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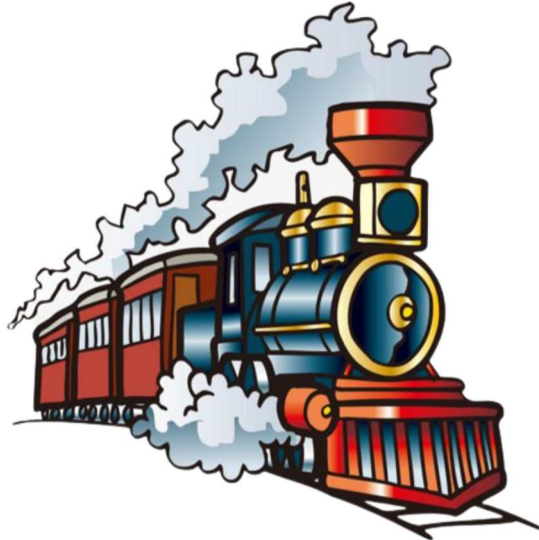
4-H News

River Valley District

**May/June
2022**

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Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead

The STEAM engine has left the station and the push to jump aboard has been nationwide. What is the big demand

to educate our youth in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics? Our future depends on it.

In today’s constantly changing world, our youth must be prepared with the fundamentals and understanding to solve some of the complex challenges of today and tomorrow. It is important to educate our future leaders and workers with STEAM. This teaches our youth ingenuity, creativity, problem solving, adaptation and more. STEAM also encourages youth to build resilience and to work as a team.

Not only does STEAM provide a new way of thinking and learning to our students, but it also creates potential career paths as the demand for STEAM careers is at a rise. More and more jobs are under the threat of automation as technology continues to advance at a record-setting pace. In the future, no matter the industry, jobs will involve a certain level of technology.

Research suggests exposing children to STEAM as soon as possible. Infants and toddlers develop hundreds of neural connections every second. Each experience and interaction of the young child’s life is inherent to their brain development. Early exposure does more than develop the child’s STEAM foundation, it has been proven to improve their abilities in subjects outside of STEAM. Once in elementary school, continuing STEAM education for students is critical for keeping their interest. Introducing these topics to a child throughout their life provides them the opportunity and skills to pursue a STEAM related major or career.

4-H’ers are four times more likely to give back to their community and two times more likely to participate in STEAM activities. River Valley 4-H believes in the power of young people and empowers them with the skills to lead for a lifetime. Join us, as we go full S.T.E.A.M. ahead. “All Aboard!”

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Pre-Fair Judging

Each county has some 4-H entries judged before fair – Check this out for your county!

Clay	Tuesday July 12th	Starting at 8:45 am	United Methodist Family Life Center	Clothing, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts and Photography. Photography Judging Contest will also be taking place.
Cloud	Wednes- day June 29th	9 am -12 pm 1:00 -4:00 pm	Commercial Building Cloud Co Fairgrounds	Clothing & Textiles, Fashion Re- vue, Fiber Arts Visual Arts
Republic	Wednes- day July	Starting at 8:00 am		Clothing & Textiles, Fashion Re- vue and Fiber Arts
Washing- ton	Tuesday July 12th	Starting at 8:00 am	Washington Co High School	Clothing, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts, Photography and Visual Arts

YQCA

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is required for any 4-H/FFA Member that plans to sell a market animal in the Livestock Auction at your County Fair. 4-H/FFA Members need to sign-up prior to the in person course at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> The cost of the YQCA course in person is \$3.00 while the online training is \$12.00 per youth member. We will have one more opportunity for you to take it in person.

Clay Center – Clay County Fairgrounds	Thursday, June 2 nd at 5:30 p.m.
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Entomology/Geology Judging

Hope you been out a hunting for your bugs, fossils, and rocks. You should all be a buzzing getting those in your exhibit boxes, filling them up and labeled. Mark your calendars for Monday June 27th as that is the date set for River Valley District Entomology/Geology Judging. It will start at 2:00 pm and the location this year will be at the Republic Co Extension Office, Belleville KS. Be watching for an email with more information. Kansas 4-H has some resources that might be useful to you for your projects at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/>

