



# RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



## MAY 2024

### 4-H COUNCIL DATE

**June 24, 2024 @ 7pm**

**Executive Team will meet at 6:30 pm before council starts**

**Reno County Extension Office  
west meeting room**

If anyone is needing meat sticks we still have plenty to go around. They are now \$1.00 each you can either email Donna at [dp96929@ksu.edu](mailto:dp96929@ksu.edu) or come by the office.

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### **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>

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

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This years Tractor Supply is donating 45 bales of shavings. So we will be doing a drawing for those and will release a list of youth getting a bale of shavings in the June newsletter. So be watching to see if you are a big winner. You will be able to pick up the shavings up at fair in the meadowlark building. So if you are needing shaving and are not on the list to get a free bale you will need to purchase them.

# Congratulations

**To our Livestock Sale Scholarship Winners**

**Mikayla Milburn – Buhler**

**Ava Combs – Buhler**

**Connor Blubaugh – Haven**

**Addie MacArthur – Haven**

**Kaden Ketterl – Nickerson**

**Blake Griffith – Nickerson**

**Emmie Stallman – Thomadora**

**Madalyn Gleason – Union Valley**

**Cole Campbell – Union Valley**

**Best of luck in your future**



**GET READY GET SET GO!!!!**

**JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> IS OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES TO BEGIN ON FAIRENTRY.COM. MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE READ THE FAIRBOOK, ALL CHANGES WILL BE HIGH LIGHTED IN RED.**





**Union Valley 4-H club helped with the annual Easter egg hunt. Great job 4-Her's**

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**Kansas Swine Classic Show and Skillathon**

The 39th annual Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic will be held at CiCo Park in Manhattan, Kansas on July 12-13, 2024. A copy of the program is attached containing pertinent information regarding the event. Please encourage interested youth to attend. Families may visit the page dedicated to the Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic for additional details and entry information:

[www.asi.ksu.edu/swineclassic](http://www.asi.ksu.edu/swineclassic). The program is also available at

[www.KSUswine.org](http://www.KSUswine.org) or [www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu](http://www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu)

du, under the "Spring Show" tab. Along with showmanship Friday evening and a prospect and market hog show Saturday morning, they are having a swine photo contest and skillathon on Friday afternoon.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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



**Leathercraft Meeting**

Thursday May 23 from 6 to 8 At the Reno County Extension Office in the west meeting room. Please RSVP to Donna at [dp96929@ksu.edu](mailto:dp96929@ksu.edu) or call 620-662-2371 by Tuesday May 20th.

**Join the Reno 4-H GroupMe**

Scan the QR code or join by [clicking here](#). Join the GroupMe so you have another avenue to get updates and reminders about county and state-wide events. Both the parents and kids are welcome to join the GroupMe.



**Fair Volunteers Needed**

We are still needing superintendents in the following departments. You will have other superintendents in these projects.

Lego's - 1

Foods - 1

Photography – 2

Plant Science – 1

**Gardening Meeting**

Join us May 18, 8-11 AM for gardening at the Extension Office. Pre-registration is required. If you attend the gardening meetings, you can take produce and flowers from the garden to the county fair. Sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/EmPs78CP6mLhVAHy9>

## Sedgwick County BB Gun Match and Air Rifle Match

- Eli Showalter

On February 24, 2024, Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports had thirteen 4-Hers participate in the Sedgwick County BB Gun Match and Air Rifle match. It was held at the Sedgwick County Extension Office in Wichita, Kansas.

