



RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

JULY 2022



EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

August 29, 2022 @ 6pm

Reno County Extension
Office west meeting room
All 4-H Council Officers are
required to attend.

4-H COUNCIL DATE

August 29, 2022 @ 7pm

Reno County Extension
Office west meeting room

Heads up, Builders!

STEM Architectural Block Construction has a lot of changes this year, so we wanted to clarify a big question we've been getting. The Reno County Fair does NOT require a video for this project. We will use conference judging and do not plan on having the technology necessary to view a video at the time of judging for our county fair, so it is not a requirement at our fair.

However, if the youth qualify for the Kansas State Fair, their guidelines are slightly different.

The Kansas State Fair does require a video of the youth talking about their project since many state members will not be able to attend. Neither fair requires a video of the youth working on the project, so this could be done after the Reno County Fair for those who qualify for the next level.

**If you still have questions, please contact us at the office!
Adam can be reached at
alessar@ksu.edu**

We are still needing superintendents for the following departments. We would hate to have to cancel any of these areas due to lack of volunteers.

Pets, Plant Science, Leadership Challenge, Heritage Fiber Arts, and 2 people for Photography.

If you are interested please contact Donna at dp96929@ksu.edu

Don't forget to pick up your entry cards at the Extension office between July 11th thru July 15th. Card pick up is for static projects ONLY (non-breathing items), challenge of champion participants do not need to pick them up as well.

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### **Reach for the Stars! Reno County Fair 2022**

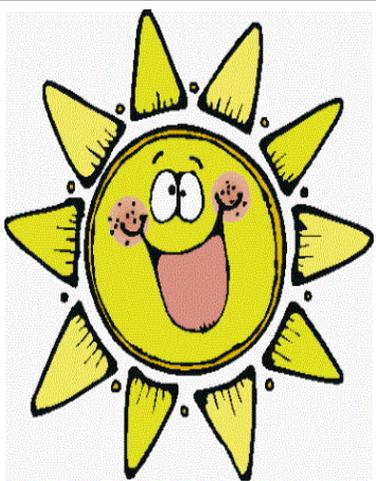


**As you are putting the finishing touches on your project, please make sure that you know your fairbook! Changes from previous years are still recorded in red, and some projects had significant changes. We want everything to run as smoothly as possible and knowing the guidelines helps us all be on the same page!**

**Please make sure you are using the fairbook posted on the county website:**

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

**News from the Trailblazers  
Mason did a presentation  
on his motorized bike and  
Ryley taught us how to  
make cookies with three  
ingredients.  
Keep up the great work!!**



## **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)

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If you have the skill and the time to be a county wide project leader please contact Adam or Donna at 620-662-2371 for more information.

**Hey parents would you like to have one of our county t-shirts?**

**You're in luck we have a few here in the office to purchase.**

- 1 youth small - \$7.55**
- 3 youth medium - \$7.55**
- 3 youth large - \$7.55 each**
- 2 adult small - \$7.55**
- 2 adult large - \$7.55 each**

**And**

**1 3xl - \$10.05**

**Stop by the Extension Office and grab one before they are gone!**

Mitchell 4-H meeting Sunday June 19th was a huge success.

1. Tucker give his 1st informational talk today about How to jump a dead car battery.
2. Kassie gave a talk about 4-H- What is stands for and means to her
3. Karie gave her demonstrative talk on how to play volleyball.



**GREAT JOB MITCHELL  
4-H, KEEP UP THE  
GOOD WORK.**

Wow what a great turn out for our community service project. Here are just a few pictures from the day.



## Haven 4-H helps brighten Reno County

On Saturday, June 4th, Haven 4-H members met up at the Reno County 4-H extension office in South Hutchinson, alongside several other Reno county 4-H clubs. The event was a county wide 4-H community service day. Members spent several hours painting, decorating and making planters filled with flowers for local businesses. The local businesses that received the planters have been involved in helping our community in a variety of ways. Haven 4-H member, Clara Miller said, "My 4-H friends and I really enjoyed painting flower pots and containers and planting the flowers for others." This was a family and community centered event and even the parents joined in the fun to help paint and decorate pots, then plant flowers. Haven 4-H parent, Janet Miller said, "It was fun gathering Reno County 4-H families together to help beautify the community with flowers to enjoy this summer." Pots and planters were painted, soil and flowers were added, then members and families delivered them around town. Haven 4H secretary Kyler Geffert stated, "I enjoyed handing out the flowers and seeing people's happy reactions." "What a great day! New friends were made. It was a great family day to bring smiles to the community," said Donna Phillips, Reno County 4H Program assistant.

