**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. Further details, including camping fees will be provided to campers and parents when registration officially opens in March.

**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 8 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 2018, **June 8–11**, with counselor training **Friday, June 7**. **Applications will post in March.**

**4-H Showcase 2019**

4-H Showcase event will be **February 23, 2019** at Riley County High School. It will include what was formerly Gavel Games and Club Day. Events will begin at 8:30 am and we should be done by 3:00 pm. As part of the event we will have a STEM activity space, photography and horticulture judging, as well as a Cloverbud activities. Breakfast and lunch items will be served throughout the day. Registration is open now at www.riley.ksu.edu under “Upcoming Events”. **Register by March 11**

A schedule for Gavel Games and 4-H Showcase will be sent out late next week.
4-H Council

Monday, March 4, 7:00 pm Pottorf Hall, Leaders meeting at 6:00 pm

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; Monday, March 4, 2019; Monday, May 6, 2019; Monday, July 8, 2019 (CWF just getting back June 30), Monday, August 26, 2019. Meetings start at 7:00 pm at Pottorf Hall in Cico Park

Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC)

This March, K-State Research and Extension is partnering with the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce and Network Kansas to host the 3rd annual Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) here in Manhattan. High school-age youth attending a high school located in Riley County will have the chance to show off their ingenuity and creativity, while showcasing a product, service, or future business concept. Cash prizes will be awarded to groups or individuals in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place based on their delivery in three capacities; 1) Executive summary/ business plan 2) Two-minute elevator speech or formal presentation 3) Five to six-minute tradeshow presentation. The top (3) placings at our Manhattan event will then compete in the statewide challenge in April.

Each participant or group must be present for the entire duration, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, on the March 5 YEC event date.

For more information on how to get started, contact John Jobe at the Riley County Extension Office jajobe@ksu.edu or call 785-537-6350.

Cash Prizes!!

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, March 26th
      5:30-7:00 pm
      Pottorf Hall in Cico Park
**Super Saturday Judging Opportunity**

All 4-H and FFA youth and adults across Kansas are invited to participate in a full day of learning experiences, Saturday, March 23, in Hays on the Fort Hays State University campus. Load the vehicle and head to Hays for an amazing Super 4-H Saturday.

Adults: Join other adult volunteers in learning and discussing 4-H topics from 10 - Noon.

Morning Activities for Youth: starting at 10 a.m. will be the NW 4-H Judging Contest, with 5 judging contests - Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, and Photography. Youth can judge at one or all of these great contests. Contest rules and registration information are posted at [Cottonwood.ksu.edu](http://Cottonwood.ksu.edu). There will also be a free Meat Goat workshop starting at 9:30 a.m.

Afternoon Activities for Youth: starting at 12:30 p.m. will be the Livestock Judging contest and at 1 p.m. there are project workshops. Choose your project workshop: Bread Sculpting ($2); Creative Magnet Calendars ($5); Photography (Free); Plant Detectives (Free); or Junk Drawer Robotics ($5). The registration deadline is March 15, 2019.

The judging contest registration is $5. You can pay an additional $5 for a sack lunch.

For more information, contact Deryl Waldren, dwaldren@ksu.edu; Susan Schlichting, sschlich@ksu.edu; or Robyn Deines, rdeines@ksu.edu.

**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 in February to discuss more details as they develop.

**2019 Junior Sheep and Beef Producer Day**

The 2019 Kansas Junior Producer Days have been scheduled, so please pass these dates on to the interested families in your county/district. Registration information and further details will be released in the next few weeks.

**Junior Sheep Producer Day – March 9, 2019**

**Junior Beef Producer Day – March 30, 2019**

*Please remember we do two species a year – beef and sheep in even years; swine and meat goats in odd years. So, if you have someone looking for the swine or meat goat junior producer day, they will need to stay tuned for 2020.*
Riley County Fair Theme Contest

All 4-H members are invited to submit entries for the fair theme contest! Entries must be easy to incorporate into a float, banner and other promotional products; not be specific to 4-H and attract all types of visitors to the fair. Submit your theme words and artwork (optional) by March 1 to jajobe@ksu.edu or by bringing them to the Extension Office. 4-H Council and Fair Board will both vote on the entries.

Horticulture and Photography Judging at 4-H Showcase 2019

Do you like challenges? Stop by and participate in Horticulture and Photography judging at 4-H Showcase on Saturday, February 23rd at Riley County High School. Judging will be from 9-11 am and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and help you improve your judging skills. Participating in judging can count toward your Achievement pin.

STEM Challenges at 4-H Showcase

Do you like challenges? Come check out our STEM challenge expo at the 2019 4-H Showcase on Saturday, February 23 at Riley County High School. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with many exciting, challenging, and hands-on activity stations. Activities are designed for all ages, including adults.

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 (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 1, 2019

Livestock Quality Assurance:

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Livestock Quality Assurance program. We will meet in the Clover Room at Pottorf Hall on Wednesday, March 13nd @ 2:00 pm and Thursday, April 4th @ 6:00 pm. If you are planning on attending this years event, please contact Greg McClure gmcclure@ksu.edu or call the Riley County Extension office at 785-537-6350.

Interested in Assisting a Dept. 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.

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.
Leaders and Parents

Meet with Mr. Jobe
If you have an hour to meet with Mr. Jobe this winter/ spring, it would be much appreciated. Meetings can take place anywhere and are simply aimed at seeing how things are going within your club. Please encourage upcoming leaders and parents to attend these meetings as well.