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular

Beetles, bugs, dragonflies and more! It's time to get registered for the 30th Insect Spectacular. The State Entomology Workshop will be held Friday and Saturday, June 17th, and 18th, 2022. It will be hosted by Arnold's Greenhouse on Friday morning, located at 1430 Hwy 58 near LeRoy, Kansas. Then you will travel to the Chanute High School as the center for other activities. The event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! **One parent/adult guardian from each family must register and attend with children.**

For a **detailed schedule and event details**, go to <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/>

River Valley District 4-H Dog Show

The combined River Valley District 4-H Dog Show has been scheduled for Saturday, July 16th. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., with the show beginning at 9:00 a.m. The show will be held in the Commercial Building at the Cloud County Fair Grounds in Concordia, Kansas. Any dog attending the 2022 RVD Dog Show must have a “Kansas 4-H Dog Show Immunization Record”. This form can be found on the RVD Website: https://www.rivervalley.kstate.edu/4h/fair_forms/2020%20Kansas%204H%20Dog%20Show%20Immunization%20Record.pdf. Immunization Records **MUST** be submitted at the time of your local county’s pre-entry date to qualify for the RVD 4-H Dog show.

North Central District Horse Show 2022

The date for the North Central District Horse Show has been set for June 21st and 22nd in Salina, Kansas at the Saline County Livestock and Expo Center.

To be eligible to compete in the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show, 4-H horse project members must compete at a County AND a District Horse Show. To be eligible to attend this show, Level I testing/riding must be completed. All testing/riding and horse show information can be found on the K-State website: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/districthorseshow.html>

Premium Auction Requirements

Just a reminder to all 4-H and FFA members planning to participate in the Fair Livestock Premium Sale/Project Auction during your local fair. Each member must complete the following requirements

- Attend a “minimum” of 3 Club Meetings
- Complete the YQCA training either in person or online
- Participate in 3 approved activities listed on the form

If you need a form, you can go to a RVD Extension office or download and print one off the RVD website at <https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html> scroll down to Fair Forms! These must be signed by your Community Leader/FFA Advisor and turned into your local extension office by June 30th.

2022 Kansas 4-H Discovery Days

Discovery Days will be held June 1st – 3rd, 2022. Discovery Days is for youth ages 13-18 by January 1, 2022. The Cost to attend will be \$195. Participants will be included in a special recognition event honoring the State Project Award Winners. This event will be held in the K-State Student Union on the evening of Thursday, June 2nd and will include an evening social and entertainment. More details to follow!

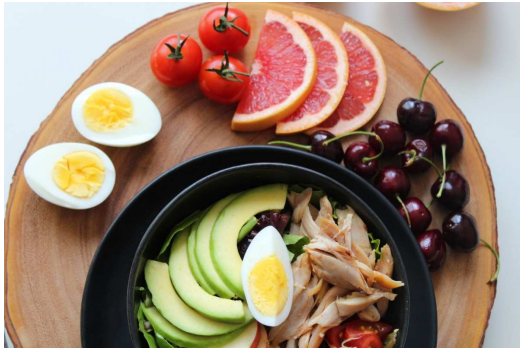
More information can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/eventsactivities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>

Photo Mounting Workshops

Need help mounting your photo for the county fair? Learn how by joining us at one of the hands-on learning workshops. Photo boards will be available for purchase at each location.

Clay	July 2	Clay County Fairgrounds	TBD
Republic	July 25	Republic Co. Extension Office	8:00 am–4:00 pm
Washington	July 9 & 10	KSDS—Washington, KS	TBD

Favorite Foods Show



The Favorite Foods Show combines food preparation, nutritional knowledge, table service planning, and food handling practices. This event is a fun way for 4-Hers to explore the Foods and Nutrition project beyond baked goods. The Favorite Food Show is a fair event, so youth must be enrolled in the Foods and Nutrition project to participate. River Valley District will be having two Favorite Food Shows to choose from this year:

Sunday, June 12, 2022 Judging will start at 2:00 p.m.

– Cloud County Fairgrounds, Commercial Building

Saturday, June 18, 2022 Judging will start at 9:00 a.m. – Washington, Good Shepard Lutheran Church

The Favorite Food Show is a Fair event, that requires exhibiting at your local county fair to receive your ribbon and premium. Check the Fair Rule Book for all the information about the Food Show. The rule book, food safety tips, and entry form is available at your local Extension Office or can be found online at <https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html> Be watching for more information on this event.