The next Haven 4-H meeting has been moved to the June 12th at the Haven Community Building at 4:00pm. Other upcoming events are the 4-H County Carnival 6/12/2022 and the Haven 4-H Farm tours 6/26/2022.

By Zach Blubaugh and Amelia Scott, Haven 4-H Club Reporters



Top Left- 4-H Parents Megan and Kyle Geffert paint planters. Top Middle- Haven 4-H Reporter Zach Blubaugh works hard on his planter. Top Right- Haven 4-H members Matilda Scott, Clara Miller and Amelia Scott show off their completed planters. Bottom Left- 4-H parent Janet Miller adds soil to her planter. Bottom Middle- Kayden and Kyler Geffert spend time together decorating planters. Bottom Right- The finished planters ready to be delivered.

### Haven 4H club meeting and County Carnival

The Haven 4-H club met June 12, 2022 at the Haven Community Building. Attendance was taken by asking members, what is their favorite ice cream flavor? We enjoyed great presentations by several members: Lily Hoskinson presented on Dog Showing, how to care for the dog and how to show. Addison Showalter gave a talk on how to make peanut butter no bake cookies and shared the recipe with the club, Eli Showalter presented on Gun Safety and the importance of proper gun handling, Eliya Dugnolle gave a presentation on art and how to make a sunset portrait with chalk. Other business was the discussion of the new haybale competition for the county fair; the club plans to decorate their own haybale for the competition; the participation of the club in the county ambassadors Patriots day float, and the clubs tour day that will give the members a chance to preview to the club some of their county fair entries. The club members are working hard on their show exhibits for the Reno County 4H fair coming July 21-25 at the Kansas State Fair Grounds. The next meeting is scheduled as the club tour on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at a club members farm. After the meeting club members participated in the Reno County 4H family carnival in Buhler. Activities at the carnival were a fishing derby and cornhole tournament with prizes for the winners, yard games, silent auction baskets from each club, and swimming. Pronto Pup and Snoko snow cone food trucks were there and each member and their guests were given a voucher to use at each food truck. Addison Showlater, Haven 4H member said "I had fun at the carnival! My favorite parts were the snow cones, Pronto Pups and swimming!" Eli Showalter, Haven 4H member said "I enjoyed the fishing, swimming and snow cones!" Members had fun and it was a great county wide family event that members and their family's look forward to each year.

By Zach Blubaugh and Amelia Scott Haven 4H club reporters

#### Attached Picture Captions:

Lily Hoskinson and her dog giving a presentation to the club on dog care and showmanship

Eliya Dugnolle giving a demonstration on how to make a Sunset Portrait with chalk

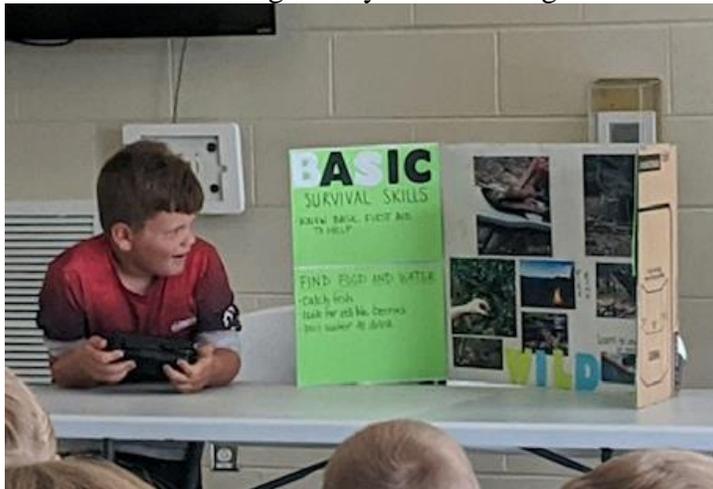
Addison Showalter giving a demonstration on making Peanut Butter No Bake Cookies

