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4-H NEWS

River Valley District

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DISTRICT CLUB DAY

River Valley District Club Day will be held at the Clay Center Community Middle School in Clay Center on Saturday, February 4, 2017. Starting time will be announced after entry scheduling is completed in mid-January. Entries are due to your local extension office on January 4, 2017. Contact your 4-H club leader to get entered!

Please encourage your 4-H'ers to participate in at least one of the many events offered at Club Day. A wide variety of events are offered so everyone can find something that interests them! Keep in mind that most pin applications have a requirement for participation at club days! It can also be a check mark on the fair livestock premium sale/project auction requirements!

A few examples of events include:

Public Presentations: Show and Share for the new 4-H'er, a Project Talk, Demonstrations or Illustrated Talk, Public Speaking, and for the Senior Division—Spontaneous Speaking

Music: Vocal or Instrumental Music—solo or ensemble or being a member of your club's choir or band

Dance: Solo or Group Dance, including different styles of dance

Dramatics: Perform a skit, read an excerpt from a book, poetry or prose, solo acting and others in this category

Parliamentary Procedure: Your club may hold a Model Meeting or you could participate in Gavel Games as an officer.

To learn more about the different options offered at Club Day, you can find the Rulebook at www.rivervalley.ksu.edu/4-h under "Forms and Resources" on the "Club Day" page.

During Club Day, crops, horticulture, livestock, family and consumer science, and photography judging contests will be available. These contests may be used to determine eligibility for teams for State competitions.

There will be a concession stand available throughout the day.

Junior/Senior High School age 4-H'ers will be needed as room monitors. Please let your local RVED office know if you're willing to be a room monitor or help in any way.

We hope to see you there! We wish all of our 4-H'ers the best of luck while participating at District Club Day!!

REGIONAL CLUB DAY

4-H Regional Club Day will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the Clay Center Community High School in Clay Center. If you receive a Top Purple at District Club Day in a qualifying event, you will be eligible to participate in Regional Club Day. Please make sure that you will be able to attend Regional Club Day if you enter your performance. If you are unable to attend, please let us know so that we can give the alternate top purple winner the opportunity!

The goal is to have great representation from the River Valley District in all divisions!!!



KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Four 4-H'ers from the River Valley District attended the 2016 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum - "3, 2, 1 ... Blast off into Leadership".

JaelAnn Hoover, Keath Meyer, Zachary Stitt, and Lauren Taphorn, all from RVD – Clay Center, attended KYLF at Rock Springs 4-H Center from Friday, November 18th through Sunday, November 20th.

The KYLF delegates listened to motivational speaker, Kelly Barnes, on how to become a better individual by focusing less on technology and more on other individuals! Youth also participated in workshops to build leadership skills, including body language, tips to be successful in a workplace, resume writing and building, and much more! In addition, small group sessions allowed for interaction between 4-H'ers from across the state as they played games!

Elections were held for Kansas Youth Leadership Council. Congratulations to JaelAnn as she was re-elected to serve her fourth term. After elections, youth enjoyed participating in a dance or watching a movie!

If you are looking for a fun-filled weekend to build your leadership skills, consider joining us for the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum in 2017! Look for more information on KYLF next September/October!



Left to Right: Monica Thayer – RVD 4-H Agent, Lauren Taphorn, Zachary Stitt, JaelAnn Hoover, and Keath Meyer

NORTHEAST AREA LEADERSHIP EVENT

The Northeast Area Leadership Event, or NELE, is a great opportunity to gain some leadership skills and meet new friends all in just one day! Join us for NELE on Saturday, January 21st at Riley County High School in Riley!

For only \$25, youth between the 4-H ages of 12 – 18, adults, and volunteers will get a full day of workshops, lunch, snacks, and a t-shirt! Transportation is available.

Workshops include: *So You Are a Livestock Junior Project Leader, Now What?*, *Campfire Songs, Skits, and S'mores*, *Get Your 4-H Groove On*, and more!

Register by January 3rd at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>!

HORSE PROJECT MEETINGS

Three Horse Project meetings are scheduled at the Cloud County Fairgrounds and are open to any River Valley District 4-H'er who would like to attend.

All meetings will be held at 2:00 p.m. on January 22nd, March 5th and April 23rd. The January meeting will be in the Commercial Building and the March and April meetings are scheduled to be in the arena (tentatively) with horses. For more information, please contact Tammy Forshee at 785-262-7441.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Citizenship Washington Focus, held June 15-26, 2017, is a road trip across the USA, stopping to see Philadelphia, Gettysburg, the Liberty Bell, and more! Walk through places where history was made and places that are in the 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'ers from other states!

