



RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



January 2025

4-H COUNCIL DATE

January 27th, 2025 @ 7pm
Executive Team will meet at 6:30
pm before council starts
Reno County Extension Office
west meeting room

**It's that time of year to
be looking ahead at
next years fair
projects. Leathercraft
will meet January 10,
6pm here at the
Extension Office in the
basement west meeting
room. Please RSVP by
January 6th.**

Attention in the barns

Household nominations are due
February 28, 2025 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 is 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 Forms are
at the end of the newsletter or
on the website.

Valentine's Day Crafting for County-wide Community Service Project

We were not selected to be a part of the rose delivery team
through Wish of a Lifetime (AARP) this year. Instead, we will be
crafting a few simple Valentine's Day gifts for local nursing
home residents. There will be **two** crafting dates:

January 11, 10 AM to 4 PM

February 1, 10 AM to 4 PM

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3YiHshE>, call the office, email
ksundgren@ksu.edu, or scan the QR code.



Presents will be available for delivery starting Thursday,
February 6. Whoever signs up to deliver to the same nursing
home will get together on a day and at a time that works the best
for them to deliver the presents. A sign up link to deliver presents
will be sent out after the first of the year.



Public Speaking Workshop

Join Katherine on January 15, 2025 at 6 PM for a public speaking workshop! We'll be meeting at the Extension Office in the West Meeting Room. This is for 4-H'ers of all ages who'd like to learn more about public speaking and get ready for 4-H Days in February. RSVP by calling in to the office, emailing Katherine at ksundgren@ksu.edu or signing up at <https://forms.gle/PL15qsfwiPPRc1eb7>.



4-H Day

Get your project talks, demonstrations, speeches, and par-law teams ready!
February 15, 2025
Reno County Extension Office
Sign up by February 7, 2025

Slots are available through the SignUpGenius:
<http://bit.ly/3ZXLAPF>

All presentations are scheduled to take place at the Reno County Extension Office. Sign up size is based on involvement from previous years. Additional slots may be added, as needed.

County-wide Project Leaders



If you have any questions about the dog project please contact Melaney Dick at (620) 728-9743 or renoco4hdogclub@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

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



If you have an questions about rabbits, contact Vicki Myers at (620) 727-3980.

If you have any questions about Leathercraft, contact Clint Lanning 620-276-9824.

If you have any questions about electrics or robotics, contact Victor Martinez at 620-665-3487 or martinezv@hutchcc.edu.



County Calendar for 2024-2025

View the full length county calendar here: <https://bit.ly/3BoP2iZ>

View the quick look calendar here: <https://bit.ly/3ZLIICI>

Join the Reno 4-H GroupMe

Scan the QR code or go to https://groupme.com/join_group/99562040/YXRq7els



Just a few picture from our county-wide service projects. Christmas at the nursing homes.



50,000 MEALS PACKAGED – COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

On Saturday, December 7, 2024, the community came together to package 50,000 non-perishable meals. Buhler Mennonite Church and IdeaTek partnered with The Outreach Program to host this incredible event, which brought together volunteers of all ages to fight food insecurity.

Volunteers worked tirelessly, to reach the goal. Reno County 4-H members joined in the effort, adding energy and enthusiasm to the day.

In addition to supporting local food banks, this year's meals were designated to help hurricane victims in North Carolina, providing essential relief to those recovering from recent devastation.

This event was a shining example of what can be accomplished when a community works together. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the volunteers, 50,000 meals were prepared to help feed families in need.

Together, we made a difference—one meal at a time!

Thank you Ella Gillespie for the news article. Pictures by Avery Gillespie, Maecy Rosenburger & Jessica Mathes. Great to see our county come together to better help the communities.



Union Valley 4-H Club went Christmas caroling during their monthly club meeting to spread joy to others this holiday season. Great job!!!



The Nickerson Clovers 4-H Club met Sunday, December 8 at 4 p.m. at the skating rink for a club meeting and Christmas party. A short meeting was held with officers' reports and new business was approved to send out Christmas cards to Nickerson Co-op and local businesses, and it was approved to make Valentine's at the next meeting for Valentine's Day. After adjournment, club members skated and played nerf gun games.



State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Changes

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Family Scholarship application process is now open. Applications are due by March 1, 2025, at 11:59 PM. To learn more about the scholarship process use the following link or click [here](https://kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html) (<https://kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>). Scholarships are available to current high school seniors and undergraduate students. There are several scholarships that graduate and professional students are eligible for. Please encourage all of these individuals to apply for one of the Kansas 4-H Scholarships. Questions can be directed to Sarah Keatley, 620.366.0035 or keatley@ksu.edu.

Reno County Livestock Sale Scholarship

Details are listed on the form that you can find on the Reno County Extension Website.

Forms are due to the Extension office by March 17, 2025.

