



# RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2023



### 4-H COUNCIL DATE

**February 27, 2023 @ 7pm**  
**Executive Team will meet at**  
**6 pm before council starts**  
**Reno County Extension**  
**Office west meeting room**

### 2022 – 2023 Fair Theme



**The Reno County Fair has a new logo so be watching for it on different events. Make sure to like their page, thank you Fairboard for all that you do.**



Attention to all of those enrolled in clothing construction

It's that time of year to start project meetings  
 Clothing meeting Saturday, February 11th 10:00 am - 12:00pm. At the Reno County Extension Office in the west meeting room.

Jumpstart you sewing skills Bring 1 pound of uncooked rice and your sewing supplies. Fabric and patterns will be provided.

RSVP to Kathy Zongker at 620-694-9788.



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](mailto: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.**

Electric, Robotics & Rocketry - 1

Horse – 2

Leadership Challenge – 1

Pet Display – 1

Photography – 2

Plant Science – 1

Shooting Sports Displays - 1



**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](http://www.Kansas4H.org/484H)

**K-State Junior Swine & Meat Goat Producer Days**

These one-day educational programs in Manhattan are for all ages and skill levels to learn about selection and management of the youth swine and meat goat projects. Costs are \$20/person by the deadline, \$25/person afterwards.

Swine: Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>  
[Register by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>](#)

Meat Goat: Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
[Register by Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>](#)

**COUNTY LEADER  
RESOURCES**



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



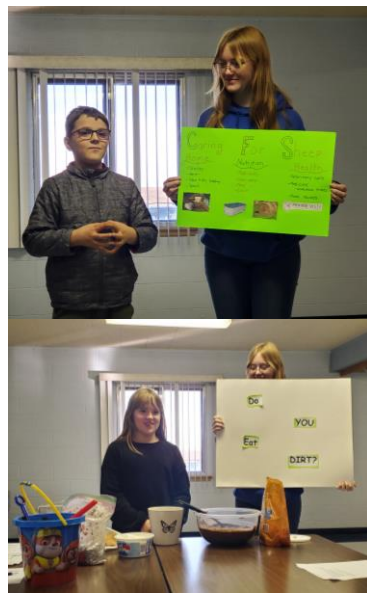
If you have any questions about the clothing project, contact Kathy Zongker at (620) 543-2767.

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 [kimberlygriffith27@yahoo.com](mailto:kimberlygriffith27@yahoo.com)



If you have an questions about rabbits, contact Vicki Myers at



What's happening at Mitchell 4-H Karie gave a demonstration on how to make dirt cake and Michael gave a speech on how to care for sheep.

**Attention in the barn's**

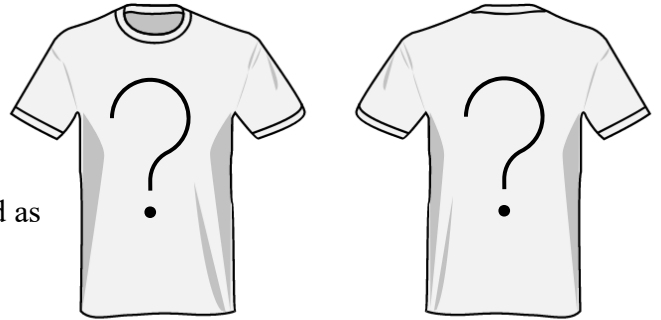
Household nominations are due March 3<sup>rd</sup> to the Extension Office. If you are a family with more than 1 child in a species you will need to fill one of these out. You will only need to mark what the species you will be showing Donna will fill in the tag numbers. This is so when you tag your animals you do not need to specify which animal is with which child at the time of tagging. If you have any questions please contact Donna at [dp96929@ksu.edu](mailto:dp96929@ksu.edu) Forms are at the end of the newsletter or on the website.

**Buhler 4-H club and the Trailblazers 4-H club held a joint meeting in January. They had fun learning from each other the differences that clubs have. Keep up the great work!!**



## County T-Shirt Design Contest!

Feeling creative?? The 4-H Council plans to purchase a shirt for each member again this year, but they need your help creating the design! The winning designer will have their name included on the t-shirts (a “designed by” signature) and earn a Bogey’s gift card as well!