Eli Showalter giving a presentation on Gun Safety

Henry Blubaugh enjoying some fishing with help from older members at the County Wide Carnival Fishing Derby  
4H members and friends enjoying snow cones poolside during the county wide 4H family carnival (Left to Right: Eli Showalter, Paxton Blubaugh, Addison Showalter, Molly McCurry, Karly Combs, Eli McMillian, Aubree McCurry, Drew McCurry)



The Thomadora Club met Sunday, June 12th and heard about how to survive in the wild, Colorado, A Mission trip to El Salvador and the many ways to tie a scarf. Then the members enjoyed the Family Fun Carnival!! Presentations were given by the following 4-Her's Tate Kesinger, Ellie Martens, Maecy Rosenberger, Ella Gillespie.



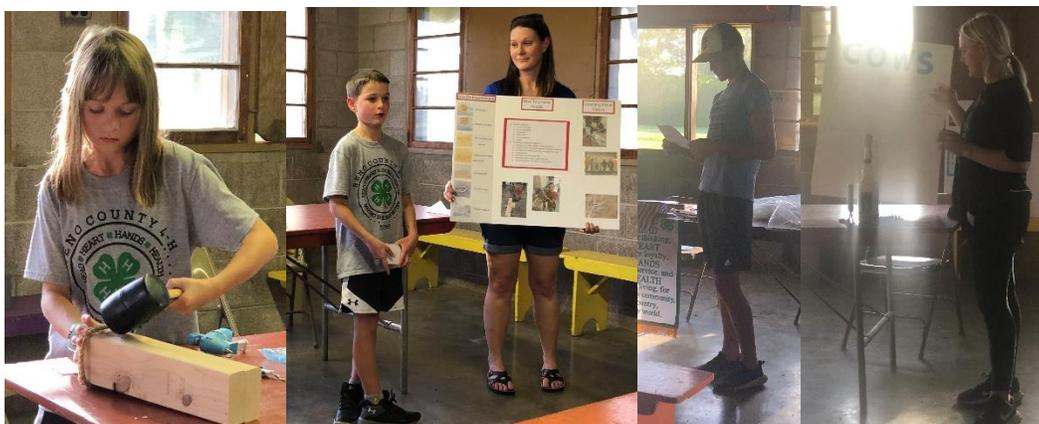
### Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo

The Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo will educate Kansas youth about the Kansas wheat industry. The one day event will also provide opportunities for 4-H members to participate in and to be recognized in wheat education classes. Judging will be held for wheat classes, foods and photography. A 4-H judging contest will also be provided along with tours of the Stafford County Flour Mill; Osborne Fruits and Vegetables, a family owned, field-to-table produce business; and Spare Farms, a family owned produce business that markets vegetables sold at farmers markets in surrounding cities.

There is a \$6.00 per person registration fee payable at the door. The program is partially sponsored by several other sponsors. The event includes one tour, opening refreshments, cash awards, ribbons, door prizes, contests, and lunch.

Registration will open June 20 and close July 25. Register at [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9YPaTL6cp5tHyzc](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9YPaTL6cp5tHyzc)

The Buhler 4H Club met for their monthly meeting on June 13th, 2022 at 6:30 at Becker Park in Buhler. The Club heard from Ava Combs, Reuben Harder, Harper Gouldie, Nora Busenbark, Emma Smith, and William Smith. Ava Combs talked to the Club about how to take care of cows. Reuben Harder told the club how he and his dad are grass farmers. Harper Gouldie shared with the club her favorite Christmas cookie, and how to make it. Nora Busenbark taught us about Mini Rex & Holland Lop Rabbit breeds, and what is expected in the Rabbit project. Emma Smith showed the club how and why to make a scratching post for a cat. They ended with William Smith talking about finding fossils, and displaying them for the Geology Project. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 11th, 2022 at 6:30 at Becker Park in Buhler. Bring your water guns because were having a water war! Nora Busenbark Buhler 4-H Club Reporter



## Haven 4-H Annual Farm Tours

On Sunday, June 26th, the Haven 4-H club met at the McCurry Angus Ranch for the annual farm tours and cook out. Traditionally farm tours have been traveling tours from farm to farm for Haven 4-H'ers to showcase their animal projects and other projects they will be taking to the county fair. The past two years, the farm's tours have been held at McCurry Angus Ranch, which has been a prime location for members to bring their animals, both large and small, as well as other projects. Host and 4-H parent Melody McCurry said, "This is always a fun event to host. We love having all the families get together and the kids bring their projects whether large or small and discuss them. Their projects are such a labor of time and love, and this is a nice way to showcase to an audience who understands what a large undertaking these projects can be."

