2019 Riley County Fair Theme

We are very excited to announce our 2019 Riley County Fair theme will be “Country Pride, Fair Wide”. This theme lends itself nicely to window and banner ideas. I would encourage all 4-H clubs to start the brainstorming process now to ensure plenty of time to get window ideas and banners completed as we move towards the fair.

Riley County Exchange Program

Our 4-H TRIPle E group has entered an agreement with a county in Pennsylvania that has done successful 4-H Exchange Trips for 30+ years. They have made a commitment so far to bring 10 girls & 3 boys + the possibility of a few more, to come here July 2 thru 9, then we will travel to PA in 2020. We received their info/interest sheets in December, so pairings will be made and the 4-Hers will be able to contact each other soon. An updated application for hosting will be available soon. Interested 4-Hers will need to complete and return the application promptly. Anyone interested in participating or if you have any questions, please contact Cherie Trieb by phone or text at 785-844-0781. We will have a meeting later to discuss more details as they develop.

4-H Council

Monday, May 6, 7:00 pm Pottorf Hall, Leaders meeting at 6:00 pm

******Organizational Leadership Meeting 6:00 pm******

Each club is allowed to have 5 voting representatives: 3 youth and 2 adults.

Consider Taking on the Bean Challenge

Join us as we start the charge for the 2019 Riley County Fair 'Largest Yard Long Asparagus Bean’ competition. Free seeds are available now at the Riley County Extension office, 110 Courthouse Plaza, Rm. B220

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4-H Info: 4hinfo@rileycountyks.gov
Office Hours: Monday-Friday; 8-5 pm
Camp! Camp! Camp!

I’m extremely excited to announce our camp dates for 2019. ‘Purple Power Pack’ will camp from Saturday, June 8 – Tuesday, June 11, with counselor training Friday, June 7. Summer camp at Rock Springs offers youth 2nd through 7th grade (coming out of) a unique camping experience filled with endless fun and engaging activities. 4-Hers are encouraged to bring their friends and help spread the word about the 4-H Camp 2019. Registration is now open online at www.riley.ksu.edu under ‘Upcoming Events’.

Influence a Life

Do you have what it takes to become a camp counselor? Camp counselors are the backbone of the summer camping experience and must be willing to take on the challenge of working with a co-counselor to get eight youth to and from different activity locations. If this sounds like you, please apply to become a Purple Power Pack camp counselor for 4-H summer camp 2019, June 8 – 11, with counselor training Friday, June 7. Many of you have inquired about becoming a camp counselor for this upcoming summer. Below you will find the link to the counselor application. You will be notified following the camp counselor section and housing meeting on May 14. We hope to have you join us!

https://goo.gl/forms/COnwhUxVjZSpi9JO2

4-H Club Window Decorations 2019

As most of you know we will not be continuing the pre-fair parade. In the same spirit of getting the public excited about the annual fair event, we want to continue to be visible during this portion of the summer. In 2019 we will start a new tradition. 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 on Tuesday, July 23 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 will can only submit one for judging.

Fair window need to be decorated by Monday, July 15.

Each club must notify the Extension office by Monday July 15 as to the location of their clubs window.

Each window should include the fair dates as well as the wording “Riley County Fair 2019” 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.

*Details about painting materials coming soon
2019 Riley County 4-H STEM Club Meetings Resume

Interested in challenging yourself? Come check out the Riley County 4-H STEM Club. All STEM sessions will take place at Pottorf Hall in Cico Park. Each session is FREE, but requires participants to register online at www.riley.ksu.edu prior to attending. This is a wonderful opportunity for 4-Hers to invite non-4 Hers to get involved in our local programming.

Upcoming Dates:
Tuesday, May 7th, 5:30 pm, Pottorf Hall in Cico Park

Discovery Days - Change in Schedule!

Discovery Days 2019 ‘Discover Your Spotlight’ will be May 29-31, 2019. This year the Discovery Days Task Force has made the decision to have Discovery Days become a 3 day, 2 night event. Make sure to check out the website for Discovery Days at http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html.

Campference

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is excited to plan and host 4-H Campference!!! This event is focused on "betweenagers," youth ages 12-14, and will be held June 23-26, 2019 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the "camp" activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program, becoming a leader and activities to energize youth while learning healthy living skills and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas.

Registration Link:

Kaw Valley Greenhouse Youth Tour

See how plants are started and grown to be sold at retail outlets. Youth will get to pot up a planter to take home.

Kaw Valley Greenhouse
Saturday, April 27
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - 1 mile East on K-18 towards Zeandale. Please meet at the main office.

There is no charge for youth attending, but attending youth need to register online at www.riley.ksu.edu under ‘Upcoming Events’.

Children under 9 years of age will need an adult to accompany them and stay to help them.

Come Check Em’ Out!

