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4-H NEWS

River Valley District

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RECORD BOOKS, PIN APPS, AND KAPS...OH MY!

Do any or all of these leave you scratching your head or just plain scare you? Keath Meyer and Sheryl Gaines will be leading a workshop on Saturday, March 5 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the 4-H Conference Center located on the Clay County fairgrounds. It will cover how to put together record books, KAPs (Kansas Award Portfolios), pin applications, and fair livestock/project auction requirements.

Plan on attending if you want to learn more or have any questions in any of these areas. This will be particularly beneficial to new families and those who have not tackled record keeping in the past. Please bring pencils, notebook and 4-H records/applications. Keath, Sheryl, and Monica Thayer, River Valley Extension District 4-H Youth Development Agent, will be available after the workshop to answer individual questions as needed. Call Sheryl at 785-223-3234 if you have any questions about the workshop. Please RSVP to your local extension office by Wednesday, March 2nd.

PROJECT FAIRS

For the first time, the River Valley Extension District will be hosting two Project Fairs in April. Our Project Fairs are 30 minute sessions about different projects offered through 4-H. This is a great opportunity for 4-H members to explore different projects and to learn what they need to get started! Got a friend interested in 4-H? Bring them with you! This is a great experience for others to learn about all the opportunities within 4-H!

Both project fairs this spring will start at 9am and conclude by 11am with three sessions and refreshments provided afterwards! If you need transportation to the project fair, contact your local extension office

- Saturday, April 2nd at The Branch, 507 Broadway Avenue, Clyde, KS
- Saturday, April 23rd at the Washington County High School, 101 West College, Washington, KS

More information, including the projects offered and RSVP deadlines, will be sent out to each family in the next few weeks! Save the dates now! If you have any questions, please contact your local extension office!

DISTRICT CLUB DAY RESULTS

Congratulations to all of our 4-H members that participated at the 2016 District 4-H Club Day! Results can be found on the River Valley Extension District webpage under 4-H Youth Development, Forms & Resources tab, Club Day page. A link will also be posted on our Facebook page—River Valley 4-H. www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/club-day.html

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CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION



Seventeen River Valley District 4-Hers recently attended the Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action event in Topeka. The 4-Hers were able to tour the Capitol, write mock bills, participate in mock Legislative Sessions by debating the four different mock bills on the House of Representatives and Senate floor, and meet with our legislators. This was a great opportunity to discuss our involvement with 4-H and learn our legislator's role with the state government. A highlight of Sunday evening was a banquet with legislators as our guests.

4-Hers attending from the River Valley District are pictured from the left to right: Faith Schintler (RP), Zoe Auld (CY), Wyatt Bentz (WS), Lauren Taphorn (CY), Joe Cool (CD),

Makinna Bentz (WS), Emma Smith (CY), Lane Martin (CD), Katie Sleichter (CY), Regan Wichman (CY), Keath Meyer (CY), Yuriko Takeki (CY), Natalie Vesta (CY), Mattie Blackburn (CY), and Mackenzie Bartlett (CD). Not pictured include Hayley Piroutek (RP) and JaelAnn Hoover (CY). 4-H agent, Monica Thayer, 4-H Program Manager, Karen Langvardt and volunteer parent, Richard Schintler were chaperones. Everyone had a great experience! We hope you join us next year!

2016 KANSAS RANGE YOUTH CAMP

If you are interested in plants, livestock, or wildlife, the 2016 Kansas Range Youth Camp is for you! Kansas Section of the Society of Range Management is dedicated to educating the youth of Kansas, and instilling in them a love of our unique rangelands. Now is the time to start signing up for the 2016 Kansas Range Youth Camp.

This year's camp will be held July 12-15th at the beautiful Camp Mennoscah, which is west of Wichita. There is availability for 28 students from across the state to participate in this incredible learning experience. With revised camp curriculum and more hands-on activities than ever, this experience is ready to increase the student's learning and enjoyment.

