

January-February 2015 - 71st Edition

### **GET YOUR ENTRIES IN SOON FOR RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT CLUB DAY**

Time is fast approaching to make your final plans for entries in River Valley District 4-H Club Day scheduled for Saturday, February 14, 2015 at Washington County High School, Washington.

Please encourage each 4-Her to participate in at least one event. There are many different categories to choose from, including judging contests. Judging contests will include: Horticulture, Crops, Photography, and Consumer Science Judging. (For Seniors, this will be the only opportunity for them to qualify for the State Fair in the FCS category)

Club entries need to be turned into your community leaders as soon as possible. Community leaders must turn entries into the local extension offices by Wednesday, January 14, 2015. RVD staff will then work on scheduling all events and schedules will be mailed out by the end of January or sooner.

Please consult the Club Day Rulebook on the River Valley website for particular information pertaining to a category you're considering entering. The website is: [www.rivervalley.ksu.edu](http://www.rivervalley.ksu.edu).

### **NORTHEAST 4-H LEADERSHIP EVENT**

The Northeast 4-H Leadership event is open to youth ages 12-18 years of age. It is designed to help create leadership skills with class leaders from all over the state of Kansas. There will be amazing activities brought in from Kansas and Ohio. The Leadership event is planned for January 31, 2015 at Sedalia Community Church, Manhattan from 9am to 4:30pm.

If you're looking for a one day leadership experience with new friends, leadership skills, and great ideas then you should plan to attend. There will be classes for volunteer/adults as well as youth delegates. The cost of the event is \$25 which includes the workshops, lunch, snacks, and a t-shirt (if registered by January 1.) The guest speaker, Dr. Lucas Shivers is a former 4-Her from Clay County.

Registration is open now through January 15, 2015. Registration for T-shirts will end on January 1, 2015. To register, go to [www.Kansas4-H.org](http://www.Kansas4-H.org)

### **2015 AREA KAP SCREENING**

4-Hers that were county KAP winners are eligible to send their KAPs to the Area Screening January 8, 2015 in Pottorf Hall at Cico Park in Manhattan. Eligible 4-Hers have been sent letters. If they want to send their KAPs on, they will need to have them turned into their local Extension Office no later than Monday, January 5, 2015. 4-H volunteers and District staff are helping with the screening.

## CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

Citizenship in Action is a chance for Kansas youth to learn about the state legislative process and how their voice and participation in decision making can make a difference in their own communities. CIA will be held February 15 & 16, 2015 in Topeka. Delegates have the opportunity to meet their legislators, observe committee meetings, legislative sessions, tours of the capitol, and other activities such as a dinner, dance, and movie at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. This is also a chance to meet other 4-Hers from across the state. Any youth 13-18 years old before January 1, 2015 are eligible to attend this event. The cost to attend is \$165. Local clubs and councils may have scholarships available. Transportation and sponsorship are provided by the staff and volunteers of River Valley District 4-H. Registration is due on-line by January 15 at <http://Kansas4-H.org> Sign up today!

## AMBASSADOR TRAINING

Ambassador Training will be held Friday night and Saturday, February 20-21, 2015 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. It is open to all county/district 4-H Ambassadors, advisors, and Extension staff. There will be five to six exciting workshops to choose from and a keynote speaker. The Kansas 4-H website registration system will be used to register for the training. Registration opens on December 15, 2014 and more information will be coming to all Ambassadors, once the new Ambassadors are selected.

## STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The State 4-H Scholarship Application is due in your local RVD Office on Monday, January 26, 2015.

4-Hers need to complete the scholarship application which can be found at [www.kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org) Once on the website, click on Resources/4-H Library/Awards and Recognition. This will get you to the 2015 4-H Scholarship Application. Follow the directions exactly as listed under the heading "Scholarship Process." There are additional requirements for the Border, Bussett, Dubbs, Starkey, Winter, and Master Farmer/Homemaker Scholarships. Please don't wait until the last day to complete your application. You will need transcripts, letters of recommendation, and an agent's signature to complete your application. All applications are due at the State 4-H Office in Umberger Hall by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2015.

