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KAYSVILLE – Davis County and the Utah State University Botanical Center partner to provide the Davis Heritage Festival in 2022. The new event celebrating the heritage of Davis County replaces the Davis County Fair and will be planned and hosted by the USU Botanical Center. The Davis Heritage Festival will be a family-friendly event held annually in the spring in conjunction with Baby Animal Days. The inaugural Davis Heritage Festival is planned for May 19-21, 2022. The 4-H horse and livestock show will continue as a separate event during its usual summer timeframe and will be held on August 14 and 19-21 this year.

“The purpose of this change is to focus on agriculture, give community members and local businesses a chance to share their creative endeavors through locally made or grown projects, and to celebrate the heritage of Davis County,” said Randy Elliott, Davis County commissioner. “In addition, it will honor the past, promote the strong future ahead, and more accurately reflect what has built the Davis County community.”

Jerry Goodspeed, Utah State University Extension professor and director of the USU Botanical Center, said he is excited to be part of the new community event.

“There is symmetry between USU Botanical Center’s mission and Davis County’s efforts in promoting and supporting agriculture and local heritage,” he said. “We look forward to sharing this wonderful new event with the community. Our new Davis Heritage Festival committee, which includes a Davis County employee as co-chair, is already making plans for the 2022 event.”

Annual 4-H events are still moving forward in 2021 with the county fair horse show on August 14 at the Hooper City Arena at 8 a.m. and the stock show held August 19-21 at the Golden Spike Arena in Ogden.

“Our goal is to honor what has built the Davis County community and find new ways to improve and prepare for the future,” said Elliott. “This event update and transition of the hosting and planning to the USU Botanical Center will help us accomplish and exceed that goal.”

For further information and updates about the Davis County Fair transitioning to the Davis Heritage Festival, visit [daviscountyutah.gov](http://daviscountyutah.gov) or [usubotanicalcenter.org](http://usubotanicalcenter.org).

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Davis County is located in Northern Utah with the county seat in Farmington. Established in 1850 as one of the first counties in the state, Davis offers a thriving economy, strong communities and wonderful quality of place. Davis County works to create strong relationships with its community members, businesses, visitors and other government partners, including 15 cities within the county and Hill Air Force Base. The county boasts 400+ miles of trails, Lagoon Amusement Park, Antelope Island State Park and many other recreational amenities.

The Utah State University Botanical Center located in Kaysville, Utah guides the conservation and wise use of plant, water and energy resources through research-based educational experiences, demonstrations and technology.