



RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



April 2026

4-H COUNCIL DATE

April 27, 2026 @ 7pm

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

**Leathercraft Meeting
April 17th
from 6 to 8pm in the
west meeting room of
the Extension Office.
Please contact Clint if
you will be attending
at 620-276-9824 by
April 15th.**

Calling all 4-H'ers 14-18!

We need camp counselors for the WildHorse 4-H Camp, June 9-11. Download the application from https://www.reno.k-state.edu/4-h/forms_scholarships/ and return it to Katherine (ksundgren@ksu.edu) by April 24.

The fair schedule is done. You can access it at <https://www.reno.k-state.edu/4-h/fair/> at the top of the page under the header for fair dates.

It has taken lot of long hours and time but everything is ready. With that being said, there are a **LOT** of changes for this upcoming year. The fairboard has worked hard at adding fun things for the 4-H families and the community to come out and experience in July. **So PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE read the schedule and the fair book very close. All changes are highlighted in red.**

Let's help to get the word out about the fun events that are coming to the 2026 Reno County Fair.

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April 24 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 2nd from 8-10am.**

Attention those enrolled in the dog projects

Dog 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.

4-H Council Scholarships

The Council is offering three levels of scholarships:

Local Event: \$20

State Event: \$50

National Event: \$100

You can apply for a 4-H Council scholarship by filling out the application found at https://www.reno.k-state.edu/4-h/forms_scholarships/.

Special scholarships may be awarded on a case-by-case basis.

Scholarship forms are due the Friday before each Council meeting.

4-H Camp

Registration for 4-H camp is now open! You can find the form towards the end of this newsletter or download it at <https://tinyurl.com/4t69tp5p>

Poultry Judging Practice

Join Mary Muckey on Monday, April 13, at 7 PM for poultry judging practice! The practice will be at the Buhler Mennonite Church. Text her at 785-556-1545 if you plan to attend.

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 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.

Thomadora 4-H club helped do commodities and distributed them. Great job way to hekp the community.



Discovery Days registration is open! Back by popular demand – The Talent Show (sign up when you register) and NEW this year – FCS Judging at Discovery Days will take place Thursday, June 4, both morning and afternoon time slots!

Register at

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/discovery-days/>



WILDHORSE 4-H CAMP





United We Grow



JUNE 9-11, 2026

SILVER MAPLE CAMP IN KINGMAN COUNTY



The out-of-pocket cost is \$85 - Includes All Meals, Activities, and Lodging. Reno County campers automatically receive a \$50 Leadership/Camp Scholarship. Campers may apply for a scholarship through 4-H Council.

CAMPERS AGES 7-12
COUNSELORS ARE NEEDED TOO!



*Archery, Crafts, Fishing, Robots,
Nature, Snacks and Dancing!*



PARTICIPATING EXTENSION UNITS: 21 CENTRAL, BARBER, COMANCHE, HARPER, KINGMAN, KIOWA, MEADE, AND RENO

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RETURN TO YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BY MAY 1ST.

Name: _____

Current Grade: _____ Gender: (Circle one) Male or Female

T-Shirt Size: (please circle) (Youth) YXS YS YM YL YXL
(Adult) AS AM AL AXL

Parent / Guardian: _____

Phone (home): _____ Work or Cell: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City & Zip Code: _____

Dance Song Requests: _____

Make checks payable to your local 4-H Council.
Return form and payment to your local Extension office.

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The Buhler 4-H Club's monthly meeting was held on March 8th at Inspire Church at 10:45 a.m., this was their annual 4-H Sunday meeting. At the meeting they all joined together to go to one of the Church's Services and after they enjoyed a potluck meal. Just following the meeting, they filled eggs for Buhler's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, and they will also help set up the Hunt when it comes time for the event on the morning of March 28th. The Club's next meeting will be held on April 13th at Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community at 6:30 p.m. They are planning to set up a petting zoo for all the residents to enjoy! The place and information of the next meeting is subject to change, so if anyone has interest in attending you can contact their Community Leader, Ann Roberts.

Nora Busenbark Buhler Club Reporter



The ambassadors held a pizza party for Haven 4-H club for contributing the highest amount toward the Teen Christmas Service Project. Great Job Haven.



2026 4-H Shutterbug Photography Event

Photography skills and fun techniques will be featured at this year's 4-H Shutterbug Photography Event. This year's event will take place at The Midwest Dream Car Museum, an exciting new venue where young photographers will learn how to take detailed car photos, photo composition, how to properly mount a photo, black & white photography, kaleidoscopes, and much more!

4-H members and families will need to register for this event in order to attend. The registration link is: <https://cvent.me/027Zb9>, and the cost for each 4-H member is \$25.00. Youth members must be accompanied by an adult.

Youth are encouraged to bring their camera, smartphone, and/or tablet to take photos, but 20 SDLR cameras will be available to check out for use that day. Youth members will need to bring their own SD card if they would like to take their photos home with them.

