



# RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



## March 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

### BEEF TAGGING

MARCH 7<sup>ST</sup>

8 TO 10AM @

Prairie Vista Vet Clinic

BEEF PRICES

BLACK LEG \$1.00

BOVINE RESPIRATORY

\$4.00

DEWORMING \$4.50

GROWTH IMPLANT \$2.00

TAGS \$3.50

THIS IS PER ANIMAL

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### Leathercraft Meeting

March 20<sup>th</sup>

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 March 18<sup>th</sup>.



### The Reno County Livestock Sale Scholarship

Details are listed on the form that you can find on the Reno County Extension Website. Forms are due to the Extension office by **March 20, 2026.**

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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### Spring Community Service

The county-wide community service dates are scheduled for March 14 and March 28. Each date will take place from 9 AM to 11 AM. Sign up using the following links to let us know when you're coming to help.

March 14:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4ACA828A0FB6-62691706-county>

March 28:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4ACA828A0FB6-62692252-march>

We will be helping the Hutchinson Parks & Facilities department. More details will be sent out shortly via 4-H Online, GroupMe, and Facebook.

## 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/](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](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 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](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/mr3mmspu>. 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.

4-H Ag Tech Day, April 4, 2026

Kansas 4-H, Kansas State University ID3A (Institute for Digital Agriculture & Advanced Analytics), and KCARE (Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and the Environment) are co-hosting an engaging Ag Tech Day at Flickner Innovation Farm in Moundridge, Kansas, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 4.

This event is geared toward youth in grades 5-12, offering a unique opportunity to explore the farm and learn about both new and established technologies that are helping make farm management easier and more efficient for producers. A wide variety of stations will be set up around the farm for attendees to visit while they learn from presenters. Attendees are welcome to come and go as they please, and snacks will be provided!

Stations may include:

- Unmanned aircraft systems and drone technologies
- John Deere technologies
  - Sensors
- An under-canopy robot
- Technology for finding and tracking insects

Registration: <https://bit.ly/AgTechDay>

Ag Tech Day is FREE and open to the public, but registration is required. Please register by Wednesday, April 1. You can register as an individual or as a group. Group registration allows up to five people at a time.

The Buhler 4-H Club's monthly meeting was held on February 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Buhler Mennonite Church. At this meeting the club made Valentine's Day Cards for the local retirement community, Sunshine Meadows. With fun paper, stickers, and markers that members brought to the meeting, they created tons of Valentines. Then later in the week, they delivered the cards to the residents. Their next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 9th, time and place TBD. We will be having a potluck and stuffing eggs for the Buhler Easter Egg Hunt. All are welcome!



Pre-Entries due 4/11 - \$20/head - Late Entries \$25/head

# SEDGWICK COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

**APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

 SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - CHENEY, KS

Saturday April 25th - Swine and Beef Show

Sunday April 26th - Goat and Sheep Show

Follow SCLS Facebook page for more info OR contact Dustin Hague at  
(316) 765-4759



The Union Valley 4H meeting was held on Feb 15th, 2026. We had 5 speeches given by:

1. Cooper Jones gave a speech on how to make knot blankets.
2. Union Valley 4-H'er gave his speech on bottle lambs.
3. Cody Jones gave his speech on track and field.
4. Hazel Clark gave her speech on lego tiles.
5. Micah Clark gave his speech on his lego set.



## February 2026 Haven 4-H Club Meeting

by: Eli Showalter and Addison Showalter

The February 2026 Haven 4-H Club meeting was held on Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Haven Community Building in Haven, Kansas.

The program featured several member presentations and demonstrations, including:

- Kayden Geffert presented a demonstration on tagging a calf,
- Willow Clayman presented a demonstration on how to bottle feed a baby lamb, and
- Wyatt Clayman presented a demonstration on how to work and take care of a baby lamb.



