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River Valley District

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District Club Days is Almost Here!

District 4-H Club Day is **Saturday, February 22, 2020**, hosted by Republic County at the Republic County Jr/Sr High School in Belleville. Starting time will be announced after receiving and scheduling all entries.

Please encourage your 4-Her to participate in at least one of the many events offered at Club Day. Just a few examples of events offered include:

- **Dance:** Solo or Group Dance, including different styles of dance
- **Dramatics:** Perform a skit, read an excerpt from a book, poetry or prose, to solo acting and others in this category
- **Model Meeting:** The entire club can participate by holding a mock meeting
- **Music:** Vocal or instrumental music—solo or ensemble or being a member of your club’s choir or band
- **Public Presentations:** Show and share for the new 4-Her, a Project Talk, Demonstrations or Illustrated Talk, Public Speaking, and for the Senior division—Spontaneous Speaking

There truly is something for every 4-Her to choose from! Check out <https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/club-day.html> for the rulebook and some helpful presentation information. **Sign up at your club meeting or through the extension office by January 14, 2020.** If you are unable to compete after signing up, **PLEASE** notify your local River Valley District office ASAP.

During Club Days, there will be different judging contests to partake in as well. Contests include Crops, Family and Consumer Science (FCS), Horticulture, Livestock Skill-a-thon, and Photography. These contests will be used to determine eligibility for teams for State competitions.

Jr. Leaders, youth that are 4-H age 12-18 are asked to assist by being a room monitor. Again, this year we will send out an email to sign up yourself. This method has been working great.

There will also be a concession stand available for those 4-Hers and families participating in events throughout the day.

Please 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!

4-H Day with the Lady Cats

Mark your calendars for the 4-H Day with the Lady Wildcats as they battle KU on March 8, 2020, in Bramlage Coliseum on the K-State campus. Tickets are \$22 which includes the ticket, T-shirt, and \$10 meal voucher.

The registration due date hasn’t been set, but it will be announced by the Kansas 4-H Office soon. Keep an eye out for an email announcing the registration due date.



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Junior Producer Days

The KSU Youth Livestock Program, K-State Research & Extension, and the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry will be hosting two junior producer days in the spring of 2020. Please note this is **not** a 4-H event.

These Junior Producer Day programs are a one-day, fun-filled educational opportunity for youth, parents, project leaders, agents, and other interested parties to increase their knowledge about youth livestock production and management. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty along with guest speakers will cover interesting topics.

Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day

Saturday, February 29

Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day

Saturday, March 14

All ages are welcome, but all attendees must register (both adults/parents and youth.) Register at the following link <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>.

Get Registered for Citizenship in Action

Citizenship in Action or “CIA” is your opportunity to learn about the legislative process and for legislators to see the positive impacts of 4-H. Learn how your voice and participation in decision-making can influence change by attending CIA on February 16th and 17th in Topeka!

Delegates will tour the Capitol, get tips on how to meet and talk with their legislators, and discuss how youth can have a greater impact in their communities. Sunday will feature time to debate legislation, legislative sessions, a dinner, and dance at the Capitol Plaza Hotel.

Any youth, 13-18 years old before January 1, 2020, can register to attend! Your non 4-H friends are welcome to attend with you! Chaperones and transportation are provided for attendees. The projected registration fee will be around \$185-\$195 and registration is due no later than January 15th.

Be sure to watch your e-mail and Facebook for updates and detailed information! We will pass that information on to you as soon as we receive it from the State 4-H Office.

Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama

Youth, 4-H age 7-18, and adult volunteers are invited to participate in the Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama, January 24-26, 2020 at Rock Springs 4-H Center!

Horse Panorama is a compilation of various contests related to the Horse project, including quiz bowl, hipology, public speaking presentations, photography, and education poster. There will also be educational activities for 4-H'ers of all ages!

Registration and contest rules for Horse Panorama are posted here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html>.

If you have any questions regarding Horse Panorama, please contact Jordan at 785-527-5084.

Regional Club Day

Regional 4-H Club Day will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at the Clay Center Community High School in Clay Center.