Participants in the Sedgwick County BB Gun Match from Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports were: Ellie Martens, Brendan Clark, Kora Zongker, Jaden Carlson, Eli Showalter, Makayla Carlson, Christopher Zongker, Kaidence Carlson, Addison Showalter, Riley Zongker, and Michael Cota. This was Riley Zongker's first BB Gun match. Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports placed fifth overall. Brendan Clark placed first place in the individual ages 9-10 division with an overall score of 365-11. In the prone position, Brendan Clark placed first in the ages 9-10 division with a score of 94-2. In the standing position, Brendan Clark placed first in the ages 9-10 division with a score of 86-2. In the standing position, Makayla Carlson placed third in the ages 9-10 division with a score of 82-0. In the sitting position, Brendan Clark placed first in the ages 9-10 division with a score of 95-5. In the sitting position, Eli Showalter placed first in the age 11 division with a score of 94-5. In the kneeling position, Brendan Clark placed first in the 9-10 division with a score of 90-2. In the kneeling position, Ellie Martens placed second in the age 14-15 division with a score of 95-3.

Participates in the Sedgwick County Air Rifle Match from Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports were: Mikayla Milburn, Rex Zongker, Ellie Martens, and Brendan Clark. Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports placed third overall as a team with a score of 1831-27! Individual achievements are highlighted in the chart below:

	Individual	Prone	Standing	Kneeling
Mikayla Milburn	Ages 16-18 First Place 505-6	Ages 16-18 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 187-4	Ages 16-18 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 150-0	Ages 16-18 1 <sup>st</sup> Place 168-2
Rex Zongker	Ages 16-18 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 488-10	All 1 <sup>st</sup> Place 187-7  Ages 16-18 1 <sup>st</sup> Place 187-7		Ages 16-18 3 <sup>rd</sup> 165-2
Ellie Martens	First Year Age 14 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 450-8	First Year Age 14 1 <sup>st</sup> Place 178-4		First Year Age 14 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 151-3
Brendan Clark			First Year Ages 10-13 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 114-0	



Photo on left: February 24, 2024 – Riley Zongker shooting standing at the Sedgwick County BB Gun match with Coach Jon Hartle to his right.

Photo on right: February 24, 2024 – Brendan Clark and Mikayla Milburn with the air rifle third place team plaque at the Sedgwick County Air Rifle Match.

## Johnson County State Qualifier Match

- Eli Showalter

Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports had three 4-Her's (Ellie Martens, Makayla Milburn, and Rex Zongker) participate in the Johnson County State Qualifier held on Saturday, February 17, 2024 and Sunday, February 18, 2024, in Gardner, Kansas.

On Saturday, February 17, 2024, Ellie Martens shot BB gun. She placed first place as an individual overall and also in the 13 years old and older division with a score of 382-15! In standing, Ellie placed third overall and second in the 13 and older division with a score of 95-2. In the sitting position, she placed first overall and first in the 13 and older division with a score of 98-6. Fantastic job Ellie!

On Sunday, February 18, 2024, Makayla Milburn, Rex Zongker, and Ellie Martens participated in the air rifle discipline. The Johnson County Air Rifle match was Ellie Marten's first ever air rifle match. Makayla Milburn placed second place as individual overall and also second in the Senior 15 years and older division with a score of 519-4. Rex Zongker placed ninth as an individual overall with a score of 499-7. In prone, Ellie Marten's placed fifth in the Junior 14 and under division, with a score of 183-6. In standing, Makayla Milburn placed first as an individual overall and also in the Senior 15 years old and older divisions with a score of 170-1. Rex Zongker placed third in the kneeling position in the Senior 15 years old and older division with a score of 173-2. Makayla Milburn and Rex Zongker participated in Top Shot. Great job Ellie Martens, Makayla Milburn, and Rex Zongker!



Photo on left: February 17, 2024 – Ellie Martens with the medals she earned in BB gun.

Photo on right: February 18, 2024 – Rex Zongker and Makayla Milburn participating in Top Shot.

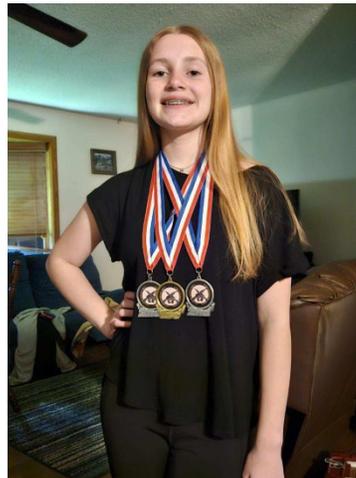
WELL DONE! WELL DONE! WELL DONE!