Youth attending must be 15-18 years old as of January 1st. The registration fee is \$1,850 and only 50 4-H'ers are able to attend! Registration deadline is January 15th or until full.

For more information, including a detailed itinerary, or to register, go to www.kansas4-h.org and click on "4-H Event Registration". This trip has filled up quickly in the past few years, so make sure that you don't delay in signing up to attend!

So far, two River Valley District 4-H'ers from Clay County are signed up to attend! Join Morgan McClure and Regan Wichman on this trip by registering today!

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

River Valley District would like to congratulate **Brayden Carlgren** – an 11 year member of the Eager Beavers 4-H Club from Republic County. He was one of 39 4-H'ers that represented Kansas at this year's 96th National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.

Brayden received this opportunity from winning the Woodworking KAP at the state level. This annual trip for state KAP and selected Key Award winners is a recognition, educational, cultural, and community service experience held in late November each year in Atlanta. This year, it was held November 25-29th.

On Thanksgiving weekend each year, more than 1,000 delegates from throughout the United States and its territories meet in Atlanta to participate in National 4-H Congress. The delegates attended workshops designed to enhance their leadership skills, including sessions with outstanding speakers and entertainers, a service learning experience during which they participated in hands-on service projects, plus tours and recreational opportunities throughout the city. Atlanta attractions this year included: Carter Presidential Library, Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Change, Centennial Olympic Park, World of Coca-Cola, the Atlanta Zoo, CNN Center, the Atlanta History Center and the Georgia Aquarium.

We would like to challenge all senior division 4-H members to fill out a KAP on your favorite project so you may get this outstanding, educational opportunity. If you need help or more information, read about some upcoming KAP informational meetings being held across the district on page 4 in this newsletter or contact your local office.



Brayden talking to a student while participating in a community service project in a school in Georgia!

SHOOTING SPORTS

The Shooting Sports Educational Session is planned for Sunday, January 15th in the Commercial Building at the Cloud County Fairgrounds starting at 2:00 pm. This will be a come-and-go format with exhibits set up and experts available to speak with the youth. This year representatives from the Turkey Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, and Kansas Fish & Game are expected to be available to visit with 4-H'ers. There is also a plan to have a Black Powder demonstration as well.

The Shooting Sports schedule for the remainder of the year is the following:

Sunday, January 15—Practice Shoot/Educational Session

Sunday, February, 26—Practice Shoot

Sunday, March 12—Practice Shoot

Sunday, April 2—Practice Shoot

Sunday, April 30—Practice Shoot

Fair Shoot

To participate in the Fair Shoot, each 4-H'er must complete four regular practice shoots prior to the Fair Shoot. Once they have completed their requirements, youth may designate either of the following two dates as their Fair Shoot. However, once youth have designated a Fair Shoot day, they will not be able to change that date.

Sunday, April 30— Fair Shoot

Sunday, June 4— Fair Shoot

In case of inclement weather, sometimes we may have to cancel a practice shoot. Watch for an email or text if you are setup through 4-H Online, check out River Valley District Facebook page or listen to your local radio station.

4-H DAY WITH THE WILDCAT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Cheer the Wildcat Women's Basketball team to victory against the Iowa State Cyclones on Saturday, February 11th with 4-H'ers from across the state of Kansas! Many 4-H clubs choose to attend 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball Team as a 4-H family day!



For just \$20 per person, youth or adult, you will receive a ticket to the game, a game day t-shirt, and a \$7 concession stand voucher! Invite all non-4-H friends, too! This price is available to everyone!

Registration is only available online at <http://tinyurl.com/2017kae4ha> and is due by January 17th, 2017!

Hope to see you at the game! Go Cats!

KAP WORKSHOPS

The River Valley District will be having one more round of Kansas Award Portfolio Workshops in the district!

Join us to learn how to properly complete a Kansas Award Portfolio! This workshop will help all youth, whether you have never completed a KAP or you have completed twenty!