A new tradition started this year was desserts. 4-H members who are entering items in the baked goods category, brought their entries ready to display and discussed it with the group and were asked questions. This opportunity gave club members the opportunity to practice their public speaking skills over a topic that is usually not discussed at meetings. Other topics of discussions were plant science, rabbits, goats, pigs, cattle, and shooting sports. 4-H President, Connor Blubaugh said after the event, "A really great way for members to show off their projects. I think it went really well and helped our members build their public speaking skills. My favorite part was listening to everyone's projects and trying the desserts at the end because they tasted great!" 4-H parent, Janet Miller, echoed the sentiments of Melody and Connor and said the event was "a great representation of all of our club members sharing about their projects and gave us all a chance to learn more about what they have been working so hard on this year."

There will not be a July 4-H meeting. Please look for our club at the Reno County Fair July 20th-24th. Haven 4-H will have their animal stalls decorated with purple and green bandanas and will be adding stars to match the theme, "Reach for the Stars with 4-H!"

By Amelia Scott and Zach Blubaugh, Haven 4-H Club Reporters

### Attached Picture Captions:

- Oliver Scott discusses his Mini Rex rabbit Peanut Butter Pattie. This is his first year showing rabbits.
- Amelia and Matilda Scott talk about their Mini Rex rabbits Sausage and Tenzie, this is their third year in rabbits.
- Molly McCurry talks about her experience with goats. This is her first year with Boar goats.
- Clara Miller presented her pig Bambi to the club. This her second year showing a pig at the county fair
- Members and families enjoy Hamburgers, hotdogs and watermelon
- at McCurry Angus Ranch



# Record Book Clinics

Ready to take your record book to the next level? Need some help figuring out the record books? Then check out our Record Book Clinic we're offering late this summer!

August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm  
August 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 12 pm

Extension Office Basement Meeting Room

Please bring your questions and your recording materials (books, pens, notepads, etc.)

Working ahead? The county website has been refreshed to clarify the requirements! Check it out here: [https://www.reno.k-state.edu/4-h/record\\_books/index.html](https://www.reno.k-state.edu/4-h/record_books/index.html)

Both sessions will cover the same material, so please choose whichever works best for you!



# 4-H GROWS HERE

## 2022 Ag Challenge of Champions

Check out the updated resources for this year's Ag Challenge of Champions! The most recent information can be found on the county website under forms, or by following this link:

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

Age Divisions (As of January 1, 2022):

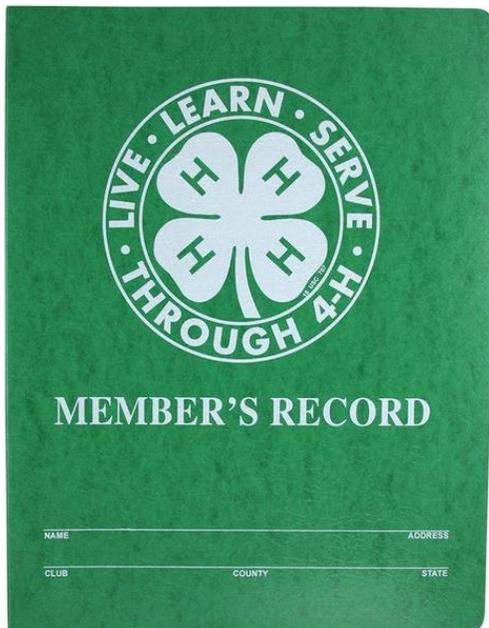
Junior – 7-11 years old

Intermediate – 12-15 years old

Senior – 16-19 years old

If you have any questions about the Ag Challenge of Champions, please don't hesitate to reach out to John Clark at [jclark@usd313.org](mailto:jclark@usd313.org) or 620-727-1043

Best of Luck!