FRONT

BACK

### Guidelines:

- Designs should use a maximum of 2 printing colors.
- Please include the shirt color you prefer with your design.
- You may create your design on a computer (preferred) or by hand. The print shop will work with us to finalize your design with our approval.
- Designs may include both a front and back or front only.
- 4-H Clovers must follow official USDA License guidelines
  - Full guidelines can be found on the state website under [4-H Name and Emblem](#)
  - Official images can be downloaded from the state website on the [digital marketing resources page](#)
- Questions? Contact Adam at [alessar@ksu.edu](mailto:alessar@ksu.edu) or 620-662-2371

Designs are due by February 24<sup>th</sup> to the extension office or by emailing Donna at [dp96929@ksu.edu](mailto:dp96929@ksu.edu)

Good luck, and happy designing!!

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- [Reno County Fair Livestock Scholarship](#) - This form is for the Reno County Fair Livestock Sale Scholarship. Details are listed on the form that you can find on the Reno County Extension Website. Due to the Extension office by March 17, 2023.

- **2023 Kansas 4-H and Vanier Scholarship Applications NOW AVAILABLE**

The applications for Kansas 4-H and Vanier Scholarships are now available on our [webpage](#).

The only significant change for the applications this year is that youth are asked to submit some files to our [Kansas4H@ksu.edu](mailto:Kansas4H@ksu.edu) email address rather than uploading them into the Qualtrics application.

All necessary information for applications can be found listed under each description, but please call or email our office with any questions. Applications and supporting documents are due by no later than March 1, 2023.



## **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

### **Thomadora 4-H Club News Brynn Boggs, Reporter**

It's been a busy few months for members of the Thomadora 4-H Club. 4-Hers have had the opportunity to volunteer at local community service events, attend monthly meetings, enjoy a Christmas party and participate in a fun meeting led by the parents! Club members were also recognized for their achievements over the last year.

Many of our club's 4-H families attended a local meal packaging event hosted by Buhler Mennonite Church in Buhler on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Throughout the day, over 50,000 meals were packaged and will be distributed to families in need in Reno, Harvey, and McPherson counties. It was a great way to give our time during the Christmas season to help our neighbors who struggle to put food on the table.

The December meeting was held on Sunday, December 11th at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. The meeting was kept short and only 1 project talk was given to allow time for the club Christmas party. Brynn Boggs gave a project talk on Sheep Showing 101. Thank you to the Thiessen and Moodie families for organizing a fun Christmas Family Feud game, prizes, and refreshments! Everyone had a great time and was feeling the Christmas spirit!

The January meeting was a fun one for the 4-Hers! The monthly meeting was held on Sunday, January 8th at Emanuel Lutheran Church. This meeting was run by parent volunteers of our club members. David Martens served as President, Jamie Boggs as Vice President, Secretary was Kristin Gillespie, and Treasurer was Ryan Boggs. After a several funny reminders on how to run a meeting, it was time for presentations. Addi and Blake Brack showed us how to make protein balls and shared samples with the group during refreshments. Taylor Kesinger gave a talk about Boston Terriers and brought her new puppy, Andy Reid, to help with the presentation! Following the presentations, Recreation Leader, Lisa Thimmesch, led everyone in an intense game of Duck, Duck, Goose!

The next meeting will be held on February 5, 2023.



## Thomadora 4-H Club Achievements for 2022

Looking back on 2022, many of our members found individual, team, and club success throughout the year. Thomadora 4-H Club was recognized with a Purple Seal which is the highest seal that can be earned by a club for participation and activities held throughout the year.

Individual County Level Record Book Awards were awarded as follows:

- Laytynn Boggs - Junior Division Champion, Goats
- Avery Gillespie - Junior Division Champion, Foods, Photography, and Clothing and Textiles. Avery was also the Overall Junior Record Book Winner in Reno County.
- Brynn Boggs - Intermediate Division Champion, Sheep
- Ellie Thimmesch - Intermediate Division Champion, Goat
- Gabriella Gillespie - Intermediate Division Champion, Clothing & Textiles, Woodworking, and Foods

Individual Achievement Pins were earned by the following members:

- Membership Pin - Avery Gillespie
- Clover Pin - Laytynn and Morgan Thompson
- Emerald Pin - Gabriella Gillespie
- Silver Guard - Maddie Stallman & Payton Thompson
- Gold Guard - Emmie Stallman

### Thomadora 4-H Club in Action



Thomadora Club members at Achievement Day.



