



## RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

# June 2025



### 4-H COUNCIL DATE

June 23rd, 2025 @ 7pm

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

The Extension Office will have  
mat boards and sleeves for  
photos for sale. \$1.00 for mat  
board and .10 for the sleeves.  
We will not have food bags this  
year.

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Fashion Review papers for  
county fair are due to the  
Extension Office by July 1<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:00pm. You must  
include a picture of each  
outfit with your  
paperwork. You can find  
these on the Reno County  
Extension website.

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Don't forget when signing  
up for animal stalls to  
make sure to add stalls on  
for your tack.

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All foods recipes **must** be  
typed on a standard sheet of  
paper. It must have youth's  
name, club and class on the  
paper. You may decorate it  
anyway you like. These will  
be put into the fair  
cookbook.

**GET READY GET SET GO!!!!**

**JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> IS OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR  
COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES TO BEGIN ON  
FAIRENTRY.COM. MAKE SURE THAT  
YOU HAVE READ THE FAIRBOOK, ALL  
CHANGES WILL BE HIGH LIGHTED IN  
RED.**

**When choosing a club for anything with fair  
entry you will only pick the club you are  
enrolled in. So that means that you will  
choose one of the following Buhler, Haven,  
Mitchell, Nickerson, Ninnescah, Thomadora,  
Union Valley or Western Reno County. This  
is VERY important!!!!**



**MISSION MONDAY JUNE 9**  
**RENO COUNTY 4-H CLUB**

Reno County 4-H aims to help young people develop confidence, resilience, and independence through engaging programs, community involvement and volunteering.

**10% OF SALES WILL BENEFIT THIS WEEK'S MISSION**

**THE BARN - BURRTON, KS 4-9PM**

**The Ambassadors will be having a float in the Hutchinson July 4th Patriots Parade to promote 4-H and the Reno County Fair. 4-H members from across the county are invited to be riders on the float. The Ambassadors will be there early to assemble the float but riders do not need to be there until 9:40 a.m. Look for the Ambassadors (Braydon Blubaugh, Noah Miller, Maecy Rodenberger, Payton Thompson, Jacey Combs, Emma Mathes, Kassie Graham, Tagan Metzger, Josie Heter, Kora Zongker) in the Avenue B area. Please wear a 4-H shirt or something that is red, white, or blue.**



### **Bake Sale at Fair**

Consider donating your baked goods to be sold at the fair for a good cause. After you're done judging, bring your item(s) to the front of the Meadowlark Building and place them on the designated rack. Items will be sold by free will donation. If you donate, remember to take a photo of yourself placing the food on the rack and include it under leadership for your record book.

## **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

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](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).

**Mark your calendars!**

Katherine will be hosting a record book workshop on August 20 at 6:30 PM in the Extension Office. Email her at [ksundgren@ksu.edu](mailto:ksundgren@ksu.edu) or call the office to RSVP by August 18. Open to anyone who wants to learn more about putting the record book together and the regional and state awards process.

## **Youth Opportunities at K-State**

In collaboration with the engagement efforts with the academic departments on the Kansas State University campuses, Kansas 4-H has created a one-stop shop website that showcases opportunities for youth.

Through this collaboration, 4-H seeks to foster leadership, life skills, and community engagement among youth.

There are opportunities for all ages levels at K-State in Manhattan, Olathe, and Salina. Learn more at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/kstateyouth.html>.



## **Student Job Opportunity**

Know a former 4-H'er attending K-State this fall? Encourage them to apply at the state 4-H office. This person must be a student at K-State who has registered for fall classes. This will be an on-campus position in Umberger Hall at the State 4-H Office with a flexible 10-15 hours a week.

Students can apply in person at the State 4-H Office in Umberger 201 or call the office at (785) 532-5800.



The Reno County BB Shooting Sports team is headed to Nationals in Arkansas this summer. To raise funds to support the kids who will represent their team. They are hosting a gun raffle fundraiser.

Several of the team members competed at the State match in April. Here are the results:

### Junior BB Division

**Brendan:** Kansas State 4H Junior BB Gun Champion

**Brendan:** 2nd place in prone

**Riley:** 1st place in prone

**Brendan:** 2nd place in standing

**Brendan:** 1st place in sitting

**Addison:** 5th place in standing

**Brendan:** 1st place in kneeling

### Senior BB Division

**Ellie:** 2nd Overall

**Ellie:** 4th in standing

**Ellie:** Tied for 5th in kneeling

### Junior Air Rifle Division

**Brendan:** Kansas State 4H Junior Air Rifle Champion

**Brendan:** 1st Overall Aggregate

**Brendan:** 6th in silhouettes

### Senior Air Rifle Division

**Ellie:** 3rd Overall Aggregate

**Reno County Shooting Sports**

# **GUN Raffle**

**Enter to 4 WINNERS**

**Win** #20 Pork Bundle

Tristar Trinity Winchester 1100s .177cal break barrel pellet rifle

Each ticket enters for 1 of 4 prizes  
Winner will be drawn June 10, 2025  
Winners will be notified via phone call

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Find a Shooting sports kid for tickets

**\$20 Each or 3 for \$50 Per Ticket**

Contact the Zongkers for more information at 620-727-2346.



