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# 4-H News

## River Valley District

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### River Valley Summer Programs

We are excited for a fun-filled summer of learning with our Summer Engagement Interns. We have hired four interns to provide educational opportunities across the district. We will have registrations for each event. Some events will have certain criteria, such as a registration fee, and age requirement. Please watch for an email with more information. Spots will be limited. Below are a few of the dates already set. More events and locations to come.

#### Floral Arrangement Classes

- Tuesday, June 6th @ 1:00 pm— Cloud Co. Commercial Building
- Saturday, June 8th @ 10:00 am—Clay Co. Extension Office
- Wednesday, June 21st @ 1:00 pm—Owen’s Originals Floral
- Saturday, June 22nd @ 10:00 am—Clay Co. Extension Office
- Tuesday, June 27th @ 1:00 pm—Cloud Co. Commercial Building
- Wednesday, July 5th @ 1:00 pm—Owen’s Originals Floral
- Republic County—TBD

#### Charcuterie Board Classes

- Friday, June 23rd @ 2:00 pm—Cloud County Extension Office
- Friday, July 14th @ 2:00 pm—FNB Basement (Washington)

#### Leather Workshops

- Tuesday, June 20th @ 9:30 am—Scandia
- Tuesday, June 27th @ 9:30 am—Scandia

## Pre-Fair Judging

Each county has a pre-fair judging date, where certain projects get judged prior to fair. During this event, the 4-H'er will bring their fair projects (indicated below) to get judged, and then will take their items home, and then checks the items back in during fair week to be displayed. The following dates and locations are set for 2023 pre-fair judging. Please pay close attention to the projects being judged at your pre-fair judging.

|               |                       |  |   |
|---------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| Washington Co | July 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Washington County High School<br>Washington, KS              | Clothing, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts, Photography, Visual Arts         |
| Cloud Co      | July 12 <sup>th</sup> | Commercial Building<br>Cloud Co Fairgrounds<br>Concordia, KS | Clothing, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts, Individual Projects, Visual Arts |
| Clay Co       | July 18 <sup>th</sup> | United Methodist Church<br>Clay Center, KS                   | Clothing, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts, Photography, Visual Arts         |
| Republic Co   | July 26 <sup>th</sup> | First United Methodist Church<br>Belleville, KS              | Clothing, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts                                   |

## District Entomology & Geology Judging

Have you been outside hunting for your insects, fossils and rocks? You should all be getting busy collecting specimens for your exhibit boxes, filling them up, and labeling them. Mark your calendars for Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, as that is the date set for our River Valley District Entomology and Geology Judging. It will start at 2:00 p.m., and the location this year will be at the Cloud County Extension Office in Concordia, Kansas. 4-H has some resources that might be useful to you for your entomology and geology projects. You can find them here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/> Just click on your project name, and you will find several resources to help you get started. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to reach out to your local 4-H Program Manager.

## Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular

Butterflies, beetles, dragonflies and more! It's time to get excited for the annual Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular. This two-day state-wide entomology workshop will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Manhattan. Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. This event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! Registration is now open on the Kansas 4-H website. You can find more Insect Spectacular information by clicking on "Events & Activities" on the left side of the webpage. This includes an event schedule, information sheet, and a link to register. **One parent or adult guardian from each family must register and attend with children.**

## 4-H Dog Show

The River Valley District 4-H Dog Show is always located at the Commercial Building on the Cloud County Fairgrounds in Concordia, KS. This is the only location that is large enough and air conditioned within our district. This year, the dog show will be on Saturday, July 8th, with a check in at 8:00 am and the show will begin at 9:00 am. Good Luck to you and your four-legged best friend! If you want to come, see what this project is all about – Everyone is invited!

## Premium Auction Requirements

All 4-H and FFA members that are planning on participating in your county Livestock Premium Sale or Project Auction 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 District Form

If you are still needing a requirement form stop by your local extension office, or you can go to the RVD website here: [https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair\\_forms/LivestockSale.html](https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair_forms/LivestockSale.html)  
You must have these signed by your leader/FFA Advisor before being turned in.

## 2023 Discovery Days

Discovery Days will be held this year June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Discovery Days is for youth ages 13 – 18 before January 1, 2023. The cost to attend will be \$210, some classes may have additional fees associated with them. Participants of Discovery Days will attend Emerald Circle, an event that recognizes Kansas State Project Record Participants. This event will be held Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> in the K-State Student Union.

You can register, find classes, and more information at the following link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>

Scholarships may be available to help cover some of the costs of 4-H events. Please ask your local 4-H Program Manager to see if there are any scholarships available for you to attend Discovery Days.

