



## RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

# May 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

**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!



### Attention those enrolled in the dog & horse projects

Dog & horse identification  
paperwork must be turned  
into the office by May 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:dp96929@ksu.edu).

# Congratulations

**To our Livestock Sale Scholarship Winners**

**Michael Roberts – Buhler**  
**Braydon Blubaugh – Haven**  
**Sienna DeFrain – Haven**  
**Kyler Geffert - Haven**  
**Hadley Hoskinson - Haven**  
**Noah Miller – Haven**  
**Kassie Graham – Mitchell**  
**Nathan Hoyt - Ninnescah**  
**Maecy Rosenberger – Thomadora**  
**Eliza Aldrich – Union Valley**

**Best of luck in your future**



**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.**

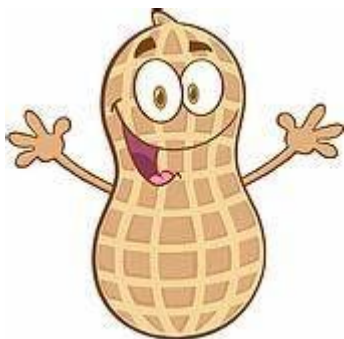


**Leathercraft  
Meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
6 to 8pm  
Reno County  
Extension Office  
west meeting room.  
Please RSVP by  
May 19th**

**[clanning@hotmail.com](mailto:clanning@hotmail.com)**

**Follow the 4-H Council on  
Instagram at  
RenoCounty4\_HCouncil to  
see all the cool things our  
youth are planning!**

**Peanuts here get  
your peanuts.  
Council still has 30  
bags of peanuts to  
sell. Remember with  
each bag you get a  
free appetizer to  
Texas Roadhouse in  
Wichita. Please let  
Donna know if you  
would like to  
purchase any at  
[dp96929@ksu.edu](mailto:dp96929@ksu.edu)  
Thank you for any  
help that you can  
give.**



## **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).

## **4-H Camp: June 17-19**

4-H Camp camper and counselor applications are now available!

Email Katherine at [ksundgren@ksu.edu](mailto:ksundgren@ksu.edu) with any questions. Go to <https://bit.ly/4iAcvi0> to download the PDFs of both applications.

## **Spring nursing home deliveries**



## 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.

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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](mailto:dp96929@ksu.edu) so that we can get you on the list.

<b>SHEEP SHOW</b>	<b>WORKER</b>	
<b>LIVESTOCK SALE</b>	<b>CALL BUYERS</b>	
<b>JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> 1:00</b>	<b>CALL BUYERS</b>	
<b>JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> 10:00</b>	<b>CALL BUYERS</b>	
<b>FAIR ACTIVITIES -</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
	<b>12-2</b>	
	<b>4-6</b>	
<b>FAIR WORKERS</b>	<b>FOODS HELPER AT FAIR</b>	



## **Thomadora and Union Valley 4-H Clubs Hold Joint Meeting**

On April 13, the Thomadora and Union Valley 4-H Clubs held a joint meeting prior to the Reno County 4-H Fun Day. As part of the program, three talented 4-H members gave presentations showcasing their interests and project work.

Anna Harder shared her knowledge of percussion, giving insight into rhythm and instruments. Drew Harder presented an engaging overview of Ancient Egypt, bringing history to life for the audience. Ella Gillespie discussed "Walk This Way," the 4-H modeling process, explaining how participants learn to present themselves with confidence and poise.

The joint meeting was a great opportunity for club members to learn from one another and enjoy a day of fun! The meeting was followed by the Reno County Fun Day event.



## **Union Valley 4-H club Easter Egg Hunt**





## Thomadora 4-H Food Drive

On April 19th, the Thomadora 4-H club held a food drive at the local Dillon's Marketplace. This was the club's second annual food drive, and the club was aiming to collect 2,000 pounds of food in one day compared to the 2,800 pounds collected in two days the prior year. The Saturday before Easter, club members took turns stationing at each entrance. The members spoke to customers entering Dillon's and informed them of the most needed items. Customers could purchase these items while they shopped for their own groceries and then donate them as they exited the store. The club worked from 10:00 to 4:00 collecting food. The group then loaded all of the food collected into vehicles and drove to the Food Bank. The food collected totaled to 2,700 pounds of food, destroying their goal, as well as cash donations of over 500 dollars. The success and the large impact that the club had in only one day of work surprised all! Many lives were bettered due to the work of the club. Members of all ages enjoyed the work and found joy in changing lives. The club is looking forward to helping the food bank in the future.

