Local Scholarships Available
Local scholarships are now available at www.riley.ksu.edu → 4-H Youth Development → Forms and Resources → Scholarships

All local scholarships need to be turned in to the Riley County Extension office by 5 pm on Friday, January 29. 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 Scholarships **NEW PROCESS FOR 2021**
Applications for ALL 2021 Kansas State 4-H Scholarships will be collected online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters or references is March 1, 2021. Please access this link for all the needed information on State scholarships: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html

KAP Due Dates
KAPs attending the NE-AREA screening need to be turned in to the Riley County Extension office by 5 pm on Friday, January 8

Kansas 4-H Ambassador Program
We are looking for a few new Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team Members. Applications can be found on this page. The group has plans for 2021, and would like to get new members involved right away. Please share the link for the application with interested youth and volunteers. Volunteers, teens and Extension staff are welcome to apply.

Soon we will be surveying Extension Units about their 4-H Ambassador Program, to guide the team as they move into the future. Please be watching for that survey via email.

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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed on January 18 in observance of MLK Jr. Day

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 2020-2021**

Monday, Monday, January 4, 2021; Monday, March 1, 2021; Monday, May 3, 2021; Monday, June 28, 2021; Monday, August 30, 2021 (labor Day is September 6)

All Meetings will take place at 7 pm, Pottorf Hall

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

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**4-H Showcase Event 2021**

Our 2021 Riley County 4-H Showcase event will take place VIRTUALLY on Saturday, February 20, starting at 8 am. Much like the 2020 Riley County Fair, all 4-Hers will have the opportunity to select their own time slots for each event. In addition to the normal Showcase offerings we will have a judged Cloverbud public speaking opportunity, as well as a live junior, intermediate, and senior trivia challenge. Because of the logistics of getting Gavel Games teams together for practice and judging, we will incorporate par-law questions in our trivia challenge. Registration information will go out via email the week of January 18.

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**State Horse Quiz Bowl & Hippology Update**

Due to Rock Spring’s current closure, the Horse Panorama will not be held in January. Instead, the Horse Action Team will host Hippology, Public Speaking, Demonstrations/Talks, Photography, Logo, Poster, PowerPoint, Ad Layout, and Model Horse Show virtually in 2021. The exact dates are yet to be determined.

In addition, tentatively, Quiz Bowl will join Horse Judging and be hosted with our Kansas Horse Council partners at Equifest March 5-7 in Salina. This plan will be tentative until we learn more about Salina Co. health orders in mid-January. If COVID-19 restrictions prevent us from hosting these contests in the spring, the Horse Action Team is exploring virtual options. Announcements will be made as plans are finalized.

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**Citizenship in Action 2021**

Citizenship in Action will be a virtual event in 2021. Plans are being made for programming on February 14 and 15.

The current plan is a community conversation, including deliberating and finding common ground on Sunday afternoon (tentatively 1p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) The Sunday afternoon session could potentially (depending on Covid-19 Restrictions) be a local “watch party” where you have your own conversation as a community of 4-H members.

On Monday the program will begin after lunch and be an opportunity to hear how others decided to make a difference and make a plan to do the same. Tentatively 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration should open in early January and will be due Monday, February 1. More information will be available soon.

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**Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) 2021**

I’m excited to share with you an amazing opportunity available to our Riley County youth. This March, K-State Research and Extension is partnering with the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, Network Kansas, and Spark to host the 5th 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) Formal Presentation 3) Trade Show Presentation. The top (3) placings at our Manhattan event will then compete in the statewide challenge in April, 2021.

If you have a high school age youth interested in this amazing opportunity, please contact John Jobe at the Riley County Extension office to get started 785-537-6350.
4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

To say that Kansas 4-H missed camp last summer is an understatement! We believe in the positive impact that 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch can have on a child. From exploring the outdoors, to building lifelong friendships, to gaining independence and self confidence, camp has a tremendous ability to make a strong impact on youth of all ages.

To ensure that 4-H camp continues to be a safe and high quality experience for generations to come, we established a Kansas 4-H Camping Taskforce two years ago. The task force has been hard at work, as well as leadership at both the Kansas 4-H Foundation and Rock Springs Ranch, preparing and planning for the future Kansas 4-H camp.

4-H camp in 2021 will begin to see new health protocols, as well as some improved health facilities, expedited by the Covid-19 pandemic. Logistics and details will continue to be shared as they are finalized.