Thursday, January 12th—6:30 p.m.—RVD – Clay Center Meeting Room—RSVP by Tuesday, January 10th

Monday, January 23rd—6:30 p.m.— Cloud County Courthouse Meeting Room—RSVP by Friday, January 20th

Monday, January 30th—7:30 p.m.—4-H Building in Belleville—RSVP by Friday, January 27th

Thursday, February 2nd—6:30 p.m.—1st National Bank in Washington—RSVP by Tuesday, January 31st

Please RSVP to your local RVD office by the date above for the workshop you will be attending. Lack of RSVPs will result in the workshop being cancelled.

KEY AWARD WINNERS

At the recent River Valley District Achievement Celebrations, twenty-three 4-H'ers were honored for earning the highest award in 4-H, the Kansas Key Award! In order to receive the Key Award, the applicants highlighted 4-H related events, activities, and achievements accomplished within their 4-H club, county/district, region, and state on their applications.

The following 4-H'ers are the 2015-2016 River Valley District Key Award winners:

Clay County

Andrea Chestnut – Washington Headliners

Michaela Musselman – Washington Headliners

Lauren Taphorn – Lincoln Creek

Natalie Vesta - Countryside Crusaders

Republic County

Brayden Carlgren – Eager Beavers

Guy Filinger – Novy' Munden

Hannah Hall – Sherdahl Boosters

Ben Jensen – Eager Beavers

Nicholas Piroutek – Discovery

Mason Runft – Sherdahl Boosters

Brandon Shrader – Pathfinders

Brett Stindt – Republic Pioneers

Cloud County

Rope Dorman – Hollis Hustlers

Sadie Mosher – Hollis Hustlers

Washington County

Makinna Bentz – Farmington

Will Bruna – Hanover

Trevor Klipp – Happy Workers

Claire Ohlde – Linn Livewires

Ryan Stewart – Farmington

Brooke Tuma – Stick To It

Christopher Wright – Stick To It

Tori Zabokrtsky – Stick To It

Scuylar Zenger – Stick To It



Congratulations to our Key Award recipients in the River Valley District! We are proud of your accomplishments!

CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

Would you like to learn more about the state legislative process and how your voice and participation makes a difference in your community? If so, you will want to attend the Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action conference in Topeka. The conference begins on Sunday, February 19th and will conclude on Monday, February 20th.

Activities during the conference include: writing mock bills and debating them in the House and Senate Chambers, tours of the Capitol, tips on how to meet and talk to legislators, attending legislative sessions, and discussions on how youth can have a greater impact in their communities. On Sunday evening, there will be a banquet and dance at the Capitol Plaza Hotel.

Citizenship in Action is open for all youth ages 13 to 18 years as of January 1, 2017. Cost for the event is \$170 and the registration deadline is January 15th. To register, go to www.rivervalley.ksu.edu or www.kansas4h.org.

The River Valley District will provide chaperones and transportation. We hope you will join us for this exciting experience!

KANSAS 4-H AWARD PORTFOLIOS

Thank you to the following 4-H'ers who completed a KAP in one or more project areas:

Clay County

Ryan Geer – Washington Headliners
Kelly Martin – Countryside Crusaders
Isabelle Blackwood – Washington Headliners
Reece Geer – Washington Headliners
Chayla Henderson – Lincoln Creek
Annie Larson – Lincoln Creek
Sarabeth Martin – Countryside Crusaders
Lane Musselman – Washington Headliners
Levi Musselman – Washington Headliners
Lainie Sleichter – Lincoln Creek
Maggie Sleichter – Lincoln Creek
Colt Benfer – Sturdy Oak
Luke Benfer – Sturdy Oak
Reegan Geer – Washington Headliners
Keaton James – Lincoln Creek
Katie Sleichter – Lincoln Creek

Republic County

Jaren Aurand – Republic Pioneers
Braden Frasier – Republic Pioneers
Carsyn Frasier – Republic Pioneers
Sherice Frasier – Republic Pioneers
Kadence Henke – Merry Meadowlarks
Kash Henke – Merry Meadowlarks
Kiahlyn Kussman – Republic Pioneers
Kiplee Kussman – Republic Pioneers
Kiersten Morgan – Sherdahl Boosters
Autumn Nabity – Novy Munden
Brinna Stephens – Novy Munden
Zachary Nabity – Novy Munden
Ryan Shrader - Pathfinders

CLAY COUNTY POWER PUNCH SALES

Clay County 4-H Council is having a Pizza Party to kickoff their Power Punch Sales this year.

Enjoy pizza while picking up your Power Punch cards to sell on **Monday, February 6th, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Conference Center** at the fairgrounds. Lisa Seley will be doing sales presentations at 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Card sales start on February 6th and will continue through February 28th. More information will come to families through the mail and emails.