## River Valley District – Clay County

### Power Punch Fundraiser Kickoff

**Monday, February 2, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.**

### 4-H Conference Center

- Families pick up cards to sell at 6:00 p.m.
- Lisa Seley will do a presentation on selling cards at 6:05, 6:20 and 6:35 p.m.
- Sale of cards will be from February 2 -- February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Members turn in extra cards and money to club chairmen on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Club Chairmen turn in extra cards and money to the Extension Office by February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Gift certificate will be given as incentives again this year for top sales efforts. Details available at kickoff.

The Power Punch Sales is Clay County's BIG money making project. Set a personal goal for yourself and a club goal to sell more cards than last year!!

## SHOOTING SPORTS

Since the weather has been uncooperative so far this Shooting Sports year, the next Shooting Sports Shoot on Sunday, January 25th will also include a Safety Training session beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Cloud County Fairgrounds Commercial Building. First and second year Shooting Sports members are required to attend the training. PARENTS NEED TO ATTEND THE SAFETY MEETING WITH THEIR CHILD. They only need to attend one safety meeting.

Those who have been in the project more than two years need to attend a safety refresher session. A video for the older 4-Hers will be available to watch, then they must have it signed off by the coordinator before they can participate in a shoot.

Weather Issues: If we have to cancel a shoot due to inclement weather, we will put it on surrounding radio stations, send an email to all families and post on the River Valley 4-H Facebook page.

The Shooting Sports schedule can be found on the River Valley District web page, [www.rivervalley.ksu.edu](http://www.rivervalley.ksu.edu).

## Red Wheel Fundraiser

**4-H Clubs from Washington County need to continue selling Red Wheel products . Turn your orders in to your club leaders by January 5, 2015.**

**Delivery of Red Wheel items will be on Saturday, January 17th at 11am at the fairgrounds.**

## RIVER VALLEY 4-HERS ATTENDED NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

River Valley District had the honor to send seven 4-H members to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta Georgia during the Thanksgiving Holiday vacation November 28 to December 2, 2014.

The qualifications to receive the opportunity for this trip are that a 4-Her would either be named a state KAP winner (Project Delegate), or a Key Award winner (Standard of Excellence Delegate). The state enters the Standard of Excellence Delegates into a drawing which then picks out 7 delegates statewide.

2013 State KAP winners from the River Valley District were Ryan Meyer (WS) Dairy KAP, Jael Ann Hoover (CY) Meat Goats KAP, and Christian Tipton (RP) Energy Management KAP.

2013 Key award winners who were lucky to be picked from the drawing were Casey Jensen (RP), Wyatt Durst (WS), Jefferson Simmons (WS), and Jacki Zenger (WS).

These 7 delegates were among other 4Her's nationwide to attend workshops, listen to speakers, perform community service projects, take part in team building activities, and make new friends. What an opportunity to make for a goal to achieve during your 4-H years.

## 2015 JUNIOR LEADER TRIP

It's time for another Jr. Leader trip this summer. The trip planning committee worked very hard and has planned a trip to the Houston/Galveston area August 3 through the 6. Tentative cost will be around \$525. Plans are currently underway for a detailed itinerary which will help us get a more solid price out to you by the registration deadline. The trip will be open to all River Valley 4-Hers who are ages 14 to 18. 4-Her's who will be age 13 by the time we leave for the trip are invited to register, but your registration will not be guaranteed until space is evaluated. Registration time line: April 1-8, registrations with a non-refundable \$100 deposit are due in each local River Valley Office. Twelve seats are reserved by each office. Any additional names will be placed on a waiting list. On April 9<sup>th</sup> names of the 14 to 18 year olds on the waiting list will be placed in any open slots on the trip in order of the date and time they were received in the offices. April 10-17, 13 year olds on the waiting list will be added in a first come, first serve basis and any other registrations will be accepted for any remaining slots. Watch for more information at Club Days and in the March newsletter.

## CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

The Citizenship Washington Focus opportunity is scheduled for June 11-June 22, 2015.

Road trip across the USA stopping to see Philadelphia, Gettysburg, the Liberty Bell, and more! Meet, learn, share and tour with youth from other states and respected resource people. Walk among places that have made history and places that are making news today. Visit Capitol Hill, government departments, historic sites, and memorials. Get a close-up view of political process through visits to Capitol Hill. Meet with the Kansas Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues. Participate in workshops and assembly groups to learn life skills and discuss possible solutions to domestic and international problems. Interact with 4-H members from other states, learning and sharing about 4-H and other interests and issues.

