



# RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 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**

### **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 the species you will be showing, and 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.



- [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.

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.**

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



**Its cookie dough pick-up time  
March 7<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 6pm  
Please come to the Extension Office to get  
your cookie dough it will be at the west  
basement entrance.**



**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)

**If you are enrolled in sewing here is some information from countywide sewing leader Kathy Zongker.**

**Sewing meeting**

**March 11 at 10 am at the Extension Office west meeting room**

**Plan to talk about fair project ideas and suggestions, take measurements and figure out what size pattern you will need. Bring your tape measure and a notebook and pencil.**

**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 Carolyn 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 Carolyn 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)

**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.

**BEEF TAGGING  
MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>  
8 TO 10AM @  
THE SALE BARN  
BEEF PRICES  
BLACK LEG \$1.00  
BOVINE  
RESPIRATORY \$4.00  
DEWORMING \$4.50  
GROWTH IMPLANT  
\$2.00  
TAGS \$3.50  
THIS IS PER ANIMAL**

**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

Haven 4H Learns about the History of Basketball and Welding  
By Zach Blubaugh and Amelia Scott

The Haven 4-H club met on Sunday January 22. The Pledge and the 4-H motto were led by Saige Blubaugh and Oliver Scott. Recreation was led by Molly McCurry and Matilda Scott, the club played red rover. Songs were led by Harper Krol and Saige Blubaugh, where they led us in "Humpty Dumpty." Bayleigh and Alex Minnis gave a presentation about the history of basketball. The first basketball game played was in 1891, and had started out with 9 players on the court at a time for each team, after their talk they led the club in a basketball shooting game. Braydon Blubaugh, Kyler Geffert and Noah Miller gave a presentation on welding; discussing the history of welding, welding safety and different types of welds and tools. The club received a thank you note from 1st National Bank for helping with the Christmas Angel Tree. In February Reno County has the county 4H Day's, this is a day that 4H-er's in Reno County give presentations, talks, demonstrations, or parliamentary procedure demonstrations. The next 4H meeting is February 19, 2023.



Picture Caption1: Kyler Geffert, Noah Miller, and Braydon Blubaugh demonstrate safety equipment used during welding. Photo Caption: Bayleigh and Alex Minnes talk to the club about the history of Basketball (Sorrel Defrain helped hold the poster)



Photo Caption: Bayleigh and Alex Minnis led the club in a basketball shooting game



Tucker Schlatter and Maddie Gleason represented Reno County at Citizenship in Action in Topeka, Kansas.

At the event, Tucker and Maddie learned how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in our own local community. They were also able to tour the capitol building and sit in the same chairs our legislatures use to pass new laws.

Great work representing Reno County!

Tucker Etienne gave a presentation at the Mitchell 4-H meeting with the help of Michael Cota. Keep up the great work.



Mitchell 4-H Club wants to congratulate Michael Cota on his blue ribbon he received at 4-H days.

### Message from Adam

*4-H Families:*

*During a recent state-wide 4-H meeting our new program leader, Dr. Sarah Maass, shared a quote that resonated with me: "Change is inevitable. Growth is optional. Choose wisely." I feel that it succinctly sums up so many opportunities that we have in 4-H, and how we all must make the choice, and put forward the effort, to continue to grow.*

*As many of you have heard, my time as the Reno County 4-H Agent is coming to an end. I want to thank all of you for welcoming and trusting me with such an important role for the past year. During this time, I have been continually amazed by the commitment to the success of youth members from parents, volunteers, and community leaders. The amount of time and energy I have seen invested in 4-H is truly staggering, and I believe that is a large part of what makes 4-H so special.*

*Though change is coming, I feel confident that Reno County 4-H will continue to choose to grow. I believe our new state program leader is the best person for the job, and I look forward to seeing how the future of Reno County 4-H flourishes under the guidance of your community leaders and the extension staff. I hope that their passions prove to be as contagious for all of you as they were for me.*