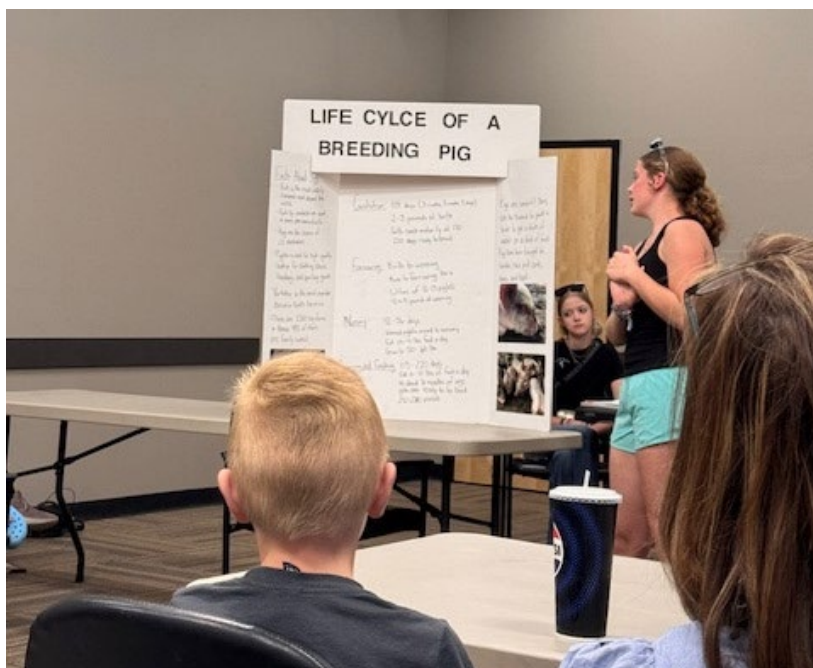




The Western Reno Co. 4-H Club met for their monthly meeting on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at The Alley in Hutchinson, Ks. We had 17 4-H kids that attended the meeting. Our club voted on the final t-shirt design for this year. Our club also continued project talks at the meeting. Tagan

Metzger did her project talk over the benefits of artificial insemination in show cattle, Chase Combs talked about the different types of leads and halters used for show cattle, Emma Mathes talked about the life cycle of a breeding pig, Breckan Bergkamp covered the different feed rations used for feeder cattle, and Kendall Combs talked about LEGO.

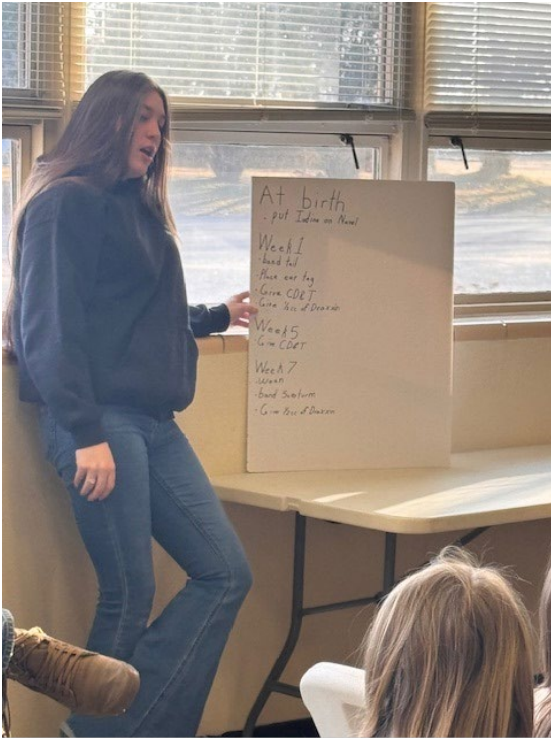
Thank you,  
Kendall Combs





**The Western Reno Co. 4-H Club met for their monthly meeting on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Arlington Community Center. We had 21 4-H kids that attended the meeting. Our club discussed this years t-shirt designs and assigned committee members for the t-shirts and stall decorations for county fair. Our club also began project talks at our meeting. Raelynn Hamm did her project talk over how to saddle a horse, Katie Ruckman talked about lamb care and Riley Zongker talked about his chicken project. After project talks were completed, we played a very intense round of knockout on the playground.**

