



# 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 BARN**

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

[https://www.kansas4-  
h.org/educational-  
experiences/project-based-  
events/](https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/)

**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  
[https://groupme.com/join\\_group/99562040/YXRq7els](https://groupme.com/join_group/99562040/YXRq7els)



## 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](mailto:ksundgren@ksu.edu) or signing up at <https://forms.gle/keyUNG5YNnatzexh7>.



## 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 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  
Carolyn 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.

If you have any questions about electrics or robotics, contact Victor Martinez at  
620-665-3487 or [martinezv@hutchcc.edu](mailto:martinezv@hutchcc.edu).

## 2025-2026 4-H Calendar

View this year's calendar at  
<https://tinyurl.com/mr3mmstu>.  
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](mailto:ksundgren@ksu.edu), call the office, or sign up by following this link:  
<https://forms.gle/arSM71NVLUVtB2PF6>



## **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.**

**(Article submitted by Avery Gillespie)**





**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**





**Third Overall Claire Blew  
Ninnescah 4-H Club**



**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 bags of commodities.



**Congrats to all our Achievement  
Night award winners!**





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# Save the Date

## 2026

# K-STATE JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS

*Beef*

MARCH 7




**K-STATE**  
Research and Extension

*Sheep*  
APRIL 11





# DECEMBER CALENDAR

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>
			New member work shop		Deadline for teen Christmas drop off	50,000 Meals community service
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
County-Wide Community Service 2:00 Extension Office	Buhler 4-H Meeting		Fairboard Meeting		Cookie dough pick- up	
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
Ninnescah Thomadora Union Valley WRC Meetings						
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
Haven Mitchell Nickerson Meetings			Office Closed		Office Closed	
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>JAN 1</b>	<b>JAN 2</b>	<b>JAN 3</b>
	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 at least one business day before the end of the month.

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