## Favorite Foods Show

The Favorite Foods Show offers the opportunity for 4-H'ers to show us their Foods and Nutrition knowledge, Food Safety knowledge and practices, their ability to plan an age-appropriate menu, and put together a themed table setting that follows their chosen menu. The table setting theme and menu ideas within this fun contest are endless! Since the Favorite Foods Show is a Fair Event, participants must be enrolled in the Foods and Nutrition Project in order to participate.

For more information about the Favorite Foods Show go to: [https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair\\_forms/Favoritefoodshow.html](https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair_forms/Favoritefoodshow.html)

Two Favorite Foods Shows are offered each year. This year's dates are:

**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> in Clay Center at the Extension Office starting at 2:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at the NCK Fairgrounds 4-H Building in Belleville starting at 9:00 a.m.**

## **Photo Mounting Workshops**

If you need help to mount your fair photos, first print your photos out as an 8 x 10 (can be cut down no smaller than 7" x 9". You should purchase your mounting boards from the extension office for \$1.00 each. The mounting board should always be in the portrait position and measure down 1" from the top and center the picture in the middle. Here is a link with step-by-step instructions [https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair\\_forms/Photography.html](https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair_forms/Photography.html) OR you can attend one of these scheduled photo mounting workshops. These workshops are Come and Go.

|             |  |                              |                  |
|-------------|--|------------------------------|------------------|
| Washington  | Saturday, July 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Sunday, July 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 10 am – 5 pm<br>12 pm – 6 pm | KSDS Building    |
| Concordia   | Thursday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>                                 | 8 am – 4 pm                  | Extension Office |
| Clay Center | Friday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>                                   | 8 am–6 pm                    | Extension Office |
| Belleville  | Friday, July 21 <sup>st</sup>                                  | 8 am – 4 pm                  | Extension Office |

## **Public Fashion Revues**

The 4-H Public Fashion Revue is open to the public to come watch the 4-H members model their outfits that they either purchased or constructed. Please remember to give these dates out to family members and friends, so they can come watch you model along with the other youth in the area.

|               |                             |           |  |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------|--|
| Washington Co | Thurs, July 6 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 p.m. | Washington County High School          |
| Clay Co       | Tues, July 18 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 p.m. | United Methodist Church-Clay Center    |
| Cloud Co      | Tues, July 18 <sup>th</sup> | 7:30 p.m. | Commercial Building - Concordia        |
| Republic Co   | Wed, Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | 6:00 p.m. | Entertainment Center – NCK Fairgrounds |

## **2023 River Valley District Seniors**

Many congratulations and best wishes to our River Valley District high school seniors! 32 of our RVD 4-H'ers will be crossing the stage in May to get their high school diplomas. We know you all will do great things in your future endeavors! We are so proud of you! It has been an honor to watch you all grow into the awesome individuals you are today and during your time in River Valley 4-H! Our 2023 River Valley District Graduating Seniors are:

### **Clay County:**

|                  |                       |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Juliann Begnoche | Countryside Crusaders | Clay Center Community High School |
| Allison James    | Lincoln Creek         | Clay Center Community High School |
| Brody Kramer     | Sturdy Oak            | Clay Center Community High School |
| Annie Larson     | Lincoln Creek         | Clay Center Community High School |
| Levi Musselman   | Washington Headliners | Clay Center Community High School |
| Afton Sterling   | Lincoln Creek         | Clay Center Community High School |
| Wyatt Varner     | Countryside Crusaders | Clay Center Community High School |
| Alisha Waite     | Sturdy Oak            | Clay Center Community High School |

**Cloud County:**

|                 |                     |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Moyra Barnes    | Hollis Hustlers     | Concordia Jr-Sr High      |
| Sheyenne Kelsey | Miltonvale Hustlers | Clifton-Clyde High School |
| Cody Letourneau | Hopewell Corners    | Concordia Jr-Sr High      |

**Republic County:**

|                    |                   |                                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tristan Allen      | Merry Meadowlarks | Republic County Jr-Sr High School |
| Jaren Aurand       | Sherdahl Boosters | Republic County Jr-Sr High School |
| Natalee Bray       | Sherdahl Boosters | Pike Valley High School           |
| Brecken Isaacson   | Sherdahl Boosters | Republic County Jr-Sr High School |
| Trey Melton        | Merry Meadowlarks | Republic County Jr-Sr High School |
| Kiersten Morgan    | Sherdahl Boosters | Pike Valley High School           |
| Isaac Morris       | Discovery         | Republic County Jr-Sr High School |
| Ella Pachta        | Novy Munden       | Republic County Jr-Sr High School |
| Allison Richardson | Discovery         | Thayer Central High School        |

