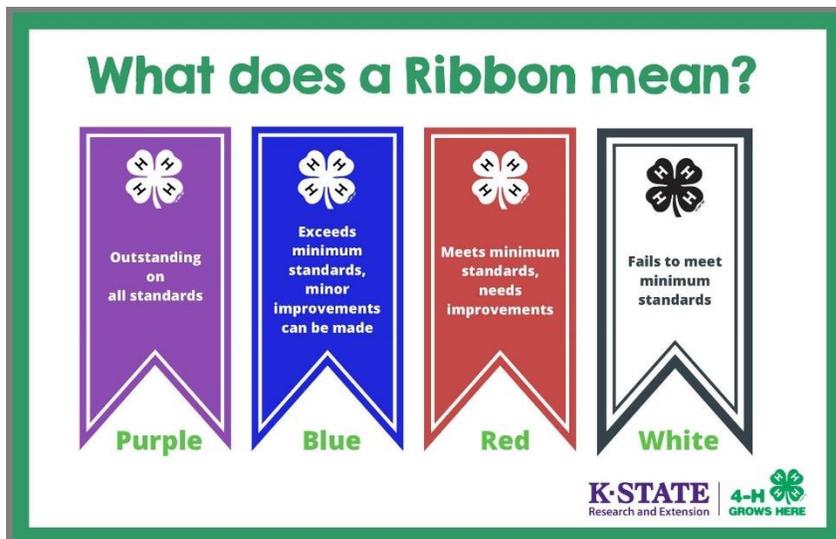


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Fair Season

The River Valley District staff is in full fair mode as we prepare for upcoming fairs. Summer is one of the busiest times of our year, however, it is also one of our favorite times of the year. The atmosphere of the fair sparks childhood memories, pictures from movies, and sweet summer fun. People often think of the county fair as corn dogs and funnel cakes from the food stand, all the animals in the barn, and youth running around with smiles on their faces. It truly is the happiest time of the year. To our 4-H staff, this is the grand finale of a year of hard work. The 4-H'ers get the opportunity to be together in one place and to show off the projects they've been working diligently on for the past year.

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.



Many people say, "It takes a village to raise a family.", well just like a family, it takes a village to pull off a 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 fair week. Please make sure to thank these individuals if you see them around this summer.

Our local county fairs are a great opportunity to bring the whole community together. Come out to your local fairgrounds and enjoy a nice treat from the food stand. It is truly a beautiful site to see.

The River Valley District hosts four county fairs a summer.

Cloud County – July 5 – 10, 2022

Clay County – July 19 – 24, 2022

Washington County – July 19 – 24, 2022

Republic County – August 1 – 7, 2022

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding the county fairs, please contact Macy Hynek at 785-527-5084 or mhynek@ksu.edu.

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