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Judy Stitt Receives Extension Appreciation Award

Each year the Governing Board of the River Valley Extension District honors an individual or group who has provided outstanding service to the program with the annual River Valley Extension District Appreciation Award.

The recipient of the 2019 River Valley Extension District Appreciation Award is Judy Stitt from Clay Center.

Judy is very active in the community. She was an eleven-year member of the Washington Headliners 4-H Club and her children belonged to that Club as well. She has a great passion for youth to grow and develop as leaders – so, she has volunteered as a 4-H Club and Project Leader for the Washington Headliners 4-H Club for 30 years and continues in these roles. Judy was honored with the Clay County 4-H Alumni Award in 2007 and the Kansas 4-H Alumni Award in 2008.

Judy was invited and assumed the role of the Clay County 4-H Ambassador Advisor in 2012 and leads this youth team in a variety of activities promoting 4-H in the community.

The support for 4-H reaches beyond County and District lines as Judy is a familiar face at county fair judging in the area. She combines her passion for floriculture, foods, and arts & crafts with youth as she provides them with valuable feedback on their education projects. She is often asked to judge open-class at area fairs as well.

Judy joined the West Riverside HEU in 2015 and is currently serving as president. The HEU units provide Extension Educational outreach to the members with volunteer teaching lessons at their monthly meeting on such topics and succession planning, health, and nutrition.

Beyond Extension, Judy has been extremely active in the community. She is a member of the United Methodist Church where she enjoys participating in Sunday School. She is a 48-year member of the Clay Center Business and Professional Women and has belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary for 61 years.

Congratulations and thanks to Judy Stitt for her outstanding contributions to the River Valley Extension District educational program.

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Caption: Judy Stitt accepts the River Valley Extension District Appreciation Award from Brent Rundell, RVED Board Chair; Deanna Turner, RVED FCS Agent; and Karen Langvardt, RVED 4-H Program Manager.