



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER February 2022

4-H Showcase Event 2022

Gavel Games and 4-H Showcase will be held **Saturday, February 12, 2022** at Riley County High School. Registration has closed, but we encourage you to come out and check out the awesome things happening throughout the day.

Events will begin at 8:30 am and should be done by 2:15 pm. As part of the event we will have photography, horticulture, and FACs judging from 9-noon. Breakfast and lunch items will be served throughout the day. **There will be a STEM expo in the cafeteria as well!**

State Scholarship Opportunities

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship for the academic year are now posted online at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>. Youth who could 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). **All state scholarships are DUE to the state 4-H office on March 1.**



Discovery Days 2022

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is scheduled for June 1-3, 2022! Youth age 13-18, before January 1, 2022 are invited to register. More information coming soon.

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 Friday, April 1, 2022 with interviews on May 18.**



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Visit www.Kansas4-H.org



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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed on February 21 in observance of Presidents' Day

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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.

Hosting Japanese Exchange Summer 2022

Looking for some new fun and excitement this summer after a long year of staying home? Host a new friend from Japan in your home this summer, mid-July – mid-August. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for 25- 30 families this summer. Host families are needed who would be willing to host a Japanese boy or girl. The Japanese youth will be between the ages of 12 and 15. Our responsibility is to make host family assignments matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other.



Any Kansas family with children aged 10-16, who is interested in the Japanese culture, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host sibling for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life. If you have further questions, please call Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, 785-826-8917, or e-mail pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

Kansas Junior Producer Day Dates Announced

The 2022 Kansas Junior Producer Day dates have been set! We are excited to return to hosting in-person events this spring. **Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day will be Saturday, March 5**, with **Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day scheduled for Saturday, March 19**. Both events will be hosted in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. These events are one-day educational events for families to learn more about the selection and management of a specific specie. Youth, adults, extension agents, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to attend!

Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty, staff, students, extension agents, and guest speakers. Topics range from selection, to nutrition, to meat science and showmanship. Tentative schedules and registration information are forthcoming. For more information, including details to sign up, please follow the @ksuylp Facebook page and check the KSU YLP website: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html>.

Beef Weigh-In

Beef Weigh-in is **February 19 from 1-3 pm** Casement Barn, Riley County Fairgrounds. Questions, please contact Greg McClure gmcclure@ksu.edu

Kansas 4-H Agility Update - Effective in 2023

The Kansas 4-H Dog Care and Training Project is being updated with revisions to Agility rules and regulations. The following changes will be effective in the 2023 4-H Year: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science>



Leaders and Parents

- ◆ Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.
- ◆ Highlight key points/deadlines from the 4-H newsletter & calendar at club meeting
- ◆ Check on progress/needs of committees & parent volunteers/leaders.
- ◆ Report on January 4-H Council Meeting.
- ◆ Remind council representatives of March 4-H Council meeting
- ◆ Encourage older 4-Hers to apply for Fair Royalty. Applications due soon!
- ◆ What is your club doing for fun? Plan a fun activity for the whole club
- ◆ Continue to encourage project leaders to host meetings, tours and other learning opportunities.
- ◆ At your 4-H meeting brainstorm and submit 2-3 Fair Theme ideas to the Extension Office by March 1. They must be inclusive (no 4-H in theme)

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 2022 Riley County fair. Alternatively, make sure your club families are aware of the monthly project meetings 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.

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.

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](#).



4-H Garage Sale
April 8-9
Wreath Barn, Cico Park, Manhattan

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

We do not accept TVs of any kind.

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

Drop Off Items on Location

Wednesday, April 6, 5-8 PM

Thursday, April 7, 10 AM - 8 PM

Garage Sale

Friday, April 8, 9 AM - 8 PM

Saturday, April 9, 8 AM - Noon

Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350

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Free Youth Lawn Mowing Clinic

**Tuesday, March 8
4:30-6:00 p.m.**

**Pottorf Hall - Cico Park
1710 Avery Avenue**



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.

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Pre-registration req. - Masks encouraged - Social distancing will be observed

You may register on-line at www.riley.ksu.edu or

(print clearly)

Clip and Return by **March 4**

Student (First & Last) Name: _____ Grade: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Return this form by **March 4** to: Riley County Extension; 110 Courthouse Plaza Rm. B220, Manhattan, KS 66502 or by fax at 785-537-6353.

2021-2022 Riley County 4-H Calendar

February

- 4 Local Scholarships DUE
- 4-5 4-H Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
- 12 Riley County Showcase Event, RCHS
- 19 Beef Weigh-in, 1-3 pm, Casement Hall
- 19 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 21 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed

March

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

April

- Early April Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders
- 1 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
- 8-9 CWF Garage Sale; RL Co. Fairgrounds
- 23 Red Wheel Pick-up, Pottorf Hall 9-9:30 am
- 23 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
- 18 Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall
- 30 Memorial Day, Extension office closed
- 31 Discovery Days, KSU Campus
- TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

June

- 4 Dog Agility Workshop and Competition
- 4 Dog Agility & Rally-O, Pottorf Hall
- 9 State Horse Judging
- 20 Juneteenth, Extension office closed
- 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
- 15 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
- 9-18 Kansas State Fair
- TBA Project Reports & Awards DUE
- 30 KJLS

