



# RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



## MAY 2021

### EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

**June 21, 2021 @ 6pm**

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

### 4-H COUNCIL DATE

**June 28, 2021 @ 7pm**

Reno County Extension  
Office west meeting room

### JUNIOR LEADERS

4-Hers 12 & up

Kim Griffith will be  
contacting you thru email

### Congratulations to our livestock sale scholarship recipients

**Thade Combs – Buhler 4-H Club  
Mallory Hanen – Buhler 4-H Club  
Kaysen Seidel – Buhler 4-H Club  
Kinley Siemens – Buhler 4-H Club  
Nathan Schmidt – Haven 4-H Club**

If you are in sewing, this  
message is for you.

Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am

County wide sewing leader  
Kathy Zongker, will be having a  
sewing meeting at the Extension  
Office in the west meeting room  
of the basement. Bring a tape  
measure and any ideas you have  
for your project. If you have any  
questions please contact  
Kathy at 620-543-2767



**THE RENO COUNTY FAIR WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT. WE  
ARE LOOKING FOR SOME SUPERINTENDENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING  
DEPARTMENTS.**

**SMALL ENGINES**

**CLOVERBUDS**

**WORKBOOKS/DISPLAYS/BANNERS – 2 PEOPLE**

**IF WE ARE UNABLE TO FIND SUPERINTENDENTS FOR THESE  
DEPARTMENTS, THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT THESE  
DEPARTMENTS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE UP COMING 2021  
FAIR. WE CANNOT RUN THE DEPARTMENTS WITHOUT YOUR HELP.  
PLEASE LET DONNA KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP [dp96929@ksu.edu](mailto:dp96929@ksu.edu)**

### Attention to all youth enrolled in the horse project. It's time to saddle up.

Here is the horse project schedule for the 2021 4-H season.

April 22nd 6:00 PM Sandhills Arena

May 27th 6:00 PM Sandhills Arena

June 24th 6:00 PM Sandhills Arena

July 23rd- Reno County Fair Horse Show

August 26th 6:00 PM Sandhills Arena

Sept 16th 6:00 PM Sandhills Arena (a week early due to a family trip the following week.)

October 21st 6:00 PM Sandhills Arena

All dates are subject to change due to weather.

No meetings in November or December, due to holidays. We will most likely start again in March of 2022.

## SAVE THE DATES

### 2021 RENO COUNTY FAIR

**DOG SHOW: JULY  
17<sup>TH</sup>**

**FASHION  
REVIEW: JULY  
20<sup>TH</sup>**

**FAIR: JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
TO JULY 26**



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)663-5731 ext. 344.



If you have any questions about the clothing project, contact Kathy Zongker at (620) 543-2767.



If you have any questions about the horse project, contact Jackie White at 785-893-2563.

## **GREAT 4-H RESOURCES & REMINDER DATES**

Go to 4-H youth on our website, where you will find great information to help you with projects and events that are coming up. Also, under what is hot on the right-hand side is where you can find great videos for officer training. It will give you list of upcoming events and contests. Check it out!!!!

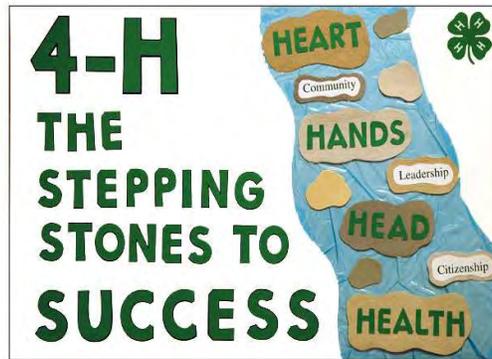
Remember to check out our website:

[www.reno.ksu.edu](http://www.reno.ksu.edu)

Announcements, rules and entry forms for upcoming events may be found on the website.

For county shows throughout the state stop by the office and look at our notebook.

**Check out these state websites for more great information.**



 If you have any questions about the citizenship project, contact Kristen Armstrong at 913-549-2391 or email her at [armstrong.kristen.m@gmail.com](mailto:armstrong.kristen.m@gmail.com)

If you have questions about Ambassadors contact Karolyn Howey at 620-663-5731 ext. 344 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)

**Congratulations to the 2021 graduates. We can't wait to see where the road leads you!**

### Buhler 4-H Club

Thade Combs  
Mallory Hanen  
Elias Harder  
Jonah Morgan  
Kaysen Seidel  
Kinley Siemens