Public Fashion Revues

The Public Fashion Revue is the opportunity for 4-H members to showcase the outfit they purchased or constructed. The public Fashion Revue dates, times, and places are listed below:

RVD - **Concordia** – Cloud County Fairgrounds, Commercial Building Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

RVD – **Clay Center** – United Methodist Church Family Life Center Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

RVD – **Washington** – Washington High School Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

RVD – **Belleville** – Republic County Fairgrounds, Entertainment Center Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.



2022 River Valley District Seniors

Congratulations to the 27 youth throughout the River Valley District that are graduating this May. This is a big milestone in your life and we are so proud of each one of you. It has been an honor to have you in our 4-H family and organization. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. The 2022 Graduating Seniors are:

Clay County Seniors

Haylie Avery	Wakefield High School	Cloverleaf 4-H Club
Ryan Benfer	Clay Center Community High	Sturdy Oak 4-H Club
Reece Geer	Clay Center Community High	Washington Headliners
Mahaila Hickman	Flint Hills Christian School	Lincoln Creek 4-H Club
Ryan McClure	Riley County High School	Countryside Crusader
Lane Musselman	Clay Center Community High	Washington Headliners
Shelby Siebold	Clay Center Community High	Lincoln Creek 4-H Club
Maggie Sleichter	Clay Center Community High	Lincoln Creek 4-H Club

Cloud County Seniors

Taley Murdock	Concordia Jr/Sr High	Hollis Hustlers 4-H Club
Matthew Paillet	Miltonvale High	Miltonvale Hustlers 4-H
McKenzie Widen	Concordia Jr/Sr High	Hopewell Corners 4-H Club

Republic County Seniors

Blake Aurand	Republic Co Jr/Sr High	Republic Pioneers 4-H Club
Leah Benne	Pike Valley Jr/Sr High	Sherdahl Boosters 4-H Club
Paisley Benne	Pike Valley Jr/Sr High	Republic Pioneers 4-H Club
Jonathon Dyke	Republic Co Jr/Sr High	Pathfinders 4-H Club
Sherice Frasier	Superior NE Jr/Sr High	Republic Pioneers 4-H Club
Andrew Hubert	Republic Co Jr/Sr High	Republic Pioneers 4-H Club
Ashton Sinn	Thayer Co Central High	Merry Meadowlarks 4-H Club

Washington County Seniors

Madison Bruna	Hanover High	Happy Spirit 4-H Club
Natalie Harlan	Washington Co High	Happy Spirit 4-H Club
Taylor Koch	Clifton-Clyde Sr High	Lucky Four 4-H Club
Elijah Rutledge	Washington Co High	Stick To It 4-H Club
Mandy Simmons	Washington Co High	Happy Spirit 4-H Club
Laura Skupa	Washington Co High	Stick To It 4-H Club
Coy Stamm	Washington Co High	Farmington 4-H Club
Elise Uffman	Linn High	Linn Livewire 4-H Club
Elaina White	Hanover High	Hanover 4-H Club

New Fair Management System

With careful consideration the River Valley District is changing our fair management system to Fair Entry. We are excited to have a user friendly online system. Fair Entry will allow for online pre-fair entry sign-up, LIVE fair results, and much more.

Pre-fair packets will look different as a lot of identification information will be asked on Fair Entry. There will no longer be hard copy forms for pre-fair entries. There will be a step by step guide included in your mailed pre-fair packet as well as a video on our River Valley web-site explaining how to enroll in the new system. The following websites will direct you to your local county fair system to enroll. You will use your 4-H Online username and password to sign-in.

Clay County— <http://ClayCountyks.fairentry.com>

Cloud County— <http://cloudcountyks.fairentry.com>

Republic County— <http://NCKFreeFair.fairentry.com>

Washington County— <http://washingtoncountyks.fairentry.com>

2022 Kansas 4-H Geology State Tour

The 4-H Geology Action Team is excited to announce the location and details of the 2022 Geology State Field Trip. This trip is a great opportunity for youth to collect specimens for their project and learn from experts in the field. For 2022 , there will be one 3 day field trip offered on **June 10th—12th in Fredonia, KS.**

All youth and family members planning to attend the trip need to register on May 27th by noon. The registration fee is \$15 per person. For details regarding registration, schedule, t-shirts, and exhibit boxes please visit, <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/geology-field-trip/index.html>.