Addi and Blake Brack making protein balls.



Christmas Party fun and games!



Taylor Kesinger with her Boston Terrier puppy, Andy.



Brynn Boggs and Sheep Showing 101 project talk.



Thomadora Club members helping package 50,000 meals.



January meeting led by parent volunteers!



Joint meeting with Haven 4-H Club.

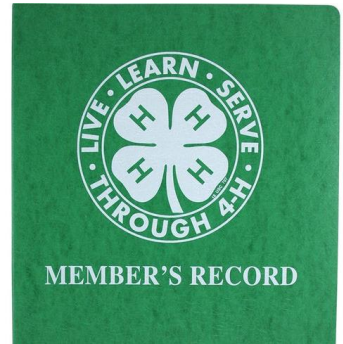


**Thank you to everyone that helped at the blood drive from checking people in, handing out snacks, picking up tables to giving blood. Lots of people will be helped with what you did to give back to the community. Great work Reno County 4-Her's.**



## For the Record...

This month's For the Record focuses on two sections from the checklist that I have found to be the most helpful as members progress through their 4-H career and begin looking at scholarship and job applications: the Personal Page and the Permanent Page. There are always great questions about these pages, so here's a quick FAQ to keep in mind this year:



Q: Should I list all my projects on the personal page I enrolled in, or only the ones with project records or exhibits in the fair?

A: List all projects that you have been enrolled in since the May 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment deadline.

Q: Should the Permanent Page include only 4-H activities?

A: No, the permanent page is a great place to include activities and awards accomplished through school, church, 4-H, or any other group.

Q: Do I have to restart the Permanent Page each year?

A: No, the permanent page should be a living document that is updated throughout the year and continued each year in the future. Keeping all this information in one place can help you remember activities and achievements that we may otherwise forget!

*As always, record book forms and resources can be found on the county website, under [Record Books](#).*

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### RENO COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION NEWS

Established in 1988, the Reno County 4-H Foundation goal continues to be to provide support and promote the Reno County 4-H Youth Program. Our Annual Meeting is coming up February 14, 2023, being held at Gambino's Pizza, South Hutchinson, KS at 6:30 p.m. if you would like to learn more about our organization, and meet our Board Members, please join us. We can also tell you how to become a member, and would love to meet parents and friends of 4-H.

### TIME TO APPLY FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

All 4-H Seniors in High School are encouraged to apply for Reno County 4-H Foundation Scholarships to attend any vocational school, community college, or state university. Currently, the following Scholarships are funded by the families in memory of their loved ones.:

Betty Fenton Honorary Scholarship  
Dean Hinshaw Memorial Scholarship  
James Kennedy Memorial Scholarship  
Janet Maskil Memorial Scholarship  
Dixie Spence Memorial Scholarship  
Karla Stallman Memorial Scholarship  
Erhart Tonn Memorial Scholarship  
Ralph and Vida Warner HCC Memorial Scholarship

If you are a 4-H High School Senior or College Freshman, please contact our Secretary, Courtney McKinney, by phone 620-931-4558 or email [courtcmck1029@hotmail.com](mailto:courtcmck1029@hotmail.com) to receive an application by email. Completed applications will be due April 1, 2023.





**Reno County 4-H Foundation**



**Fundraiser at Gambino's Pizza!**

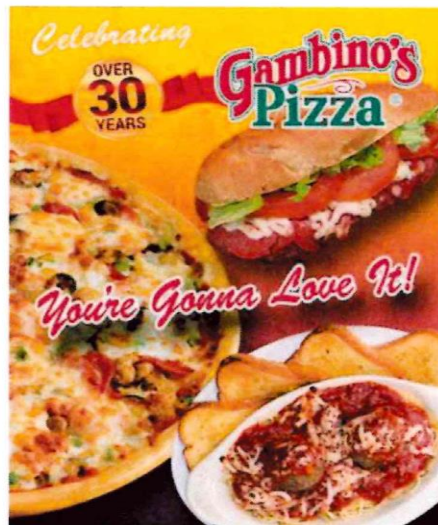
**Tuesday February 14th**

**4pm-Close**

Dine-In or Carryout

310 S Main St., South Hutch

620-663-9200



Reno County 4-H Foundation provides scholarships to 4-Hers for college, 4-H camp, area, regional, state and national events. Thank you for your continued support!

