

News Release for Immediate Use or Next Issue
John Forshee, District Director/Community Vitality Agent
River Valley Extension District
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In alignment with Kansas State University, K-State Research and Extension, and State and Federal guidelines and recommendations, all River Valley Extension District Offices remain closed to the public although our staff continues working remotely. Our team is committed to effectively conducting business through distance platforms and our agents and staff can be reached individually by calling the Extension office and selecting their extension or by sending an email to the office listserv email. The River Valley Extension District offices numbers and staff are as follows:

Belleville Office call 785-527-5084 or email rp@listserv.ksu.edu

Monica Thayer – Individual and Family Financial Resources

Jordan Schuette – 4-H and Youth

Diane Kussman – 4-H Program Manager

Kim Kolman – Office Professional

Clay Center Office call 785-632-5335 or email cy@listserv.ksu.edu

John Forshee, District Director, Community Vitality, Farm Management

Deanna Turner – Adult Development and Aging (Medicare questions)

Frieda Knitter – Office Professional

Rachel Footit – 4-H Program Manager

Concordia Office call 785-243-8185 or email cd@listserv.ksu.edu

Brett Melton – Livestock Production and Farm Management

Rebecca Zach – Crop Production and Farm Management

Melissa Swenson – 4-H Program Manager

Amber Kinney – Office Professional

Washington Office call 785-325-2121 or email ws@listserv.ksu.edu

Kelsey Hatesohl – Horticulture, Women in Agriculture

Sonia Cooper – Nutrition, Health, and Safety

Macy Flory – 4-H Program Manager

Gaye Peters – Office Professional

District programs, meetings, events, and activities, regardless of group size, *cannot* meet face-to-face between now and May 16, 2020. This includes, but is not limited to, 4-H Club meetings, council meetings, and committee correspondence. This also includes project-based learning, shows, events, and activities directed toward 4-H youth development and other extension audiences.

If a local not-for-profit or service organization needs to meet via distance technology, but you do not have the means to conduct such a meeting, please contact our team for assistance to make those happen.

We appreciate your help protecting the health, wellness and safety of our communities and families. For information and activities to help individuals, businesses, and families during this difficult time, please follow us on Facebook (@RVED4) or refer to our website at

<https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/> for updates and daily postings of educational materials.
Everyone please observe the best practices we know to date to prevent the spread of this virus.

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