# Division 105 – County Contest - Scarecrow

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### 2025 Kansas State Fair County Contest Scarecrow

Judging Criteria	%
Originality and Creativity	25%
Use of Sunflowers	25%
Use of Other Kansas crops	15%
Durability and Strength of Structure	20%
Practicality as a scarecrow	15%

Get Creative and have fun in the Agriculture Department with building a scarecrow. Take your level of creativity to another level and incorporate many of the Kansas Crops you have available. This Scarecrow ***must include the use of sunflower.***

#### Class:

- Class 1. 4-H/FFA Youth (following age rule for 4-H).
- Class 2. Open Youth (following KSF rules of 18 and under)
- Class 3. Adult
- Class 4. Team - 2-3 youths and/or adults

Premiums awarded: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$25 and 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$15.

One Overall Grand Champion at the Kansas State Fair will be selected from classes 1 – 4 will receive an additional \$ 25.00.

#### **RULES**

- Participants must pre-enter with the Kansas State Fair no later than August 19, 2025
- One entry per participant, per class.
- Receiving hours: September 2, 12-5: September 3, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; September 4, 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. Judging will take place on Friday, September 5 @ 2:00 p.m.
- All entries must incorporate sunflowers.
- A variety of Kansas crops are encouraged to be included.
- You must submit step by step photos or sketches on an 8 ½ x 11 paper with name and address in lower left corner (name will be covered prior to judging). Include age for youth entries.
- No size restrictions. You must be able to transport/carry the scarecrow from vehicle to building
- All scarecrows must be able to stand and/or sit on its own.



2313 N. 200 Park Circle  
Wichita, KS 67212  
Ph:316-209-4280





**Reno County Fair is almost here so let's have some fun  
Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup> in the Meadowlark Building from 8 to 5**

**Show your creativity and channel your inner artist. Turn a 1lb block of butter into art. Contestants will be supplied with a pound of butter, a plastic knife, popsicle stick, a toothpick, and plastic gloves. You will have 30 minutes to form your butter into a master piece.**

**The winner from each age group will receive a prize.**

**The age groups are as follows:**

**Youth age 1-5**

**Youth age 6 – 12**

**Teens age 13 – 18**

**Adults age 19 and over**

**Fairboard Members**



**LET THE FUN BEGIN**



**The Buhler 4-H Club met for their monthly meeting on Monday, May 12th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Becker Park. They heard many different project talks that evening. Kinley Combs talked about the different dog classes and levels in the dog project, Emery Combs talked about showing her dog Rosy, Emmet Penner talked about his photography project adventure this year, Ava Penner talked about how to take care of a goat, Michael Roberts talked about trucks and their engines, and Austen Penner talked about the rocket project. After the meeting they played games and enjoyed some ice cream, at their annual ice cream social. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, June 9th, 2025 at 6:30 at Becker Park. Come join us for water wars! Don't forget to bring your own squirt gun!**

**Thank you,  
Andrew Busenbark**





**The Nickerson Clovers 4-H Club met for their monthly meeting on Monday, May 26, 2025 at 7 p.m. at Weber Park in Nickerson, KS. The club discussed the upcoming 4-H Council fundraiser at The Barn, and fair entries opening on June 1. Six project talks and demonstrations were held at the meeting.**

**Kaden Ketterl gave a presentation about woodworking, Avery Franklin gave a talk on making a mosaic, Chandler Bukard did a demonstration on how to make no bake monster balls, Jaycie Ohnmacht presented about charcoal drawing, Hudson Ohnmacht did a talk on making snickerdoodles, and Josie Heter gave a speech about social media's impact on farms.**

**Submitted by Lincoln Martin.**





# ARLINGTON CITY LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAM

*Join us for a summer of fun and learning! The Reno County Extension Office will host a series of fun summer workshops. Grab your friends and come over to the Arlington City Library.*

*Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Join us at 9:30 AM*

## June 2: Tissue Paper Earth

Explore the basics of Earth and how it is divided between land and water. Learn more about water and take home your own paper earth.

## June 9: Paper Marbling

Learn about the color wheel and how colors combine together. Youth will create their own paper marbling project. Prepare to get messy!

## June 23: Garden in a Glove

Learn what plants need to grow! Each youth will start their own garden in a glove to take home where they can see how the seeds sprout and grow.



*3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (older kids welcome, too!)  
Join us at 10:30 AM*

## July 7: Ocean Expedition

Navigate the ocean and learn how you're closely connected to the ocean, despite living in a land-locked state.

## July 14: Managing Money

Money management is an important part of life. In this lesson, youth will identify needs versus wants. They will also develop a money management plan.

## August 4: Egg Drop Experiment

Let's test gravity! Design a device that will protect a raw egg when it is dropped from a height. Prepared to be egg-cited by this activity!





# JUNE 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>	<b>7</b>
<b>NINNESCAH FAIR ENTRY OPENS</b>			<b>DISCOVERY DAYS</b>	<b>DISCOVERY DAYS</b>	<b>DISCOVERY DAYS</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>THOMADORA UNIN VALLEY WRC HAVEN NICKERSON</b>	<b>BUHLER</b>					
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>			<b>FAIRBOARD</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>MITCHELL</b>	<b>4-H COUNCIL</b>					
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>JULY 1ST</b>				
		<b>FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE</b>				

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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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