



# RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



## May 2022

### EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

**June 27, 2022 @ 6pm**

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

### 4-H COUNCIL DATE

**June 27, 2022 @ 7pm**

Reno County Extension  
Office west meeting room

### **THE 2022 RENO COUNTY FAIR DATES**

**July 16<sup>th</sup> Dog Show**

**July 19<sup>th</sup> Fashion Review  
County Fair**

**July 20<sup>th</sup> thru July 25<sup>th</sup>**  
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It is that time of your when I start begging for help for county fair. We are needing superintendents for the following departments. Entomology/Geology Pets, Shooting Sports, Plant Science, Leadership Challenge, 2 people for Workbooks, Displays & Banners, Heritage Fiber Arts, Cloverbuds and 2 people for Photography. If you are interested please contact Donna at [dp96929@ksu.edu](mailto:dp96929@ksu.edu)

### **COME ONE COME ALL FOR OUR COUNTY WIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT VOTED ON BY THE RENO COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

We are making planter boxes, painting pots, planting plants. To be handed out to local businesses and nursing homes.

We need all the hands we can to make this a great success. It is a come and go so if you can not stay the whole time that is ok come for a couple hours. We will have all of the supplies here at the office. There is something for everyone to do.

**WHEN: JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> 9 TO 2**

**WHERE: RENO COUNTY EXTENSION  
OFFICE**

**WHY: TO BRIGHTEN UP OUR COMMUNITY**



### **Congratulations to our scholarship winners for 2022**

**Livestock Sale Winners**

**Grant Thimmesch – Thomadora 4-H Club**

**Taylor Hoskinson – Haven 4-H Club**



**DO YOU ENJOY  
FISHING? YOU NEED  
TO CHECK OUT THIS  
CONTEST**

The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament is available for youth in the Wildlife: Sportfishing project. This is something that can be done at their own pace throughout the year, helping engage them in project learning. The contest will end September 15, 2022. *Do you enjoy the outdoors? Looking for an activity that can be done at your own pace throughout the year? The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament is open to all 4-H members! 🍀* The contest runs throughout the year and ends September 15, 2022. Participants can enter in any species/categories that they catch fish – go fishing and have fun!! Find more information at <https://bit.ly/3HF0bcJ>



**Cole Dieball & his snake at 4-H day's**



**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)663-5731 ext. 344.



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 620-663-5731 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)

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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.**

**Kansas 4-H Discovery Days  
Registration Now Open**

Registration is now open for the 2022 Kansas 4-H Discovery Days. We will be back in-person on Kansas State University campus from June 1-3. Youth ages 13-18 can register. Check out our website for all the information <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR 2022 SENIORS**

**FAITH ZONGKER  
BUHLER 4-H CLUB**

**TAYLOR HOSKINSON  
MELISSA MYERS  
HAVEN 4-H CLUB**

**LANDON WEIDE  
NINNESCAH 4-H CLUB**

**GRANT THIMMESCH  
THOMADORA 4-H CLUB  
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**No 4-H Campference  
for 2022**

4-H Campference began in 2006 as a focused learning activity for youth ages 12- 14. The Kansas National 4-H Conference Delegates dreamed up the possibility of campference as a part of their national leadership event, and it becoming a reality several years later through the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council.

With the change in the structure of Kansas 4-H Camping in 2022, we are excited that Rock Springs 4-H Center will be offering camp specifically for this age group and we encourage those who would have considered 4-H Campference to consider the possibilities at Rock Springs this summer. Dates and program information can be found on the state website.



# RENO COUNTY GOAT & SHEEP CLINIC

SATURDAY, MAY 21ST  
9:00 TO NOON

Location:

Gold Standard Livestock  
6912 W Arlington Rd, Arlington



### Topics Include:

- Overview of Fair Rules
- Basic Nutrition & Health
- Clipping & Fitting
- Showmanship

### Learn from industry experts:

- Joe & Megan Hobbs
- Zane Redifer
- Cody Lacy
- Dr. Dave Harder

This is a great opportunity to get all your questions answered as you continue working with your projects. Learn from some of the best in the industry about how to feed, clip, fit, and show your livestock. Please leave your animals at home for this clinic.