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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 also allows for our 4-H youth to work alongside knowledgeable adults in completing a project or task.

Kansas 4-H Cloverbuds
When 4-H and/or Extension plans, organizes and facilitates a livestock, small animal, horse or pre or post-fair activity please double check that 4-H Policies are being followed. An area of concern is 4-H Cloverbuds. The program was designed for 5 and 6-year-olds. Cloverbuds is activity-focused, rather than project–focused. Furthermore, 4-H Cloverbuds members may not participate in any competitive 4-H events. 4-H Cloverbud members may showcase their exhibits at fairs and public events. 4-H Cloverbuds may not own and/or show 4-H livestock.

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 2018-2019 4-H year, please do so ASAP.
Learn by Doing
Riley County 4-H Showcase Event
Saturday, February 23, Riley County High School 8:30-3:00 pm

Showcase Your Talent
- Project Talks
- Demonstrations/ Public Speaking
- Illustrative Talks
- Reading
- Impromptu Speeches
- Instrumental Solos
- Piano
- Photo Judging
- Horticulture Judging

Group Activities
- Par Challenge (Gavel Games)
- Club Skit
- Team S.T.E.M. Challenge
- Dances
- Chorus
- Vocal/Instrumental Ensemble
- Cloverbud Activities

Participants will receive a point for each event they participate in. In addition, parents or family volunteers will receive a point for acting as a room monitor or setup volunteer. Clubs who accumulate the *highest percentage* of participation from Cloverbuds, enrolled 4-Hers, and volunteers will be given a free pizza party at the club meeting of their choosing.

Registration for the Showcase Event is open online at www.riley.ksu.edu under 'Upcoming Events'. Registration will close on Monday, February 11th at midnight.

Check Out the Cloverbud Activity Station!!
Create your Future
-Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge 2019-

Are you a high schooler attending school in Riley County that has an idea for a new **product** or **service**?  

Do you have a concept that could lead to a **future business**?

Youth entrepreneurs are invited to participate as individuals or in teams to compete in the 2019 Riley County Youth Entrepreneur Fair

**Tuesday, March 5th, 9:30-12:30pm @ Pottorf Hall in Cico**

Registration is **DUE** by 5:00 pm on **Friday, March 1st**

Top products, concepts, and ideas will be awarded **CASH PRIZES** for **1st, 2nd, and 3rd** place finishers based on:

1) Business Plan
2) 5-6 Minute Tradeshow Presentation
3) 4 Minute Formal Presentation

Sponsored by:

Contact **John Jobe** at the Riley County Extension Office for further details about this amazing opportunity.  **110 Courthouse Plaza, Rm B220  (785) 537-6350 jajaobe@ksu.edu**

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Garage Sale
Drop Off Items on Location:
Thursday, April 25th, Noon - 8:00 pm / Friday, April 26th, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

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

- Antiques
- Books
- Household Items
- Bikes, Scooters, and Trikes
- Jackets
- Working power tools
- Holiday Decor
- Winter Coats
- Working electronics
- Accessories
- Toys
- Baby Items
- Pet Items
- Shoes
- Children’s Clothing
- Collectibles
- Furniture
- Women’s Clothing
- Movies
- Tools
- Men’s Clothing
- Games
- Winter Coats
- Sports Equipment
- Books
- Baby Items
- Games
- Working electronics
- Shrubs
- Collectables
- Pet Items

Shop Til’ You Drop...or Donate

Garage Sale
Wreath Barn in Cico Park • North of Potter Hall
Riley County 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Fundraiser

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

- Books
- Household Items
- Antiques
- Bikes, Scooters, and Trikes
- Holiday Decor
- Winter Coats
- Accessories
- Pet Items
- Collectibles
- Jackets
- Working power tools
- Shoes
- Children’s Clothing
- Men’s Clothing
- Working electronics
- Baby Items
- Toys
- Women’s Clothing
- Sports Equipment
- Holiday Decor
- Winter Coats
- Baby Items
- Collectables
- Pet Items

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

No TVs

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Huge Selection

Garage Sale
Wreath Barn in Cico Park • North of Potter Hall
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Riley County 4-H Master Calendar

**February**
1 State and Local scholarship DUE
5 Creative Culinary Challenge (youth 7-10)
9 Beef Weigh-in, 1-3 pm, Fairgrounds
12 Creative Culinary Challenge (youth 11-18)
17-18 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
18 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed
22 State Horse Judging
22-23 4-H Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
23 4-H Showcase Event, RCHS
TBA State KAPs DUE

**March**
4 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
4 Red Wheel Sales Begin
4 Camp Registration Open
5 Creative Culinary Challenge (youth 7-10)
9 Riley County Invitation Dog Quiz Bowl
11 Creative Culinary Challenge (youth 11-18)
13 YQCA Training; 2-4 pm
16 State Qualifying for AP/ AR (Shooting Sports)
17 State Qualifying for BB Gun (Shooting Sports)

**April**

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

**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
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
8-11 4-H Camp, Rock Springs
22 Dog Agility & Rally-O, Pottorf Hall
23-26 Campference, Rock Springs
TBA State Geology Field Trip

**July**
1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
4 Independence Day, Ext Office Closed
6 Dog Showmanship & Obedience, Pottorf
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 Project DUE to Extension Office
6-15 Kansas State Fair
27 KAP & Awards DUE