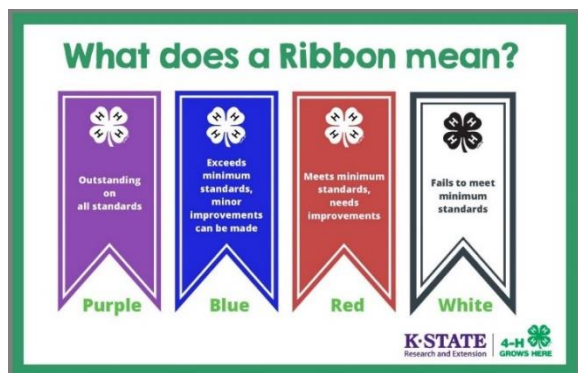


## Fair Season

Tis the season for carnival rides, 4-H food stands, showing livestock and shooting off rockets. As 4-H youth prepare their projects for the county fair, the River Valley 4-H staff are working hard to get everything ready for the first day of fair. The county fair is a time of celebration. A time for 4-H'ers to showcase their projects they have been diligently working on and a time for the community to come together and enjoy the town celebration.

Many people say, "It takes a village to raise a family.," well just like a family, it takes a village to pull off fair. We want to thank all the community members, volunteers, fair board members, and everyone who has a part in making our local fairs a success. We could not do it without each one of you and appreciate all the hours and hard work you contribute during the fair week. Please make sure to thank these individuals if you see them around this summer.

As the fair season approaches, there are a few items to keep in mind. Our youth are being judged and awarded ribbons. A ribbon placing is one person's evaluation of a project on a given day. The life skills, such as leadership, ownership, and independence that our youth gained through the experience are more important than the color of a ribbon.



The River Valley Extension District hosts four county fairs in July. This year in particular, is a big celebration as two of our fairs celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> fair, Washington and Clay County! I encourage you to head down to your local fairgrounds and support your local 4-H'ers, open class exhibitors, and your local fair board.

Cloud County Fair – July 16-20, 2024  
Washington County Fair – July 16-20, 2024  
Clay County Fair – July 23-27, 2024  
NCK Free Fair – July 29-August 3, 2024

Please visit our website at <https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html> for fair schedules and other fair information. You can visit your county's fair website to see the entertainment planned for the week.

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