



RILEY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

November 2022

You Can Order Find Your Spark T-Shirts from the Fair

The "Find Your Spark" t-shirts sold at the 2022 Kansas State Fair are available through an online order system with our business partner. [Click here](#). Orders are due by November 23 and will be shipped before the holidays.

Share at your club meeting and save on shipping with a group order.

- Perfect for holiday gifts
- Great way to say thank you to a leader or supporter!
- Plan now for matching shirts for your 4-H Day participants

Proceeds benefit the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. Thanks for your support of this project.

4-H Council Officer Applications

We are still in need of 4-H Council Officers for the upcoming year. PLEASE consider serving with this amazing group of 4-Hers. We will take applications up until the **January 8** 4-H council meeting. For details on 4-H Council Officer responsibilities and for an application, please visit <https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/council/index.html> You will have to download the application for it to be form fillable. It must be typed.

Welcoming New Trips and Awards Committee Members

At the November 7 4-H Council meeting, we welcomed (3) new Riley County 4-H Trips and Awards committee members. Each member will serve a two year term, assisting with pin applications, awards and scholarships. We welcome Kachina Gerber, Stephanie Shannon, and Michelle Taylor to this committee. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Community Service Opportunity

Join us for a STEM related Community Service Project on **Tuesday, November 22 from 6-7 pm** at Pottorf Hall.

Please come help us make STEM Gift Bags to donate to Toys for Manhattan! We'll assemble STEM activities and projects and then fill the STEM Gift Bags. The completed bags will be donated to Toys for Manhattan and distributed to underprivileged children for Christmas.

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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed **November 11** in observance of Veterans Day and **November 24 and 25** for Thanksgiving



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 7, 2022; Monday, January 9, 2023; Monday, March 6, 2023; Monday, May 1, 2023; Monday, June 26, 2023; Monday, August 28, 2023.

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

4-H Showcase Event 2023

The 2023 Riley County 4-H Showcase event will take place on **Saturday, February 18** at Riley County High School. It will include what was formerly Gavel Games and Club Day. Events will begin at 8:30 am and we should be done by 3:00 pm. As part of the event we will have photography, poultry, family consumer sciences, and horticulture judging. Breakfast and lunch items will be served throughout the day. Registration will open to 4-Hers in December so check back in with us. Start the planning process now for the February event. See you there!

2022-2023 4-H Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

Enrollment and re-enrollment opened on **October 1** and will be done via [4-H Online](#). If you have forgotten your email log in or password, PLEASE do not create a second account. Instead, contact Brandy brandymarie@ksu.edu or call 785-537-6350 and she can assist you. The deadline to enroll and change projects will be May 1.

Save the Date for 4-H Ambassador and Communication Training

Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be held February 24-25 at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp. Please get this date on your 4-H Ambassador's calendars now. We will be offering some 4-H Communication Training for teens who might not be part of a local ambassador program. We also are looking for volunteers, teen leaders and Extension staff who would like to serve on the 4-H Ambassador Action Team or have a passion for helping teens learn and improve communication skills.

IFYE Opportunities for Young Adult Exchanges in 2023

IFYE USA is back with exchange 2023 programs for 18-25 year-olds in numerous countries across five continents. Kansas 4-H has been a participant since the program began in 1948 and welcomes young adult 4-H alumni to participate in 2-month, 3-month or 6-month exchanges in 2023.

Traci Ross, a Rush County 4-H alumna, has returned from two months in Norway and is currently residing and working in Johnson County but is re-locating to Leavenworth County. She welcomes requests to share her experiences as an IFYE in that area of the state. Sanders Barbee, a Lawrence resident, also returned in August from an IFYE Exchange in Morocco. She was on an exchange sponsored by the United Sorghum Checkoff and focused on the agriculture of Morocco, a potential customer of grain sorghum production from the U. S. Sanders is in her senior year at K-State and welcomes requests for presentations in the Manhattan area, as well as when she is home in Lawrence during school breaks. Mary Kay Munson, 4-H International Exchange Coordinator, can assist in contacting Traci and Sanders. Contact her at mkm2@ksu.edu. 2023 IFYE Exchange Application and information is available at www.ifyeusa.org. Applicants from Kansas are expected to participate in Interviews and **First Orientation for Outbound Exchange Delegates November 20**. Contact should be made with Munson to be accepted as a Kansas applicant and to get further information on the application process by November 1.



Kansas 4-H Names Maass New Program Leader

Sarah Maass, whose professional career in 4-H and youth development spans nearly a quarter-century, has been named the state leader for the Kansas 4-H Youth Development program, effective November 13.



Since 2007, Maass has been the 4-H Youth Development agent in the Central Kansas District, covering Ottawa and Saline counties. She was the Lyon County 4-H Youth Development agent from 2004 to 2007.

“Family, church, and 4-H have played a big part in my life and who I am today,” Maass said. “I am thrilled to be able to help lead the Kansas 4-H Youth Development program into the future. I look forward to having conversations with 4-H volunteers, parents, members and extension professionals about the needs for youth and the 4-H program throughout the state.”

She added: “Together, we have the opportunity to continue to change the lives of the families and youth we work with in our communities. I am excited to work with everyone in this new role, as together we will make the best better for Kansans.”

Maass will be responsible for management and leadership of the state’s largest youth development organization, reaching approximately 74,000 youth and their families each year. She will be located in the state 4-H office on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan.

Prior to K-State, Maass held 4-H positions in Florida and Oklahoma, beginning as a student office assistant in 1999 for the Oklahoma State 4-H office in Stillwater.

