Encouraging Fair Participation

As we move into summer, 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 2021 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 allows for our 4-H youth to work alongside knowledgeable adults in completing a project or task.

Starting in 2021 ALL indoor projects will be interview judged once they arrive on site (very similar to fair 2020). What that means for all Riley County 4-Hers is that they need to be prepared to discuss their entries with project judges. We will help to strengthen this skill with an interview judging workshop coming later this summer. In addition, this means that all 4-Hers must be physically present to exhibit a project entry, drop-offs will not be accepted. All items will be on display for the duration of fair 2021.

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!

Upcoming Community Service Opportunity

We are still confirming a few details, but watch your email for a couple upcoming community service events in July and August. We will be volunteering with Konza Student Table. Volunteers will help package breakfast and hand out already packaged meals to those in the community. This will be a great community service opportunity for 4-Hers 12 and older.

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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.

Youth and Parents Invited on Feedlot Tour!

4-H members and parents are invited to attend a commercial cattle feedlot tour on Friday, June 25. The purpose of this trip is to enhance 4-Her awareness and to gain new knowledge about the commercial livestock industry outside of the show ring. This will truly be a unique educational opportunity!

Garrett Craig, our summer intern in the Riley County Extension office, is organizing the tour. The group will visit two commercial cattle feeding operations, one in Ramona—Cow Camp Feed Yard, and the other in Marquette—Tiffany Cattle Co. West. The group will leave Manhattan at approximately 7:30 a.m. and will return to Manhattan by 3:00 p.m. Participants should bring $8-10 for lunch in Salina. In case of mud, if possible, bring overshoes. If there are parents who would like to attend and also drive, please let us know. Dependent on signup numbers, we may just be traveling by extension vehicles, but we may be recruiting more adults to drive if they are interested in assisting.

Sign up by June 18 https://forms.gle/xXK29THrjXzVTrw5A

4-H Club Window Decorations 2021

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 20 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 needs to be decorated by Monday, July 12.

Each club must notify the Extension office by Monday, July 12 as to the location of their clubs window. Please also email Brandy brandymarie@ksu.edu pictures of your fair window. These are used incase it rains.

Each window should include the fair dates as well as the wording “Riley County Fair 2021” somewhere in the design. **write everything big and bold**

Designs are not required to follow the fair theme.

Judging criteria will be based on 1) Creativity 2) Fair Marketing Value/ Location.
Livestock Skillathon – NEW for 2021!

As many of you have heard and read about the Livestock Skillathon at the fair this year, here are a few details:

The contest itself will be held on Monday afternoon, **July 26 from 12:30-2:30 pm** in the Entertainment Tent, north of Pottorf Hall. It will be a come and go event. There is not need to pre-register. All 4-Hers are welcome to participate and there will be three divisions: junior, intermediate and senior. The top score in each division will receive a belt buckle.

For those who would like to get a preview of what it will be like, there will be an introductory lesson on **July 1 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm** at the fairgrounds, along with other pre-fair learning experiences.

There will be three “stations” where 4-Hers will participate in things like livestock breed identification; quality assurance, meat cut identification, feed ingredient identification, etc. For more information on the kinds of things that will be offered, I would encourage you to go the Wisconsin Extension website at: [https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/files/2010/10/Livestock-Skillathon-Resource-Handbook-17-FINAL.pdf](https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/files/2010/10/Livestock-Skillathon-Resource-Handbook-17-FINAL.pdf) or go to the KSU Youth Livestock page at: [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/4-h-livestock-sweepstakes.html](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/4-h-livestock-sweepstakes.html) to learn more information about the skillathon contests.

Fair Preparation Event 2021

Preparing projects for the Riley County Fair is a fun and exciting prospect, but can prove to be difficult and frustrating for some of our 4-Hers and their families. To alleviate this frustration we host an annual “Fair Preparation” event, allowing 4-Hers to connect with experts on a host of project areas. This year we are hosting a Pre Fair Workshop on **Thursday, July 1 from 5:00-6:30 pm at Pottorf Hall**. This is a come and go event for 4-H families.

This year we are requiring all 4-H exhibits to be interview judged. As part of our event, we would like to offer 4-Hers the opportunity to practice interview judging. It would give them the chance to talk with the judge and get comfortable with the process.

We envision this being a simple conversation of “tell me about your favorite 4-H project.” The conversation would then evolve into how did you get in this project, what have you learned, what is the biggest challenge you have had with the project etc. “Judges” wouldn’t need any project knowledge. It just about the conversation. Would you be interested in helping at our event?

State 4-H Horticulture Judging

We are looking into the possibility of hosting the State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest in person on campus in August. As soon as we have details we will share.

