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The StoryWalk® Project at County Fairs

Fair season is upon us in the River Valley Extension District. At the three remaining county fairs, in Clay County, Washington County, and Republic County, the River Valley Extension District is hosting free, self-guided storybook activities.

The StoryWalk® Project is the creation of Anne Ferguson and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library from Montpelier, Vermont and it is described as: "An innovative and delightful way for children and adults to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time." StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. You can learn more about The StoryWalk® Project here: <http://www.kellogghubbard.org/storywalk>.

The StoryWalk® Project contains laminated pages from a children's book that are posted at the county fair in a designated area. At the end of the story are some helpful discussion questions and a link for community members to take a survey. Some may have seen The StoryWalk® Project at the Cloud County Fair which featured *Kailey's Pig "Tales"*. The StoryWalk® Project will be at each county fair Wednesday thru Saturday and will be available from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. The book at your local county fair will either be *Milk Comes from a Cow?* or *Kailey's Pig "Tales"*.

We hope community members and families enjoy this free, self-guided activity. This is a great activity for daycares, parents and children, and grandparents and grandchildren to get out and enjoy. More information about the StoryWalk® Project in the River Valley District can be found on our website at <https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/storywalk/storywalk.html>.

We hope families and community members enjoy the StoryWalk® Project. If you have any questions about the StoryWalk® Project you can contact Sonia Cooper in the Clay Center Office at 785-632-5335, Monica Thayer in the Belleville Office at 785-527-5084, or Jordan Schuette in the Washington Office at 785-325-2121.

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