

# County 4-H Fair, Chicken Dinner Wednesday, July 28

## For the Republic-Monitor

“Learning by Doing” is the basis of 4-H work, and each year many young people between the ages of 5 and 19 do just that.

The public is invited to come support the 4-H members during the Perry County 4-H Fair and Chicken Dinner Wednesday, July 28 at the American Legion in Perryville.

Enjoy a meal at the annual event and see more than 400 projects and animals on display.

4-H members make the items or raise and train the animals, which will be on exhibit. The 4-H Chicken Dinner is set for Wednesday, July 28 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the American Legion Main Hall, 98 Grand Ave. in Perryville.

Carryouts will also be available from the Legion Walnut Room. All of the proceeds from the meal are used to pay 4-H members a small amount of premium money for their 4-H Fair exhibits.

The chicken dinner menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, slaw, and desserts.

The meal is \$10 for adults and all carryouts. Children (10 and younger) are \$6.50 for dine-in.

Tickets are available from any 4-H member. Individuals also can walk in and buy dinner tickets at the door.

A new feature of this year’s event includes 4-H items on display in the American Legion Colonnade Room (Quonset Hut) build-

ing Wednesday, July 28 from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Animal judging will begin at 4 p.m. on the Legion grounds.

“Perry County 4-H members will showcase a variety of projects they have completed from beautiful arts and crafts to breathtaking photography to handmade wood-working pieces to shooting sports targets,” said Dianna Koenig, 4-H Youth Program Associate with University of Missouri Extension.

The public is invited to come see 4-H members poultry, goats, bucket calves, dogs and more.

Animals and items will be on display until 7 p.m. Robotics judging is scheduled to take place at 5:30 p.m.

“We always have many 4-H alumni come back to the 4-H Fair each year to visit with friends and see what 4-H members are doing today,” Koenig said. “Those who might be interested in joining 4-H are invited to come to the 4-H Fair and find out what in the world 4-H is all about. 4-H is more than a club, it is a community of young people who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H members are preparing themselves for the future while making new friends and having fun.”

For more information about these events or the 4-H program, contact Dianna Koenig, Perry County University of Missouri Extension 4-H Youth Development Program Associate at 573-547-4504 or 573-513-2899 or e-mail koenigd@missouri.edu.



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Animal judging will take place from 4-7 p.m. on the American Legion grounds.



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4-H members will present their projects that include artwork and other crafts.



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The projects will be judged and each member will receive a small premium based on their ribbons.

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 Chicken Dinner ..... 4:30-7:30 p.m.  
 View Displays ..... 3:30-7:30 p.m.

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 Robotics Judging ..... 5:30 p.m.

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# Local 4-H projects to be on display

By Justin Hotop  
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Dianna Koenig hopes that it is back and better than ever. The Perry County 4-H will hold its annual chicken dinner on July 28 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. The dinner returns as part of the annual Perry County 4-H fair after the dinner was cancelled in 2020 because of COVID-19.

The fair itself, which includes the students presenting their projects, was closed to the public last year.

"It's great to come back and actually have the dinner this year so that the money can go back to the kids this year," Koenig said. "Everything was so much smaller last year than in year's past. Every year we want to be able to show off the projects to community, and we weren't able to do that last year. We want to get back to that in 2021."

The proceeds from the meal go to provide a small premium toward the 4-H students projects.

"The premium is based on what ribbon the kids receive for their projects," Koenig said.

The meal is \$10 for adults, along with each carry-out order, while children 10 and younger are \$6.50.

The meal consists of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, slaw, corn and desserts. 4-H members and their families will help serve during the meal.

"Who can deny themselves some of that famous American Legion chicken?" Koenig said. "It's some of the best around."

The hall will be set up a little differently for the dinner.

"We have all sorts of people that come back and visit with us and see what we



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During the 4-H Chicken Dinner, projects created by the members will be on display in the Colonnade Room from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 28. Animal judging will take place at 4 p.m. at the Legion grounds.

are up to this year," Koenig said. "We always have great support each year. Usually we have the projects set up in the American Legion so that the parents can see what everyone has done, but we wanted to spread everyone out as much as we could. We moved the projects to another

building."