## DONUTS, DRINKS & DOOR PRIZES!

FOR MORE INFO OR QUESTIONS CONTACT:

DONNA AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE, 620-662-2371

JAMIE BOGGS, 620-727-5084



Reno County 4-H Photography Members – bring your cameras  
and join us for a

# Maxwell Wildlife Refuge Bison Tram Tour

(located 6 miles north of Canton, KS)

Friday, May 20  
7:00pm

Cost: \$7.50 per person

(family members are welcome to join us)

*Please RSVP by Friday, May 13*

by calling the Reno County Extension Office at 620-662-2371 or  
emailing Pam Paulsen at [ppaulsen@ksu.edu](mailto:ppaulsen@ksu.edu)



# Congratulations to all of those that participated in 4-H Day

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

Nora Busenbark – Buhler – Blue

Harper Gouldie – Buhler - Purple

Ryder Heter – Nickerson – Blue

Josie Heter – Nickerson – Blue

Avery Gillespie – Thomadora - Blue

Ella Gillespie – Thomadora - Purple

Meadow Schlatter – Union Valley – Blue

Tucker Schlatter – Union Valley – Blue

Cole Dieball – Union Valley – Blue

Payton Thompson – Thomadora - Purple

Morgan Thompson – Thomadora – Blue

Tessa Buethe – Union Valley - Purple

Willow Schlatter – Union Valley - Purple

Lucas Griffith – Nickerson – Blue

Blake Griffith – Nickerson – Blue

Garrett Griffith – Nickerson - Purple

Lucas Griffith – Nickerson – Blue

Kyler Geffert – Haven – Blue

Kayden Geffert – Haven - Blue

Taylor, Lane & Hadley Hoskinson – Haven – Purple



# Par Law Teams

## Haven 4-H Club – Receiving a Purple

**Alex Minnis, Kayden Geffert, Zach Blubaugh and Wyatt Bontrager**



**Haven 4-H Club – Receiving a Purple**

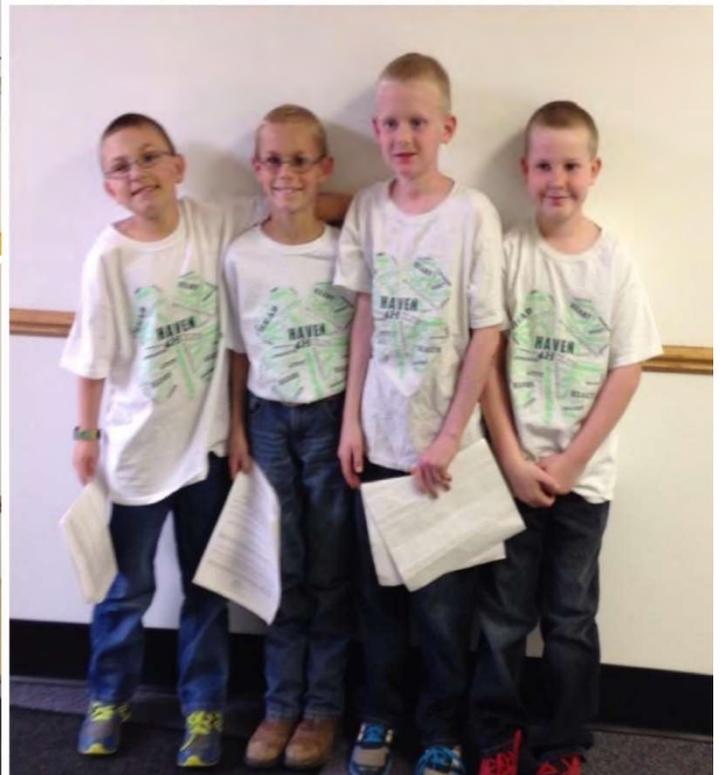
**Jaden Carlson, Amara Dugnolle, Kaidence Carlson & Makayla Carlson**



Haven 4-H Club – Receiving a Purple

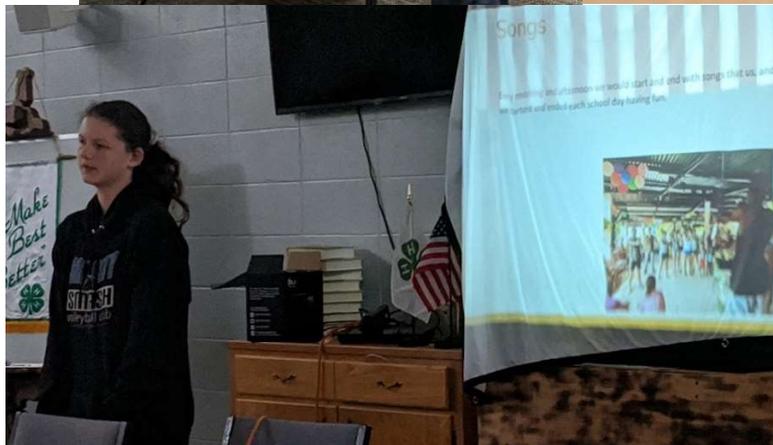
Connor Blubaugh, Braydon Blubaugh, Kyler Geffert and Noah Miller

I believe this team has been together for a few par law competitions. Yes, these are all the same boys just a little older 2015-2022. 4-H is where you can make lifelong friends.



