



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

January 2022

4-H Showcase Event 2022

Gavel Games and 4-H Showcase will be held **Saturday, February 12, 2022** at Riley County High School. Pre-entry for both Gavel Games and 4-H Showcase is now open on <https://www.riley.k-state.edu/> under 'Hot Topics' on the right. Pre-entry closes January 28. Please do not hesitate to call John or Brandy at the Riley County Extension office for further details 785-537-6350.

Events will begin at 8:30 am and should be done by 3:00 pm. As part of the event we will have photography, horticulture, and FACs judging. Breakfast and lunch items will be served throughout the day. **There will be a STEM expo in the cafeteria as well!**

Local Scholarships Available

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



Please make sure that all local scholarships are 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 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.**

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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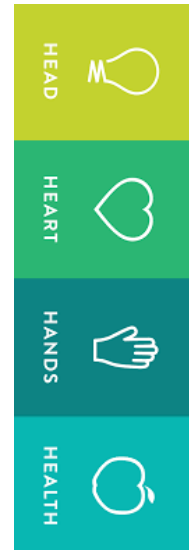
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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed on January 17 in observance of MLK Jr. Day



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 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 is now open at [Panorama webpage](#) and closes on **January 9**.

Citizenship in Action 2022

Citizenship in Action will be in person for 2022. Plans are being made for programming on February 20 and 21.

Youth have an opportunity to practice their leadership skills and learn how they can influence laws and rules that affect society at large. This two-day event is sponsored by Kansas 4-H Youth Development and the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the program is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

The current plan is a community conversation, including deliberating on tough conversations that matter and finding creative ways to attain common ground on Sunday afternoon (tentatively 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a banquet and keynote event in the evening).

On Monday the program will allow youth to see the capitol, meet with their representatives and senators, and have a more behind the scenes understanding of the legislative process.

Registration is now open and will be due Tuesday, February 1. Visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html> for more information.

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

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 on Saturday, February 12**
- ◆ 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

Club Leader Notebooks

We are in the process of finalizing a new club leader notebook for every club in Riley County. 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.

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](#).

2021-2022 Riley County 4-H Calendar

January

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

February

- 4 local Scholarships DUE
- 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
- TBA 4-H Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
- TBA State Horse Judging

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
- 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
- 30 Memorial Day, Extension office closed
- 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
- 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