Registration forms and more information can be found at rangelands.org/kansas/kansas-range-youth-camp/. Registration is open to youth going into Sophomore, Junior, and Senior year of high school this fall. Deadline to register is June 1st.

4-H REGIONAL CLUB DAY

4-H Regional Club Day will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Clay Center Community High School. If you received a Top Blue at District Club Day, please let the Extension Office know by **March 8, 2016** whether or not you will be going on to regionals. The goal is to have great representation from the River Valley District in all divisions!! If you cannot attend, the alternate top blue winners will be given a chance to compete so, please call the Extension Office as soon as possible. **If you are willing to be a room monitor, please contact your local Extension Office for a scheduled time.**

LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES

Now is the time to start practicing for Livestock Sweepstakes for next year! Katelyn Brockus, River Valley Extension District Livestock agent, would like to begin having short practice sessions for those interested in any of the Livestock Sweepstakes contests. Haven't attended Livestock Sweepstakes before? That's ok! Some of the fun contests include: quiz bowl, skillathon, meats judging, and livestock judging.

We want to provide as much coaching throughout the year to better prepare our 4-Hers for next year's contests. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with practices. If you or your child are interested in being on the contact list for Livestock Sweepstakes practices, please contact Katelyn by stopping in the Washington office, by phone at 785-325-2121, or by email at kbrockus@ksu.edu. Thanks for your interest. We look forward to working with you.

KAP WINNERS

NE Area KAP judging was held in January in Manhattan. The River Valley District wants to say congratulations to the following winners and Good Luck as they advance on to the state judging in March.

- **Brayden Carlgren** – Eager Beavers 4-H Club – Republic County – **Woodworking KAP**
- **JaelAnn Hoover** – Countryside Crusaders 4-H Club – Clay County – **Leadership KAP**
- **Brandon Shrader** – Pathfinders 4-H Club – Republic County – **Health and Wellness KAP**

Congratulations and Good Luck!

TRACTOR AND MACHINERY SAFETY TRAINING OFFERED

Federal Law requires youth ages 14 and 15 to participate in a Hazardous Occupations Training and become certified in order to work for hire for anyone other than their parents. Youth must pass a safe tractor and machinery operation program to be certified. To meet this requirement the RVED will conduct a district-wide Hazardous Occupations Training/tractor and machinery safety training in May. The training provides trainees with knowledge of tractor, machinery, and other farm hazards to reduce the farm accident rate. It also provides sufficient information to pass a written examination and an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to pass a safe tractor driving examination.

The training will be: Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at CTI in Concordia.

Youth must pre-register at any RVED office by Thursday, April 28th. Cost of the course is \$20 and includes materials and refreshments. You must provide, name, address, date of birth, and contact information as well as pay the fee at registration time.

Youth must complete assignments before coming to class, must attend the entire day, and then must complete a driving requirement in order to receive certification.

Alternative tractor safety trainings in our area:

- Beloit, March 9th and March 19th (two ½ days)
- Ellsworth, March 16th
- Salina, May 24th
- Wamego, June 7-8th (two ½ days)

Contact Kim Larson at 785-243-8185 with questions.

SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

The River Valley District Shooting Sports Project has grown immensely the past few years. Due to the growth, we need additional Certified Instructors.

A Certification workshop will be held April 8-10, 2016 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. Disciplines offered are Archery, Coordinator, Hunting Skills, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, and Western Heritage. Workshops begin at 11:00 a.m. on Friday and conclude on Sunday afternoon at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Registration closes April 1, 2016 and no late registration will be taken. For more information, please contact, Monica Thayer, 4-H Agent in the Belleville Office at 785-527-5084, or Denise Swenson, 4-H Program Manager in the Concordia Office at 785-243-8185.

LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAININGS

Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA) is required to show livestock at the county fairs in the RVED. All beef, swine, sheep, and goat exhibitors are required to attend at least one class. Bucket calf, horse, and dairy exhibitors are strongly encouraged to attend. You may attend the training of your choice, even if it is not the location of your home county. Parents are encouraged to join us as well. **Please RSVP to Katelyn Brockus 785-325-2121 AT LEAST one day prior to the training.**

March 15: Clay Center, Fairground Conference Room- 2:00pm-3:00pm

March 17: Washington, First National Bank Basement- 2:00pm-3:00pm

April 16: Concordia, Cloud County Courthouse Meeting Room- 10:00am-11:00am

May 7: Belleville, Fairgrounds 4-H Building- 11:30am-12:30pm

HOME TAGGING PROHIBITED

Home tagging will not be allowed this year for any livestock shown at any of the four county fairs. Tagging dates have been released and are listed on this page. Please remember that exhibitors are able to have their livestock tagged in any of the four counties within the River Valley District.

Swine will not be weighed in this year but will need to be brought to one of the weigh-ins for tagging purposes only.

If you are planning on attending a state show, such as Kansas Junior Livestock Show or Kansas State Fair, with Commercial Breeding animals, you must bring these animals to one of the weigh-ins. If you are NOT planning on taking your breeding stock on to a state show, then an EID tag is NOT required so you do not have to bring them to weigh-in.

For livestock that will not be shown at a county fair but will be shown at a state show, you may still purchase tags at any of the four extension offices to tag at home. This will be tracked so if you tag an animal at home, you will not be able to show it at one of the county fairs.

May 1st is the last day for current 4-H members to add or drop 4-H projects for the year and for new 4-H members to enroll and be eligible to participate in the county fair! Check your 4-H Online account today!

PIONEER TRAILS 4-H CAMP

Pioneer Trails Camp will be in full swing when it begins on Monday, June 20th and runs through Thursday, June 23rd. A registration form is included in this newsletter, available in each RVD extension office, or you may find one online at www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/camp.html.

- 4-H and non-4-H youth are welcome to attend so invite a friend! Youth between 7 (4-H age as of January 1, 2016) and finishing 7th grade this spring are eligible to attend.
- Cost to attend camp will be \$175 (there may be an additional fee if transportation is provided). There will not be any extra charges for the shooting range or crafts, so the only additional money campers will need to bring is for any souvenirs or snacks they wish to buy.
- The last day to register for camp is Friday, May 20th. We will be unable to accept late registrations.
- On the first day of camp, Monday, June 20th, campers will check in late morning and lunch will be provided at Rock Springs. Check-out also will be later, with the closing ceremonies in the afternoon of Thursday, June 23rd, so the campers will also eat lunch at camp before heading home.
- On the camp registration form, each camper will be able to list two (2) camping buddies (near in age). In order to put friends together, they will need to list each other on their registration forms.

We hope you join us at Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp this summer!

4-H CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED

Each year dozens of youth ages 7 (4-H Age) through the 7th grade from around the district go to Rock Springs 4-H Center for the “time of their life” at Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp. 4-Hers will create lifetime memories of fun times at camp. Well-designed schedules and activities play a key role in the fun times campers have, but most importantly, the key to the success of their camping experience is their camp counselor.

If you will be 16 years old as of June 20th, like working with youth, and are willing to give of your time and talents, then we NEED YOU as a 4-H Camp Counselor.

Counselor Training will be provided at Rock Springs prior to the beginning of camp. On Sunday, June 19th, the counselors will head to Rock Springs for training through Monday, June 20th. Counselor Training will allow for a bit of time to settle in and decorate before campers arrive late morning on Monday, June 20th. Counselors are “on duty” 24/7 through the end of camp, mid-afternoon on Thursday, June 23rd.

Camp Counselors continually report at the end of camp that it was one of the most exhausting, but most rewarding experiences of their life! Many campers and counselors remain friends for life. Won't you be a part of this great experience?