# SUMMER SPLASH!

## REACHING FOR THE STARS WITH 4-H!



**FOR:** YOUTH, Ages 7 through 11 (4-H age age on January 1<sup>st</sup>)  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 3:00 - 8:00 PM  
**WHERE:** Salt City Splash Carey Park - next to the zoo  
**NOTE:** \* Parents MUST sign to pick up youth at the Extension Office  
 \* DO NOT leave children before 3:00 PM  
 \*Please be prompt in picking up youth at 8:00 PM

**WHAT IS SUMMER SPLASH?** It is a fun event for youth with a variety of activities. We will be swimming at the Salt City Splash, playing games connected to this year's theme, "Reaching for the Stars", making crafts and other fun group activities.

**ITEMS TO BRING:** Swim suit and towels. We will be providing a pizza during the program.

**COST: \$10.00 for each child.** Make your check payable to "Reno County 4-H Council". Adults and older teens will be in attendance to help with games and provide supervision. If you are 12 years through adult and would like to help in this capacity please contact the Extension Office.

**REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE .** We need to know the number of youth attending in advance. Please complete the form below and return it to the Extension Office along with \$10.00 for each child attending by Friday, July 25th. **No late registrations will be accepted.** Friends of 4-H members are welcome but must fill out a 4-H Participation Form.

**PICK-UP:** Once we are done swimming we will bring the youth back to the Extension Office for pizza, crafts and games so please pick up youth at the Extension Office At 8

For youth: Ages 7 through 11

**SUMMER SPLASH**  
August 2, 2021

Return by **July 25th** to the  
Reno County Extension Office  
2 W.10<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
So. Hutchinson, KS 67505  
Or fax to 620-662-0313



Name \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Age \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Activities youth should not take part in or any allergies/health concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend I would like to be grouped with: NAME \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the youth will be closely supervised and that if a serious illness or injury develops, medical and/or hospital care will be given; however, the 4-H staff is not responsible in case of accidental injury or illness. I further understand that in case of medical emergency, I will be notified. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the attending physician to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for and to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child, as named above.

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_



Reno County Fair Board Presents

# Cynthia Rausch Band

— **Saturday July 23, 2022** —

Food Trucks and Beer Garden @ 5pm / Music 7pm to 10pm

FREE PUBLIC ADMISSION

**Peoples Bank and Trust Arena**

Kansas State Fair Grounds

Reno County Fair

# Ranch Rodeo



**JULY 22, 2022**

**80/20 Payback**

**Champion Food Auction 6:30pm**

**Rules 6:30pm**

**Mutton Bustin' 6:45pm**

**Calcutta 7:00pm**

**Ranch Sorting**

**Double Mugging**

**Trailer Loading**

**Mutton Busstin' limited to the first 20 kids 50 lbs or less**

**4 Man Team \$400 / Team**

**Kansas State Fair Grounds Expo II Covered Arena**

**Entry Details: 620-727-1853**



# Willie's Farm Family Contest



## Willie wants to celebrate our hard-working farmers!

Do you know a deserving farm family? Nominate them (or yourself!) to represent Reno County at this year's Celebrate Kansas Agriculture Day with Kansas State Football vs. Texas Tech University on October 1, 2022.

The selected farm family from Reno County will receive two complimentary tickets to the game with the opportunity to purchase additional discounted tickets and be recognized with all county representatives during the game. Families are eligible if they are an agricultural producer in Reno County. Production agriculture or horticulture must play a significant role in the family's lifestyle and annual income. Eligible families must have current permanent residence in Reno County. Individuals can nominate their own family or nominate another deserving family.

**Willie's Farm Family nominations must be received at the Reno County Extension Office by noon on Friday, July 15.** The winning farm family will be selected by random drawing and will be notified by Extension Staff.

