



RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023



4-H COUNCIL DATE

April 24, 2023 @ 7pm
Executive Team will meet at
6 pm before council starts
Reno County Extension
Office west meeting room

It's that time of year when we are looking for superintendents for the 2023 county fair. Here is a list of the positions we are needing help in at this time. If any of these you would like to help at please contact

Donna at dp96929@ksu.edu.

Reminder if we do not find superintendents for some of these areas we may not be able to have them at the fair. The projects highlighted in red have no superintendents.

- Horse – 2
- Leadership Challenge – 1
- Pet Display – 1
- Photography – 2
- Plant Science – 1



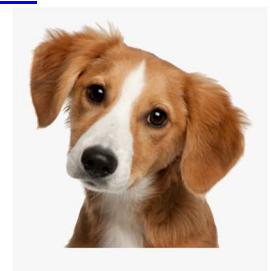
Colyer Williams gives a talk at the Nickerson Clovers 4-H meeting.
Great Job Colyer

Attention in the barns

If you are needing small animals tagged (sheep, goat, swine and bucket calves) please email Donna at dp96929@ksu.edu by April 28th with the **EXACT** number of each species you will be needing tagged on May 7th from 8 to 10 am behind the extension office. Tags will be \$3.50 each. When you get to the office you will pick up your packet of tags and pay for them. Then you will move on to the next station and have your animals tagged. All animals must be tagged before leaving the grounds.

Attention those enrolled in the horse & dog projects

Dog & horse identification paperwork must be turned into the office by May 1st to be eligible to show at fair. Also, if you need to add or drop a project you must either call or email Donna at the Extension Office by May 1st. The Extension Office phone number is 620-662-2371 or Donna's email address is dp96929@ksu.edu.



**Save the Date 2023
48 Hours of 4-H**

[Submitted by Beth Hinshaw](#)

Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project for the Kansas 4-H Service Challenge, 48 Hours of 4-H. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too!

When: October 7-8, 2023

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

Get this on your radar now! www.Kansas4H.org/484H

Great news!

The 2023 Reno County Fairbook has been published!

You can read it, and other important fair information at the county website:

<https://www.reno.k-state.edu/4-h/fair/index.html>

As always, changes from last year are highlighted in red.

**COUNTY LEADER
RESOURCES**



If you have any questions about the dog project please contact Melaney Dick at 620-728-9743 or melrussdick@gmail.com



If you have any questions about shooting sports, please call Ray Bartholomew at (620) 200-8253



If you have any questions about photography, contact Karolyn Kellogg Howey at (620)664-0008



If you have any questions about the clothing project, contact Kathy Zongker at (620) 543-2767.

If you have questions about Ambassadors contact Karolyn Howey at 620-664-0008 or Meghan Miller at 620-200-2544.

If you have any questions about Junior Leaders contact: Kim Griffith at : 620-899-9453

Update to YQCA

YQCA has transitioned to a new web address and is now accessed at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

K-State has also released a few help documents to log in to the site. All resources are on the forms page of our county website, or added below:

[ILT Certification](#)
[WBT Certification](#)

The [Animal Sciences and Industry website](#) will continue to host the most updated information you need as well. More info is on page 9.

Mitchell 4-H had presentations given by Kassie Graham & Haleigh Pickering.



**National Volunteer
Week April 16-22, 2023**

It is time to get National Volunteer Week on your calendar so you are sure to have a plan to recognize your local 4-H and Extension Volunteers. Ideas to Celebrate National Volunteer Week: Encourage your club members to recognize their organizational leaders, project leaders and other important 4-H volunteers during the week. Use your news column, radio spot or write a special news release to recognize volunteers in your program. Prepare a series of Facebook posts to recognize volunteers during the week and watch for posts on the Kansas 4-H Facebook Page to share. Highlight National Volunteer Week in your April 4-H Newsletter. Handwrite several notes of appreciation throughout the week to special volunteers in your program. Check-in with a new 4-H volunteer to see how things are going and offer help as needed



**WE ARE CLOSING THE DOORS TO THE ALLEY
AGAIN... WE HAD TOO MUCH FUN THE FIRST TIME WE
DECIDED TO DO IT AGAIN.**

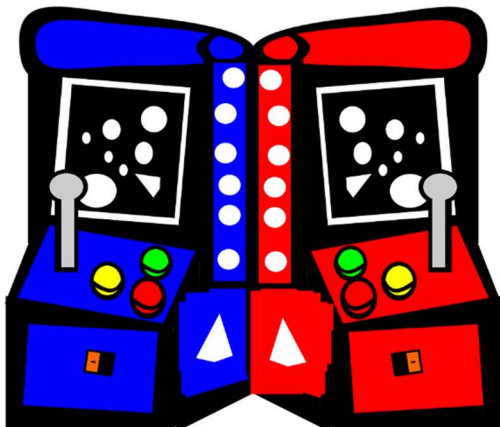
IT'S FOR ALL 4-H YOUTH & ADULTS!