**Derby VFW BB Gun Daisy Qualifying Match**  
- Eli Showalter

On March 16, 2024, nine Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports 4-Hers participated in the Derby VFW Daisy Qualifying Match. It was held at Heartland Community Church in Wichita, Kansas. Kora Zongker, Makayla Carlson, Kaidence Carlson, Christopher Zongker, and Addison Showalter participated as team members. Riley Zongker and Michael Cota participated as alternates. Jaden Carlson and Eli Showalter participated as champions.

Individual achievements are highlighted in the chart below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Prone (100 pts.)</b>	<b>Standing (100 pts.)</b>	<b>Sitting (100 pts.)</b>	<b>Kneeling (100 pts.)</b>	<b>Test (100 pts.)</b>	<b>Aggregate Score with Test (500 pts.)</b>
Kora Zongker	99-8 Overall 1st Place	95-5 Overall 1st Place	86-0 Overall 2nd Place	96-4 Overall 2nd Place		464-17 Overall 4th Place
Riley Zongker					82 Alternate 6th Place	
Michael Cota					84 Alternate 3rd Place	
Jaden Carlson	85-0 Champion 4th Place	91-2 Overall 5th Place and Champion 1st Place	83-0 Champion 4th Place	79-0 Champion 4th Place	90 Champion 2nd Place	428-2 Champion 2nd Place
Eli Showalter	95-1 Champion 2nd Place	73-0 Champion 3rd Place	87-0 Champion 3rd Place	85-3 Champion 2nd Place	84 Champion 3rd Place	424-4 Champion 3rd Place



## Haven Community Easter Egg Hunt

By Haven 4-H Reporter Amelia Scott and Harper Krol

On Saturday March 30th, at 11:00 Haven 4-H hosted the Haven Community Easter Egg Hunt. This is a community Easter egg hunt for children 10 and under with prizes, candy, and a visit by the Easter Bunny. Haven Recreation, 1st National Bank and Haven 4-H Club sponsored the event this year. This year a donation was given from the Haven Methodist Church this year to help purchase prizes. It was a beautiful day to come together at the Haven High School Football Field. The Easter Bunny handed out lots of high fives, hugs and treats. Special giant bonus eggs were hidden in each age group and the child that found this egg was able to turn it in for a bigger prize. Fun was had by all.



Piercen Hett finding eggs



Kids before the hunt.



Kids looking for eggs

The Buhler 4-H Club met for their monthly meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Buhler Mennonite Church. Emery Combs introduced us to her goat "Cricket" and told us about raising and training him to show. It was so much fun, a neighborhood kid stopped and watched! Earlier in the month, on March 23<sup>rd</sup> the Buhler 4H Club helped hide Easter Eggs and give out prizes at the Buhler Community Easter Egg Hunt. The next meeting of the Buhler 4H Club is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Becker Park in Buhler. It will be the ICE CREAM SOCIAL, so come hungry!!



## TONS OF FUN AT THE ALLEY







Hope everyone had fun at the Alley April 14<sup>th</sup>. 229 people attended for games, bowling lazer tag and so much more. This event was sponsored by 4-H council. After all of the fun the Ninnescah 4-H club, Thomadora 4-H club, Union Valley 4-H club and Western Reno County 4-H club held their club meetings at the Alley.

As Cole Dieball from Union Valley Club says



Hope to see you next year!!



Family  
Fun Day

## "Thomadora 4-H Club Rallying for Community: A Food Drive Success Story"

Community service lies at the heart of the 4-H program, instilling values of empathy, responsibility, and generosity in its members. Recently, the Thomadora 4-H Club embarked on a mission to support their local community by collecting food donations for the Reno County food bank. What emerged not only showcased the dedication of these young 4-Hers but also demonstrated the power of working together to address local needs. The 4-Hers tirelessly collected donations for the Reno County Food bank, both in the form of food items and monetary contributions. Their commitment paid off big, resulting in collecting an astonishing total of 2800 pounds of food and \$900.00 in cash donations.

