Pre–Fair Workshop 2022

Join us on Tuesday, June 21 for our annual pre-fair informational event. 4-Hers can come out and learn about exhibiting their projects at the 2022 fair. We will have project-experts in the areas of photo/ photo mounting, geology, entomology, foods/ food preservation, as well as an interview judging practice station. Join us that evening at Pottorf Hall from 5:30–7:00 pm.

Golden Clover Hunt

In early July, we will once again kick off the Golden Clover Hunt in anticipation of the Riley County Fair. Each weekday a new clue will be posted to the Riley County Fair website at www.rileycountyfair.com. Clues will continue to post right up until the start of the fair or until someone finds the clover. Upon discovery, the individual or family will be showered in wonderful gifts donated by local participants. Good luck to you all!

48 Hours of 4-H 2022

We hope every extension unit will join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H alums too!

When: October 8-9, 2022

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

It's time to make plans for your club to participate. www.Kansas4H.org/484H

Newsletter Worthy

I would love to highlight some of the wonderful activities and people who are currently active in our Riley County 4-H program. If you would like to let everyone know about something your 4-Hers have accomplished or honor a volunteer please email me the details and I will put it in the next newsletter. Also, if any of our young people deserve recognition for something they have done outside of 4-H let me know and we will recognize them.

How to Reach Us:

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Manhattan, KS 66502 4-H Info: 4hinfo@rileycountyks.gov
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The Riley Extension office will be closed on June 20th in observation of Juneteenth

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.

Livestock Skillathon 2022

The 4-H youth livestock skillathon contest is designed to promote understanding of management and care of livestock, and is focused on the following species: cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. Contest stations can include any or all of the following areas: feed ID/use, breed identification/characteristics, animal anatomy, meat cut ID, livestock equipment ID/ use, animal health management, and livestock quality assurance. There is no team competition; 4-Hers will compete as individuals. Awards will be presented to the top individual in each age division (Junior, Intermediate, Senior). After winning a division, the individual will need to compete in the next older age division in following years. Individuals are eligible to compete in the senior division multiple years, but may only receive an award once per age division.

The contest will be held at 12:30 pm on Monday, July 25, and you will sign up for the contest at the fair; no fair pre-entry is required. It will be held in the open air tent north of Pottorf Hall. Belt buckles will be given to each division winner. All 4-Hers may compete in the contest; you do not have to be enrolled in a livestock project to compete. Questions, contact Gary Fike gfike@rileycountyks.gov.

Gary will be doing two livestock skillathon meetings on Tuesday, June 21 and Thursday, June 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor meeting room next door. The sessions will last an hour, and will help prepare kids for the fair livestock skillathon contest. These will feature the same format as the ones I did last October, November, and December in Leonardville. If you are interested in attending either session, please call the Riley County Extension office and let us know.

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 a be a Council Representative to attend. It is open to all 4-Hers and parents.

The 4-H Council dates are ABOVE.

Kansas 4-H Animal Science Webinar Series

Kansas 4-H'ers can learn more about the livestock industry through the Kansas 4-H Animal Science Webinar Series. The Animal Science Webinar Series is designed to give Kansas 4-H'ers an opportunity to learn more about the livestock industry, career opportunities and good animal husbandry practices.

Webinars will be hosted live the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Register in advance at https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/animal-science-webinar-series.html to receive an email with the link to join. Webinars will be recorded and made available for those wishing to view at a later date.

Participants may submit questions relating to the webinar topic to klnordyke@ksu.edu until 2:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled seminar. Please include "Animal Science Webinar Question" in the subject one of your email.
**Fair Judging Contests**

Join us for multiple fair judging contests. You don’t have to be enrolled in the project to participate! Each is a come and go event. Top scorers can participate on the state fair judging team. A great way to expand your 4-H participation! No previous experience is necessary.

Horticulture Judging - Saturday, July 23; 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall  
Family and Consumer Science Judging - Saturday, July 23; 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall  
Photography Judging - Saturday, July 23, 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall  
Livestock Judging - Sunday, July 24, 3:15 pm; Hurlburt Show Arena

**Consider Taking the Largest Potato Challenge**

Join us as we start the charge for the 2022 Riley County Fair ‘largest potato’ competition. For more information contact Riley County Extension Horticulture Agent Gregg Eyestone, 785-537-6350.

**Donated Ceramics Need a Home**

We have had some ceramics donated to the Extension Office. They are free to Cloverbuds and 4-Hers. Some have been partially painted. See the following link for photos (scroll down to bottom). [https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/index.html](https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/index.html) First come, first serve. Interested, email Brandy [brandymarie@ksu.edu](mailto:brandymarie@ksu.edu) and specify which ones you want. Must pick up from Extension Office by June 15.

**Fair Pop Stand Sign Up**

As we make the final drive towards fair 2022, we are putting together some of the details for non-project related scheduling. As with the past couple years, we are not appointing pop stand slots for each club. Instead we are allowing individuals or families to sign up for slots that work with their schedule. Ideally four kids and one adult are about as many people you want to have in the stand at one time, but you can staff it with as few as two kids and one adult. Below is the link to the time slots, so please don’t wait to get signed up for a shift.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D44ADA72FA4FD0-4hpop](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D44ADA72FA4FD0-4hpop)

**Guidelines for operating the Riley County 4-H Pop Stand**

1. It is your groups responsibility to make sure someone is operating the pop stand during the assigned time.  
2. One adult needs to be present when working.  
3. Each group should clean throughout their scheduled time (wipe up spills, etc.)  
4. The last group in the evening is responsible for cleaning up and closing.  
5. If the club assigned after your club does not show up, please contact Brandy at the fair office
New for 2022: “Scenes of Riley County”
Every year a new Riley County object will be the focus of the picture. This year the Riley County Scene will be focused on “Bridges”. All pictures must be taken in Riley County and a description of the location of the scene must be included on the back of the photo. The winning photo will receive a special ribbon and will be hung in the Riley County Courthouse for one year. Only ONE entry per person. See page 78 of the fair book for more details.