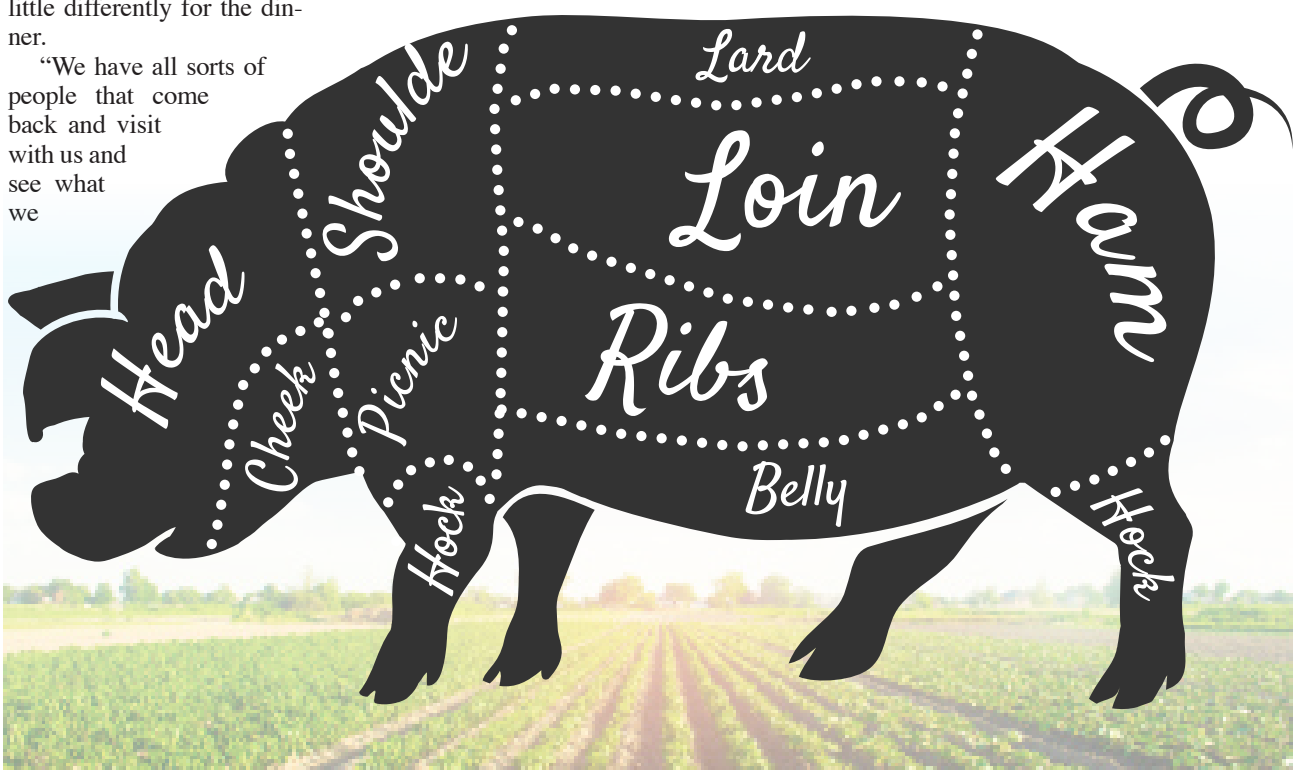
The chicken dinner is the biggest event the Perry County 4-H holds and there are about 1,000 people who attend..

"It's really a culmination of all the work the members have put in over the course of the of the last year and

something that we want to showcase," Koenig said.

No matter the year. Koenig is always excited for the event.

"I can't wait for people to see what we have been doing all year," she said. "The kids have been working so hard for this moment."



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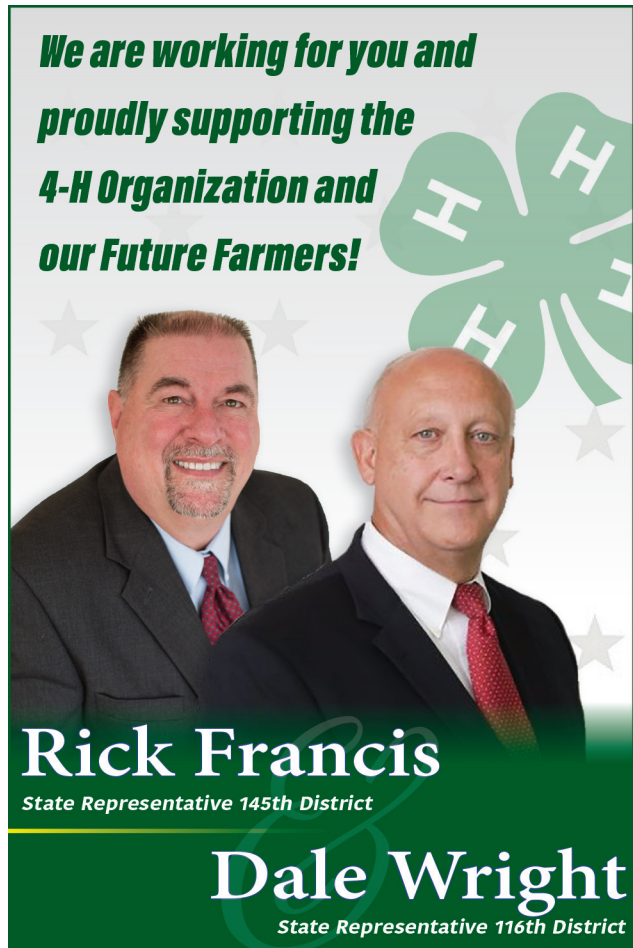
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