Delegates must be 15-18 years-of-age by January 1, 2015 and must have approval from the River Valley District to attend. There are 50 spaces available for this trip with application, participation form, and cover letter due on-line by January 15, 2015. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis and the trip fills up fast. Applications are reviewed as received and delegates will be notified as they are accepted. A \$250 non-refundable deposit is due on January 15, 2015. Full payment of \$1,575 is due by April 15. (Note: local 4-H Councils typically provide some support, so inquire with your local 4-H program assistant)

For information and registration visit the Kansas 4-H website: <http://www.kansas4-h.org>

Select the Events and Activities Tab and then the Regional/National Events Tab and finally select the Citizenship Washington Focus Tab for more information. Select the 4-H Event registration tab and then select Citizenship Washington Focus to complete the registration via the C-Vent system.

## 2015 FAIR DATES

<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>	<b>JULY 14-19</b>
<b>CLAY COUNTY</b>	<b>JULY 15-19</b>
<b>CLOUD COUNTY</b>	<b>JULY 21-25</b>
<b>REPUBLIC COUNTY</b>	<b>JULY 28-AUGUST 1</b>
<b>KANSAS STATE FAIR</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 11-20</b>

## **RVED 4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS**

January and February, 2015

### **RVED Council Leadership Team** - Conference Call (Presidents & Vice-Presidents)

Wednesday, January 7th - 9:00—9:30 p.m.

Call Number: 1-877-278-8686

PIN # 743228

### **CLAY COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

Monday, February 2, 2015

7:45 P.M.

Extension Office Meeting Room

### **CLAY COUNTY JR. LEADERS**

Monday, February 2, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Extension Office Meeting Room

### **CLAY COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADORS**

Monday, February 2, 2015

6:30 P.M.

Extension Office Meeting Room

### **CLOUD COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

Monday, January 26, 2015

7:00 P.M.—Executive Board

7:30 P.M. — Council Meeting

Courthouse Meeting Room

### **REPUBLIC COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

Monday, January 12, 2015

7:00 P.M.

4-H Building

### **WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

Monday, February 9, 2015

7:30 P.M.

First National Bank, Washington



PLEASE REFER TO THE  
**4-H EVENTS DATE BOOK**  
FOR DATES OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

## **NEW OFFICE HOURS in 2015**

To better accommodate our 4-H families and  
other district clientele beginning

**JANUARY 2, 2015**

**River Valley Extension District**

**Office Hours will be:**

**7:30 am to 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm TO 4:30 pm**

## **VOLUNTEER SCREENING**

When a new person volunteers to help with 4-H, the volunteer must complete a volunteer application. Those applications are available at [rivalley.ksu.edu](http://rivalley.ksu.edu) under Volunteers and Leaders. We encourage new volunteers to complete the form entirely, so the office can follow up with each reference. Please include email contacts for each reference to speed up the process.

When returning the application to the local RVD office, 4-H staff will set up an interview and ask the volunteer to complete a Kansas Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry (DCF) check release form which must be mailed from the office. This part of the screening process helps to ensure every 4-H club parent that their children are safe with the 4-H volunteers.

The next step is to complete the National Criminal Background check information and permission form. The process is all online using a commercial vendor and their secure website and server. Results will be channeled to local offices through the State 4-H Office.

When the application, DCF check, brief interview, and background check are complete, the office can begin to build a volunteer file for the new volunteer. The last step for the volunteer is to complete the online orientation. The files will be screened and appointed by the RVD board of directors. Letters will be sent to qualifying applicants.

Board appointed volunteers need to complete a renewal online every year to avoid starting over with the complete Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening process. So, complete your renewals as soon as possible to stay current as a 4-H volunteer.

## **River Valley District Board Members Needed**

Every odd year the law requires the election/re-election of two members of the board from each county in the district at the April general election. Those interested in serving on the board must file at the respective County Clerks office by noon on January 27, 2015. Contact John Forshee for more information.

## BREEDING BEEF TAG INFORMATION

Please note that the requirements for the local fairs and for the Kansas Livestock Nomination differ somewhat.

