Jake Pannbacker Awarded River Valley Extension District’s 2021 Appreciation Award

Each year, the K-State Research and Extension - River Valley District recognizes an individual or family that goes above and beyond to assist them in their extension mission. At an appreciation dinner in September, they presented the 2021 Extension Appreciation Award to Jake Pannbacker of Washington, Kansas.

Jake was born and raised in Washington, Kansas, and has been a part of the 4-H organization his entire life. Growing up, Jake was a member of the Busy Bee 4-H Club, where he enjoyed participating in the photography and beef projects.

His passion for 4-H led him to become a volunteer. He was an Ambassador sponsor for a few years until he took over for Bob and Annette Harlan as the Washington County Photography Superintendent in 2013.

Jake is that one-of-a-kind volunteer and every year at the fair, the kids look forward to seeing him. He holds photo-mounting workshops before fair every year. He also oversees and handles everything at the photography judging at pre-fair and at fair. His hard work and dedication to our youth is irreplaceable.

Not only is he a huge asset to our team here in Washington County, but Jake has also volunteered at the Kansas State Fair for the last 6 years.

He is partners with his Dad in their family farming operation and Camp Creek Feeders. Jake says his goal for the future is to have project meetings like Bob and Annette Harlan used to.

The River Valley District – Extension Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Jake for his continued dedicated service and assistance in our 4-H organization.

Also recognized at the appreciation dinner were 2020 Extension Appreciation Award winner Terry Montague and recent River Valley District retirees Denise Swenson, Karen Langvart, Deanna Turner, John Forshee, and Sonia Cooper. There was also a special recognition of the Richard and Denise Swenson Family, recipients of the 2019 Kansas Master Farmer /Master Farm Homemaker Award.

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