Set club and personal goals to sell more cards than last year. Let's plan to sell **OVER a 1000** cards this year. A \$100 Gift Certificate, PLUS cash incentives, will be given for the highest sales to the Top Family and Top Individual Sales.

Cloud County

Jacob Barr – Hopewell Corners
Megan Barr – Hopewell Corners
Bricen Benyshek – Hopewell Corners
Trey Collins – Hill & Dale
Trae Champlin – Hill & Dale
Bethany Demars – Miltonvale Hustlers
Lacie Duvall – Hill & Dale
Gideon Elstrom – Hopewell Corners
Linnea Elstrom – Hopewell Corners
Cody Letourneau – Hopewell Corners
Jori Letourneau – Hopewell Corners
Katelyn Reedy – Hopewell Corners
Aubrey Stahlman – Hopewell Corners
Cole Stahlman – Hopewell Corners
Peyton Walters – Miltonvale Hustlers
Rachelle Anderson – Hill & Dale

Washington County

Autumn L'Ecuyer– Busy Bee
Olivia L'Ecuyer– Busy Bee
Wyatt Lange– Lucky Four
Cole Meyer– Happy Workers
Reanna Rencin– Happy Spirit
Coy Stamm– Farmington
Tray Zabokrtsky-Stick To It



DISTRICT KAP WINNERS

In addition to the above youth that completed KAPs, congratulations go out to the Senior (14-18) level KAP winners that are eligible to send their KAP(s) on to Area Screening on January 12, 2017 in Manhattan. Good luck to the following KAP winners:

JaelAnn Hoover – Countryside Crusaders – Communications & Leadership

Karrin Larson – Lincoln Creek - Geology

Keath Meyer – Lincoln Creek – Citizenship, Clothing & Textiles, Foods & Nutrition, Photography, & Visual Arts

Courtney Sherbert – Washington Headliners – Leadership

Regan Wichman – Washington Headliners – Leadership

Brayden Carlgren – Eager Beavers – Leadership

Nicholas Piroutek – Discovery – Citizenship

Faith Schintler – Discovery – Entomology

Brandon Shrader – Pathfinders – Health & Wellness

Sadie Mosher – Hollis Hustlers – Visual Arts

Taryn Mosher – Hollis Hustlers – Clothing & Textiles

DOG PROJECT MEETINGS

Have you thought about enrolling in the Dog Project? Whether this is your first year or your 10th year, there is a place for you and your dog!

Join Danny McReynolds and Megan Murdock, dog project leaders, to learn more about Obedience, Showmanship, and Rally, and to practice what you've learned with your dogs.

All Dog Project classes will be held in the Commercial Building at the Cloud County Fairgrounds beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the following Sundays:

Obedience and Rally class dates:

March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

April 2nd, 9th

Showmanship Training class dates:

April 16th, 23rd, 30th

No Classes in May

Practice dates:

June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

July 9th

The fair show is tentatively set for July 15, 2017 in Washington County.

Contact Danny McReynolds at 785-243-1156 or Megan Murdock at 785-275-1028 with any questions you may have regarding the Dog Project.

HOME TAGGING

There will be no home tagging allowed this year.

Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat, and Commercial Breeding animal tagging dates have been released. You may find them on page 7 of this newsletter.

Please remember that exhibitors are able to weigh-in/tag in any of the four counties within the River Valley District.

Swine will not be weighed in this year. However, swine will need to be brought to weigh in for tagging purposes.

Please bring Commercial Breeding animals to weigh in if you are planning on attending a state show, such as Kansas Junior Livestock Show or Kansas State Fair. If you are NOT planning on taking your breeding stock on to a state show, then an EID tag is NOT required.

There will be no home tagging, even if only attending a state nominated livestock show. A county agent must be present at the time of tagging. If you have ownership of your state nominated animals by weigh in time, then please bring those to weigh in. If not, a later time must be set up so the agent can tag the animal.

JUNIOR SWINE AND MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAYS

The Kansas State University Youth Livestock Program, K-State Research and Extension, and the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry will host two junior producer days in March 2017. Junior Swine Producer Day will be Saturday, March 11 and Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be Saturday, March 25.