**Washington County:**

|                  |                |                                   |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Drake Baker      | Stick To It    | Washington County High School     |
| Bryan Baxter     | Stick To It    | Republic County Jr-Sr High School |
| Adria Heuer      | Happy Workers  | Hanover High School               |
| Jasmine Jueneman | Hanover        | Hanover High School               |
| Cole Meyer       | Happy Workers  | Hanover High School               |
| Blake Orth       | Busy Bee       | Washington County High School     |
| Reanna Rencin    | Happy Spirit   | Hanover High School               |
| Aliyah Sinn      | Hanover        | Hanover High School               |
| Ryan Stuenkel    | Linn Livewires | Linn High School                  |
| Kady Toole       | Busy Bee       | Washington County High School     |
| Gabriel White    | Hanover        | Hanover High School               |
| Elizabeth Wright | Stick To It    | Washington County High School     |

***NEW Sports Fishing Project***

On Saturday, April 30th, seven 4-H staff and volunteers became Certified Angler Instructors through the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. They will be setting fishing project meetings very soon—so be on the look out for those upcoming dates.

Want to be a fishing instructor? We are having an online training at the end of May for adult volunteers and high-school aged youth. Contact Macy Hynek at [mhynek@ksu.edu](mailto:mhynek@ksu.edu) to be added to the list.

## ***Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip***

The Kansas 4-H Geology Action Team is excited to announce the 2023 State Geology Field Trip. This trip is a great opportunity for youth to collect specimens for their project and to learn from experts in the field. For 2023, there will be a 3-day field trip offered on June 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> with headquarters based out of Riley County High School in Riley, KS.

The registration Deadline for this event is May 15<sup>th</sup>. To view the agenda and more details about this event, please visit: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/geology-field-trip/index.html>

## ***Fair Entry Deadlines***

Fair Entry Deadline is the last day to register projects for the 2023 county fair. You will register your projects through a site called Fair Entry. You will be getting a step by step guide on how to use Fair Entry in your pre-fair packets. If you have any questions or need access to a computer contact your local extension office. Please make sure to have all entries in by the due date for your county as you will not be able to add any entries after the date below.

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Washington County | June 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| Cloud County      | June 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Clay County       | June 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Republic County   | July 1 <sup>st</sup>  |

## ***River Valley Youth Spotlight***

Brody Kramer, Clay County, Sturdy Oak 4-H Club

I am a 9-year member of the Sturdy Oak 4-H Club in Clay County. I am a senior at Clay County Community High School. I plan to attend McPherson College to major in Allied Health this Fall.

My Favorite project is Woodworking. I am also in the Shooting Sports, Leadership, Crops, and Buymanship projects.

This past summer I was a CIT (Counselor In Training) at Rock Spring Ranch. I had fun with other teens my age and also got to mentor younger 4-H'ers for 2 camp sessions. It was great to have a combination of activities with teens my age, but also have the experience of leading young 4-H'ers in camp activities.

Another favorite memory was the Junior Leader Trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I enjoyed seeing the cheese-head factory, the Harley Davidson Museum, and attempting to escape an Escape Room with other 4-H'ers.



## ***River Valley's First Geology Trip***

On Saturday, April 22nd, 4-H Volunteers hosted our first River Valley Geology Field Trip in Belleville, KS. Youth had the opportunity to spend the morning digging at two different sites to find specimens for their Geology boxes. They returned for lunch at the NCK Free Fairgrounds. In the afternoon, they learned how to identify the specimens they found and how to properly build their box for fair.

A huge thank you to Joelle Feight, David Kadavy, Karol McChesney and Blecha Reality. Without 4-H Volunteers and local businesses supporting our 4-H organization, we wouldn't be able to offer cool learning opportunities such as this one.



## ***Washington County Ag Day***

The 2023 Washington County Ag Day was full of learning and fun. On Friday, May 5th, 4th graders from Washington County Elementary, Linn Elementary, Hanover Elementary and Clifton/Clyde Elementary came to the Washington County Fairgrounds to learn about different parts of the agriculture industry.

Eight presenters came to share their knowledge with Washington County youth in areas of equipment safety, wildlife, grain bin safety, livestock, nutrition, soil education, dairy production and more. Our presenters included Bruna Implement, Central Valley Ag, Washington County Conservation District, Ohlde Family Farms, K-State Research and Extension, Kansas Wildlife and Parks, and Rolling Hills—Blue Stem Electric.

We also would like to thank our Sponsors who helped make this day possible. Farm Credit, Washington County—Department of Tourism, Hoover's, Fairview Mills, Washington County Conservation District, and K-State Research and Extension.

We are excited for more Ag Days coming in the future in Clay, Cloud, Republic and Washington Counties for youth to learn about rural agriculture and the importance it plays in our daily lives.





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## NCK Horse Show

On Wednesday, June 28th at the Saline County Fairgrounds, 900 Greely Avenue, the North Central District Horse Show will take place. It is open to any youth age 7 to 18. You must register by June 1st at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/districthorseshow.html>. Your local county fair as well as the NCK Horse Show are qualifying shows for the Kansas State Fair. For more information, please call your local 4-H Program Manager.

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