



RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024



4-H COUNCIL DATE

January 22, 2024 @ 7pm
Executive Team will meet at 6 pm
before council starts
Reno County Extension Office
west meeting room

The Extension Office is closing at 4:30pm until the further notice.

2024 Total Solar Eclipse: Through the Eyes of NASA

Submitted by Sarah E. Maass

NASA is inviting all interested 4-H clubs to an informational webinar regarding the total solar eclipse. NASA is sharing this with all their partners. Save the date for the informative webinar on January 23, 2024, 12-1 p.m. ET. During the webinar, they will highlight:

- The science behind solar eclipses
- Connections to NASA's study of the Sun
- How to view eclipses safely
- NASA's plans for public and student engagement
- How you can connect into our plans

For additional information, please see the [flyer graphic here](#).

To register for the event visit <https://nvite.jsc.nasa.gov/RSVP/?id=mebdj>.

KSRE Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge Kick-Off

Submitted by Deborah Kohl



Do you have youth in your community who want to build capacity through entrepreneurship? Have you ever wanted to help a young person in your community follow their passion and build a business?

K-State Research and Extension is the Title Sponsor for the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge in 2024, giving you unique access to support and programming to use in your communities!

Join us for an informational webinar Tuesday, December 12, 10 - 11 a.m. to learn more about starting or supporting a Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge group in your area, or serving as a judge for the Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge in Manhattan in April.

Register here:

https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkduGurTgjGd2X7r2-1vMc_J27PDulheV

Questions to: Sarah Maass (semaass@ksu.edu) or Deborah Kohl (dkohl@ksu.edu)

Valentine's Day Rose Delivery Community Service

Sign up to deliver roses to our local nursing homes and care facilities this upcoming Valentine's Day! Roses will be delivered to the Extension Office on Monday, February 12, 2024. We need 24 kids to pick up and deliver the roses. [Click here to sign up](#) or scan the QR code.



4-H Dog Judge Training and Certification in January

Submitted by Karen Riedmiller

This year's 4-H Dog Judge training and re-certification will be January 26-28, 2024, at the Leavenworth County fairgrounds near Tonganoxie. Learn what to expect as a judge in the four 4-H dog events: Showmanship, Obedience, Rally Obedience and Agility. There have been some changes in the last 2 years especially in the Agility event. Please register by January 12 under 4-H Events on the Kansas4H.org website. You must have knowledge of the 4-H dog program or a current leader or parent who wants to learn more about the judging process. Participants must be 16 years old and open to non-4-H adults. You may certify as a judge or just observe to learn more. The certification is good for 5 years.



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 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



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

COUNTY LEADER RESOURCES

Leathercraft Meeting

Friday January 19th from 6 to 8
At the Reno County Extension Office in the west meeting room. Please RSVP to Donna at dp96929@ksu.edu or call 620-662-2371 by Wednesday January 17.

THE 2024 RENO COUNTY FAIR DATES
July 20th Dog Show
County Fair
July 24th thru
July 29th

The 2024 Fair Theme

Dive into 4-H



4-H Trivia

Email Katherine (ksundgren@ksu.edu) with the correct answer to win a prize!

What is the 4-H motto?

- A. Live long and prosper.
- B. To make the best better.
- C. Learn by doing.
- D. May the force be with you.

County Record Book Champions

Senior Division

Beef – Cole Dieball, Union Valley
Breeding Beef – Michael Hoyt, Ninnescah
Food – Emmie Stallman, Thomadora
Goat – Tie - Cole Campbell & Ty Campbell, Union Valley
Leadership – Braydon Blubaugh, Haven
Lego – Payton Thompson, Thomadora
Plant Science – Payton Thompson, Thomadora
Sheep – Kaden Ketterl, Nickerson
Swine – Tie – Noah Miller, Haven & Kassie Graham, Mitchell

Intermediate Division

Beef – Aubree McCurry, Haven
Breeding Beef – Josie Heter, Nickerson
Buymanship – Gabriella Gillespie, Thomadora
Communications – Ryder Heter, Nickerson
Foods – Gabriella Gillespie, Thomadora
Goat – Ava Penner, Buhler
Leadership – Josie Heter, Nickerson
Leathercraft – Westin Lanning, Ninnescah
Lego's – Zach Blubaugh, Haven
Plant Science – Avery Franklin, Nickerson
Photography – Amelia Scott, Haven
Poultry – Nora Busenbark, Buhler
Self-Determined – Zach Blubaugh, Haven
Sheep – Avery Franklin, Nickerson
Shooting Sports – Eli Showalter, Haven
Swine – Westin Lanning, Ninnescah
Rabbits – Matilda Scott, Haven
Rocketry – Keenan Schoonover, Haven
Wildlife – Eli Showalter, Haven
Woodworking – Gabriella Gillespie, Thomadora
Visual Arts – Amelia Scott, Haven

2023-2024 Seniors

Buhler 4-H Club
Mikayla Milburn & Ava Combs

Haven 4-H Club
Connor Blubaugh & Addie MacArthur

Nickerson 4-H Club
Blake Griffith & Kaden Ketterl

Thomadora 4-H Club
Alysyn Thompson & Emmie Stallman

Union Valley 4-H Club
Cole Campbell & Madalyn Gleason

Western Reno County 4-H Club
Rex Zongker



Junior Division

Beef – Brecken Bergkamp, Western Reno County
Breeding Beef – Baylor Ehling, Western Reno County
Bucket Calf – Memery Glassman, Thomadora
Buymanship – Katelyn Gillespie, Thomadora
Clothing – Katelyn Gillespie
Dog – Lily Hoskinson, Haven
Electric – Clayton Schoonover, Haven
Foods – Addison Showalter, Haven