Friday, June 10 — Registration, judging contest, workshops (Fossil ID, Rock and Mineral ID, Fluorescent Minerals, Exhibit Box Preparation, Geology 101, and Lapidary / Jewlery Wire Wrap)

Saturday, June 11 —Registration, group meeting, quiz bowl, judging contest, specimen identification on sedimentary rocks and fossils from the Pennsylvanian age.

Sunday, June 12 — specimen will be igneous rock and minerals from Silver Dome.

Pre-Fair Entry Deadlines

This year the pre-fair entry will be done online through a fair entry website – be watching for more information from your local extension office. Please make sure to have your entries in by the due date for your county. If you need help or don't have access to a computer – contact your local extension office .

Cloud County—June 10th	Clay County—June 15th
Washington County—June 20th	Republic County—July 1st

Junior Leaders Heading to Nashville, Tennessee

Here are some important dates to remember:

May 9th - by NOON your Fundraising orders and money are due to a RVD Extension Office

May 25th – Red Wheel and Rada pickup 5:00 pm - Republic Co 4-H Building – Belleville KS

July 1st – Remaining trip cost balance due to any RVD Extension Office

A mandatory trip meeting will be held in each county. Any family can attend whichever date/time best fits into your busy schedules. The Jr Leaders going to Nashville and a parent **must attend one of the following meetings.**

Thurs. July 7 th	8:00 pm	Commercial Bldg. – Cloud Co Fairgrounds
Tues., July 12 th	4:00 pm	United Methodist Family Life Center – Clay Center, KS
Sat., July 23 rd	11:00 am	Food Stand – Washington Co Fairgrounds
Wed., July 27 th	6:00 pm	Picnic Area by 4-H Foodstand – NCK Fairground

Helpful Hints for Club Funds

A lot of local 4-H Clubs have annual fundraisers, but where does this money go? We have had a few questions on correct means of using the 4-H Club Treasury.

A 4-H club is required to manage their treasury responsibly. All 4-H club funds must be used to support the 4-H program and educational activities of its members. It is recommended that a tentative budget should be made at the beginning of the 4-H year. The basic formula for a Club's budget: 4-H Club treasury balance = Current year of club expenses + one additional year of same expense dollars

Items you might spend your Club's Treasury on may include, meeting expenses/rental fee, food and refreshments, project workshops, 4-H program fee, club tee shirts, 4-H educational trips, awards, scholarships, community service projects, donations, or cost of club exhibits.

What happens if our 4-H club disbands? If a 4-H club disbands, be sure to pay all bills and immediately transfer the remaining funds to the county/district 4-H council, local 4-H foundation, or the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Your club bylaws will indicate where these funds should go? In the instance where a Club does not have bylaws, your club members will vote on the disbursement of the remaining funds.

Reminder: The Club's checking account should have two signatures from non-related treasurer/leader for expenditures. Be on the look our for an informative video on how to fill our your annual financial review on our local website, rivervalley.ksu.edu.



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Thank You River Valley Volunteers

Volunteers are the life line of our 4-H organization. We are so thankful for all the support, time and effort that they put in during the year to teach our 4-H youth life long skills. April 17 -23, 2022 was National Volunteer Week. Each River Valley District volunteer was gifted a goody bag as a small gesture to say thank you. If you haven't received yours yet, please stop by your local extension office. Volunteers- thank you for everything you do for our 4-H youth, staff, families, and communities. We greatly appreciate you!

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RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Highlight, circle, underline, etc. the important dates for your family to remember!

Then, use this calendar as a reminder – place it on your fridge, with your calendar, on your bulletin board, etc.!

