exhibitors** attending the Kansas State Fair or KJLS must be certified annually.

### **Riley County Certification Options**

Online Course - \$12/child – youth complete age-specific knowledge builders, skills labs, and quizzes online at their convenience. It must be completed on a computer with high-speed internet access; Google Chrome is encouraged for best compatibility.

Test-out Exam – It is only available online for 12 and 15-year-olds (first year of the intermediate and senior age divisions). Youth have one opportunity to pass a 50-question exam.

### **Registration Instructions**

A help video and pdf document can be found at the following link. Also, don't hesitate to call our office with any questions: [YQCA Registration Help Page](#)

### **In-person Classes**

The only option for certifying seven-year-old members is through instructor-led classes. There are two options this year for attending an in-person class. In-person classes are \$3 per child

- Attending an in-person class after a Junior Producer Day in Manhattan  
On March 1 and March 22: after Junior Producers days, an in-person YQCA class will be offered. [Find details on this page.](#)

If you are wanting to attend the YQCA class only, please let Lexi Hayes know at: [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu)

- Attending at a neighboring county.  
Many of our neighboring counties will be offering YQCA classes in person. If you would like this, reach out, and we can help you locate class times and locations as many dates are still being set.

Question? Please contact Daniel at [skuciusd@k-state.edu](mailto:skuciusd@k-state.edu)





# 4-H Garage Sale

## April 11-12

Wreath Barn, Cico Park, Manhattan

**We are looking for a huge selection of items  
to be donated.**

**We do not accept TVs or Books of any kind.**

Proceeds benefit 4-H members in Pottawatomie, Riley,  
& Wabaunsee Counties

## **Drop Off Items on Location**

**Wednesday, April 9, 5-8 PM**

**Thursday, April 10, 10 AM - 8 PM**

## **Garage Sale**

**Friday, April 11, 9 AM - 8 PM**

**Saturday, April 12, 9 AM - Noon**

Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350

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# YOUTH LAWN MOWER CLINIC

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.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025**  
**POTTORF HALL, CICO PARK**  
**1710 AVERY AVE**  
**4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

**SNACKS PROVIDED**

**SIGN UP AT**  
**RILEY.K-STATE.EDU**  
**BY MARCH 6**



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# 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.





The date for  
Riley County 4-H  
Fashion Revue  
has changed!!

Wednesday, July 16  
Manhattan Catholic Schools



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KNOW?**

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# 4-H PRE FAIR WORKSHOP

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2  
5:30-7:00 PM  
POTTORF HALL**



**COME AND GO EVENT  
GET YOUR FAIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED  
PRACTICE TALKING WITH A "JUDGE"  
PICK UP FAIR PROJECT SUPPLIES  
AND MORE!**

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# 2025 Riley County 4-H Calendar

## 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

## April

- 7 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
- 19 Red Wheel Pick-Up, Pottorf Hall 9-9:30 am
- TBA State Shooting Sports Match
- TBA Discovery Days Registration 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
- 30 Dog Fair Pre-Entry Deadline
- TBA Discovery Days, KSU Campus
- TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

## June

- 1 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 7 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- 19 Juneteenth, Extension Office Closed
- 28 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- 30 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- TBA State Geology Field Trip
- TBA Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall

## July

- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
- 2 Fair Prep Workshop; Pottorf Hall
- 4 Independence Day, Ext Off. Closed
- 15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
- 16 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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