Reno County 4-H Foundation Scholarship

Details are listed on the form that you can find on the Reno County Extension Website.

Forms are due April 1, 2025.

YQCA Launching Scholarship Program

The national youth livestock quality assurance program, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), recently announced they will be launching a scholarship program in 2025. Applications are expected to open in January and close on February 17. High school seniors through college students who are 21 years of age are encouraged to apply. Mark your calendars now, as it appears there will be a quick turnaround to apply once applications open! For more information, visit the [YQCA program website](#).



NEW AMBASSADORS SELECTED -

The Reno County 4-H Ambassadors work with the 4-H and Youth Agent and 4-H Assistant to promote 4-H in Reno County and to plan special activities throughout the year.

Josie Heter - Nickerson Clovers, Emma Mathes - Western Reno County, Jacey Combs - Buhler, Kora Zongker - Western Reno County, and Tagan Metzger - Western Reno County have been selected to join the Reno County 4-H Ambassador Team. They join current Ambassadors members Payton Thompson - Thomadora, Maecy Rosenberger - Thomadora, Braydon Blubaugh - Haven, and Noah Miller - Haven. A special word of thanks to Emmie Stallman - Thomadora and Conner Blubaugh - Haven for their previous work as Ambassadors.

TEEN CHRISTMAS - Thank you to the Thomadora, Western Reno County, Buhler, and Haven 4-H Clubs for partnering with the Ambassadors on the Teen Christmas Community Service Project. Working together we were able to donate over \$800 in clothing and gifts to this very worthwhile project. The Thomadora 4-H Club will be treated to a pizza party hosted by the Ambassadors at a later date selected by their club leaders.



Here is the official 2025 fair schedule, please make sure to read and notice all of the items highlighted in red have changed from last years fair.

Schedule of Events

Saturday July 19

8:00 a.m. 4-H Dog Show, Sunflower North Building
Open Class Dog Show following

Wednesday July 23

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Camper check-in (No early check in)
1:00 p.m. Challenge of Champions, Sunflower South Building
4:00 p.m. Meeting for Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents and Fair Board—Meadowlark Building
Set up fairgrounds & Volunteer Appreciation Supper
6:00-8:00 p.m. Early Check-in for ALL static exhibits, including open class
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Barns open to receive tack and set-up of stalls

Thursday July 24

7:30-10:00 a.m. Static Exhibit Check-In, Meadowlark Building
ALL 4-H/FFA & OPEN CLASS STATIC EXHIBITS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 10:00 AM
8:00 a.m. Conference Judging for ALL 4-H/FFA static exhibits begin at 8:00 unless otherwise listed
10:00 a.m. Open Class Market Wheat Show (no conference judging)
10:00 a.m.- 6:00 pm Photography Judging Contest, Meadowlark Building
1:00 p.m. Leadership Challenge, Pride of Kansas Building
2:00 p.m. Demonstrations/Public Speaking For All Age Groups
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Poultry Check in & Blood Pull (poultry may not enter the barns before their blood is drawn) (poultry must be checked in by 6:30pm)
5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Rabbit Check in (rabbits must be checked in by 8pm)
6:00 p.m. Exhibit Building Closes
6:00-9:00 p.m. Optional arrival of Beef, Swine & Bucket Calf
6:00-8:00p.m. Sheep and Goat check in @ Gate 11 (Poplar Street)
(Sheep & Goats Must be Inspected by Vet)
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Goat Weigh In - NO COVERINGS AND NO HALTER AT TIME OF WEIGH IN)
8:00 -9:00 p.m. Sheep Weigh In - (NO COVERINGS AND NO HALTER AT TIME OF WEIGH IN)
9:00 p.m. Mandatory Goat & Sheep Meeting

Friday July 25

8:00 a.m. Exhibit Building Open
8:00 a.m.-6:00 pm Contest of the Day in the Meadowlark Building
8:00 a.m. Rabbits Show
8:00 a.m. Goat Show (no adhesive or paint)
Show Order: Showmanship
Market
Breeding
Old Timers Show
8:00-10:00 a.m. Beef , Bucket Calf , Swine and Cow/Calf Arrival
(ALL LIVESTOCK MUST ARRIVE BY 10 A.M.)
9:00 a.m. Pet Display, Meadowlark Building
10:00 a.m. Judging of Poultry
10 a.m.-6:00 pm Photography Judging Contest, Meadowlark Building
11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Horticulture Judging Contest, Meadowlark Building
11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Crops Judging Contest, Meadowlark Building
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Swine Weigh-In & check in mandatory swine meeting
immediately following check in
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Breeding Heifer Check in @ Beef Office
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Market Beef Weigh-In & check in Mandatory Beef Meetin
immediately following check in
4:00 p.m. 1st & 2nd Year Bucket Calf Show & Conference Judging
6:00 p.m. Exhibit Building Closes
7:00 p.m. Ranch Rodeo Expo 2 (Outside Horse Arena)