If you receive a Top Purple in an eligible division at District 4-H Day, you may compete at Regional 4-H Club Day. If you are eligible to complete, you will be contacted by your local RVED office following District 4-H Club Day.

Regional Club Day entries will be due to your local office by 4:30pm on March 9, 2020.

State 4-H Scholarships

The Kansas 4-H Foundation and its donors give numerous scholarships to excelling 4-H members who are seniors and will be attending college and those past 4-H members who are attending collage are encouraged to complete the scholarship application. The 2020 State 4-H Scholarship application is posted on our River Valley District 4-H website at www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/scholarship.html or a hard copy may be picked up at your River Valley District Extension Office.

Staple entire application packet in upper left-hand corner in the 1 to 8 numerical order and submit to your local extension office by the local deadline on **January 22, 2020**. Complete all blanks on form as “NA” if not applicable.

Scholarship Process:

(Submit scholarship application packet in the following numerical order)

1. Completed **Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application Form**. Required information must be submitted on separate one-sided pages with 1.5-inch left margin and 1-inch top and right margins. Font size minimum of 10-point. If handwritten must be legible. Illegible forms will not be considered.
2. **High School Transcript or most recent college semester grades.**
Transcript can be unofficial and is not required to be in a sealed envelope. Home schooled students must provide appropriate documentation for grades.
3. **Letter of recommendation** – high school or college personnel.
4. **Letter of recommendation** – non-related 4-H leader or non-related extension agent, assistant, or specialist currently employed by K-State Research and Extension.
5. **One page** single-spaced summary of **4-H significant leadership, community service, participation, and recognition**, up to and including the 2019-2020 4-H year.
6. **One page essay**, double spaced, on how “4-H has impacted me.”
7. **One page** single-spaced summary of non-4-H leadership, community service, participation, and recognition in school and community, up to and including 2019-2020 4-H year.
8. **Short paragraph about educational and long-term career goals.**

Scholarship Scoring:

1. **4-H Leadership – 40%**
2. **4-H Citizenship/Community Service – 30%**
3. **4-H Participation, Recognition – 20%**
4. **Non-4-H Leadership, Citizenship, Recognition – 10%**

Don't wait until the last minute. Ask for letters of recommendation as early as possible to be considerate of others and their busy schedules! A lot of the information will be on your permanent record IF you kept it up to date correctly, including your participation, leadership, citizenship, and recognition.

Good luck to all River Valley District 4-H members! Completed applications and all supporting materials are due back to your local River Valley District Extension Office by January 22, 2020 so we are able to deliver scholarship applications to K-State by the deadline.

Congratulations to Ryan!

The River Valley District congratulates Ryan McClure, a member of the Clay County Countryside Crusaders 4-H club for being elected to the State 4-H Youth Council during the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum held at Rock Springs 4-H Center November 23-24, 2019.

Ryan said, “I am really excited to be on the Kansas 4-H Youth Council. I think this will be a great experience to help promote and make 4-H better. I am very passionate about 4-H and this is something I'm thrilled to be apart of. KYLF was a fun and inspiring event to go to. I am very proud to be able represent the Northeast Region and Clay County on the Kansas Youth Leadership Council.” Congratulations Ryan, we are excited for you!

Attend the Upcoming RVD Rabbit Club Winter Spectacular

The River Valley Rabbit Club is hosting their annual Winter Spectacular 4-H Rabbit Show on Saturday, January 4, 2020, at the Cloud County Fairgrounds in Concordia. Everyone who is interested in the Rabbit project is invited and encouraged to attend!

In conjunction with the show, there will be a raffle held with all proceeds from the raffle going to the St. Jude's Hospital. Donations to the raffle are being accepted, you can contact Steven at the email or phone number listed below to donate.

Doors open at 7:30 a.m. with entries due by 8:30 a.m. the day of the show. Entries may be completed

early by e-mailing entries to Steven at steven-wjedi@gmail.com.