The Thomadora 4-H club had great presentation at their April meeting.

The meeting was ran by the Jr Officer Team. Jody Mead talked about daily hair care for her cattle, Blake and Addi Brack showed us how to make Easter Snack Mix, and Ali Seidel talked about her mission trip to El Salvador.



Great!

## Hot off the press here is the Ninnescah 4-H club news

On April 10, the Ninnescah 4-H club met at The Alley in Hutchinson for their monthly meeting. The members stuffed 1000 eggs for the Pretty Prairie Community Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 16.



## Buhler club news for April

The Buhler 4H Club met for their monthly meeting on April 11, 2022 at 6:30 at the Buhler Mennonite Church. The Club heard from Jacy Combs, Emery Combs, and Adalie Ely. Jacy Combs talked to the club about how to show dogs, and what you need to do so. Emery Combs told the Club how to show photos, and what she enjoys about photography. Adalie Ely shared with the Club what Lego sets she has, and what she plans to show at the fair next year. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:30 at Becker Park.



## Here is what the Haven 4-H Club has been up to from reporters Zach Blubaugh and Amelia Scott

Haven 4H club has been busy with presentations. The 4H club meets monthly and each club meeting members can sign up to do a talk or demonstration for the club. Our members have been busy giving presentations and sharing information with our club. In November Aubree McCurry gave a presentation on cattle identification, such as ear tags, different types of branding and ear tattoos. Molly McCurry showed the club how to show a beef project and what materials you would need, like a halter, different types of show combs and other items. The December meeting Connor Blubaugh, Zach Blubaugh and Bayleigh Minnis gave a talk on parliamentary procedure, why it is important and what the rules are, and led the club in making a snack mix using parliamentary procedure, their demonstration was titled Motion Potion. In the January meeting BrieAnn Brawner and Braydon Blubaugh did a demonstration on making chocolate chip cookies and shared the end product with the club, Noah Miller taught the club how to candle eggs to check for the development of a chick. Clara Miller and Amelia Scott gave a demonstration on rabbit showmanship for the club to learn more about the rabbit project. February's meeting Amara Dugnolle demonstrated baking cupcakes and shared the end product with the club. Eliya Dugnolle gave a talk and demonstration on using chalk to make art, and how to save it to hang up. Spencer Dugnolle helped by creating her own artwork following the instructions of Eliya both making a sunflower chalk art piece. In the April meeting Kyler Geffert gave a talk on Beef EPG's expected progeny difference and the genetics of cattle. Kayden Geffert gave a demonstration on getting cattle ring ready. Each month brings exciting new presentations.



## More Haven news on next page



Each year Reno County 4H'ers turn in record books that have documentation that demonstrate their work and learning on their projects. They include project forms that have the 4H-er list their project goals and progress towards those goals, activities they did for learning, community engagement, leadership and what they did to exhibit these projects. The book includes pictures of all of these activities and stories from the 4H-er about their experiences and project. Haven 4H club had several county awards that were won as a club and by individuals, including the highest seal award that a club can earn the Purple Seal. Part of the considerations for earning this seal is done by community service or community engagement projects. Haven is proud to have earned this seal for the past year. The individual county champions for 2021 are:

Haven Club Award: Purple Seal, Senior Breeding Beef: Connor Blubaugh, Senior Market Beef: Connor Blubaugh, Intermediate Market Beef: Braydon Blubaugh, Junior Market Beef: Aubree McCurry, Senior Leadership: Connor Blubaugh, Intermediate Leadership: Braydon Blubaugh, Intermediate Plant Science: Noah Miller, Junior Plant Science: Clara Miller, Junior Poultry: Amelia Scott, Junior Rabbits: Amelia Scott, Junior Self Determined: Eli Showalter, Junior Sheep: Eli Showalter, Junior Shooting Sports: Eli Showalter, Intermediate Market Swine: Noah Miller, Junior Market Swine: Zach Blubaugh, Junior Wildlife: Eli Showalter, Treasurer Notebook: Haven- Noah Miller, Reporter Notebook: Haven- Clara Miller

“Haven 4H has been hard at work getting eggs and prizes ready for the Community egg hunt. This is an event that is fun for the club and the community. Come join in the fun Saturday April 16 at 11.” Some advertisement for the community egg hunt that 4H is helping to put on. The hand drawn picture of the flyer is by Eliya Dugnolle.