An application can be found on our website at www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/camp.html or at any of the RVD extension offices. All camp counselor applications must be received by Friday, May 20th. Contact your local RVD office for more information.

NORTHEAST LEADERSHIP EVENT (NELE)

Twenty-nine youth, five adult volunteers, and three extension staff members attended the Northeast 4-H Leadership Event (NELE) on Saturday, January 30th at Riley County High School. Participants attended various leadership-building workshops & focus groups and took part in fun team-building activities & games. This was a great opportunity to meet new friends, enhance leadership skills, and gather ideas to take back to local clubs.

Picture includes: (L to R) 1st Row: JaelAnn Hoover (CY), Michaela Musselman (CY), Martay VanWey (CY), Regan Wichman (CY), Wyatt Bentz (WS), Trent Tuma (WS), Tori Zabokrtsky (WS); 2nd Row: Anna Pachta (RP), Kaylee Bray (RP), Kaihlyn Kussman (RP), Josiah Field (RP), Kelee Siebold (CY), Tea Copenhaver (CY), Haylie Avery (CY); 3rd Row: Luke Musselman (CY), Keath Meyer (CY), Joe Cool (CD), Katie Brady (CY), Navaeh Copenhaver (CY); 4th Row: Andrew Hubert (RP), Blake Aurand (RP), Braden Frasier (RP), Ryan Shrader (RP), Ben Wichman (CY), Heyley Bauer (RP); 5th Row: Zachary Stitt (CY), and Brandon Shrader (RP). Not pictured: Youth—Tiana Sothers (RP) and Haley Uffman (WS).



2016 KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY ANIMAL SCIENCES LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy! The deadline to apply is April 1, 2016.

The Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in 9th through 12th grades.

Hosted by the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council, the academy's goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

Two sessions will be offered again this year and are scheduled to take place June 8-11 and June 29-July 2 in Manhattan. Students may apply for one or both dates as their schedule allows.

More information, including details for this program and a registration form, can be found on the Youth Livestock Program website at www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/.

CHECK OUT THESE PROJECT MEETINGS OPEN TO ALL YOUTH IN THE RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT!

DOG: Project meetings every Sunday (except Easter Sunday) at the Cloud County Fairgrounds at 5pm!

PHOTOGRAPHY: Sunday, March 6th at 2:30pm at the west KSDS Building on HWY 36 in Washington. Will be talking about lighting and taking photos of KSDS puppies!

SHOOTING SPORTS: All shoots are held at Cloud County Fairgrounds. 2pm for Clay and Washington. Cloud and Republic start at 3pm.

- Sunday, March 13th
- Sunday, April 3rd
- Sunday, May 22nd
- Sunday, June 5th

WOODWORKING: 8-13 year old 4-Hers! Monday, March 14th at 7pm at the Courtland Coffee Shop. Any questions—contact Brayden Carlgren at 785-374-4473.

AMBASSADORS AND TRAINING

What is a 4-H Ambassador? 4-H Ambassadors are a team of high school age 4-Hers that work together with their advisor to promote 4-H to all audiences through personal appearances and media. They develop communication skills to tell the story of 4-H to all ages and help organize and facilitate events and activities district wide.

Ambassadors from the River Valley District attended Ambassador Training on Friday, February 19th and Saturday, February 20th at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Ambassadors strengthened their communication and leadership skills through workshops, activities, and listening to motivational speakers.

Congratulations goes out to the 4-Hers who will be serving as 4-H Ambassadors across the River Valley District this 2015-2016 4-H year. Thank you for all your hard work in promoting 4-H!