A Case for a Cause – Pillowcase Project
All pillowcases will be donated to local organizations that work with families and/or children in crisis or experiencing difficult transitions. These children/families often pick up and move from place to place with little or no warning. Offering a child their own pillowcase to carry their few belongings in can be a comfort during transitions. With that in mind, pick a cheery, colorful and fun, cotton fabric (no flannel please) and make a pillowcase. Each person can construct multiple pillowcases to be donated, but only one will be judged. Clothing Construction members, see page 32 and 33 of the fair book for details.

Volunteering with Konza Student Table in July
Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity to get involved with this summer? Check out Konza Student Table! Help serve meals to K-State students in need of a meal on Wednesday evenings. We would like to have 4-Hers 12 and older sign up to help with this great community initiative! We are asking that an adult will be present as well to help out with the process.

We could use about 10 people to sign up the evening. We are looking to help out on Wednesday, July 6. It is outdoors and will be from about 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm here in Manhattan. Please let us know if you are interested as soon as possible by emailing Megan mcdough92@ksu.edu the following information:

4-Her’s Name
Adult’s Name
Cell Phone Number
Email Address

If you are interested in volunteering for another Wednesday evening, please visit https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4baaaa29a3fe3-konza

This could be included on your Achievement Pin application or Project Report Form application (citizenship/civic engagement section). We hope to hear from you soon!

4-H Food Preservation Workshop
Have you always wanted to enter a project in food preservation at the fair, but not really sure how to preserve food? This year, we are hosting a jam and jelly class to teach you the ropes of water bath canning!

The class will be on June 28 from 6-8 pm at Pottorf Hall. This class will be for kids 8 and older. If you are 12 and under, you will need an adult to accompany you during class.

There will be a $10 fee which will cover all your supplies. If you didn’t get enrolled in foods and still want to participate, you are more than welcome! Remember you can always enter your products in open class! We hope to see you there!

Registration is required! Space is limited so please register early. Register and pay by June 22.

We hope to see you there! http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ej85djjk42555111&llr=bybmwrdab
Leaders and Parents

2022 Riley County Fair Theme

At the March 4-H Council meeting, club representatives voted a good number of fair theme ideas down to three options. At the March Riley County Fair board meeting, board members voted to use ‘Bright Lights & Summer Nights’ as the 2022 Riley County Fair theme. This theme will be represented in club banners, window decorations, and on the cover of the 2022 fair book.

4-H Club Window Decorations 2022

Each club will have the option to decorate a window in a local business or office in their local community. Window designs will be judged on **Tuesday, July 19** prior to the start of the fair. Photos of the window and ribbon placings will be on display in Pottorf Hall during the fair.

**Below are the parameters:**
Each club must secure their own window, making arrangements for painting as well as cleaning the window within a week following the fair.

Clubs CAN decorate more than one window, but can only submit one for judging.

Fair window will need to be decorated by Monday, July 11.

Each club must notify the Extension office by Monday July 11 as to the location of their clubs window as well as submit a photo to Brandy brandymarie@ksu.edu.

Each window should include the fair dates as well as the wording “Riley County Fair 2022” somewhere in the design.

Designs are not required to follow the fair theme.

Judging criteria will be based on 1) Creativity 2) Fair Marketing Value/ Location.

Encouraging Fair Participation

As we enjoy these warmer spring 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.
1. Building Creations (LEGO®, K'NEX®, toothpicks, Etc.) should be no larger than 24”(L) x 24”(W) x 60”(H). Special size accommodations can be made for larger creations with the approval of Mr. Jobe, Riley County 4-H Agent. Contact him at the Riley County Extension Office prior to entry. 785-537-6350.

2. Building Creations will be judged on theme, neatness, and creativity.

3. Creations will be judged in (4) separate age categories; Junior (ages 7-9), Intermediate (ages 10-13), Senior (14-19), and Adult (20+).

4. Group exhibits are allowed, but only one prize will be given per exhibit if winner.

5. Each builder may enter a maximum of two exhibits.

6. One prize awarded for top exhibit in each age-category.

7. All entries must be completely assembled when entered. Only minor repairs will be permitted at entry.

8. Entries will be displayed for the duration of the 2022 Riley County Fair

All entries will be brought in on Wednesday, July 20 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Entries will be judged the afternoon of Thursday, July 21. Entries must be picked up Monday, July 25 from 5:00-7:00 pm. No early release will be permitted.

Open Class Building Creation prizes are made possible by a generous donation from the Manhattan Optimist Club.
# 2021-2022 Riley County 4-H Calendar

## June
- 1-3 Discovery Days, KSU Campus
- 4 Do Obedience and Showmanship, Pottorf Hall
- 9 State Horse Judging
- 10-11 State Geology Field Trip
- 20 Juneteenth, Extension office closed
- 25 Dog Agility and Rally-O, Pottorf Hall
- 27 4-H Council Meeting, Pottorf Hall
- 28 Food Preservation Workshop, Pottorf Hall

## July
- 1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
- 6 Volunteer with Konza Student Table
- 14 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
- 15 Fair Fashion Review, St. Thomas Moore
- 16 4-H Horse Show
- 18 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
- 19 4-H Photography Judging
- 19 Cloverbud Projects Judged
- 20 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
- 21 Judging/ Visual Arts
- 21-25 Riley County Fair, Cico Park
- 26 Fairground Cleanup

## August
- 5 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
- 15 KJLS Entries DUE
- 13 State Horticulture Judging
- TBA State 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

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