Both events will be in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. The junior day programs are a one-day educational opportunity for youth, parents, 4-H and FFA project leaders, agents, and other adults to increase their knowledge about livestock production and management. All ages are welcome, but all attendees must register. These are biennial events, with swine and meat goat days hosted in odd years and beef and sheep in even years.

The cost for each junior day is \$15 per person for those who register by the early deadline, and \$20 per person for those who register after the deadline. Early registration for Junior Swine Producer Day is Feb. 22 and March 3 for Junior Meat Goat Producer Day. Registrations received after the early deadline cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Registration is available two ways: 1) download the flyer at <http://bit.ly/ksuirproducerdays>, complete the bottom portion of the flyer and mail it with payment; or 2) complete the online registration at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>.

For more information, go online to www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu or contact Katelyn Brockus at 785-325-2121.

WASHINGTON COUNTY RED WHEEL

Washington County 4-H members need to continue to sell Red Wheel products! Keep in mind that the club with the highest sales per club member will receive an extra club profit incentive!

All order forms must be to your club leader by Monday, January 2, 2017. Leaders must then have their club totals to the extension office by NOON on Thursday, January 5, 2017. We do not need payment at this time as you will be invoiced.

All items must be picked up on Saturday, January 21st at 11 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Clubs should have youth and adults available on this day to assist with club sorting and distribution.

BEEF WEIGH-IN DATES

Below are the only weigh-in times for market and state nominated commercial breeding animals. If they are NOT tagged at one of these times, they will NOT BE ELIGIBLE to show at the County Fair.

Please remember that Commercial Breeding Heifers need an EID tag for state livestock show nomination! Please bring those heifers to market weigh in, so we can tag them at this time. If you are NOT planning on taking your breeding stock on to a state show, then an EID tag is NOT required and you do not have to bring them to weigh-in.

There will be no home tagging, even if only attending a state nominated livestock show. A county agent must be present at the time of tagging.

March 5—Belleville, 81 Livestock, 2-4pm

March 11—Washington, Animal Health Center, 9-10:30am

March 5—Concordia, Fairgrounds, 5:30-6pm

March 11—Clay Center, Salava Vet Clinic, 9-10am

SHEEP AND GOAT WEIGH-IN, SWINE TAGGING

Below are the only check-in times for market and state nominated commercial breeding animals. If they are NOT tagged at one of these times they will NOT BE ELIGIBLE to show at the County Fair.

Please remember that Commercial Breeding Ewes, Gilts, and Does need an EID tag for state livestock show nomination! Please bring those breeding animals to market weigh in, so we can tag them at this time. If you are NOT planning on taking your breeding stock on to a state show, then an EID tag is NOT required and you do not have to bring them to weigh-in.

There will be no home tagging, even if only attending a state nominated livestock show. A county agent must be present at the time of tagging.

April 24—Concordia, Fairground, 4-6pm

May 3—Clay Center, Fairgrounds, 4-6pm

April 26—Washington, Fairgrounds, 4-6pm

May 6—Belleville, Fairgrounds, 9-10:30am

LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAININGS

Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA) is required to show livestock at the county fairs in the RVED.

All beef, swine, sheep, and goat exhibitors are required to attend at least one class. Bucket calf, horse, and dairy exhibitors are strongly encouraged to attend, but not required.

You may attend the training of your choice even if it is not the location of your home county. Parents are encouraged to join us as well.

Please RSVP to Katelyn Brockus 785-325-2121 AT LEAST one day prior to the training.

<u>Monday, February 13:</u>	Washington	First National Bank	7:00pm-8:00pm
<u>Tuesday, March 21:</u>	Clay Center	4-H Conference Center	2:00pm-3:00pm
<u>Thursday, March 23:</u>	Washington	First National Bank	2:00pm-3:00pm
<u>Monday, April 24:</u>	Concordia	Fairgrounds	7:00pm-8:00pm
<u>Saturday, May 6:</u>	Belleville	4-H Building	11:30am-12:30pm



HORSE PANARAMA

The Kansas 4-H Horse Panarama is scheduled for January 27-29, 2017 at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. This event, open to youth 4-H ages 7-18, includes a compilation of various contests related to the horse project, including quiz bowl, hipology, public speaking presentations, photography, and educational posters.

Youth that are interested in participating in this event should contact Katelyn Brockus at kbrockus@ksu.edu as soon as possible. Please bring your registration form to your local office before January 9th in order to complete the District Entry form by the January 15th deadline.

Registration forms and contest information can be found on the Kansas 4-H website: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html>

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