Entry fee of \$3.50 regular entries and \$1.50 for entries. Contests will include judging, Breed ID, and Showmanship. The Rabbit Show is scheduled to be judged by Blaine Maier, ARBA judge. This is a state fair qualifying event.

If you would like more information on the show, check out the flyer and show catalog online at www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/project_information.html under Rabbits or contact Steven Wright at 785-265-3019.

Shooting Sports Update

The Shooting Sports Project is off to a great start this year! We have already had two Safety Meetings and shoots in October and November. Normally, we only offer the required Safety Trainings twice, but there were a number of 4-Hers who hadn't enrolled for the new year and didn't receive the information about the shoots.

This year, we will make an exception for the 4-Hers who were unable to attend the Safety Meetings. January 19th will be the last opportunity to attend a Safety Meeting and be eligible to participate in the River Valley District 4-H Shooting Sports Shoots. Upcoming shoots are:

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| • Sunday, January 19, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. Safety Meeting and Practice Shoot |
| • Sunday, February 16, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. Shoot |
| • Sunday, March 1, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. Shoot |
| • Sunday, March 29, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. Shoot |
| • Sunday, April 26, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. Shoot |
| • Sunday, May 31, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. Shoot or Optional Fair Shoot |
| • Sunday June 14, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. Shoot Fair Shoot |

Should a shoot need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, we will put the information on local radio stations, our River Valley District 4-H facebook page, and will send out an e-mail to those enrolled in shooting sports. Shooting Sports information can be found online at www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/project_information.html. If you have questions, please contact Jordan Schuette, River Valley District 4-H Agent at 785-527-5084.

AIR Contest - Application, Interview, & Resume

New this year is **AIR** – Application, Interview and Resume contest for 4-H age members 16-18. This contest will show case four local businesses with positions that could potentially be available for individuals following high school graduation.

The four companies in 2020 will be Lambert Vet Supply, Mahin Insurance, Nesika Energy, and Polansky Seed. The contest has participants submit a mock application, resume, and cover letter. Then have a simulated interview with representatives from the 4 companies. Applications, resumes, and cover letters will be due to your local River Valley Extension District Office on January 14, 2020.

Participants will then interview during a scheduled time at District Club Day. More details, including the contest rules, job descriptions, application, and prizes for the four Top Purples, can be found here: https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/air_contest.html. If you have questions, please contact Monica or Jordan at 785-527-5084 or John at 785-632-5335.

Livestock Weigh-In/Tagging Dates

It's almost time for livestock weigh-in and tagging in the River Valley District! You may choose to tag/weigh your livestock at any of the offered times for that specie in the River Valley District.

No tagging will be allowed to be completed at home for any species, for any reason. All tagging must be completed at one of the following dates and times with a district extension agent present!

2020 Beef Weigh-In

All Market Beef, state nominated Commercial Breeding Heifers, and Second Year Bucket Calves must be tagged at a RVD weigh-in/tagging. Commercial Breeding Heifers must have an EID tag for state livestock show, including Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Registered Breeding Heifers for state shows do not need an EID. Breeding stock for your county fair do not need an EID.

Saturday, March 14th 9-11 a.m.	Anima Health Center	Washington
Saturday, March 14th 9-11 a.m.	Salava Vet Clinic	Clay Center
Sunday, March 22nd 2-4 p.m.	81 Livestock Sale Barn	Belleville
Sunday, March 22nd 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Cloud County Fairgrounds	Concordia

2020 Sheep, Goat, and Swine Weigh-In/Tagging

All Market Sheep, Goats, and Swine for the county fairs, as well as Commercial Breeding Sheep, Goats, and Swine for state shows, must be tagged at a RVD weigh-in/tagging. Registered Breeding Sheep and Swine do not need EID tags.

Monday, April 20th	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Fairgrounds	Washington
Thursday, April 23rd	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Fairgrounds	Concordia
Wednesday, April 29 th	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Fairgrounds	Clay Center
Saturday, May 2nd	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Fairgrounds	Belleville

Beef EID tags will be \$4 per tag. Sheep, Goat, and Swine EID tags will be \$3 per tag. Payment is required at the time of tagging so please bring small bills or a check payable to the River Valley Extension District. If you have any questions, please contact Brett, Livestock Agent at 785-243-8185 or Jordan, 4-H Agent at 785-527-5084.