**Local Fairs** – Breeding Beef will need identification but do not need to come to weigh-ins.

Commercial heifers - 4-H tag may be purchased at the extension office for \$2.00 each and used. If you routinely use ear tags to identify your beef animals on your farm then it is acceptable to use the farm tag as well as long as it contains a legible number.

Registered heifers – May be identified with the tattoo number, farm tag, or 4-H tag.

Breeding Animal identification forms are available at any River Valley Extension Office and are due with fair pre-entries.

**State Nomination** – must be permanently identified and nominated. DNA required.

Commercial Heifers – MUST have a 4-H EID tag. Please bring these heifers to March weigh-in.

Registered Heifers – identified with registration tattoo. Do not need to come to weigh-in.

Check the Kansas 4-H Youth Livestock Web page for complete information and deadlines. <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/>

## KANSAS 4-H HORSE PANORAMA

The Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for Saturday, January 24 and Sunday, January 25, 2015 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

The event includes a quiz bowl, Hippology-slides, learning stations, team problems, public presentations, model horses, poster, and photography contests.

Our district-wide horse judging coach, Rachel Zenger, will be unable to attend this year and so is not organizing a district-wide team for the competition. However, youth interested in attending for the educational events, posters, photography, public speaking, demonstrations, or project talks should contact John Forshee at [jforshee@ksu.edu](mailto:jforshee@ksu.edu) as soon as possible and bring the registration form to the local office **before January 9<sup>th</sup>** in order that we can complete the District Entry form and get the entry and registration fees to the State 4-H Office by the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Registration forms and contest information can be found on the Kansas 4-H website: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=425>

## SHEEP, SWINE, & GOAT WEIGH IN AND TAG INFORMATION

**Sheep & Meat Goats** - All 4-H and FFA members exhibiting sheep or market meat goats MUST have the animals tagged with an official 4-H EID tag at one of the following official times to be eligible to exhibit at the county fair. Market sheep and market meat goats must be weighed at this time in order to be included in the rate of gain competition.

**Swine** – All 4-H/FFA members exhibiting swine must have their animal identified with a 4-H EID tag. However, due to the risk of disease transmission NO swine will be off-loaded or weighed at any of the locations. The 4-H/FFA swine exhibitors have several options for tagging. Swine may be brought to the weigh/tag locations to be tagged on the trailer.

Swine tags may be purchased at the extension office and the animal tagged at home. A picture of the tag in the animal's ear MUST be emailed to the livestock agent in order for the tagging to be considered complete. This email MUST be received by the tagging deadline of Saturday, May 2, 2015. Email picture to: [ws@listserv.ksu.edu](mailto:ws@listserv.ksu.edu)

**Weigh/Tag Dates** - All Sheep, Meat Goat, and Swine weigh-in/tagging is at the fairgrounds in each location.

### Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Washington 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, May 2, 2015

Belleville 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Concordia 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

Clay Center 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

## KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) Board of Directors has approved a location and date for the 2015 show. The 2015 KJLS will be held on October 2-4, 2015 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson.



## YOUTH LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE

Livestock Quality Assurance training will once again be required for all youth showing meat animals (beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats) at the county fairs in the River Valley District. Bucket calf, dairy cattle, and dairy goat exhibitors are not required, but are encouraged to attend.

We apologize that we do not have the dates set for these educational events this year, but we wanted to wait and get our new livestock agent, Katelyn Brockus on board before making final plans. The River Valley District Livestock Program Development Committee identified the need for a showmanship and show ethics component for this educational event this year. Be watching the River Valley website and the River Valley 4-H Facebook page for dates and details. We will send emails to everyone enrolled in these projects as well.

## JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS AT K-STATE

**Swine** - The Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 in Weber Arena at Kansas State University. The program begins with registration at 9:00 a.m. and wraps up at 2:30 p.m.

This highly interactive, hands-on, educational event will be a fun-filled day of activities in which youth, parents, swine project volunteers, and leaders can increase their knowledge and experience of swine production and management practices. All participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, T-shirt, and a complimentary noon lunch. More than \$1,000 in show equipment and supplies will be given away as door prizes.