In the meantime, save the dates for 4-H camp in the summer of 2021! Purple Power Pack Camp will take place June 18-21, with counselor training on June 17.

Beef Weigh-In

Beef Weigh-in is February 13 from 1-3 pm Casement Barn, Riley County Fairgrounds. Questions, please contact Greg McClure gmcclure@ksu.edu

Junior Producer Days to be held Virtually

The Kansas Junior Producer Days will be hosted in February and March 2021 as a virtual series over the course of a week. The Junior Swine Producer Week will be February 15-20. Presentations will be provided a couple of days during the week, with the final sessions and discussions being on Saturday morning. All of the sessions will be recorded and shared with those who register. Junior Meat Goat Producer Week will follow a similar format March 15-20.

All youth, parents, leaders, and extension agents are invited to participate in these educational experiences. K-State faculty members, graduate students, veterinarians, extension agents, guest speakers, and specialists will speak about various topics related to project management specific to each species. Tentative topics include selection, nutrition, meat science, health, and showmanship. More details and registration information will be released in the coming weeks. Please watch the youth livestock program website and the KSUYLP Facebook page for updated information and a link to register.

Leaders and Parents

Consider in January

♦ Make sure families enroll/re-enroll via 4-H Online.
♦ Talk to families about attending the Annual 4-H Showcase digitally on Saturday, February 20
♦ Check on progress/needs of committees & parent volunteers/leaders.
♦ Encourage project leaders to begin hosting project meetings (even if it needs to be virtually)
♦ 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
♦ Encourage older 4-Hers to run for Fair Royalty
Are you interested in traveling across the county? Have you ever seen Washington, D.C. at night? Do you have an interest in how policies are created at the national level? Are you willing to make life-long friendships with other 4-Hers from our region. Please consider joining us for the experience of a lifetime as we begin the journey towards Citizenship Washington Focus 2022. For the time being, we are simply attempting to gauge interest in the 2022 experience. **We will not start to meet officially as a group until January of 2021.**

The CWF experience allows high school youth to explore hands-on opportunities to learn and practice skills that promote citizenship and leadership within our local communities. Participants will engage in learning experiences for a year and a half leading up to the event, as well as raise funds to support their trip to Washington D.C. in the summer of 2022. **Anyone that will turn 14 years old by January of 2022 is encouraged to join this amazing opportunity.**

Contact the Riley County 4-H Agent John Jobe with any questions about this opportunity.
785-537-6350 or jajobe@ksu.edu
2020-2021 Riley County 4-H Calendar

January
1 New Year’s Holiday, Ext. Office Closed
4 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
18 MLK Jr. Day, Extension Office Closed
21 Virtual NE Area KAP Screening, Pottorf Hall
TBA NE Area Leadership Event, Rock Springs
29 Local Scholarship DUE

February
13 Beef Weigh-in, 1-3 pm, Casement Hall
14-15 Virtual Citizenship in Action
15 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed
20 Virtual Riley County Showcase Event

March
1 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
1 Red Wheel Sales Begin
17 YQCA 2-4 pm, Clover Room
TBA Dog Rally-O-Workshop & Competition

April
Early April Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders
1 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
1 YQCA, Training; 6-8 pm, Clover Room
24 Red Wheel Product Pick-Up, Pottorf Hall
TBA CWF Garage Sale; RL Co. Fairgrounds
TBA State Shooting Sports Match
TBA Discovery Days Registration DUE

May
1 Project Add/ Drop Deadline
1 Horse ID Papers DUE
3 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging, Hulbert Arena, 5-7 pm
3 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
TBA Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall
TBA Discovery Days, KSU Campus
TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

June
TBA Dog Agility Workshop and Competition
5 Dog Agility & Rally-O, Pottorf Hall
TBA Campference, Rock Springs
28 4-H Council Meeting, Pottorf Hall
TBA State Geology Field Trip
17 Camp Counselor Training, Rock Springs
18-21 4-H Camp, Rock Springs
26 Dog Showmanship & Obedience, Pottorf

July
1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
5 Independence Day Observed, Ext Off. Closed
15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
15 Fair Fashion Review
17 4-H Horse Show
19 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
20 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
21 4-H and Cloverbud Foods Judging
22-26 Riley County Fair, Cico Park
27 Fairground Cleanup

August
6 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
15 KJLS Entries DUE
TBA State Horticulture & Livestock Judging
30 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall

September
6 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
10 State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
10-19 Kansas State Fair
TBA KAP & Awards DUE

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