### Haven 4-H Club

Brooke Brawner  
Natalia MacArthur  
Nathan Schmidt  
Kendall Schoenhals

### Mitchell 4-H Club

Karl Woelagel

### Nickerson Clovers

Dominic DiDomenico

### Ninnescah 4-H Club

Katie Miller

### Shooting Sports

Landon Schmucker

### Trailblazers 4-H Club

Shelby Pearce

### Union Valley 4-H Club

Dade Coldren



**ALL YOUTH THAT ARE GOING TO TAKE LIVESTOCK TO THE KANSAS STATE FAIR OR KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS. YOU MUST TAKE THE YQCA TEST ONLINE THIS YEAR. WE WILL NOT BE HAVING A CLASS IN THE OFFICE. YOUR CERTIFICATES MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR NOMINATION FORMS SO YOU WILL NEED TO GET THIS DONE IN A TIMELY MANNER. THIS TEST MUST BE COMPLETED FOR BEEF, SWINE, SHEEP AND GOAT PARTICIPANTS.**

### **New YQCA Material Available**

The national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), launched its fourth year of the program on October 1. Therefore, a new set of educational modules are now available for youth to complete. Extension Agents and Ag Teachers who requested to become certified instructors to teach face-to-face classes should have received an email the first week of October. The training is completed entirely online, through an instructor's account. Once the certification process is complete, approved instructors will receive the 2020-2021 curriculum via email and are welcome to begin teaching classes. The YQCA Board released some important reminders for instructors earlier this month. The first being that instructor-led courses may not be taught virtually. Members who would like to participate in an online training should complete the web-based course. Additionally, the junior-only slide deck is being discontinued and will no longer be available. Since Kansas has a special agreement with YQCA regarding 7-year-olds, those youth may participate in an all ages instructor-led course, with a parent/guardian, to receive their certification. Youth may complete the online training for \$12/child, or participate in an instructor-led session for \$3/child. The test-out option is only available for youth who are 12 or 15 as of January 1. All participants must register and pay through the YQCA site, regardless of the type of training. A young person's YQCA certification is valid for one year, so youth need to re-certify annually. The Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS are expected to continue requiring all exhibitors to complete YQCA to be eligible to exhibit in the 2021 shows. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes ([adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu); 785-532-1264).



### **Save the Date - 48 Hours of 4-H**



Save the date now for 48 Hours of 4-H! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project and join the 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge, October 9-10, 2021. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too!

By starting to discuss and plan now, you can find the perfect project for your group and engage important partners and it might just be the perfect way to start the New 4-H Year!

### **2021 Kansas 4-H Discovery Days Information Now Available**

Thank you to everyone from across our system who has stepped up to help offer content for the 2021 Virtual Kansas 4-H Discovery Days event. We have some truly excellent content tracks planned for youth. More information is now available regarding tracks and registration on the main [4-H Discovery Days Page](#).

## Information from the State 4-H Office

### **2021 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trips**

The 4-H Geology Action Team has been working hard to plan opportunities for youth to learn and engage in the 4-H Geology project. The group is excited to announce three great options for youth to collect specimens and learn from experts in the field. For 2021 there will be three single day field trips offered in different part of the state:

- June 12th – Western Kansas Smoky Hills
- June 19th – Southeast Kansas
- June 26th – Central Kansas

The dates and general locations have been confirmed. Please keep these dates as place holders as more information for registration and logistics will be posted soon on the [4-H Geology Page](#).

Additionally, with the opportunity for state field trips, the 2020 State Fair lower specimen requirement will return to the full 15 new specimens for the 2021 KSF.

### **Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp**

Youth ages 13-18 are welcome to register for Kansas State University's first Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp, June 28-30. This event is for youth, ages 13-18, with a desire to learn more about fiber production and utilization. Participants will get the chance to shear a sheep, grade wool, card and comb wool fiber, spin and dye wood yarn, weave a small project from wool, and visit a working sheep farm. Participation is free!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HWTs11guh-MzyecAFEEmpXRSMBRikKMnR3qxYAJVCtI/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HWTs11guh-MzyecAFEEmpXRSMBRikKMnR3qxYAJVCtI/viewform?edit_requested=true)

### **2021 Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo in Wichita-Area**

Join us for the 2021 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo. The 2021 wheat expo will be one of Kansas 4-H's first face-to-face state 4-H events since COVID-19 shut down physical/face-to-face 4-H programming in March 2020. We are excited to bring the wheat expo back for a fun, educational and hands-on program in person for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff.

The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Join us for the annual event in early August tentatively scheduled in Wichita-area. Full date and location details will be announced by June 1st. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded.