Jammin' Out with Leadership at NELE!

The Northeast Area 4-H Leadership Event, (NELE), will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Rock Springs 4-H Center. All youth (4-H age 12 to 18) and adult volunteers are invited to attend. This is considered a State 4-H Event.

Delegates will enjoy meeting within focus groups and hearing from a guest speaker. Youth will register for multiple sessions to attend during NELE. Adult volunteers will also have sessions available.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn something new about leadership and meet new people. Transportation will be provided and the cost to attend is \$30, which includes lunch, snacks, and a t-shirt (design shown).

Registration is available online at <https://www.cvent.com/events/2020-northeast-4-h-leadership-event/registration-bde888a0b36b43038a124b7b83a7bcda.aspx?fqp=true>, but will close soon on Friday, January 3rd. Join us for this fun and exciting leadership event!



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals– YQCA

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, YQCA, is the livestock quality assurance program that is required to sell livestock in the premium auction or to participate in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Jr. Livestock Show.

YQCA offers in-person and online training for youth age 8-21. Youth 4-H age 7 must attend an in-person training. Online and in-person training must be completed by June 15, 2020. The in-person training is \$3 per youth while the online course is \$12 per youth.

New for this year, YQCA is offering a test-out option only for youth 4-H age 12 and 15. The training must be completed online and pay for the multiple years in which they are testing out so prices will vary. More information will be shared with eligible youth at the beginning of the 2020 year.

Mark these dates on your calendar for the in-person training in the River Valley District! IN addition to these dates and times if you are interested in taking the training in person!

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| • Monday, March 9th | 5:30 p.m. | Fairgrounds | Concordia |
| • Monday, April 20th | 7:00 p.m. | Fairgrounds | Washington |
| • Saturday, May 2nd | 10:30 a.m. | Fairgrounds | Belleville |
| • Thursday, June 11th | 5:30 p.m. | Fairgrounds | Clay Center |

If you have any questions, please contact Brett, Livestock Agent, at 785-243-8185 or Jordan, 4-H Agent, at 785-527-5084.

Congratulations Goes Out to These Key Award Recipients

The Kansas Key Award is one of the highest honors awarded to 4-H members across Kansas. The applicant needs to highlight 4-H related events, activities and achievements they accomplished within their club, county, district and state. It's never too early to look ahead at the requirements of this award and have this as a 4-H goal. Check it out on our River Valley District website <https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/awards.html>.

Clay County: Mattie Blackburn – Countyside Crusaders

Cloud County: Gage Amerin - Clyde Roadrunners, Rachele Anderson - Hill & Dale, and Angelica Hale - Hill & Dale

Republic County: Cajsa Carlgren – Eager Beavers, Braden Frasier – Republic Pioneers, Max Flinger – Novy Munden, Emma Morris – Discovery, Anna Pachta – Novy Munden, Hayley Piroutek - Discovery

Building Blocks of Babysitting to be Offered During Spring Break

Being a babysitter is a great opportunity, whether just for one evening or the entire summer, but caring for a child is also a very big responsibility. Attend “Building Blocks of Babysitting” so you have the foundation to be the best babysitter possible. Topics covered will include ages and stages of children, basic first aid and emergency procedures, activity ideas, and more!

Monica Thayer and Sonia Cooper, Extension Agents for the River Valley Extension District, will offer Building Blocks of Babysitting in each of the counties in the River Valley District to youth that have completed 6th grade and higher. Mark your calendars now to attend! Registration details and more information will be released in February!

- Monday, March 9th – FNB Bank – Washington – 9am-3pm
- Thursday, March 12th – Resource Center – Concordia – 9am-3pm
- Friday, March 13th – 4-H Building – Belleville – 9am-3pm
- Wednesday, March 18th – 4-H Conference Center – Clay Center – 9am-3pm

If you have any questions, please contact Monica at 785-527-5084 or mthayer@ksu.edu.

