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 spring. 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.

**2021 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 ‘No Time Like Fair Time’ as the 2021 Riley County Fair theme. This theme will be represented in club banners, window decorations, and on the cover of the 2021 fair book.

**Riley County Fair Book Mailing**

Watch your mail later this month for your Riley County Fair Book and pre-entry letter. This will be mailed to the address listed on your 4-H Online account.

The fair book has all the dates, times, and guidelines for each project area. Each 4-Her receives a unique **new** exhibitor number. This number is written on entry cards for all Pottorf Hall exhibits. A list will be included in the mailing.

Details on signing up for interview judging times for inside exhibits only.

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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.

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**2021 Kansas 4-H Discovery Days**

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually in 2021. The event will be held on June 1-4, 2021. Thank you to everyone who participated in the interest and availability survey. From that survey, we have an excellent starting list of individuals who are willing to help with content tracks. We are able to confirm the traditional week after Memorial Day. The dates will still work for the majority of counties.

The decision to again use the virtual format was not taken lightly as the preferred format for the event would definitely be in-person. The decision is in congruence with the current K-State Reopening Phase 3 guidelines [https://www.k-state.edu/covid-19/return/reopening/phase-3/](https://www.k-state.edu/covid-19/return/reopening/phase-3/) and the most recent vaccine availability projections from Riley County [https://www.facebook.com/Rileycountyhealthdepartment/posts/4004392632925122](https://www.facebook.com/Rileycountyhealthdepartment/posts/4004392632925122).

Thank You for all of your support as we try to make the Discovery Days experience the best it can be for all.

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**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.
- 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.

*Details about painting materials coming soon*
Livestock Skillathon – NEW for 2021!

Brand new for the 2021 Riley County Fair, 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 on the afternoon of Monday, July 26, 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.

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!

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, 10:00 am - noon; Pottorf Hall
- Livestock Judging - Sunday, July 25, 3:15 pm; Hurlburt Show Arena

Consider Taking the Longest Carrot Challenge

Join us as we start the charge for the 2021 Riley County Fair ‘longest carrot’ competition. Free seeds are available now at the Riley County Extension Office, 110 Courthouse Plaza Rm. B220. If you need some inspiration check out the following link. http://www.carrotmuseum.co.uk/
**Leaders and Parents**

**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.

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**2021 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trips**

The 4-H Geology Action Team has been working hard to plan opportunities for youth to learn and engage in the 4-H Geology project. The group is excited to announce three great options for youth to collect specimens and learn from experts in the field. For 2021 there will be three single day field trips offered in different parts of the state:

- June 12 – Western Kansas Smoky Hills
- June 19 – Southeast Kansas
- June 26 – Central Kansas

The dates and general locations have been confirmed. Please keep these dates as place holders as more information for registration and logistics will be posted soon on the [4-H Geology Page](#).

Additionally, with the opportunity for state field trips, the 2020 State Fair lower specimen requirement will return to the full 15 new specimens for the 2021 KSF.

**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](#).

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.
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+).

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 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 creation prizes are made possible by a generous donation from the Manhattan Optimist Club
2020-2021 Riley County 4-H Calendar

May
1  Project Add/ Drop Deadline
1  Horse ID Papers DUE
3  Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging, Hurlburt Arena, 5-7 pm
3  4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
9  Dog Agility Workshop, Pottorf Hall
14  Extension Office closed for staff retreat
19  Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall

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

Riley County 4-H Master Calendar 2021

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