Pictured left are the Ambassadors that attended training. Front Row (L to R): Aundrea Bruna (WS), Michaela Musselman (CY), JaelAnn Hoover (CY), Peyton Reynolds (RP), Taryn Mosher (CD), Angel Hale (CD), Regan Wichman (CY). Second Row: Hannah Hall (RP), Claire Ohlde (WS), Riley Moore (WS), Brayden Carlgren (RP), Jessica Dethloff (CD). Back Row: Carter Bruna (WS), Kevin Diederich (WS), Scuyler Zenger (WS), Makinna Bentz (WS), Ben Jensen (RP), Hayden Heigele (CY), Will Bruna (WS), Nick Piroutek (RP), and Keath Meyer (CY).

Those unable to attend training include John Benfer (CY), Martay VanWey (CY), Janessa Ade (CD), Joe Cool (CD), Brianna Hake (CD), Lane Martin (CD), Lasondra Aurand (RP), Jaycee Blazek (RP), Brandon Shrader (RP), Ryan Shrader (RP), and Tori Zabokrtsky (WS).

Thank you to our wonderful Ambassador Sponsors; Ronda Wilson (CD), Judy Stitt (CY), Stacia Piroutek (RP), and Deb Lange (WS). The time and effort you give to the ambassador program promoting our RVD 4-H program is very much appreciated!

BEEF WEIGH-IN

Below are the only check-in times for market beef and state nominated commercial breeding animals. If they are NOT tagged at one of these times, they will NOT BE ELIGIBLE to show at the County Fair.

Please remember that Commercial Breeding Heifers will need an EID tag for state livestock show nomination! Please bring those heifers to market weigh in, so we can tag them at this time. If you are NOT planning on taking your breeding stock on to a state show, then an EID tag is NOT required and you do not have to bring them to weigh-in.

2016 Beef Weigh- In:

March 6- Belleville, 81 Livestock, 2-4pm

March 6- Concordia, Fairgrounds, 5:30-6pm

March 12- Washington, Animal Health Center, 9-10:30am

March 12- Clay Center, Salava Vet Clinic, 9-10am

SHEEP/GOAT WEIGH-IN & SWINE TAGGING

Below are the only check-in times for market lambs, goats, swine, and state nominated commercial breeding animals. If they are NOT tagged at one of these times they will NOT BE ELIGIBLE to show at the County Fair.

Please remember that Commercial Breeding Ewes, Gilts, and Does will need an EID tag for state livestock show nomination! Please bring those breeding animals to market weigh in, so we can tag them at this time. If you are NOT planning on taking your breeding stock on to a state show, then an EID tag is NOT required and you do not have to bring them to weigh-in.

2016 Sheep and Goat Weigh-In, Swine Tagging:

April 18- Concordia, Fairground, 4-6pm

April 20- Washington, Fairgrounds, 4-6pm

May 4- Clay Center, Fairgrounds, 4-6pm

May 7- Belleville, Fairgrounds, 9-10:30am

Get a Clue and Discover YOU at Discovery Days
on the Kansas State University campus
in Manhattan from **May 31st to June 3rd!**
Attend classes and take tours about 4-H
projects, careers, hobbies, community service,
and more! Open to youth **4-H age 13-18!**
Registration will open soon!

HORSE ID PAPERS AND TESTING INFORMATION

Horse Project Members need to remember to have **ALL** horses they intend on exhibiting at County Fairs and District Horse Show identified by **MAY 1ST**. To do this, horse and owner information must be filled out on the 4-H Horse Identification Certificate (P1039) found in your local extension office or on our River Valley District website. This requires a member, parent, owner (if Leased), and extension agent signature. Also required is a colored picture, including all four (4) feet/legs, and horse's head turned towards the camera. This photo should be attached to the form. This form should be completed for all new horses and members. Forms that have been used in previous years must be brought into the office for a current agent signature.

Horse project members must remember if you intend to participate in a District or State show, you need to complete the Kansas Standard of Excellence Horse Achievement Level Test. NOW is the time to consider taking these tests. You will need to contact your local extension office for more information on taking the written test and put your name on the list for the riding test. All tests must be completed prior to show entry time.

