



RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

April 2025



4-H COUNCIL DATE

April 28th, 2025 @ 7pm

Executive Team will meet at 6:30
pm before council starts
Reno County Extension Office
west meeting room

**It's that time of year again we
are looking for a few good
volunteers to help out at fair.**

**We are needing
superintendents for the
following departments:**

- 1. Photography**
- 2. Plant Science**

**Please contact Katherine or
Donna if you are interested.**

WE NEED YOU!

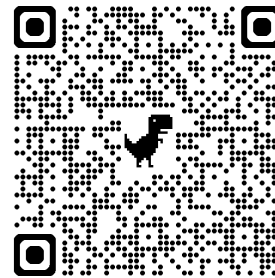


Plan to attend the Family
Fun Night at The Alley in
Hutchinson! Join us for
bowling, bumper cars,
and all sorts of arcade
games. This is a time to
have fun with 4-H'ers
from across Reno County.
Don't be late—we're
there from 2 PM to 5 PM
on April 13.

Spring Community Service Dates

We only have ONE planned county-wide community service
dates left: April 5, 10 AM-4 PM

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3YiHshE>, call the office, email
ksundgren@ksu.edu, or scan the QR code.



April 25 small animal tag numbers are
due to the Extension office. Please email
Donna at dp96929@ksu.edu or call 620-
662-2371. With the **EXACT** number of
animals you are bringing for tagging and
what species. Tags are going to be \$3.50
each. If you have any questions please let
us know. Tagging will be behind the
Extension office May 3rd from 8-10am.

Attention those enrolled in the dog & horse projects

Dog & horse identification paperwork must be turned
into the office by May 1st to be eligible to show at fair.

Also, if you need to add or drop a project you must
either call or email Donna at the Extension Office by
May 1st. The Extension Office phone number is 620-
662-2371 or Donna's email address is

dp96929@ksu.edu.

What a great time to honor all of the volunteers that help Reno County 4-H amazing. Plan Now for National Volunteer Week, April 20-26, 2025

It is time to get National Volunteer Week on your calendar so you will have a plan to recognize your local 4-H and Extension Volunteers.

Ideas to Celebrate National Volunteer Week:

- Recognize the impact of the number of hours contributed to the organization or program.
- Recognize the achievements or accomplishments of those with whom the volunteer works.
- Have a program participant share a success story about a volunteer.
- Write thank you's to volunteers that have made an impact on your life.



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



If you have any questions about shooting sports, please call Ray Bartholomew at (620) 200-8253



If you have any questions about photography, contact Carolyn Kellogg Howey at (620) 664-0008



If you have any questions about the clothing project, contact Kathy Zongker

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.

If you have any questions about electrics or robotics, contact Victor Martinez at 620-665-3487 or martinezv@hutchcc.edu.

4-H Camp: June 17-19

4-H Camp camper and counselor applications are now available! Email Katherine at ksundgren@ksu.edu with any questions. Go to <https://bit.ly/4iAcvi0> to download the PDFs of both applications.

**Leathercraft Meeting
Friday April 18
6 -8 pm**

**Reno County Extension Office
west meeting room.**

**Please RSVP by
Monday April 14 to
clanning@hotmail.com**

Ambassador pizza party with Thomadora 4-H club. The club earned the pizza party for collecting the most for the teen Christmas. Great job everyone.



Kansas Wheat Alliance is hosting a variety naming contest to help select names for up to three new wheat varieties on track to be released by Kansas State University this year. We'd love to see strong participation from 4-H'ers and 4-H clubs across the state to showcase their agricultural knowledge and creativity.

Contest Highlights

Cash Prize – A \$500 prize will be awarded for each selected name (up to 3 winners).

Open to Everyone – While anyone can enter, we'd love to see strong participation from 4-H'ers and 4-H clubs to get involved in shaping the future of a Kansas wheat variety.

Entries due by April 15, 2025.

Submit entries to bryson@kswheatalliance.com

Full contest details & rules have been attached but can also be found by scanning the QR code on the attached flyer or visiting: <https://kswheatalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-KWA-Variety-Naming-Contest.pdf> 4-H families we are needing help in the following areas.

IPM Insect Art Contest - Join in the fun!