**February 15, 2026**

**Top Photo:** Kayden Gefferet demonstrating how to tag a calf.

**Bottom Left Photo:** Willow Clayman demonstrating how to bottle feed a baby lamb.

**Bottom Right Photo:** Wyatt Clayman demonstrating how to work and take care of a baby lamb.



## Flint Hills Junior

### Shooters/Wabaunsee State Qualifier Air Rifle and BB Gun Match

by: Addison Showalter

On Saturday, January 31, 2026 three Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports 4-H'ers participated in the Flint Hills Junior Shooters/Wabaunsee State Qualifier Air Rifle and BB Gun Match at Wabaunsee High School in Alma, Kansas. It was the first match for the 2025-2026 season.

Below are the individual results and placing of the Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports 4-H'ers in Air Rifle:

- **Ellie Martens**  
Senior Prone and Overall Prone: 1st Place (192-)
- **Brendan Clark**  
Junior Kneeling: 1st Place (173-3),  
Junior Prone: 1st Place (186-8),  
Junior Standing: 1st Place (135-1), and  
Junior Individual Aggregate Score: 1st Place (494-12).
- **Eli Showalter**  
Junior Kneeling: 3rd Place (119-0),  
Junior Prone: 3rd Place (162-1),  
Junior Standing: 3rd Place (127-1), and  
Junior Individual Aggregate Score: 3rd Place (408-2).



01/31/26 – Ellie Martens shooting prone in air rifle and Ellie with her first place senior prone medal.

Below are the individual results and placing of the Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports 4-H'ers in BB Gun:

- **Brendan Clark**  
Junior Prone and Overall Prone: Overall (2nd Place) and Junior (1st Place) (99-7),  
Junior Standing: 1st Place (90-1),  
Junior Sitting: 3rd Place (95-5),  
Junior Kneeling and Overall Kneeling: 1st Place (97-1), and  
Junior Individual Aggregate Score and Overall Individual Aggregate : 1st Place (381-18).
- **Eli Showalter**  
Senior Prone: 2nd Place (98-5).

**Left photo:** 01/31/26 – Eli Shooting kneeling in BB gun with Coach Bryan Clark to his right.

**Second photo from the left:** 01/31/26 – Brendan Clark with his Air Rifle medals.

**Third photo from the left:** 01/31/26 – Eli Showalter with his Air Rifle medals.

**Last photo:** 01/31/26 – Brendan Clark with his BB gun medals.



## 2026 Sedgwick County 4-H Shooting Sports Match

by: Addison Showalter

On Saturday, February 21, 2026, seven members of Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports competed at the 2026 Sedgwick County 4-H Shooting Sports Match held at the Sedgwick County Extension Building in Wichita, Kansas.

BB gun participants representing Reno County 4-H Shooting sports included: Michael Cota, Brendan Clark, Addison Showalter, Eli Showalter, Christopher Zongker, and Riley Zongker. Competing in Air Rifle were: Brendan Clark, Ellie Martens, and Eli Showalter.

Brendan Clark earned first place in BB gun in the 12-year-old division with an aggregate score of 376-12.

In Air Rifle competition, Brendan Clark took second in the 12–15-year-old division with an aggregate score of 502-10. Ellie Martens placed third in the 16-year-old division with an aggregate score of 503-12.

Brendan Clark also competed in the Top Shot event in BB Gun. In Air Rifle Top Shot competition, both Brendan Clark and Ellie Martens represented Reno County.

The Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports 4-H competitors demonstrated strong performances and sportsmanship throughout the match.