Date	Time	Event	Location
May:			
5/01		Horse ID's Certificate Deadline	Local Extension Office
5/01		Members must have project updated on 4-H online	
5/01	1:00 pm	Shooting Sports–Practice Shoot/Fair Shoot #1	Fairgrounds – Concordia
5/07	9:00 – 10:00 am	Goat, Sheep, Swine weigh-in/tagging	Republic Co Fairgrounds
5/07	10:30 am	YQCA – Republic Co	Fairgrounds – Belleville
5/09	By NOON	Jr Leader Fundraising orders/money turned in	Extension Office
5/22	1:00 pm	Shooting Sports–Fair Shoot #2	Fairgrounds – Concordia
5/24	7:00 p.m.	Republic Co 4-H Council	4-H Building - Belleville
5/25	4:30 pm	Jr Leader Fundraising pickup	4-H Building – Belleville
5/30	7:30 pm	Cloud Co 4-H Council	Commercial Building - Concordia
June:			
6/1-3		Discovery Days	Manhattan, KS
6/02	5:30 pm	YQCA – Clay Co	Conference Center – Clay Center
6/04		River Valley District Rabbit Show	Washington Fairgrounds
6/05	5:00 pm	Dog Practice	Commercial Bldg. – Cloud Co Fairgrounds
6/05	6:00 pm	Dog Practice	Lincoln Elementary – Clay Center
6/06	6:30	Clay County Ambassador	Extension Office – Clay Center
6/06	7:00	Clay County Jr Leaders	Extension Office – Clay Center
6/06	7:30 pm	Clay County Council	Extension Office – Clay Center
6/10		Cloud Co Pre-Fair Entries Due	Online/Cloud Co Extension Office
6/10-12		State 4-H Geology Field Trip	Fredonia, KS
6/12	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Favorite Foods Judging	Commercial Building – Concordia
6/12	5:00 pm	Dog Practice	Commercial Bldg. – Cloud Co Fairgrounds
6/12	6:00 pm	Dog Practice	Lincoln Elementary – Clay Center
6/15		Clay Co Pre-Fair Entries Due	Online/Clay Co Extension Office
6/17-18		Insect Spectacular	LeRoy, Kansas
6/18	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Favorite Foods Judging	Good Shepard Church – Washington
6/19	5:00 pm	Dog Practice	Commercial Bldg. – Cloud Co Fairgrounds
6/19	6:00 pm	Dog Practice	Lincoln Elementary – Clay Center
6/20		Washington Co Pre-Fair Entries Due	Online/Washington Co Extension Office
6/21-22		NCK District Horse Show	Salina, KS
6/26	5:00 pm	Dog Practice	Commercial Bldg. – Cloud Co Fairgrounds
6/26	6:00 pm	Dog Practice	Lincoln Elementary – Clay Center
6/27	2:00 pm	Entomology/Geology Judging	Extension Office – Belleville
6/29		Cloud Co Pre-Fair Judging	Commercial Building - Concordia
July:			
7/01		Republic Co Pre Fair Entries Due	Online/Republic Co Extension Office
7/01		Jr Leader Trip Final Payment Due	Extension Offices
7/02		Photography Mounting Workshop	Extension Office – Clay County
7/5-9		Cloud Co Fair	Fairgrounds – Concordia

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7/07	8:00 pm	Jr Leader Trip Mandatory Meeting	Commercial Bldg Conference Room
7/12		Clay Co Pre-Fair Judging	Family Life Center, Clay Center
7/12		Washington Co Pre-Fair Judging	Washington High School
7/12	4:00 pm	Jr Leader Trip Mandatory Meeting	Family Life Center, Clay Center
7/16		RVD Dog Show	Commercial Building–Cloud Co Fairgrounds
7/19-24		Clay Co Fair	Fairgrounds - Clay Center
7/19-24		Washington Co Fair	Fairgrounds – Washington
7/23		Jr Leader Trip Mandatory Meeting	4-H Foodstand - Washington
7/25	7:30 pm	Cloud Co 4-H Council	Commercial Building - Concordia
7/27		Republic Co Pre Fair Judging	Methodist Church – Belleville
7/27		Republic Co Fair – Set up/Cleaning barns	NCK Free Fairgrounds
7/27	6:00 pm	Jr Leader Trip Mandatory Meeting	4-H Foodstand - Belleville

August:

8/1-7		NCK Free Fair	Fairgrounds – Belleville
8/07		Practice Shoot – Shot Gun State Qualifier	Fairgrounds – Concordia
8/08-11		Jr Leader Trip	Nashville, TN
8/13		Shot Gun State Qualifier	Fairgrounds – Concordia
8/13	9:30 am	State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest	Manhattan, KS

September:

9/09-18		Kansas State Fair	Hutchinson, KS
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