# 4-H Day

Get your project talks, demonstrations, speeches, and par-law teams ready!  
**February 25, 2023**  
**Reno County Extension Office (Specific Locations by Sign Up)**  
**Sign up by February 17, 2022**

Slots are available through the SignUpGenius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44a4a72babfdcf8-4hdays1#/>

All presentations are scheduled to take place at the Reno County Extension Office. Par-Law will take place in the basement (West Meeting Room) while speeches, demonstrations, and project talks will take place upstairs. Sign up size is based on involvement from previous years. Additional slots may be added, as needed.

Please be aware, if sign up ends and we have a significant time gap for a room, we may reach out to you to consider changing so that we make the best use of our volunteer judges. To that end, if you sign up, please make sure you come for your specific time. If you know you are sick or will not be able to make it, please let us know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please email Adam at [alessor@ksu.edu](mailto:alessor@ksu.edu) or Donna at [dp96929@ksu.edu](mailto:dp96929@ksu.edu).

## Tips for Giving a Public Presentation:

1. Dress appropriately for the occasion so you feel at ease and look presentable.
2. Stand up fully on both feet. Good posture will help convince your audience that you mean business!
3. Outline your talk, but do not write it out word-for-word. Use your outline as you give your talk (if you need it) but never read your talk!
4. Practice, Practice, Practice giving your talk. Give it to yourself alone at first in front of a mirror. Later, have someone listen to you who will offer suggestions for improving. The more you give it the more comfortable you will be.
5. Speak slowly; talk at a natural speed but change occasionally for emphasis and better attention.
6. Watch pronunciation of words. Don't use words you can't pronounce or understand.
7. Use charts or visuals if they help you present the topic and add to your talk. Make sure the letters on the poster are big enough to be read.
8. Be pleasant. A smile on your face will put a smile in your voice!
9. Be at ease. Be yourself. Be enthusiastic.
10. Have fun sharing the information with your audience! They want to hear what you have to say, are on your side, and want to be supportive of your presentation.

## 4-H Day Guidelines

### Divisions for individual events:

Age Division	Age as of Jan. 1 (years)	Recommended Time Length
Beginners	7-8	3-5 minutes, 7 maximum
Juniors	9-11	3-6 minutes, 7 maximum
Intermediate	12-14	4-7 minutes, 10 maximum
Seniors	15 +	5-10 minutes, 15 maximum

All necessary equipment should be provided by the 4-Her.

## DEMONSTRATIONS

### *What is a Demonstration?*

A demonstration is simply showing and telling how to do something and end with a finished product. It is a teaching method. Most include an introduction, a body, which is the “show and tell” part, and a summary.

- Shows how
- Purpose: to teach
- Visuals: charts & aids for making end product
- Topic may be on any subject of 4-Her’s choosing.
- May be individual or team presentation.

## ILLUSTRATED TALK

### *What is an Illustrated Talk?*

An illustrated talk is talking and telling how to do something by using pictures, charts, models, equipment, and other types of visual aids.

- Tells how
- Purpose: to teach
- Visuals: models & charts
- Topic may be on any subject of 4-Her’s choosing.
- May be individual or team presentation.

## PROJECT TALK

### *What is a Project Talk?*

It is a talk about one of your projects. It can tell about your experiences in the project and/or give information relating to your project. The talk should be over something you are familiar with and be of interest to yourself and others.

- Tells about
- Purpose to inform
- Visuals: charts only
- Subject matter: project related
- Topic may be on any 4-H project you are enrolled in.
- Charts are the only visuals accepted
- Seniors: An outline is to be given to the judge.