## Haven 4H club participates in Reno County 4H days

Saturday April 9, Reno county 4H-ers gathered to participate in County wide 4H days. Haven 4H members gave presentations, talks, and did parliamentary procedure competitions. Three teams competed in the parliamentary procedure. There were two immediate teams and 1 senior team, this was the first time competing for some of the intermediate team members. Intermediate team 1 was Zach Blubaugh, Wyatt Bontrager, Kayden Geffert, and Alex Minnis. Intermediate team 2 was: Jaden Carlson, Kaidence Carlson, Makayla Carlson, and Amara Dugnonle. The Senior team was: Braydon Blubaugh, Connor Blubaugh, Kyler Geffert, and Noah Miller.

Talks and demonstrations given by Kyler Geffert on beef EPD's, Kayden Geffert on getting a beef project show ready, Taylor Hoskinson, Hadley Hoskinson, and Lane Hoskinson on the swine project.

4H days is a fun event for members to practice talking in front of others and demonstrate their work and knowledge on different projects. It is fun and interesting to hear all the different topics others have and what they have to say. Wyatt Bontrager, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, said "he loved getting to do this experience and hopes it will help him if he ever holds office as a 4H-er, and that he had fun!"

Zach Blubaugh and Amelia Scott, Haven 4H club reporters  
Photos from 4-H days on pages 3-6

### **4 friends, 4-H, 8 years of growing**

Each year Reno County 4H has an activity day called 4H days. This is where 4H members can come and do demonstrations, informative talks, play musical pieces, or show their knowledge of parliamentary procedure and Roberts Rules of Order. The Parliamentary Procedure competition has been a fun activity for a group of Haven 4H-er's, Connor Blubaugh- Sophomore, Braydon Blubaugh-Freshman, Kyler Geffert-Freshman, and Noah Miller Freshman started as a junior team at the ages of 8 and 9. This year on April 9, marked their 8<sup>th</sup> year of competing together as a team for this event. This team has taken this activity and expressed its importance to club members and help each year so other teams sign up to participate too, for the past 8 years Haven has had 3 or more teams register each year. Haven Club parents have stated they enjoy watching these senior leaders practice with, teach and support younger members. One parent noted how much the younger members enjoyed practicing with them, and the snacks they brought to the practice. Each team consists of 4 members who are in the role of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and must run a meeting with certain requirements, such as opening a meeting, approving previous minutes, treasurer's report, having old and new business, tabling motions, rising to a point of order, and many other actions. The requirements are more as you move from Junior to intermediate to the senior division. The Junior and Intermediate teams can pick your position before going into a meeting, but the senior division must draw their positions when they arrive before the judge, so they do not know who will be in what role until they start the meeting. Parents watching the competition Saturday noted how easy this team made it look and how comfortable they were conducting a business meeting like professionals. The moms were able to show pictures from the first year and it is fun to compare those to the current year and see how these 4H members have grown physically as well as their ability to use parliamentary procedure, and be a leaders to younger members. Donna Phillips, Reno County 4H Project Assistant has been a part of these young men's 4H journey from day one, she said "To watch these 4 grow into such amazing young men that could walk into any meeting and run it better than most adults has been an honor". We look forward to seeing what these young men can do for their club, community, country and world as they continue on their journey's.



Photo Caption 1: Noah Miller, Kyler Geffert, Connor Blubaugh and Braydon Blubaugh at their first Par-Law competition for county 4H Days in 2015

Photo Caption 2: Kyler Geffert, Connor Blubaugh, Braydon Blubaugh and Noah Miller competing in 2022 in their 8th year as a team

Photo Caption 3: Haven 4H intermediate team Alex Minnis, Kayden Geffert, Wyatt Bontrager and Zach Blubaugh watch and judge Senior team members: Noah Miller, Braydon Blubaugh, Kyler Geffert and Connor Blubaugh during a practice session for the Par-Law competition

Photo Caption 4: Senior Team members: Noah Miller, Connor Blubaugh, Kyler Geffert, and Braydon Blubaugh share some words of encouragement and a laugh before the intermediate team was judged, intermediate team is Zach Blubaugh, Alex Minnis, Kayden Geffert and Wyatt Bontrager