We will stay with the current study material and make a plan to change that out for 2022. The material is taken from a variety of Healthy Yard Videos detailed on the Kansas 4-H Website on the [Horticulture Judging Contest page](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/4-h-livestock-sweepstakes.html).

Effective January 1, 2015, contestants who have judged as an official team member at the National Junior Horticulture Association Judging Contest are not eligible to compete as a team or as an individual at the State Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest.

Riley Country Fair Work Night

Work Night is **Monday, July 19**, beginning at **5:30 pm** with pizza. A meeting for all Superintendents and Junior Superintendents will begin at **5:45 pm**. After the meeting, Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Junior Superintendents, and other volunteers will set up their department(s) for the fair.
**Fashion Revue Update**

Due to scheduling difficulties, we have changed the date for the Riley County Fashion Revue and judging. This includes Clothing Construction and Buymanship. Fashion Revue will be **Wednesday, July 14** at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Manhattan.

Scripts for the evening fashion revue will be due Thursday, July 8. **No late scripts will be accepted.** Details regarding Fashion Revue are included in the fair book.

**Riley County 4-H Exchange Reboot Informational Meeting**

Who- 4-Hers who will be 12 years old by June 1, 2022 + their parent (open to Riley County + surrounding counties)

When- Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Where- Green Valley Community Center Meeting Room - Green Valley Road - Manhattan (east off Highway 24)

What- Discussion about 4-H TRIPle E Excellent Exchange Experience - hosting 2022 travel 2023 Ohio/Virginia.

Why- To enhance Leadership/Citizenship Skills, broaden your horizons, learn about 4-H in other states.

Enjoy a WATERMELON FEED while we discuss this awesome opportunity to happen summers 2022 & 2023.

TRIPle E is a group focused on 4-H Interstate Exchange trips and participation will help you fulfill CWF requirements. Please contact Cherie Trieb at 785-844-0781 with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on June 10th!

**Fair Judging Contests**

Join us for multiple fair judging contest. 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 24; 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall
Photography Judging - Saturday, July 24, 1:00-2:30 pm; Pottorf Hall
Livestock Judging - Sunday, July 25, 3:30 pm; Hurlburt Show Arena
4-H Ambassador Day Camp

For youth going into 2nd, 3rd, & 4th grades

Tuesday July 6, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

$15

For youth going into 5th & 6th grades

Wednesday July 7, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Petting zoo, crafts, games, group activities, STEM activities & more

Register today at www.riley.ksu.edu under “Events”

Registration and payment due by July 2

Lunch provided each day
1. Building Creations (LEGO®, K’NEX®, tooth picks, 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+).

3. 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 2021 Riley County Fair.

All entries will be brought in on Wednesday, July 21 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Entries will be judged the afternoon of Thursday, July 22. Entries can be picked up Monday, July 26 from 5:00-7:00 pm. No early release will be permitted.

By July 1, you will need to contact Riley County 4-H Agent John Jobe and provide him with the registrants name, age, and size of entry. (785) 537-6350

Open Class Building Creation prizes are made possible by a generous donation from the Manhattan Optimist Club.
Riley County Fair

Sunday, July 25th, 2021
Cico Park in Manhattan
Registration opens at 11:00 am
Tournament starts at Noon

Entry Fee $40 per team of two/ pay on-site
Open to all ages and skill levels (*upper and lower division)
*Round robin games will determine upper or lower status

Payout in the lower division is 1st $150, 2nd $75, 3rd $50
Payout in the upper division is all remaining registration payments

Food vendors on-site
Boards and bags provided

Alcohol is prohibited on all fairground property

For more information contact the Riley County Extension office, 785-537-6350
2020-2021 Riley County 4-H Calendar

**June**
1  Dog Pre-Entry DUE
1-4 Discovery Days, Virtual
5  Dog Showmanship & Obedience, Pottorf Hall
28 4-H Council Meeting, Pottorf Hall
11-13 State Geology Field Trip
17  Camp Counselor Training, Rock Springs
17  Emerald Circle Banquet #1
18-21 4-H Camp, Rock Springs
24  Emerald Circle Banquet #2
26  Dog Agility & Rally-O, Pottorf
27-30 Campference, Rock Springs

**July**
1  Fair Pre-Entries DUE
5  Independence Day Observed, Ext Off. Closed
15  State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
14  Fair Fashion Review, St. Thomas More
16  RC Extension office moves to Pottorf Hall
17 4-H Horse Show
19  Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
20  Photography Judging
20  Cloverbud Judging
20 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
21 4-H and Cloverbud Foods/ Visual Arts 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
7  State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
10-19 Kansas State Fair
TBA  KAP & Awards DUE

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