## SPEECH

### *What is a Speech?*

A speech is a talk on any subject that you are familiar with and interested in. The purpose is to inform or persuade the audience on or about your topic.

- Tells about
- Purpose : to inform or persuade
- Visuals: minimal visuals are optional
- Topic may be on any subject of 4-Her’s choosing
- Minimal visuals are optional
- Seniors: An outline of the speech is to be given to the judge.



# Parliamentary Procedure Contest Guidelines

## Age Divisions:

Juniors, 7-11 yrs;

Intermediate, 12-14 yrs;

Seniors, 15 yrs & up.

(Age is determined as of January 1, current year.)

## Parliamentary Procedure

Presentations are limited to 15 min, plus a five min. conference judging.

- Contest will consist of teams of four 4-H'ers, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer within each age group.
- Members may be from more than one club if a club is short one member. (3/4 of the team should be from the same club.)
- Each division needs to follow the business meeting order.
- Use the gavel to:
  - Call to order (2 taps)
  - Dispose of motions (1 tap)
  - Approve minutes (1 tap)
  - Receive treasurer's report (1 tap)
  - Recess/Adjourn (1 tap)
- Juniors and Intermediates will come into the contest already knowing their officer positions.
- Seniors will draw for offices during the presentation prior to the team's presentation.
- The following information sheets are the only notes that can be used during the presentation:
  - General order of business (President only)
  - Secretary's letter of communication and minutes
  - Treasurer's written report of club's financial statement
  - Sheet pertaining to the standing or special committee report (Juniors one each; Intermediate/Seniors only one.)
- Juniors are required and limited to do the first two problems plus one additional problem on the following list
- Intermediates are required to do the first four problems plus two additional problems.
- Seniors are required to do the first six problems plus three additional problems of their choice.

## Problems for Presentations

1. Put a motion before the house
2. Amend a motion
3. Lay a motion on the table
4. Call for a division of the house
5. Rise to a point of order
6. Take a motion from the table
7. Withdraw a motion
8. Refer a motion to a committee
9. Call for a division of the question
10. Call for the previous question
11. Reconsider a motion
12. Rescind a motion
13. Appeal the decision of the chair
14. Postpone a motion definitely
15. Postpone a motion indefinitely
16. Reconsider a have entered on the minutes
17. Object to the consideration of the question

## Reno County 4-H Livestock HOUSEHOLD NOMINATIONS:

**Household Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ex: Willie Wildcat Family. Include at least **one first name**. Use the same name each year.)

Individual exhibitor names in Household:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Initial** (youth and parent) to certify you have read the rules of Household Nominations.

**Housing and Care:** Reno County 4-H exhibitors are responsible for the proper care of their animal(s) by following acceptable methods of good animal husbandry. 4-H'ers choosing to household nominate livestock are responsible for following the rules for Reno County 4-H'ers and in the Reno County Fairbook. Please check the box for each species you will be household nominating:

- Market Beef Tag #'s: \_\_\_\_\_
- Commercial (Market) Heifers Tag #'s: \_\_\_\_\_
- Swine Tag #'s: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sheep Tag #'s: \_\_\_\_\_
- Goats Tag #'s: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Exhibitor(s) Primary Residence:**

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: Kansas Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration:** I attest that I have owned, possessed and cared for my livestock projects since the specified date by specie. I hereby certify that I have read the household nomination information and will comply with these rules. I understand that false information provided concerning household nominations will result in show and/or sale awards and/or premiums being forfeited. Exhibitors presenting false statements are also subject to further penalties by the Reno County Extension Council.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibitor(s) Signature(s)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date



# FEBRUARY CALENDER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>NINNESCAH THOMADORA</b>			<b>FAIRBOARD</b>			
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>UNION VALLEY</b>	<b>BUHLER  COOKIE DOUGH DEADLINE</b>				<b>4-H DAY SIGN UP DEADLINE</b>	
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>HAVEN MITCHELL NICKERSON TAILBLAZERS WRC</b>					<b>T-Shirt Designs Due to Extension Office</b>	<b>4-H DAYS</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>				
	<b>4-H COUNCIL MEETING 7PM</b>					

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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.

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