This year Riley County 4-H Kennel Club will be putting on a exhibition during the Riley County Fair. The group will host an hour long showcase from 4-5 pm, Saturday, July 27 in the large tent located just north of Pottorf Hall. Come out to support a great group of 4-Hers and see all the hard work they have put into working with their dogs this past season. See you there!
Leaders and Parents

Newsletter Worthy

I would love to highlight some of the wonderful activities and people who are currently active in our Riley County 4-H program. If you would like to let everyone know about something your 4-Hers have accomplished or honor a volunteer please email me the details and I will put it in the next newsletter. Also, if any of our young people deserve recognition for something they have done outside of 4-H let me know and we will recognize them.

Encouraging Fair Participation

As we ride out these winter months, think about what you can do to get your club active. Perhaps set a date aside from the monthly club meetings as a fun “project day” where each 4-Her walks away with a completed project they can display at the 2019 Riley County fair. Alternatively, make sure your club families are aware of the monthly project meeting taking place here in our area. Keep in mind that it is the “doing” that makes 4-H great. Getting active allows for our 4-H youth to work alongside knowledgeable adults in completing a project or task.

Dropping and Adding Projects

Please remember that May 1 is the last date to drop or add projects via your 4-H Online account. If you have not gotten around to enrolling for the 2019-2020 4-H year, please do so ASAP.

Red Wheel Delivery

If your families sold Red Wheel, please plan to be at Pottorf Hall on Saturday, April 27 to pick up items. Pick up will be from 9:30-10:30 am.

Please bring coolers to keep frozen items cold, along with a copy of your order sheet. Adults and older 4-Hers will be needed to help unload the truck beginning at 9:30.

Keeping Busy

As we move in to the spring and summer months please encourage your 4-Hers to keep the ball rolling with participation in leadership, educational, and citizenship opportunities. There are and will be many opportunities this spring and summer for youth to get involved in the local community. Watch the newsletter for updates about possible events young people can assist with in the coming months. As always, thank you for what you do with young people in our area. We as 4-H enthusiast, are really on the right path to giving our youth the tools needed to become successful and engaged citizens of tomorrow.

Interested in Assisting a Department Chair at the Fair?

We are currently looking for individuals willing to assist our department chairs at the 2019 Riley County Fair. If this is something you would be interested in please contact Lynne Berry via email at lberry@rileycountyks.gov or call the Extension Office at 785-537-6350.
Garage Sale
Drop Off Items on Location:
Thursday, April 25, Noon - 8:00 pm/Friday, April 26, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Garage Sale:
Friday, April 26, 6:00 - 8:00 pm/Saturday, April 27, 7:30-11:00 am

Contact 4-H Agent John Jobe at the Riley County Extension Office with garage sale related questions (785) 537-6350

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Riley County 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Fundraiser

Wreath Barn in Cico Park • North of Potter Hall

HUGE Selection

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Shop Till You Drop...or Donate

HUGE Selection

We're looking for a huge selection of items to be donated including:

- Antiques
- Books
- Household items
- Blankets
- Jackeers
- Working power tools
- Bike, scooters, and Trikes
- Winter coats
- Working electronics
- Holiday Decor
- Toys
- Children's clothing
- Sports equipment
- Shoes
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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 (ages10-13), Senior (14-19), and Adult (20+).

4. 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 2019 Riley County Fair

All entries will be brought in on Wednesday, July 24 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Entries will be judged the afternoon of Thursday, July 26. Entries can be picked up Monday, July 29 from 5:00-7:00 pm. No early release will be permitted.

By July 1, you will need to contact Riley County 4-H Agent John Jobe and provide him with the registrants name, age, and size of entry. (785) 537-6350

Open Class Building Creation prizes are made possible by a generous donation from the Manhattan Breakfast Optimist Club
Riley County 4-H Master Calendar

April
5 Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders
4 YQCA Training; 6-8 pm
13-14 State Shooting Sports Match
15 Discovery Days Registration DUE
26-27 CWF Garage Sale; Riley County Fairgrounds
27 Red Wheel Product Pick-Up, Pottorf Hall

May
1 Project Add/ Drop Deadline
1 Horse ID Papers DUE
5 Shooting Sports BBQ Dinner Fundraiser
6 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging, Hulburt Arena, 5-6 pm
6 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
24 Dog Pre-Fair Entry DUE
27 Extension Office Closed for Memorial Day
28-31 Discovery Days, KSU Campus
30 Emerald Circle Banquet

June
1 Dog Agility Workshop & Competition
7 Camp Counselor Training, Rock Springs
7-9 State Geology Field Trip
8-11 4-H Camp, Rock Springs
22 Dog Agility & Rally-O, Pottorf Hall
23-26 Campference, Rock Springs

July
1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
4 Independence Day, Ext Office Closed
6 Dog Showmanship & Obedience, Pottorf
18 4-H Fashion Revue Judging;
18 4-H Evening Fashion Revue
20 4-H Horse Show
22 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
23 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
24 4-H and Cloverbud Foods Judging
25-29 Riley County Fair, Cico Park
30 Fairground Cleanup

August
2 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
15 KJLS Entries DUE
17 State Horticulture Judging
17 State Livestock Judging
26 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall

September
2 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
6 State Fair Projects DUE to Extension Office
6-15 Kansas State Fair
27 KAP & Awards DUE