Saturday July 26

- 8:00 a.m. Exhibit Building Open
- 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 pm Contest of the Day in the Meadowlark Building
- 9:00 a.m. Beef Show (no adhesive or paint)
Show order will be as follows:
Cow/Calf Pair Commercial
Cow/Calf Broke
Market Steers
Market Heifers
Bred & Owned Market
Showmanship
Breeding Heifers
Bred & Owned Heifers
Old Timer Show
- 3:00 p.m. Fashion Review Judging Pride of Kansas Building
- 6:00 p.m. Exhibit Building Closes
- 6:00 p.m. Sheep Show, (no adhesive or paint)
Show Order: Showmanship
Market
Breeding
Old Timers Show
- 8:00 p.m. Barnyard Olympics Hosted by the Ambassadors - Gottschalk Park
- 8:30 p.m. Water Wars @ Gottschalk Park

Sunday July 27

- 8:00 a.m. Swine Show (no adhesive or paint)
Show Order: Showmanship
Market
Breeding
Old Timers Show
- 12:00 p.m. Exhibit Building Opens
- 1:00 p.m. Livestock Judging Contest Open to all ages—Sheep Barns
- 12:00 - 6:00pm Contest of the Day - in the Meadowlark Building
- 4:00 - 4:30p.m. Pedal Pull check-in West of Oz Building
- 4:30 p.m. Pedal Pull
- 6:00 p.m. Exhibit Building Closes
- 6:00 Blue Ribbon BBQ—
Fashion Review
Food Auction
Scholarships
Inflatables
- 8:30 - 10:00 p.m. 4-H Dance @ Meadowlark Building

Monday July 28

- 8:00 a.m. Exhibit Building Opens
- 9:00 a.m. Livestock Round Robin - Beef Barn
- 12:00 p.m. Awards Luncheon Meadowlark Building
- After Lunch Release of All Exhibits
- After Lunch Early Release of all Animals Not Selling
- 2:00 p.m. General fairground clean-up for everyone
- 5:00 p.m. Exhibit Building closes—all exhibits must be picked up.
- 6:00 p.m. 4-H Livestock Sale

**Theme of the 2025 fair is,
“Walk on the Wildside with 4-H”**



**Reno County 4-H Livestock HOUSEHOLD NOMINATIONS:
Due to Extension Office February 28, 2025:**

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



K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

4-H families we are needing help in the following areas. These are fair and events that happen thru out the 4-H year. If you are interested or have any questions please email Donna at dp96929@ksu.edu so that we can get you on the list.

BEEF SHOW		
ADULT	GATE 1	
YOUTH WITH ADULT	RIBBONS	
ADULT	CARDS	
ADULT	RING STEWARD	
ADULT	RING STEWARD	
ADULT	RING STEWARD	
SHEEP SHOW		
	ANNOUNCER	
	BACK MIC	
	GATE 1	
	RIBBONS	
	RING STEWARD	
	RING STEWARD	
SWINE SHOW		
	BACK MIC	
	GATE 1	
	GATE 2	
	RIBBONS	
	CARDS	
	RING STEWARD	
	RING STEWARD	
FAMILY FUN DAY	THE ALLEY	
	THE ALLEY	
LIVESTOCK SALE	CALL BUYERS	
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FAIR	HAUL SHAVINGS	
	HAUL SHAVINGS	
FAIR ACTIVITIES - FRIDAY		
	8-10	
	10-12	
	12-2	
	2-4	
	4-6	
SATURDAY		
	8-10	
	10-12	
	12-2	
	2-4	
	4-6	
SUNDAY		
	12-2	
	2-4	
	4-6	
FAIR WORKERS	FOODS HELPER AT FAIR	
	FOODS HELPER AT FAIR	
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	FOODS HELPER AT FAIR	
	PHOTOGRAPHY HELPER AT FAIR	
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WE NEED YOU!

4-H Day

Get your project talks, demonstrations, speeches, and par-law teams ready!

February 15, 2025

Reno County Extension Office (Specific Locations by Sign Up)

Sign up by February 7, 2025

Slots are available through the SignUpGenius: <http://bit.ly/3ZXLaPF>

All presentations are scheduled to take place at the Reno County Extension Office. Par-Law and Project Talks/Demonstrations will both take place in the West Meeting Room (basement). 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 Katherine at ksundgren@ksu.edu or Donna at 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

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			OFFICE CLOSED			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
NINNESCAH			FAIRBOARD		LEATHER CRAFT MEETING	County Community Service Crafting, 10 AM to 4 PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
THOMADORA UNION VALLEY WRC	BUHLER OFFICE CLOSED		PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
HAVEN MITCHELL NICKERSON						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	4-H COUNCIL					

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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