**Left photo:** 02/21/26 – Brendan Clark in the sitting position in BB gun with his Coach Bryan Clark to his right.

**Middle photo:** 02/21/26 – Ellie Martens shooting standing in Air Rifle.

**Right photo:** 02/21/26 – Brendan Clark with his medals from BB gun and Air Rifle.

**It is time to add National Volunteer Week to your calendar so you have a plan to recognize your local 4-H and Extension Volunteers.**

**Ideas to Celebrate National Volunteer Week:**

- Recognize the impact of the number of hours contributed to the organization or program.**
- Recognize the achievements or accomplishments of those with whom the volunteer works.**
- Have a program participant share a success story about the volunteer.**
- Take a plate of goodies to a volunteer who was helped you thru your 4-H career.**
- Give someone a call just to say thank you for all that they do to support you.**
  - A handwritten thank-you note.**





# 2026 RENO COUNTY 4-H DAYS RESULTS

CLUB/4-H'ER	RIBBON
HAVEN INTERMEDIATE PAR-LAW TEAM.....	PURPLE
HAVEN INTERMEDIATE PAR-LAW TEAM.....	PURPLE
HAVEN JUNIOR PAR-LAW TEAM.....	BLUE
ALISANDRA S. ....	PURPLE
AVERY G. ....	PURPLE
COOPER M. ....	BLUE
ELLA G. ....	PURPLE
FINLEY N. ....	PURPLE
JAMEL N. ....	PURPLE
JORDAN H. ....	RED
KATELYN G. ....	BLUE
KAYLI S. ....	BLUE
LANE H. ....	BLUE
LINCOLN M. ....	PURPLE
MEADOW S. ....	PURPLE
MORGAN T. ....	BLUE
PAYTON T. ....	PURPLE
RYDER H. ....	PURPLE
UNION VALLEY 4-H'ER .....	BLUE





# 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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*Sign Up Now*

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RETURN TO YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>.

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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## 2026 State Insect T-Shirt Design Contest

Calling all creative 4-Hers! Try your hand at creating a design to go on the 2026 Insect Spectacular T-shirts.

**Theme: Lepidoptera (Butterflies, Skippers and/or Moths) of Kansas**

**Contest Dates:** Contest will run from February 01 to March 06, 2026. Design must be submitted to Vicky Wallace by midnight March 06, 2026.

**Mailing Address:** 2447 40th Road, Humboldt, Kansas 66748 **Email:** vicky.wallace55@gmail.com

**Design Size:** Design must fit on an 8 ½" X 11" sheet of paper.

**Colors:** Maximum three colors plus one color for T-Shirt

**Wording:** Must include "Insect Spectacular 2026". You can include something that goes with the theme if you like.

**Description:** You are creating the design for the graphic that will be on the T-shirts for participants at the 2026 Insect Spectacular. This is the State 4-H Entomology Workshop held each summer. You can use graphics of true Lepidoptera or create your own artful images. No copyrighted clip art, photos or graphics may be used. Remember to use only Lepidoptera found in Kansas.

**Prize:** Winner will receive a \$20 gift card to Sonic.

**Leadership:** This would be a great addition to your 4-H Record Book, especially for the Visual Arts, Entomology, and Leadership projects.

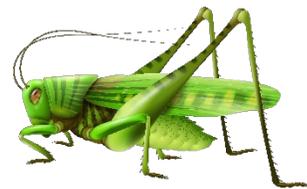
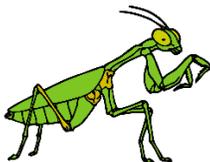
**Information that must be on the back of your entry:**

4-Hers Name, 4-H Age, County/District, Mailing address, Phone number, first and second choice of T-shirt color, Email (if you have one)

**Questions:** Contact Vicky Wallace at vicky.wallace55@gmail.com OR

**Phone:** (620)804-9170

**Winning design will be selected by the State 4-H Entomology committee. Anyone submitting a design for competition may not vote on the design selection.**



# MARCH 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>Beef Tagging</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Buhler Ninnescah Thomadora Union Valley WRC</b>			<b>Fair Board</b>			
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Haven Mitchell Nickerson Meetings</b>					<b>Livestock Sale Scholarships Due to the Office</b>	
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Family Fun Night 2-5pm</b>						
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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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