Genealogy – Lincoln Martin, Nickerson
Goat – Baylor Ehling, Western Reno County
Home Environment – Lincoln Martin, Nickerson
Lego – Oliver Scott, Haven
Performing Arts – Lincoln Martin, Nickerson
Plant Science – Chandler Poppelreiter, Nickerson
Photography – Avery Gillespie, Thomadora
Poultry – Clayton Schoonover, Nickerson
Rabbit – Oliver Scott, Haven
Reading – Lincoln Martin, Nickerson
Rocketry – Clayton Schoonover, Haven
Self-Determined – Clayton Schoonover, Haven
Sheep – Harper Gouldie, Thomadora
Woodworking – Clayton Schoonover, Haven
Visual Arts – Tie – Kennedy Harris & Jordan Harris, Union Valley



Overall Record Book Winners

Senior Division – Braydon Blubaugh, Haven
Intermediate Division – Josie Heter, Nickerson
Junior Division – Katelyn Gillespie, Thomadora

Overall County Officers Book Winners

Treasurer – Nora Busenbark, Buhler
Secretary – Kyler Geffert, Haven
Reporter – Amelia Scott & Zach Blubaugh, Haven

Club of the year – Haven 4-H Club

Family of the Year

Brandon, Annie, Payton & Morgan Thompson of the Thomadora 4-H Club



Thank you to First National Bank for sponsoring our Family of the year.

Great Pictures from the nursing home gift giving



Great job to everyone that helped to make this such a great success. The residents loved seeing all of your amazing faces.

Union Valley 4-H Club Christmas Caroling in 2023



Union Valley Christmas Caroling in 2015 How fun is this comparison.



Can you match them up?

The Buhler 4-H Club met for their monthly meeting on December 18th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community. The group sang Christmas carols all around the Sunshine Meadows neighborhoods and passed out gifts to the residents that were hand made during the county-wide 4-H project. After caroling they held their meeting and Kinley Combs gave a presentation on her Photography project. For recreation, they played the "left right game" as the leader read the story, the gifts were passed to the left every time the word left was read, and the gifts would be passed to the right every time the word right was read. After the story was done, everyone had a gift! The next meeting will be held on Monday, January, 8th, 2024, at 6:30 pm at the Buhler Mennonite Church.





4-H OFFICER TRAINING

Learn how to effectively conduct a meeting and meet officers from across Reno County.

 JANUARY 13, 2024

 AT 10 AM TO 12 PM

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RSVP with Donna or Katherine by January 11. Tell us your name and what office you hold. Email ksundgren@ksu.edu or dp96929@ksu.edu.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024



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KANSAS 4-H DAY WITH K-STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

\$30: Ticket, Voucher (\$10
concessions), & Shirt

\$20: Ticket & Voucher (\$10
concessions)

HOW TO GET TICKETS?

1. Register! Use the QR code or the link below!
2. Pick up ticket packages - location TBD
(1/13/24, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM)
3. Doors open for the general public (1/13/24,
12:00 PM)
4. Tip-off! (1/13/24, 1:00 PM)

Online registration for this event will be due **January 1st, 2024**. No paper registrations will be accepted. To register, go to: <https://bit.ly/3N85oPY>

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**FREE OF
CHARGE!**

JOIN THE GARDENING SPIN CLUB

Join a county-wide gardening SPIN club! If your youth would like to learn more about gardening, this is the club for you. We're taking a survey of who is interested in joining. What is planted will be led by what the kids are interested in growing. All of the gardening and meetings will take place at the Reno County Extension Office. There will be structured meetings and times where youth can come on their own to garden. Scan the QR code or [click here to sign up!](#)



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SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 11-13, 2024



**AGES
7-12**

GAMES, CRAFTS, SWIMMING, & MORE!

HOSTED AT SILVER MAPLE CAMP IN KINGMAN COUNTY

JOIN SEVEN OTHER COUNTIES FOR A FUN SUMMER 4-H CAMP EXPERIENCE! LAST YEAR, THE COST TO ATTEND CAMP WAS \$125. RENO COUNTY 4-H OFFERS \$30 IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUTH TO ATTEND CAMP FROM OUR LEADERSHIP-CAMP FUND. ADDITIONALLY, 4-H COUNCIL OFFERS A SCHOLARSHIP THAT YOU CAN APPLY FOR (AMOUNT TBA). 4-H'ERS WILL GET THE OVERNIGHT CAMPING EXPERIENCE THAT IS SIMILAR TO THE OLD ROCK SPRINGS CAMP EXPERIENCE.

YOUTH AGED 14-18 WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO BE A CAMP COUNSELOR!

Payton Thompson, Emmie Stallman, and Maecy Rosenberger have been selected as new 4-H Ambassadors. They join Noah Miller, Brayden Blubaugh, and Conner Blubaugh on the Reno County 4-H Ambassador Team



JANUARY CALENDER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	OFFICE CLOSED					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Ninnescah	Buhler		Fairboard Meeting			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Thomadora Union Valley WRC						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Haven Mitchell Nickerson	4-H COUNCIL					
28	29	30	31			

Reno County Extension Office Phone # 620-662-2371

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