

# RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER December 2025



#### **4-H COUNCIL DATE**

January 26, 2026 @ 7pm
Executive Team will meet at 6:30
pm before council starts
Reno County Extension Office
west meeting room

### ATTENTION IN THE BEEF BARNS

It is that time of year where you are looking for next years show animals so we wanted to let you know of one of the changes for county fair. This year you will be allowed to enter the following:

3 Market Beef
3 Breeding Beef
1 Broke Cow/Calf
1 Commercial Cow/Calf
If you have any questions please contact the office.

### **State Project-Based Events**

Kansas 4-H offers many programs, events and activities designed to engage and educate year-round. Each program has different requirements and offerings to best fulfill the needs of the participants.

Explore unique learning opportunities at <a href="https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/">h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/</a>

Reminder cookie dough pick up will be Friday December 12 from 12 to 5:30. You can pick up in the basement of the extension office. Please drive around back.

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Clint Lanning, county-wide leathercraft leader, will be hosting a meeting Friday, December 19<sup>th,</sup> from 6-8 in the west meeting room of the Extension Office. Please contact/message Clint at 620-276-9824 by Wednesday, December 17, if you are planning to attend.

From all of us at the Extension Office we want to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



### Join the Reno 4-H GroupMe

Scan the QR code or go to <a href="https://groupme.com/join\_group/99562040/YXRq7els">https://groupme.com/join\_group/99562040/YXRq7els</a>



## Public Speaking Workshop

Join Katherine on January 15, 2025 at 6 PM for a public speaking workshop! We'll be meeting at the Extension Office in the West Meeting Room. This is for 4-H'ers of all ages who'd like to learn more about public speaking and get ready for 4-H Days in February. If you plan to attend, please sign up by January 6, 2026, by calling in to the office, emailing Katherine at ksundgren@ksu.edu or signing up at https://forms.gle/keyUN G5YNnatzexh7.



### **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 Karolyn 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 <a href="martinezv@hutchcc.edu">martinezv@hutchcc.edu</a>.

### 2025-2026 4-H Calendar

View this year's calendar at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/mr3mmspu">https://tinyurl.com/mr3mmspu</a>.

Some dates are subject to change depending on weather, availability, etc. Make sure to keep up to date with the newsletter, GroupMe, and social media.

# New Member Meeting: December 3 6 PM at the Extension Office, West Meeting Room

If you're new to the 4-H program, consider joining

Katherine for the new member meeting! This meeting is suitable for all families who have joined the program for the first time in 2025 and for any family that has been in the program for less than two years. Kids are encouraged to join their parents/guardians for this meeting. If you plan to attend, please sign up by December 2. You can email Katherine at ksundgren@ksu.edu, call the office, or sign up by following this link: https://forms.gle/arSM71 NVLUvtB2PF6



### Two Reno County 4-H'ers Recognized at Kansas State Fair Photography Awards

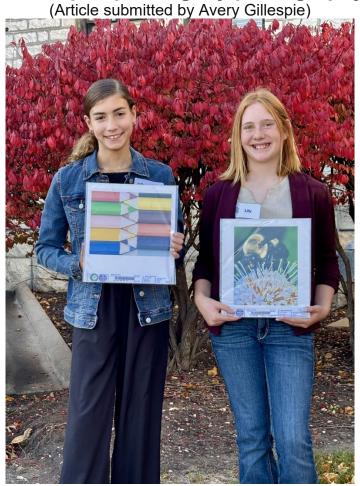
Two talented Reno County 4-H members were recently honored for their outstanding work in photography during the Kansas State Fair 4-H Photography Awards Presentation held on the Kansas State University campus.

Out of 2,017 photos submitted statewide, only 24 were selected for this prestigious recognition. Reno County is proud to share that two of those photos belonged to local 4-H'ers, Lilly Hoskinson and Avery Gillespie.

Lilly Hoskinson's photograph was chosen for display at K-State's President's office, where it will be showcased as an example of exceptional 4-H photography. My photo will be displayed throughout the coming year at the Kansas State 4-H Office in Manhattan.

During the awards presentation, Lilly, I, and the 22 other selected photographers had the opportunity to present our photos to Kansas State University President Dr. Richard Linton. We each shared the inspiration behind our photos and what we learned through the process.

As I reflect on the day I'm grateful for the opportunities 4-H gives me to grow, learn, and express my creativity. This honor means a lot, and I'm excited to keep improving my photography skills.



# Great job to EVERYONE that sold cookie dough to help build the funds up for 4-H council.

Our top selling club was Western Reno County.



Congratulations to our top 5 cookie dough sellers

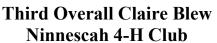


Top Seller Case Nickels Western Reno County



Second place Kendall Combs Western Reno County







Fourth Overall Ashlynn Farney Nickerson Clovers 4-H Club



Fifth Overall Emma Mathes Western Reno County

The Buhler 4-H Club's monthly meeting was held on November 9th at 2:15 p.m. before achievement night @ the same location. At achievement night, the Club received a purple ribbon for our club seal. For Halloween this year, the club participated in Buhler High School's Trunk-or-Treat that was moved inside due to rain, but with a great turnout, the Buhler 4-H Club still was able to spread some warm hot chocolate to go with the chilling weather. The next meeting will be held on December 8th at 6:30 p.m. @ Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community. The club will be playing fun Christmas games and caroling to the residents, so bring a smile, a gift, and a merry mood. Can't wait to see you there!



### Thomadora Club Community Service Project

On Sunday November 23, 13 Thomadora club members helped distribute 400 boxes of food to families in need. Members helped pack frozen items onto bags and later put the commodities packed into cars. Members set a new record time on how quickly the distributed 400 boxes and 400 bagsof commodities.



















# Save the Date

# 2026 K-STATE JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS

Beef MARCH 7







### **DECEMBER CALENDAR**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			New member work shop		Deadline for teen Christmas drop off	50,000 Meals community service
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
County-Wide Community Service 2:00 Extension Office	Buhler 4-H Meeting		Fairboard Meeting		Cookie dough pick- up	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Haven Mitchell Nickerson Meetings			Office Closed	Merra Christmas	Office Closed	
28	29	30	31	JAN 1	JAN 2	JAN 3
	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	

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All articles/pictures for the newsletter are due to the Extension office <u>at least one business day</u> before the end of the month.

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