**Thank you,  
Kendall Combs**





The Buhler 4-H Club met for their monthly meeting on Monday, April 7th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Buhler Mennonite Church. They heard a project talk from Nora Busenbark, she talked about the photography project and how to take the perfect photo. For recreation they filled Easter Eggs and then on Saturday they hid them for the Buhler Easter Egg Hunt. Our next meeting is on Monday, May 12th, 2025 at 6:30 at Becker Park. Join us for our annual Ice Cream Social, all are welcome!



Congrats to our BB gun team! They'll be attending the Daisy National Match! See the flyer for information about their fundraiser.



**Daisy**  
**National Match**  
BB AND AIR GUN CHAMPIONSHIP  
ROGERS, ARKANSAS

**It's Official**  
**Reno County 4-H**  
**Shooting Sports is**  
**going to Daisy**  
**Nationals**  
**2025**





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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.

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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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# 2025 *Tractor Safety*

This program will provide the trainee with the knowledge and information of tractor safety and farm hazards. Safety training is required by the U.S. Department of Labor for youth ages 14-15 who will be working on a farm for someone other than their parents.

Certificates will be awarded to participants who:

- Complete the 5 online quizzes
- Watch assigned videos and complete worksheets
- Attend the in-person session
- Complete 6 hours of tractor/implement training with parent or employer



**Tuesday, May 27**  
**8:30am - 5pm**



**\$15 Registration**



**Livingstons  
Community Center**  
1830 N Main, Kingman

**Registration Due: May 16**

**Reno Co Extension:**  
**(620)-662-2371**  
**pbergkamp@ksu.edu**

 **Reno County  
Farm Bureau**

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**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



**Ruger 10-22**

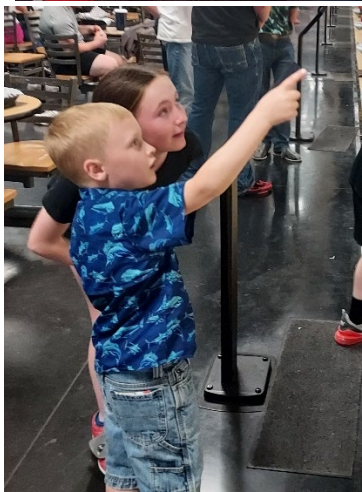
**Find a Shooting sports  
kid for tickets**

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

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



# Fun at the Alley









## Ninnescah 4-H club filling Easter eggs.



Registration  
Closes  
May 16th

REGISTER  
TODAY

A variety of workshops and activities are planned for Friday and Saturday evenings. A variety of stops are planned on the Field Trip Saturday and Sunday. Project members are encouraged to participate in judging and quiz bowl. A catered supper will be provided Saturday evening for \$15.00 per person and we will have a variety of educational publications for sale through the Kansas Geological Survey.

### REGISTRATION

**DEADLINE: May 16th - You must register all those who plan to attend including siblings ages 0-18 and all adults 19 and up - One registration per person NO LATE REGISTRATIONS and NO registrations at the door.**

Scan the QR code to sign up!



JUNE  
13-15

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KANSAS 4-H  
GEOLOGY  
FIELD TRIP

# MAY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				ADD/DROP DEADLINE DOG IDS DUE TO EXTENSION OFFICE		SMALL ANIMAL TAGGING
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
NINNESCAH						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
MOTHER'S DAY	BUHLER		FAIR BOARD			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
HAVEN MITCHELL NICKERSON WRC						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED					

Reno County Extension Office Phone # 620-662-2371

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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