Cost will be \$6.00 per person registration cost for using the CVent registration system. Registration will go live by June 15th. Pre-registration will be required by Sunday, August 1st, 11:59 p.m. to ensure an accurate meal count and for tour divisions. For additional questions or to get involved with the wheat expo planning committee, contact Deryl Waldren at 303-349-7403 or e-mail him at: [dwaldren@ksu.edu](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu).



## Campference 2021

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2021), and will be held June 27-30 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer.

This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better communicate with others.

Detailed information and registration will be on the State 4-H Website an email has gone out with the information and that registration is now open.

Encourage delegates to register early as the space will fill on a first come basis and Campference was full the last five in person years. Register online by May 15 (or earlier, it will close when it is full).

### 2021-22 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot Enrollment

As wheat harvest approaches it is time to remind members to re-enroll or ask new members to enroll for the 2022 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program. The program begins fall of 2021 and goes through September 2022.

The enrollment form and program details will be updated by May 1st. Visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/wheat-variety-plots/index.html>. Members are asked to contact their local Extension Office by July 12th for information with enrollments due to Deryl Waldren, [dwaldren@ksu.edu](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu) by July 23, 2021.

There will be no cost for the program in 2021-22 since the five varieties are again being sponsored by commercial companies. It is very important that we know the number of participants early, so we can have enough seed and metal signs available for Extension agents and leaders to pick up at the Kansas State Fair. New participants will receive a free large plot sign, and five free individual variety signs. These are scheduled to be distributed in early September. Details are still to be determined.

Don't forget to pull your wheat samples for the Kansas State 4-H Wheat Show in early August in Wichita, and also for wheat samples at your county fair, that may be eligible for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Crops Division.

Resource information for the wheat variety project includes: (1) Wheat Variety Plot Brochure, 4-H 565 Revised 2010,) (2) Wheat Variety Plot--Youth Participant Handbook, 4-H 566, Revised 2010, and (3) 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Record, P1099, Revised 2010.

To download these files, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/wheat-variety-plots/index.html>. This year's participants who are getting ready to harvest their plots should be planning their county fair display for possible qualifying for the Kansas State Fair entry in the Showcase Building. For more information, contact Deryl Waldren, 303-349-7403, or e-mail [dwaldren@ksu.edu](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu).



## Congratulations to all who participated in 4-H Day

### Those giving demonstrations, illustrated talks, project talks and speeches:

Aubree McCurry – Haven – Purple

Cate Snider – Buhler – Purple

Ryder Heter – Nickerson – Blue

Josie Heter – Nickerson – Blue

Kayden Geffert – Haven – Blue

Kyler Geffert – Haven – Blue

Gabriella Gillespie – Thomadora – Purple

Meadow Schlatter – Union Valley – Purple

Tucker Schlatter – Union Valley – Purple

Cole Dieball – Union Valley – Purple

Dawson Dick – Ninnescah – Purple

### Par Law Teams

#### Junior Teams from the Haven 4-H Club – Receiving a Blues

Alex Minnis, Kayden Geffert, Zach Blubaugh and Eli Showalter

Clara Miller, Aubree McCurry, Amelia Scott and Matilda Scott

#### Intermediate Team from Haven 4-H Club – Receiving a Purple

Braydon Blubaugh, Kyler Geffert, Noah Miller and Austin Honeycutt

#### Senior Team from the Haven 4-H Club – Receiving a Purple

Kendall Schoenhals, Connor Blubaugh, Braydon Blubaugh and Noah Miller





# FAMILY CARNIVAL

**SAVE THE DATE JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> 4 TO 9PM AT WHEATLAND PARK IN BUHLER**

**WE WILL HAVE OUR FAMILY CARNIVAL AS A KICKOFF TO COUNTY FAIR. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE SOME OLD SCHOOL FUN. ON THE ROSTER OF FUN TO BE HAD WILL BE FISHING DERBY, CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT, EGG RACE, 3 LEG RACE, WATER BALLOON TOSS, FOOD SILENT AUCTION AND MUCH MORE. WE WILL FINISH WITH A SWIMMING PARTY AT THE BUHLER POOL. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE FUN SO MARK YOUR CALENDERS AND CALL YOUR 4-H FRIENDS.**



# MAY CALENDER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						<b>DEADLINE FOR HORSE ID, DOG ID &amp; ADD/DROP</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>NINNESCAH</b>						
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>THOMADORA UNION VALLEY WRC</b>	<b>BUHLER</b>		<b>FAIRBOARD MEETING</b>			
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>HAVEN NICKERSON MITCHELL TRAILBLAZERS</b>						
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<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 by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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