*Thank you,  
Adam Lesser*



Thank  
You



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

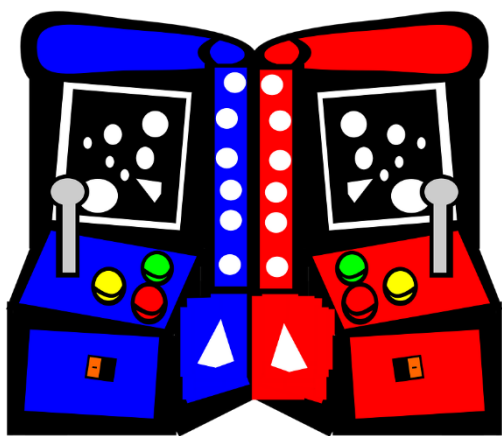
**IT'S FOR ALL 4-H YOUTH & ADULTS!**

**WHERE: AT THE ALLEY 1221 EAST 23<sup>RD</sup> 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!**



What a great turn out for 4-H days. Here are a few pictures from the event held February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office.



# 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>

# 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



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## 2023 YQCA Certification Information

Submitted by Lexie Hayes



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on animal well-being, food safety, and character development. Last March, YQCA transitioned to a new platform, including a new website. With this change, the original website became inactive and the program is no longer connected to 4HOnline. It is imperative that everyone is using the appropriate link! The correct link is:

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>.

The old link (yqca.org) should be deleted from all resources, including your browser if you had it bookmarked. Please navigate to the above link and bookmark it as your home base for YQCA information and certification. Everyone is also encouraged to utilize the YQCA tab on the K-State Youth Livestock Program website, as it is updated with the most recent information: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/qualityassurance/qualityassurance.html>.

Families with youth who had already received their certification when the transition occurred last year will need to go to the new YQCA website, create an account for their family, add children to the family, and sign up for their 2022-2023 training. There are several resources available to use as a guide through the process, including step-by-step instructions. The YQCA staff also recently released instructional videos to help families correctly create their account and sign youth up for training. Through these videos, they include common errors that make things more challenging for families to complete the process and get certificates to print correctly. The videos are located at the bottom of the [YQCA](#) homepage.

All youth who plan to exhibit in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS should complete the training at their earliest convenience. It is required for all exhibitors at both state shows. This is an annual training, so youth need to complete it each year. Those submitting state livestock nominations must have completed their certification at the time of nomination and submit a copy of their completion certificate. Instructor-led trainings are \$3/child, while the web-based course is \$12/child. Youth who are 12 or 15-years-old by January 1 are eligible to test out. Only those two ages have the option to test out, as it is the first year of each age division.

For more information about YQCA certification, please contact your local extension office or Lexie Hayes at [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu).

## RENO COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION NEWS

The Foundation would like to thank everyone who attended our Annual Foundation Meeting, held in February, 2023, and a sincere welcome to our new members, Kirk and Kathy Zongker. If you have an interest in joining our Foundation and helping 4-Hers attend educational events, dues are \$25.00 per year, and we would love to see our group grow. Please feel free to call Carla McKinney at 620-921-0466. At our meeting, our scholarship processes were discussed and some of those changes are included in the information below:

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.

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

To apply: Contact Courtney McKinney, by phone 620-931-4558 or email courtmck1029@hotmail.com to receive an application by email, or if you have questions. You may also pick up copies of application from Donna at the Extension Office.



### **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](https://www.reno.k-state.edu/4-h/fair/index.html)

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

# MARCH CALENDER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
					HOUSEHOLD NOMINATIONS DUE TO EXTENSION OFFICE	BEEF TAGGING SALE BARNs
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
NINNESCAH		PICK UP COOKIE DOUGH @ EXTENSION OFFICE	FAIRBOARD			SWINE DAYS MANHATTAN
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
THOMADORA UNION VALLEY WRC	BUHLER				LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIPS DUE TO EXTENSION OFFICE	GOAT DAYS MANHATTAN
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
HAVEN MITCHELL NICKERSON TAILBLAZERS						
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</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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