PREMIUM SALE/PROJECT AUCTION REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify for the Fair Livestock Premium Sale or Project Auction, 4-H and FFA members must meet a certain number of requirements. Please be sure to plan ahead and make sure that you meet these qualifications **prior to July 1st**.

4-H Members must attend a minimum of 3 CLUB meetings (this does NOT include: Project Meetings, 4-H Council Meetings, Jr. Leader or Ambassador Meetings), complete Youth Livestock Quality Assurance Training, and participate in 3 approved activities listed on the RVED Fair Livestock Premium Sale/Project Auction form. For details on the approved activities, contact your local extension office or check on the RVED website under 4-H Youth Development, Forms and Resources, Fair, General Forms.

Activities must be completed within the current 4-H year (October 1 – June 30). Each 4-H member is responsible for completing his or her form and returning it to their Club Leader by July 1st in order to be eligible to participate in their county 4-H/FFA Livestock Premium Sale or Project Auction.



4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS



RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT

MARCH:

5	9:30-11:30 am	KAPs, Record Books, Pin Apps Workshop	Clay Center - Extension Office
5	9:30 am	Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day	Manhattan
6	2:00-4:00 pm	Beef Weigh-In	Belleville—81 Livestock
6	5:30-6:00 pm	Beef Weigh-In	Cloud Co Fairgrounds
8		Regional Club Day entries due to extension office	
12	9:00-10:30 am	Beef Weigh-In	Washington—Animal Health Ctr
12	9:00-10:00 am	Beef Weigh-In	Clay Center—Salava Vet Clinic
13	2:00 pm	Shooting Sports—Shoot	Cloud Co. Fairgrounds
15	2:00-3:00 pm	Livestock Quality Assurance	Clay Co Fairgrounds—4-H Conf Ctr
17	2:00-3:00 pm	Livestock Quality Assurance	Washington—1st National Bank
19	9:30 am	Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day	Manhattan
19		Regional Club Day	Clay Center Community High School
28	7:30 pm	Cloud County 4-H Council	Cloud Co Courthouse Mtg Room

APRIL:

1		Washington Co Booster Club Scholarship Application due to Washington office	
2	9:00-11:00 am	Project Fair	The Branch—Clyde
3	2:00 pm	Shooting Sports—Shoot	Cloud Co. Fairgrounds
4	6:30 pm	Clay County Ambassadors	Clay Center—Extension Office
4	7:00 pm	Clay County Jr Leaders	Clay Center—Extension Office
4	7:45 pm	Clay County 4-H Council	Clay Center—Extension Office
11	7:00 pm	Washington County Ambassadors	Washington—1st National Bank
11	7:30 pm	Washington County 4-H Council	Washington—1st National Bank
15		Discovery Days Registration Due	
16	10:00-11:00 am	Livestock Quality Assurance	Cloud Co Courthouse Mtg Room
18	4:00-6:00 pm	Sheep & Goat Weigh-In & Swine Tagging	Cloud Co Fairgrounds
20	4:00-6:00 pm	Sheep & Goat Weigh-In & Swine Tagging	Washington Co Fairgrounds
23	9:00-11:00 am	Project Fair	High School—Washington

MAY:

1		Horse ID Papers DUE in all local Extension Offices	
1		Add/Drop Project Deadline	
1		Bucket calf ownership required	
1		KSF & KJLS Market Beef nominations due	
4	4:00-6:00 pm	Sheep & Goat Weigh-In & Swine Tagging	Clay County
7	9:00-10:30 am	Sheep & Goat Weigh-In & Swine Tagging	Republic County Fairgrounds
7	11:30 am-12:30 pm	Livestock Quality Assurance	Belleville—4-H Building
14	8:30am-4:30pm	Tractor and Machinery Safety Training	CTI John Deere-Concordia
20		Camp Registration and Counselor Applications Due	
31-June 3		Discovery Days	Kansas State University—Manhattan
31-June 3		Sewing Camp	Kansas State University—Manhattan

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