Clay County 4-H Council/4-H Development Fundraiser

Clay County 4-H'ers will be participating in a new fundraiser in 2020. 4-H Council and the Clay County 4-H Development Fund will partner with the Clay Center Business Association, the Clay Center Area Chamber of Commerce and the Clay County Economic Development Group to sell the VIP Passport Card.

The Passport Card is similar to our previous card fundraiser. It benefits the businesses and the buyers who purchase the cards that have discounts, coupons, special deals, etc. in them. This fundraiser will benefit our 4-H Council and the Clay County 4-H Development Fund to continue to provide scholarships for 4-H events and college scholarships for our members.

There will be a Sales Kickoff Date for the VIP Passport Card in mid-January held at The Rex Theater. 4-H'ers will pick up their cards to sell and can watch the movie "Jumanji." The \$20 cards will be sold by 4-H'ers through the end of February. Clay County 4-H families watch for an email to come with details about times.

Farewell From Susan Mattila

Please see a note from Susan Mattila, "I have greatly enjoyed my time as the 4-H Program Manger here in Washington and will greatly miss all the 4-H youth, leaders and families. This was a difficult decision to make, but I am excited for this new adventure and to be closer to family. I look forward to hearing about all the success I know you will have in the future!"

We want to thank Susan for all her hard work and dedication to the River Valley Extension District and the 4-H Program. We also wish her the best of luck on her next adventure.

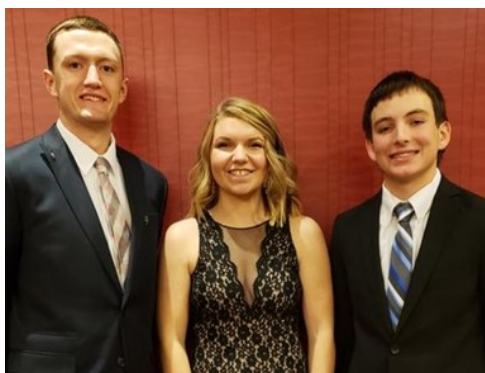
National Congress

River Valley District had the honor to have four 4-Her's help to represent Kansas at the 99th National 4-H Congress held in Atlanta, Georgia from November 29th to December 3rd. Cole Stahlman From Cloud Co, Jessica Jensen, Macy Rickard, and Ryan Shrader from Republic County all had the opportunity to attend. This is an annual trip for state project KAP winners or Centennial delegates, which are selected by a random drawing of all Key Award winners.

National 4-H Congress is a five-day event that engages high school aged 4-H members in leadership, citizenship, and global awareness. Participates not only had the opportunity to participate in state-of-the-art educational workshops, they heard from world – renowned speakers like John Beede, a motivational speaker who climbed Mount Everest and Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue. They also

had the opportunity to network with other 4-H members from across the United States, attended the International Dinner and Dance and went on tours in Atlanta.

Community Service was the focus on Monday. They learned the importance of community service by doing. Jessica Jensen said her group was selected to teach 5th graders about chickens, Georgia's top commodity. Macy Rickard's community service project was working at Piedmont Park. Piedmont Park is a 200-acre green space in the middle of Atlanta. She helped by doing some landscaping tasks around the park. Jessica would recommend 4-H members to go to National Congress – she stated, "This amazing opportunity let me meet other 4-Hers from across the nation, tour Atlanta, develop my leadership skills, and take my first airplane trip."



Ryan Shrader, Macy Rickard, Cole Stahlman



Jessica Jensen and Macy Rickard



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Fair Dates Set

Fair dates for the four county fairs in the River Valley District have been set. As we have more judging dates, locations, and fair information set, we will share with the families for their county fair.

- Cloud County Fair July 7 – July 11
- Clay County Free Fair July 14 – July 18
- Washington County Fair July 21 – July 25
- NCK Free Fair (Republic County) July 28 – August 2

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming fairs, please contact Jordan at 785-527-5084

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