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## **The County Fair**

I hope everyone can make it out to support 4-Hers at your local county fairs over the next five weeks.

4-H participants, county fair boards, Extension units, and many volunteers have been working hard the last several months to bring the traditional county fair back. This is a triumph after the last 18-months.

We were able to have modified fairs last year but, as everyone will attest, it just was not the same. We are excited to bring back such a wonderful community experience.

Like everyone, 4-Hers have endured a lot through the pandemic and have met that challenge at every turn. They have pushed through virtual meetings, virtual contests, virtual camps, and mask/physical distancing mandates. Last year, most regional, state, and national 4-H events were canceled or moved to a virtual format. As recently as three weeks ago, we had 4-H camp at half of normal capacity.

Not only have our 4-Hers worked to stay engaged, they have been very successful at what they have been asked to do.

They have pushed forward and put in the work on their projects. They are now ready for their yearly showcase.

The fairs in the River Valley Extension District are July 6-10 in Cloud County, July 20-24 in Clay County, July 20-24 in Washington County, and August 3-7 in Republic County.

Come look at the exhibits or catch a show and let our 4-Hers know how successful they have been.

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