**WHERE: AT THE ALLEY 1221 EAST 23RD HUTCHINSON
WHEN: APRIL 16 FROM 2 TO 5 PM**

IT'S ALL FREE, FREE, FREE!

**COME SPEND SOMETIME BOWLING, LASER TAG, BUMPER CARS
ALONG WITH ALL THE ARCADE GAMES
DID I SAY IT IS ALL FREE?**

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A FRIEND!



Haven 4-H Club takes party in County 4-H Days
By Zachary Blubaugh and Amelia Scott, Haven 4H Reporters

On February 18th, members of the Haven 4-H club met at the Reno County extension office in Hutchinson, KS to participate in Reno County 4-H Days. 4-H Days has several opportunities for Reno County 4-H members to participate in speaking or parliamentary procedure presentations. This year the only club to participate in parliamentary presentations was Haven. Four teams from Haven entered and each team earned a Purple ribbon, the judge for this event was Mike Tonn. 4-H uses the Danish evaluation method for judging where exhibits or processes are judged by a predetermined set of standards. Awards are given based upon the degree at which the standard was met. In this system a Purple Ribbon means superior and outstanding on all standards. The senior team has to draw their office positions when they start before the judge, the intermediate and junior teams can designate their positions before they come.

Parliamentary procedure is the method by which all business meetings are conducted. Learning the way that meetings are conducted helps 4-H members learn a lifetime skill, whether they are watching legislation be passed by government officials, sitting in at a school board meeting or running for city council later in life, this skill will come in handy.

Other members from Haven 4-H participated in prepared speeches. Hadley and Lane Hoskinson did a presentation on Swine, and Connor Blubaugh did a speech on Bee's and their impact on agriculture. 4-H helps members learn this valuable skill and prepares students to be able to speak in front of adults.

Below are the teams that participated in 4-H Days:

Senior Team

President: Noah Miller
Vice President: Connor Blubaugh
Treasurer: Braydon Blughbaugh
Secretary: Kyler Geffert

Junior Team:

President: Aubrey McCurry
Vice President: Amelia Scott
Treasurer: Matilda Scott
Secretary: Clara Miller

Junior Team:

President: Alex Minnis
Vice President: Paxton Blubaugh
Treasurer: Kayden Geffert
Secretary: Zachary Blubaugh

Junior Team:

President: Zachary Blubaugh
Vice President: Saige Blubaugh
Treasurer: Oliver Scott
Secretary: Harper Krol

Speeches:

Connor Blubaugh
Hadley Hoskinson
Lane Hoskinson

Haven 4H had 4 teams participate in the Parliamentary Procedure competition for Reno County 4H Days:

Back Row L-R: Kayden Geffert, Noah Miller, Connor Blubaugh, Kyler Geffert, Braydon Blubaugh, Mike Tonn (Judge)

2nd row L-R: Harper Krol, Clara Miller, Paxton Blubaugh, Zach Blubaugh, Alex Minnis, Aubrey McCurry

Front Row L-R: Amelia Scott, Oliver Scott, Saige Blubaugh, Matilda Scott



Here are some new rules coming to the state fair for 2023

GROOMING RULE UPDATE (ALL SPECIES): FULL FIT SHOW

Junior Livestock Show Grooming: The purpose of grooming rules for junior exhibitors is to promote the program as a learning experience for youth. All junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals throughout the show. Grooming at the Kansas State Fair for the breeding and market animal shows may include the use of adhesives, paints, and powders. Twine, other artificial material or hair not from the animal itself are not allowed.

Grooming at the Kansas State Fair for the showmanship competition shall be "no fit"/ "blow and go." Adhesives, paints, and powders are not allowed.

Immediate family members of current Kansas 4-H or FFA members exhibiting may provide grooming and care to assist the junior exhibitor, regardless of whether the exhibitor is present while such grooming and/or care is being provided.

Immediate family members include parents, legal guardians, siblings, and grandparents.

Individuals who do not meet the definition of an immediate family member or are not exhibitors at the show, but wish to provide consulting assistance to exhibitors, shall be deemed "Livestock Helpers." A Livestock Helper may only provide verbal guidance, consultation, and educational assistance. Hands-on assistance by Livestock Helpers is not allowed any time during the show.

Livestock Helpers must register with the Grand Drive office either at the time of entry by the relevant exhibitor(s) or during the State Fair. During registration, Livestock Helpers must submit documentation with the State Fair office containing the names of all exhibitors they wish to help. Livestock Helpers must wear a visible badge while in the barns providing guidance and verbal assistance.

Livestock Helpers found to be grooming or caring for animals will be warned once by the Competitions Director or their designee and upon the second violation may have their credentials revoked. An entry that has been groomed by a Livestock Helper may be disqualified.

Violations of this rule are subject to all penalties afforded by all applicable Kansas State Fair rules and may include revocation of Livestock Helper credentials for up to two years.

4-H AND FFA BEEF CATTLE RULE UPDATES (BEEF CATTLE EXHIBITORS ONLY):

NO CHUTES IN TIE SPACES IN THE CATTLE BARN

Stall chutes and "EZstay, Straight Up type bars" are allowed in stalls when in use only and cannot take up cattle space.

