



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER December 2021

4-H Showcase Event 2022

Our 4-H Showcase event date will be announced in the coming weeks. Our hope is that once again we will be at Riley County High School one Saturday in February. It will include Gavel Games (parlaw contest), project talks, demos, music performances, etc. Events will begin at 8:30 am and we should be done by 3:00 pm. As part of the event we will have photography and horticulture 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!

Local 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 in to the Riley County Extension office **by 5 pm on Friday, February 4**. 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 Scholarship Opportunities

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year should be posting in the next month on <http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>. Youth who should be applying for this scholarship should be in their Senior year in High School OR OLDER (we have many scholarships that are available to youth who are Freshman-Senior in Post-Secondary Education and some that are available to Vet Med Students).

Area Project Reports (KAPs) Due Dates

Project Reports attending the NE-AREA screening need to be turned in to the Riley County Extension office by **5 pm on Friday, January 7**



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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed December 23 at noon and will open again on the 3rd of January



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 2021-2022

Monday, November 1, 2021; Monday, January 3, 2022; Monday, March 7, 2022; Monday, May 2, 2022; Monday, June 27, 2022; Monday, August 29, 2022.

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

Horse Panorama Back at Rock Springs

Horse Panorama will move back to Rock Springs January 28-30, 2022. Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Speaking Contests will be held in person. While photography, logos, posters, and the model horse will be offered as hybrid classes, allowing those unable to attend an opportunity to submit materials.



Registration will be released in early December, closing early January. The exact dates will be released with registration. Check the [Panorama webpage](#) as we update it with schedules, contest rules, and registration information.

Plans Proceed for Full Academic Year Offerings in 2022-2023

State 4-H has limited participation Academic Year Exchanges to students from Japan and South Korea during the current year because of the uncertainty during the pandemic. They chose to focus on our long-term partners with students who had been deferred in 2020-2021 due to COVID in both Kansas and their home countries. As already noted with our new student Hiyori, this has been a very difficult year for those students. Now, State 4-H has announced it will participate in FLEX, a U.S. government exchange, which is open to students from eastern Europe and Asia that were formerly under communist governments.

4-H will be participating in YES, Youth Exchange and Service, another similar govern-sponsored exchange involving students from southern Europe, Africa, and Asia who live in countries with large Muslim populations. We expect applications for Japanese, South Koreans, FLEX, and YES students to begin arriving in late January, 2022. We encourage interested families to apply early for the widest opportunity for a student-host family match. Contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas Coordinator for information and AYP Application at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu.

Online Record Keeping with ZBooks

After a successful 2 year pilot program, we are excited to launch the online ZBooks 4-H record keeping software state-wide for the new 2021/2022 program year. Pilot units found that ZBooks is extremely easy to navigate and user friendly. This online record keeping software is identical to the new Project Report Form pdfs- meaning 4-H'ers and families now have the option to choose which format they feel more comfortable using. Families can continue to fill out the form-fillable pdf version of Project Report Forms or they may opt to keep their records online with ZBooks. Both are evaluated using the same rubric and the same set of standards.

Some features of ZBooks include:

- Mobile friendly- jot down notes, weights, ear tags, expenses, etc on the spot!
- Internet based- you can work on them from any device that is connected to the internet.
- Unlimited amount of entries until final report is submitted- youth select the allowed number of entries to print on final report, allowing them to prioritize, summarize, etc.
- Permanent Record is also included

Stay tuned for more information regarding available training resources, and check out the [ZBooks resource page](#).

Leaders and Parents

Consider in December

- ◆ Make sure families enroll/re-enroll via 4-H Online
- ◆ Talk about club holiday plans for meeting, etc.
- ◆ Create club goals for the new year
- ◆ **Start talking to families about attending the Annual Showcase event (date TBA)**
- ◆ 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

Club Leader Notebooks

We are in the process of finalizing a new club leader notebook for every club in Riley County. Our hope is to have this resource out to leaders following the holidays. Notebooks will contain many new state 4-H resources, as well as planning templates for many of the yearly club activities. An email will go out once they are ready to be picked up.

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.

Bring Your Projects to Life

We are excited to invite you to a virtual opportunity in December where we will explore leadership, college and careers focused on Personal Financial Planning.

Central Kansas District and McPherson County 4-H are collaborating on a 2nd year project titled: "Bring Your Projects to Life". These are hosted every second Thursday of the month at 7 PM (Zoom). They focus on different 4-H projects and skills and connect youth with college, leadership and career opportunities.

The program to be held on December 9, 2021 at 7 PM will be presented by Dr. Elizabeth Kiss from K-State Department of Personal Financial Planning. Youth DO NOT have to be currently enrolled in any specific project to participate! Sessions are geared towards 10-14 year olds, but we will welcome all ages to register. This will be fantastic information for all members!

Please find attached a flier highlighting the December event and register no later than December 7 at: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1RYmFePv3AIq8Gq

4-H Publication Updates

4-H Club Leader Succession Plan. 4H1163. Beth Hinshaw, Jennifer Terrell, Diane Mack. New club leaders bring new ideas, new leadership styles and a new perspective to the club. Having a club leader succession plan in place outlining club leadership is necessary for clubs to be successful and to grow.

4-H Project Selection Guide. 4H1065. Amy Sollock. In 4-H, young people explore projects that interest them. While projects vary depending on local program and availability, this guide offers a starting point for each of the official Kansas 4-H projects.

2021-2022 Riley County 4-H Calendar

December

- 24-31 Christmas Holiday, Ext. Office Closed
- 25 Christmas Holiday
- 31 NYE Holiday, Ext. Office Closed

January

- 3 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 20 NE Area KAP Screening, Pottorf Hall
- 17 MLK Jr. Day, Extension Office Closed
- 28-30 Horse Panorama, Rock Springs
- 31 State and local Scholarships DUE

February

- 19 Beef Weigh-in, 1-3 pm, Casement Hall
- 19 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 21 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed
- TBA 4-H Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
- TBA Riley County Showcase Event, RCHS
- TBA State Horse Judging
- TBA Scholarship and State KAPs DUE

March

- 7 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 1 Red Wheel Sales Begin
- 16 YQCA 2-4 pm, Clover Room
- 30 YQCA, 6 pm, Clover Room
- 12 Dog Rally-O-Workshop & Competition
- 19 Shooting Sports Match

April

- Early April Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders
- 1 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
- 23 Red Wheel Pick-up, Pottorf Hall 9-9:30 am
- TBA CWF Garage Sale; RL Co. Fairgrounds
- TBA State Shooting Sports Match
- TBA Discovery Days Registration DUE

May

- 1 Project Add/ Drop Deadline
- 2 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 2 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging,
Hurlburt Arena, 5-7 pm
- 2 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 31 Discovery Days, KSU Campus

- TBA Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall
- TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

June

- 4 Dog Agility Workshop and Competition
- 4 Dog Agility & Rally-O, Pottorf Hall
- TBA Campference, Rock Springs
- 25 Dog Showmanship & Obedience, Pottorf
- 27 4-H Council Meeting, 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
- 14 Fair Fashion Review
- 16 4-H Horse Show
- 18 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
- 19 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
- 20 4-H and Cloverbud Foods Judging
- 21-25 Riley County Fair, Cico Park
- 26 Fairground Cleanup

August

- 5 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
- TBA KJLS Entries DUE
- TBA State Horticulture & Livestock Judging
- 29 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall

September

- 5 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- TBA State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
- TBA Kansas State Fair
- TBA Project Reports & Awards DUE