## Willie's Farm Family Reno County Nomination Form

First and last name of nominated family: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

General summary of family's agriculture engagement (max. 100 words, may continue on back of this sheet):

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

Name & email or phone number of person submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Kansas State University Agricultural



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*Nominations must be received at the Reno County Extension Office by 12:00pm on Friday, July 15.*

Form may be mailed to: Reno County Extension Office  
2 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., South Hutchinson, KS 67505

or emailed to: [reno@listserv.ksu.edu](mailto:reno@listserv.ksu.edu)

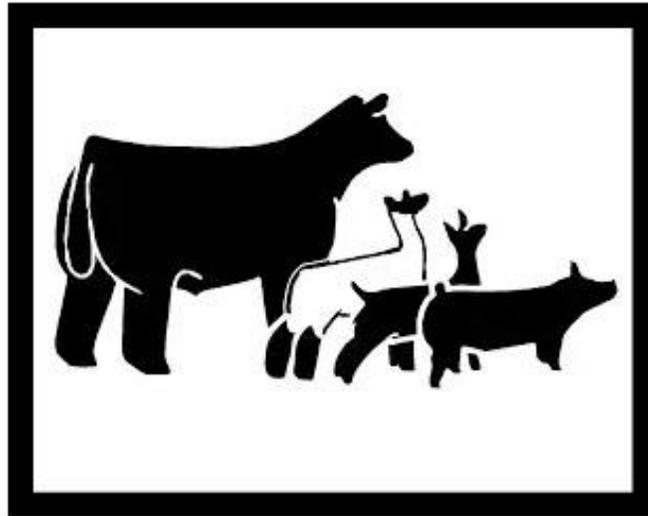
or submit an online nomination at: [www.reno.ksu.edu](http://www.reno.ksu.edu)

For questions, call 620-662-2371

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# RENO COUNTY FAIR BOARD PRESENTS



## OLDTIMER'S SHOWMANSHIP



- \*Divisions will be held in Cattle, Goat, Sheep and Swine.
- \*Oldtimer's will show following the end of each species.
- \*Contestants must coordinate use of an animal with the owner before signing up.
- \*\$10 Fee to nominate someone or your self.
- \*\$20 Immunity Fee (Pay your way out for all species).
- \*Nominations due to Shala Metzger or Bailey Born before the start of each species show.
- \*Winner will be chosen by the judge. Please remember this is FOR FUN!
- \*Classes will be gate cut with maximum of 10 per class.

Nominations will be accepted at the Extension Office until July 15, 2022.

# JULY CALENDER

| Sunday                 | Monday                                 | Tuesday                   | Wednesday                    | Thursday               | Friday                       | Saturday                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                        |                                        |                           |                              |                        | <b>1</b>                     | <b>2</b>                            |
|                        |                                        |                           |                              |                        | <b>FAIR ENTRY<br/>CLOSED</b> |                                     |
| <b>3</b>               | <b>4</b>                               | <b>5</b>                  | <b>6</b>                     | <b>7</b>               | <b>8</b>                     | <b>9</b>                            |
| <b>NINNESCAH</b>       | <b>EXTENSION<br/>OFFICE<br/>CLOSED</b> |                           |                              |                        |                              |                                     |
| <b>10</b>              | <b>11</b>                              | <b>12</b>                 | <b>13</b>                    | <b>14</b>              | <b>15</b>                    | <b>16</b>                           |
| <b>WRC</b>             | <b>BUHLER</b>                          |                           | <b>FAIRBOARD<br/>MEETING</b> |                        |                              | <b>COUNTY<br/>FAIR DOG<br/>SHOW</b> |
| <b>17</b>              | <b>18</b>                              | <b>19</b>                 | <b>20</b>                    | <b>21</b>              | <b>22</b>                    | <b>23</b>                           |
| <b>NICKERSON</b>       |                                        | <b>FASHION<br/>REVIEW</b> | <b>COUNTY<br/>FAIR</b>       | <b>COUNTY<br/>FAIR</b> | <b>COUNTY<br/>FAIR</b>       | <b>COUNTY<br/>FAIR</b>              |
| <b>24</b>              | <b>25</b>                              | <b>26</b>                 | <b>27</b>                    | <b>28</b>              | <b>29</b>                    | <b>30</b>                           |
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Reno County Extension Office Phone # 620-662-2371

All articles/pictures for the newsletter are due to the Extension office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

PLEASE EMAIL DONNA AT [dp96929@ksu.edu](mailto:dp96929@ksu.edu)