Tammy Wickstrum Awarded River Valley Extension District’s 2023 Appreciation Award.

Each year, the K-State Research and Extension - River Valley District recognizes entities that go above and beyond to assist them in their extension mission. At an appreciation dinner in September, they presented 2023 Extension Appreciation Award to Tammy Wickstrum of Republic County.

Tammy has been instrumental in Republic County 4-H Horse program’s growth as well as our 4-H Dog program. She hosts weekly horse meetings at the arena encouraging members to bring their horses, ride, and learn proper ways to show. Tammy has also held bi-monthly dog meetings for anyone in the County and district to attend. We appreciate her hard work and willingness to keep our 4-H program growing!

Tammy grew up in Cuba, KS with 2 younger sisters and a younger brother and graduated from Hillcrest High School. From a young age, Tammy has had a love for horses, dogs, and helping people. She was a 10-year member of the Merry Meadowlarks 4-H Club, and has been a club & county-wide horse & dog project leader beginning in 1993 for a combined total of 30 years! She passed on her love for the horse & dog projects to her daughter and granddaughters. Her granddaughters are also members of the Merry Meadowlarks 4-H Club and compete in the Horse and Dog Shows.

When she’s not working with horses or dogs, Tammy is busy baking and sharing her love of it with her granddaughters making cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and sharing her Czech heritage with them by making Kolaches and Rohliky rolls. In her spare time, she still finds time to ride and compete in local NBHA Barrel Races!

Photo: Macy Hynek, RVED 4-H Agent presenting 2023 RVED Appreciation Award to Tammy Wickstrum.

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