The food bank in Reno County serves as a lifeline for many families facing food insecurity. With their donation, the 4-Hers have made positive impact on the community.

The Thomadora 4-H Club's food drive stands as a shining example of the goal of the 4-H program.

Avery Gillespie



## April 20 Community Service



13 4-H'ers braved the cold Kansas Saturday to weed the garden and plant flowers to start a pollinator garden outside of the Extension Office. Several tomato plants and basil seeds were planted in a garden bed at the back of the building. 4-H'ers who want to take tomatoes or cut flowers from the 4-H garden to the fair need to help maintain the garden over the spring and summer. There will be four scheduled gardening dates that youth can attend and/or you can come on your own time to garden. See the attached flyer for more details. [View all of the photos here.](#) Questions? Email Katherine at [ksundgren@ksu.edu](mailto:ksundgren@ksu.edu)

HELP US BREW  
UP SOME FUNDS...

# RENO COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

is partnering with  
**Scooter's Coffee!**

Show this flyer or mention  
our organization to receive credit.

MON, MAY 20TH

501 E 30TH OR 1701 E 30TH  
HUTCHINSON, KS

5:30 AM - 8:00 PM

A portion of all sales during this  
time will benefit our organization!

Grab a coffee or treat and help  
support a great cause!





# SAVE THE DATE

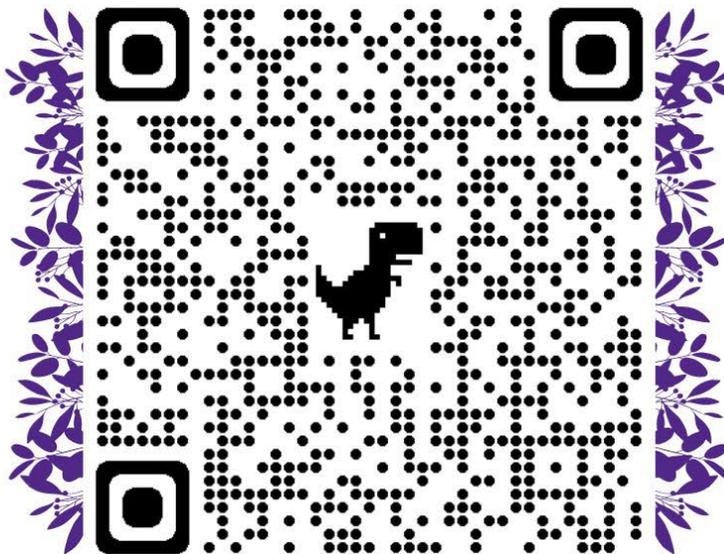
Gardening SPIN Club



# Upcoming Dates

SIGN UP IN ADVANCE IS REQUIRED. SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR THE DATE(S) YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. IF YOU WANT TO TAKE VEGGIES, HERBS, OR FLOWERS FROM THE GARDEN, YOU HAVE TO ATTEND AT LEAST TWO OF THE DATES AND/OR VISIT ON YOUR OWN TO TAKE CARE OF THE GARDEN AT LEAST TWO TIMES BETWEEN APRIL 20 AND THE FAIR. IF YOU VISIT OUTSIDE OF THE SCHEDULED DATES, PICTURE PROOF IS REQUIRED.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD 8-11 AM  
AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE



**MAY 18**

**JUNE 1**

**JUNE 22**

**JULY 13**

# MAY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			<b>Add/Drop Deadline Dog Id's due to Extension Office</b>			<b>SMALL ANIMAL TAGGING</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Ninnescah</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>Thomadora Union Valley WRC</b>	<b>Buhler</b>				<b>Abbyville Rodeo</b>	<b>Abbyville Rodeo  Gardening Spin CLub</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</b>	<b>Shooting Sports Fundraiser at Scooter's</b>					
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
	<b>Office Closed</b>					

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](mailto:dp96929@ksu.edu)