Only on show day may chutes be placed in aisles. This applies to steer exhibitors on Saturday and heifer exhibitors on Sunday. Please angle and space your chutes so that cattle can be moved to the ring. Do not block the entire aisle.

Chutes may be placed in open space along North and East walls of the barn and in open space in the Southeast part of the tie barn/ Prairie Pavilion.

Please plan and coordinate chute sharing with others from your county.

NO PENS OR PANELS IN TIE OUTS

No pens, extra panels or end panels will be allowed in the tie outs.

If pens/panels are set up the exhibitor will receive one warning to remove immediately, and if not removed will be removed by KSF staff.

Tie out space is limited to only the animals that are checked in to the show, not the number of cattle entered.

"Tying out" in the dairy barn or to the chain link fence is not allowed.

Tie out space is not assigned by club/county, and if excessive space is used by an exhibitor the show management and KSF staff have the right to condense the exhibitor's space.

For a full list of Kansas State Fair rules and guidelines, visit <https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/competitions/2020-special-edition-4-h--ffa-grand-drive>

State Livestock Nomination Information Available

[Submitted by Lexie Hayes](#)

The 2023 information for state livestock nominations has been released. The process transitioned to an online system in 2022, so there are no longer physical forms for families to complete and mail. Families will purchase DNA envelopes in advance, submit their animal and exhibitor information online, then mail their completed and signed DNA samples by the deadline. Extension Agents and FFA Advisors will approve nominations online. Exhibitors who nominated animals last year (in 2022) need to use their existing ShoWorks account. Those who need help accessing their account may request a password reset through ShoWorks or contact the Youth Livestock Program for assistance. Returning exhibitors should not create a new account.

All market animals and commercial females youth would like to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS must be nominated.

Market Beef nominations will be due May 1, with Small Animal due by June 15. The deadline to order DNA envelopes has been moved up to 10 days prior to the deadline, which is April 20 and June 5, respectively. Information may be found under the “Nomination Information” tab on the youth livestock website: <http://bit.ly/ksunominations>. Families are highly encouraged to use the resources available, especially the Rookie Guide.



Ambassadors (Willow Schlatter, Conner Blubaugh, Noah Miller, Brayden Blubaugh) serve pizza to members of the Thomadora 4-H Club on 03/19/23. Thomadora was awarded the pizza party for their contribution to the Teen Christmas community service project.

WE L  VE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

INSECT SUPERHEROES ART COMPETITION

Entries due April 14, 2023



ART CATEGORIES:

- Illustrates a real life insect superhero
- Illustrates a fictional insect superhero
- 3-D (pottery, stained glass, or other media)

AGE CATEGORIES:

- Kindergarten-2nd
- 3rd-5th
- 6th-8th
- High School
- Adult

For Official Rules, visit:

<https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/>



YQCA TRAINING

It's time for our annual YQCA Training! Registration is open. Please go to <https://yqcaprogram.org/> to begin registration. As a reminder, this is a new program that came around right after we completed our instructor-led training last winter. Everyone will need to register an account; this program does not communicate with 4-H Online.

After you have completed registration and added youth, please continue to enroll in trainings. We have 3 in Reno County this year:

- April 4th, 6pm at Reno County Extension Office
- April 6th, 6pm at Reno County Extension Office
- April 8th, 10am at Reno County Extension Office

This new program comes with some surprises. Here are a few tips to make the transition easier:

- Please use the drop-down box to register each child's name for the appropriate age group training. This will prevent you from having to go back and cancel, then re-register.
- This year you will add as many youths in your family and only pay once. The older system had a separate transaction for each member. \$3 for instructor-led and \$12 for online.
- Once you successfully added youth and training, have a confirmation email showing payment. Please log back into YQCA, find the tab with your username, drop-down Enrolled ILT Training, and click. This will take you to the Pre-Test that needs to be completed in order to receive a certificate of completion. Each member will have one to complete.

Some more help can be found
https://yqcaprogram.org/local/youth_parents.php

Please call our office if you have any questions.

APRIL CALENDER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
NINNESCAH		YQCA CLASS 6 PM @ EXTENSION OFFICE		YQCA CLASS 6 PM @ EXTENSION OFFICE		YQCA CLASS 10 AM @ EXTENSION OFFICE
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
THOMADORA UNION VALLEY WRC	BUHLER		FAIRBOARD			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
HAVEN MITCHELL NICKERSON TAILBLAZERS THE ALLEY	THANK A VOLUNTEER	THANK A VOLUNTEER	THANK A VOLUNTEER	THANK A VOLUNTEER	THANK A VOLUNTEER	THANK A VOLUNTEER
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	4-H COUNCIL 7PM EXTENSION OFFICE				DEADLINE FOR SMALL ANIMAL TAG NUMBERS	
30	1					
	DEADLINE FOR ADD/DROP & HORSE & DOG ID					

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All articles/pictures for the newsletter are due to the Extension office at least one business day before the end of the month.

PLEASE EMAIL DONNA AT dp96929@ksu.edu