**GREAT WORK FROM REPORTERS ZACH BLUBAUGH AND AMELIA SCOTT KEEP SENDING IN THOSE REPORTS FROM HAVEN 4-H CLUB**

## Dancing Easter Bunning and More Fun at the Haven Community Easter Egg Hunt.

Haven Recreation, Haven Branch of the 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Hutchinson and the Haven 4H club sponsored the community Easter Egg Hunt in Haven on Saturday April 16. “It was a Great turnout. Kids loved the Easter Bunny attending the event”- Bayleigh Minnis 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Haven Middle School and 4H member. Members of the community came to hunt eggs, win prizes and spend time together. The Easter Bunny came to dish out extra treats, hugs, high fives, and even entertain with requested dance moves. Haven 4-H’ers arrived early to hide eggs and toys and the Easter Bunny hid three special eggs in each age group area. 4H member, Aubrey McCurry explained to the hunters, children who found these special eggs could turn them in for larger prizes, such as a box of 100 water balloons, soccer balls, water guns, swimming pool toys and much more. Christa Swartz, mom of children in the egg hunt said “Fun day hunting eggs!! Everybody did an awesome job!”. It was a group effort to pull it all together and by the looks of it the community had a fun morning. “A great 4H sponsored event for a crisp and breezy spring morning! Fun was had by all!” Sue Miller Haven 4H Club Leader. Tricia Cunningham attended the event with her friends and family and said, “We look forward to the Annual Easter Egg hunt in Haven. It’s nice to see everyone get together and it reminds you what you love about small town life.”

By Zach Blubaugh and Amelia Scott Haven 4H club reporters



- 1: Matthew Berumen, Spencer Berumen, and Mark Cunningham Jr. pose with the Easter Bunny
- 2: Haven 4H members Molly McCurry, Amelia Scott, Clara Miller, Aubrey McCurry, get ready to explain how the hunt will go and the bonus prizes
- 3: The 7-10 year old group take off to find eggs and prizes with the Easter Bunny cheering them on

Here are just a few photos from the day at the Alley





## **YQCA Requirement for State Shows**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and life skill development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 7-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year. ALL exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified in order to participate in the 2022 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS). This includes youth who will be showing market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or registered purebred breeding females. Families should contact their local extension office to see what options are available in their local area. Everyone planning to state nominate animals are highly encouraged to complete the training as soon as possible.

The YQCA program recently transitioned to a new platform, so families will need to create an account, using the new website: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. The program is no longer connected to 4HOnline.

Those experiencing technical difficulties should contact the help desk: [help@yqcaprogram.org](mailto:help@yqcaprogram.org). Additionally, families need to double check each child is being registered correctly, using their age as of 1/1/2022. Occasionally, the system uses the parent's name as the default, so families need to make sure the correct child is selected before submitting their payment and completing the registration process.

The option is now available for 7-year-olds to register and obtain certification through the YQCA program. They must participate in an instructor-led class with a parent or guardian. Those who need a web-based option for a 7-year-old exhibitor should contact their local extension office. The YQCA requirement to include 7-year-old KJLS exhibitors went into effect in 2021.

Families will be prompted to upload their YQCA certificates into the online system while submitting their state livestock nominations. The system will only ask once, so families need to be prepared to upload it upon entering their first animal. More information may be found on the K-State Youth Livestock website ([www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu)) under Youth Livestock Quality Assurance, by contacting the local extension office, or via Lexie Hayes at [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu) or 785-532-1264.

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## **Dog Conference and T-Shirt Contest**

Join us at Rock Springs on October 22nd and 23rd 2022 for the Kansas 4-H Dog Conference.

The Dog Conference is a great way for youth and adults to come together and participate in different project-based learning with their favorite dog friend. This year, the 2022 Conference theme is the Doggy Olympics.

4-Hers have the opportunity to send in t-shirt designs using the Doggy Olympics theme by July 1st, 2022. The 4-Her who sends in the design that is selected to be turned into the conference-themed shirt gets free admission to the Conference.

Send T-shirt design ideas to Aliah Mestrovich Seay at [aliah@ksu.edu](mailto:aliah@ksu.edu) with the email subject title: 4-H DOG CONFERENCE T-SHIRT DESIGN.

# MAY CALENDER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>NINNESCAH</b>						<b>SMALL ANIMAL TAGGING</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	<b>BUHLER</b>		<b>FAIRBOARD MEETING</b>			
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>UNION VALLY HAVEN NICKERSON MITCHELL TRAILBLAZERS WRC THOMADORA</b>						
<b>22</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>				
	<b>MEMORIAL DAY CLOSED</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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