She earned a doctoral degree in life-span human development from K-State in 2018. Her dissertation was a study of the impact of peer relationships, parental influence and adult mentors on the character development of high school adolescents.

Maass also earned a master’s degree in family, youth and community services from the University of Florida in 2004; and undergraduate degree in family relations and child development from Oklahoma State University in 2001.

Rick Peterson, the associate director for extension programs at K-State, has been serving as interim director of the Kansas 4-H Youth Development program. He said he is grateful to the K-State transition team – among them Dona Ratliff, Justin Goodno, Beth Hinshaw, Anna Muir and Corinne Patterson – for their work during the search for a new program leader.

“That group provided support to me in the form of advice, input from the system, and served as a sounding board during the transition period,” Peterson said.

“I would also like to thank the state 4-H office staff, specialists, contract professionals, county agents and (others) for their service to our 4-H youth, parents and volunteers during the transition phase. I look forward to working with (Maass) in making Kansas 4-H the best youth development program in the state.”

Chris Onstad, K-State Research and Extension associate director for field operations, chaired the search committee, which included Terry Roberts, Amy Sollock, Jake Worcester, John Jobe, Betsy Patrick, Nancy Honig, Matt Young and Candis Meerpohl.

Speaking on behalf of the committee, Onstad said: “We are excited about (Maass) assuming the position and look forward to the new era under her leadership of the Kansas 4-H program.”

Onstad also expressed appreciation for feedback received from K-State Research and Extension employees, calling that feedback “instrumental in the selection process.”

Leaders and Parents

Consider in November

- ◆ Make sure families enroll/re-enroll via 4-H Online
- ◆ Install new officers & recognize new members
- ◆ Create club goals for the new year
- ◆ Have members sign up for club committees
- ◆ Talk about club holiday plans for meeting, etc.
- ◆ Financial Audit due to Extension Office ASAP!
- ◆ Encourage seniors to apply for county and state 4-H scholarships (Open in December/ January)
- ◆ Invite Mr. Jobe to a club meeting
- ◆ Start talking to families about attending the annual Showcase event (February 18 at RCHS)
- ◆ Make sure 4-H Council Reps are attending meetings as voting representatives of your club.

2023 Riley County Foundation Grants

Are you a Riley County 4-H youth development group seeking support funds? Consider filling out a Riley County 4-H Foundation funding request application. Application must be returned to the Riley County Extension office, 110 Courthouse Plaza, Rm B220 by **5:00 pm on November 23**. Recipients will be notified after the first of the year as to the status of their request.

Applications can be found online at <http://a.cms.omniupdate.com/10/#k-state/k-state/ksre-riley/preview/4-hfoundation/index.pcf>

If your group received a grant at the beginning of 2022 you will need to fill out a grant follow-up report <http://a.cms.omniupdate.com/10/#k-state/k-state/ksre-riley/preview/4-hfoundation/index.pcf>

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.

Livestock Skillathon Meeting

Gary Fike, Riley County Extension Director, will be doing a livestock skillathon/junior stockman's program at Leonardville on **Tuesday, November 29** at the Sikes Store venue (formerly Nelson's Landing at 107 Erpelding St, Leonardville, KS 66449) at **6:30 p.m.** All 4-Hers interested in learning more about livestock skillathon and their projects are invited to attend. It will last about one hour.

Youth will learn breed identification, feed identification, and other things pertaining to their projects. It will help you prepare for the livestock skillathon at the fair next summer. More sessions will be held at a later date(s). If you plan to come, simply drop Gary an email at garyfike@ksu.edu and letting him know of your intentions to make sure he has enough materials.

2022-2023 Riley County 4-H Calendar

November

- 1 Officers Training/ Leadership Training
- 7 4-H Council Meeting, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 11 Veteran's Day, Extension Office Closed
- 23 Riley County 4-H Grant Proposals DUE
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday, Ext Office Closed

December

- 26-30 Christmas Holiday, Office Closed

January

- 2 NYE Holiday, Ext. Office Closed
- 3 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 16 MLK Jr. Day, Extension Office Closed
- TBA 4-H Showcase Pre-Entry DUE
- 20 NE Area PRF Screening, Pottorf Hall
- TBA Horse Panorama, Rock Springs
- 31 State and Local Scholarships DUE

February

- 18 Riley County Showcase, RCHS
- 24-25 4-H Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
- 25 Beef Weigh-in, 1-3 pm, Casement Hall
- TBA Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 20 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed
- TBA State Horse Judging

March

- 1 State 4-H Scholarship and State PRFs DUE
- 1 Red Wheel Sales Begin
- 6 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- TBA YWCA 2-4 pm, Clover Room
- 15 YQCA, 6-8 pm, Clover Room

April

- Early April Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders
- 3 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
- 22 Red Wheel Pick-Up, Pottorf Hall 9-9:30 am
- TBA State Shooting Sports Match
- TBA Discovery Days Registration DUE

May

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

June

- 1 Horse ID Papers DUE
- 3 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- TBA Campference, Rock Springs
- 24 Dog Show (Disciplines TBA)
- 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
- 20 Fair Fashion Review
- 22 4-H Horse Show
- 24 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
- 25 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
- 26 4-H and Cloverbud Foods Judging
- 27-31 Riley County Fair, Cico Park

August

- 1 Fairground Cleanup
- 4 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
- 15 KJLS Entries DUE
- TBA State Horticulture & Livestock Judging
- 28 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall

September

- 4 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 6 State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
- 8-17 Kansas State Fair
- 22 Project Report Forms & Awards DUE