Door prizes and many more fun things are planned for this event. Get registered soon!

March 2026 Haven 4-H Club Meeting by: Eli Showalter and Addison Showalter

The Haven 4-H Club met on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at Haven High School in Haven, Kansas.

The club welcomed eight visiting parents and 4-H members from the Sunnyside 4-H Club of Harper County.

During the recreation portion of the meeting, members helped prepare for the upcoming Haven Community Easter Egg Hunt by filling plastic eggs. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2026, at the Haven High School football field.

The program featured several member presentations and demonstrations. Amelia Scott gave a project talk on sprouts. Zach Blubaugh demonstrated how to make a paper airplane. Matilda Scott and Annabelle Scott presented a project talk on rabbit kindling, and Makayla Carlson shared a project talk on celiac disease.

Refreshments of pizza, cookies, and juice were provided courtesy of the Reno County Ambassadors. The pizza party was held in recognition of the Haven 4-H Club donating the most money and items to the First Call for Help Teen Christmas program.

March 15, 2026

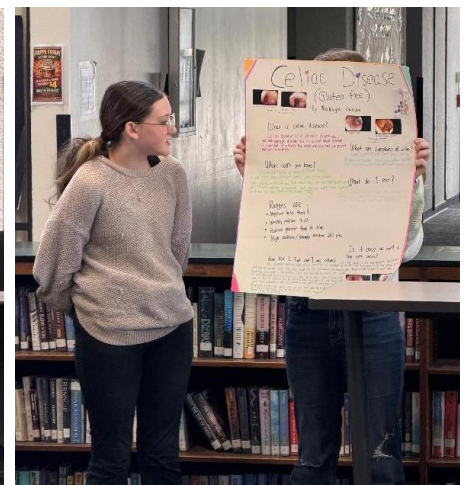


Top Photo: Quinton Blubaugh and Eli Showalter filling plastic Easter eggs for community Easter egg hunt.

Bottom Left Photo: Zach Blubaugh giving his demonstration on how to make a paper airplane.

Bottom Middle Photo: Matilda and Annebelle Scott giving a project talk on rabbit kindling.

Bottom Right Photo: Makayla Carlson giving a project on celiac disease.



Ninnescah 4-H Happenings

By: Avery Graber

At our March meeting, we met at Prairie Sunset Home. We had our meeting, and the Goerings and Lannings gave their project talks. Goerings talked about how to make chex mix. Westin Lanning talked about pig breeds. Aspen talked about her leather craft project and Rilynn talked about how to saddle a horse and parts of the saddle. After the meeting we stuffed Easter eggs with the residents to prepare for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Over Spring Break we went to Strataca in Hutch on a field trip. We got to go 650 feet below the ground. Once we got down there they walked underground and looked at the salt walls, movie museum, tools they used, trains, and the transportation they used underground, as well as other items from long ago. We got to enjoy two rides, one on a train around the tunnels underground, and a dark ride on a tram around more tunnels. Some of the things we saw on the rides were a big pile of trash because they said what goes down does not come back out, a collapsed ceiling, toilet, and they even got to take a piece of salt home. The whole club enjoyed it and everyone had a fun time.



State Livestock Nomination Information Released

The 2026 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.

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. All exhibitors who plan to nominate and show at a state show this year will need to create a new account. This includes returning exhibitors.

The first steps for families are to locate their KSU Family Name and Nomination Number, complete their 2026 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. Everyone is encouraged to complete the process early to allow plenty of time for DNA envelopes to arrive and to avoid missing the deadline!

Information 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.

March 14 & 28 Park Clean-Ups



Thank you to everyone who helped clean up the River Banks Orchard Park and Carey Park!

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YOUTH TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING



Scan to Register

About this Training:

The U.S. Department of Labor requires safety training for youth ages 14-15 who will be working on a farm for someone other than their parents.

Youth younger than 14 are invited to attend but will not receive certification.

Certificates will be awarded to participants who:

- Complete the online course materials.
- Attend the in-person session
- Pass the Written Exam
- Pass the Pre-Operational and Driving Exam



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Saturday, April 18th
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$15 Registration Fee

**Pleasantview
Activity Center**
5015 S Dean Rd
Hutchinson, KS 67501

Registration Due: April 2

Kingman Co Extension Office at
620-532-5131 or gschnei@ksu.edu

Pratt Co Extension Office at
620-672-6121 or jbfitzsimmons@ksu.edu

Reno Co Extension Office at
620-662-2371 or pbergkamp@ksu.edu

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APRIL CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|  | | | Fair Board | | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Ninnescah Thomadora Union Valley WRC Meetings | Buhler Poultry Judging Practice | | | | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Haven Mitchell Nickerson Meetings | | | | | Small Animal Tag Numbers Due to the Extension Office | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
| | 4-H Council | | | | | |
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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.

PLEASE EMAIL DONNA AT dp96929@ksu.edu