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas! This year, the theme is "By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night."

The goal is to explore why and how insects are active or inactive at night, then create artwork that fits the contest theme. Art may be a drawing or painting, digital art, or a 3-D piece such as sculpture, stained glass or other media.

There are five age categories in which 1st - 3rd place will be awarded:

- Kindergarten - 2nd grade
- 3rd grade - 5th grade
- 6th grade - 8th grade
- High school
- Adult

Entries must be received or postmarked before April 15, 2025.

Visit <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/> for full details.

Save the Date for 48 Hours of 4-H

Join us this fall to see how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project for the Kansas 4-H Service Challenge, 48 Hours of 4-H. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H Alums too!

When: October 11-12, 2025

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

Get this on your radar now! [48 Hours of 4-H Webpage](#)

State Livestock Information Released

The information for state livestock nominations has been released. All market animals and commercial breeding females must be nominated to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS. The process transitioned to an online system in 2022, so there are no longer paper forms for families to complete and mail.

Families will purchase DNA envelopes online in advance, submit their animal and exhibitor information online, and then mail their completed and signed DNA samples by the deadline. Extension Agents and FFA Advisors will approve nominations electronically. Exhibitors who nominated animals last year (in 2024) need to use their existing ShoWorks account. There is an option through ShoWorks to reset forgotten passwords.

The first steps for families are to locate their [KSU Family Name and Nomination Number](#), complete their [2025 Declaration Form](#), and have kids renew their [YQCA certification](#). Market Beef nominations will be due May 1, with Small Livestock and Commercial Heifer due by June 15. These are firm and final deadlines – no exceptions. The deadline to order DNA envelopes is 10 days prior to the deadline, which is April 20 for market beef and June 5 for all other species.

Information, the link to the online nomination system, and resources may be found under the “[Nomination Information](#)” tab on the youth livestock website. All families are encouraged to plan ahead, as well as use the Rookie Guide, species checklists, and other resources provided.

On Saturday, March 23rd the Reno County 4H BB gun team took first place at the Daisy qualifier in Derby, KS. The team qualified for Nationals which will take place this summer in Rogers, AK.

The team is currently preparing for the state match at the end of March.



The Buhler 4-H Club met for their monthly meeting on Sunday March 2nd, 2025 at The Hutchinson Gospel Chapel, after church and a delicious potluck! Selah Roberts had a project talk about what the dog project is and her experiences, and then Natalie Roberts talked about the cattle project and cattle welfare. For recreation, they played Foxtails, which got everyone competitive! Their next meeting will be held on Monday, April 14th, 2025, at the Buhler Mennonite Church where they will fill easter eggs for the Buhler Easter Egg Hunt.

Thank you,
Andrew Busenbark



4-H is about more than the
ribbons & awards
IT'S ABOUT the PEOPLE, the
Experiences, the *life-long skills*,
the *memories*, the COUNTY FAIRS
IT'S ABOUT being a ROLE MODEL
giving back, and MAKING THE
BEST BETTER

Members from the Thomadora 4-H club helped Emanuel Lutheran Church distribute commodities to those in need in Reno County and surrounding communities on Sunday March 16th. They helped serve 274 households, which was 346 boxes and totaled 854 people.



GREAT JOB THOMADORA 4-HER'S!!!!

4-H SHUTTERBUG PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



**SATURDAY, MAY 3
WICHITA, KS.**

BOTANICA
GARDENS IN WICHITA



Who Should Register: 4-H Photography Members of all ages interested in learning more about their camera and photography skills or using a smart phone to take great pictures. Various workshop classes will take place across Botanica to help youth learn a variety of techniques. Youth in attendance will need to attend with a screened volunteer, parent/guardian or extension agent. This is a great way to get a head start on your photography project!



Workshop Topics:

- How to properly mount photos
- Using kaleidoscopes
- How to use light & color
- Crested images and light shadows
- Composition & how photos are judged



Register for Shutterbugs:



Time:

Doors open and registration begins at 9:00;
Workshops run from 9:30 - 12:00.

Registration Fee:

\$24.00 per attendee; please pay at your local extension office. Each 4-H member will receive 2 photo mount boards with registration. Registration fee allows for all day access to Botanica.