The cost is \$10 per participant and is due with registration prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>. Late registrations received after February 1 are not guaranteed a t-shirt and registrations after February 18 is \$15 per person. Get a registration form at any RVED office or on-line at: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs>

**Meat Goat** – The Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Kansas State University. Mark your calendars now and watch the RVD 4-H Facebook page and newsletter for further details. The registration is not currently posted but will be on: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs>



## MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN TAG INFORMATION

**Local Fairs** - All River Valley 4-H/FFA members who are planning on taking market steers or market heifers to the county fair this year need to have their animals weighed and tagged at one of the following times and locations:

### Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Belleville 81 Livestock - Belleville	1:00– 3:00 p.m.
Cloud Co. Fairgrounds - Concordia	4:30– 5:30 p.m.

### Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

Animal Health Cntr-Washington	9–10:30 a.m.
Salava Vet Clinic – Clay Center	9– 10:00 a.m.

Remember that these dates and locations are set for your convenience and any 4-H/FFA member from anywhere in the River Valley District can weigh-in and tag beef at any of these locations regardless of which home county fair they show in. Market Animals not tagged at this time will NOT be eligible to show at the county fair. Remember that 4-Hers must show in the county in which they 4-H. Members that are in 4-H in one county and FFA in another must designate which county they plan to show in and make that selection for all projects. (Cannot show one project in one county and another project in another county fair.)

All tags are \$3.00 and must be paid for at time of tagging.

**State Nomination:** All state nominated market steers and heifers must be EID tagged, nominated, and DNA sampled. Check the Kansas 4-H Youth Livestock Web page for complete information and deadlines. <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/>

### Second-Year Bucket Calves –

Calves previously shown as a bucket calf, may be shown in market or breeding heifer classes, if they qualify.

Second year bucket calves must follow all the ownership and tagging/identification requirements of the other beef animals.

Second year bucket calf exhibitors participate in beef showmanship, in their correct age division.

Second year bucket calves- both heifers and steers, shown in this class, will compete against each other in the ring for an overall second year bucket calf award.



## 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT



#### JANUARY:

- 5 Red Wheel Fundraiser orders turned in to WS Co. 4-H Community Leaders
- 8 Northeast Area KAP Screening, Pottorf Hall, Manhattan
- 12 Republic County River Valley 4-H Council, 4-H Building, 7pm
- 14 River Valley Club Day Entries Due
- 24-25 4-H Horse Panorama, Rock Springs
- 25 Shooting Sports, 1pm, Cloud County Fairgrounds Commercial Building
- 26 State 4-H Scholarship applications due to River Valley District Offices
- 26 Cloud County River Valley 4-H Council Meeting, Courthouse Meeting Room, 7:30pm
- 26 Viola Bauer, 4-H Development Fund and Rundle Scholarships, Due to Clay County RVD Office
- 30-Feb.1 State 4-H Dog Judging Training
- 31 NEA Leadership Event, 9am to 4:30pm, Sedalia Community Church, Manhattan

#### FEBRUARY:

- 2 Clay County 4-H Ambassadors 6:30pm, Junior Leaders 7pm, and Council 7:45pm, Ext. Office
- 2 Clay County Power Punch Fundraiser Kickoff 6pm, 4-H Conference Center
- 9 Washington County 4-H Council, First National Bank, 7pm
- 14 River Valley District Club Day, Washington High School
- 15-16 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 20-21 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
- 20-21 Master 4-H Volunteer Training
- 28 Junior Swine Producer Day at KSU, 9am-2:30pm

#### MARCH:

- 8 Beef Weigh-In, Belleville, 81 Livestock, 1-3pm
- 8 Beef Weigh In, Concordia, Fairgrounds, 4:30-5:30pm
- 14 Beef Weigh-In, Washington, Animal Health Center, 9-10:30am
- 14 Beef Weigh-In, Clay Center, Salava Vet Clinic, 9-10am
- 28 Regional 4-H Club Day, Clay Center Community High School
- 28 Junior Meat Goat Producer Day at KSU

#### APRIL:

- 1 4-H Booster Club Scholarship Applications due in Washington RVD Office
- 22 Sheep, Swine, & Goat Weigh-In, Washington Fairgrounds, 4-6pm

#### MAY:

- 1 Last Day to Drop/Add a project
- 1 Horse ID papers due

#### JUNE:

- 1 North Central District Horse Show Entries Due
- 11 Counselors to 4-H Camp
- 12-15 Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp at Rock Springs 4-H Center

#### JULY:

- 1 NC District 4-H Horse Show in Salina

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