What to Bring:

Smartphone or Camera, extra batteries.

Bonus: Cameras will be available for checkout! Please bring an SD card so you can take your photos with you.

Accommodations:

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WILDHORSE 4-H CAMP

ROARING ABOUT 4-H



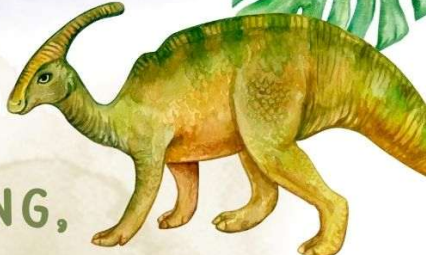

June 17-19

At Silver Maple Camp in Kingman County
The out-of-pocket Cost is \$50,
including all Meals, Activities, and
Lodging. Campers automatically receive
a \$30 Leadership/Camp Scholarship, a
\$30 Reno County 4-H Foundation
Scholarship, and a \$25 4-H Council
Scholarship.

ARCHERY, CRAFTS, FISHING,
ROBOTS, NATURE, SNACKS,
AND DANCING

Campers between 7 and 12 years Old
Counselors need to be 14 and older
Counselors will Arrive on June 16 for Training.

Participating Counties: Meade, Comanche,
Kiowa, Barber, Harper, Kingman and Reno





SIGN UP NOW 4-H CAMP

JUNE 17-19

**AT SILVER MAPLE CAMP IN KINGMAN COUNTY
THE OUT-OF-POCKET COST IS \$50, INCLUDING ALL MEALS,
ACTIVITIES, AND LODGING. CAMPERS AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A
\$30 LEADERSHIP/CAMP SCHOLARSHIP, A \$30 RENO COUNTY 4-H
FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP, AND A \$25 4-H COUNCIL
SCHOLARSHIP.**

Return to your County Extension Office by May 2nd

Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent / Guardian: _____ Male or Female

Phone: (Home) _____ Work or Cell: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City & Zip Code: _____

T-shirt Size: (Please Circle) Youth or Adult XS S M L XL

Make Checks payable to your local 4-H Council.

Return form and \$50 payment to local County Extension Office.

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Program information may be available in languages other than English. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means for communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, and American Sign Language) may be requested by contacting the event contact Katherine Sundgren two weeks prior to the start of the event May 30, 2025, at 620-886-3971. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information will be provided free of charge to limited English-proficient individuals upon request.

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and Cooperative Extension Service**

K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

These are fair and events that happen thru out the 4-H year. If you are interested or have any questions please email Donna at dp96929@ksu.edu so that we can get you on the list.

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| SHEEP SHOW | WORKER | |
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| LIVESTOCK SALE | CALL BUYERS | |
| JULY 15TH 1:00 | CALL BUYERS | |
| JULY 17TH 10:00 | CALL BUYERS | |
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| SUPERINTENDENTS | PLANT SCIENCE | |
| | PHOTOGRAPHY | |
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| FAIR ACTIVITIES - FRIDAY | | |
| | 8-10 | |
| SATURDAY | | |
| | 8-10 | |
| | 12-2 | |
| | 2-4 | |
| | 4-6 | |
| SUNDAY | | |
| | 12-2 | |
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| FAIR WORKERS | FOODS HELPER AT FAIR | |

SHEEP AND GOAT

PROJECT MEETING

Let's Talk Nutrition with:

Kelsey Bentley

Small Ruminant Extension Specialist



April 16, 2025

6:00 PM

via ZOOM

Contact the Extension Office to register

mthimesch@ksu.edu

gschnei@ksu.edu

620-532-5131

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APRIL CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|----------------|---------|-----------|----------|--|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | | | | | LAST COUNTY- WIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| NINNESCAH | | | FAIRBOARD | | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| MITCHELL THOMADORA UNION VALLEY WRC FAMILY FUN @ THE ALLEY 2-5PM | BUHLER | | | | | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| EASTER SUNDAY | | | | | SMALL ANIMAL NUMBERS DUE TO THE OFFICE | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | MAY 1 | MAY 2 | MAY 3 |
| | 4-H COUNCIL | | | | | SMALL ANIMAL TAGGING |
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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