



RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

August 2025



4-H COUNCIL DATE

August 25th, 2025 @ 7pm
Executive Team will meet at 6:30
pm before council starts
Reno County Extension Office
west meeting room

October 3rd is the deadline for the following items:

- *RECORD BOOKS
- *PIN APPLICATIONS
- *CLUB FINANCIAL
INFORMATION
- *FINANCIAL REVIEW
- *CLUB SEAL
APPLICATIONS
- *FAMILY OF THE YEAR
- *LEADER OF THE YEAR
- *CLUB OF THE YEAR
- *PROJECT LEADER LIST
- *CLUB OFFICER LIST

ATTENTION IN THE BARN!



Planning on participating in
the livestock sale at the
2026 fair?

**You MUST turn in your
COMPLETED record book
to your club leader!**

**Club leaders will turn them
into the office by 5 pm on
Friday, October 3rd, 2025.**

Thank you to everyone for a great county fair! We hope that everyone has recovered and is ready for the new school year. A big thank you to the Reno County Fair Board, Livestock Sale Committee, Superintendents, and volunteers. Most of all, a gigantic thank you to the parents and family who came out to support the kids. Several 4-H'ers will be showing their projects at the state fair, September 5-14, and we hope that you are able to attend and support all of our youth who have made it to the state level.

Several items are due to the Extension Office on October 3rd. Record books need to be turned in to your club leaders, who will then turn them into the office. Check with your club leaders to learn when you need to turn them in at your club so that the leaders have time to check over the record books and sign off on them. If you wish to sell an animal at the 2026 county fair, you **MUST COMPLETE** your record book. Watch for the calendar with the 2025-2026 dates to be shared.

If you want to be a 4-H council officer this upcoming year, you need to submit your application by October 3rd to the Extension Office. The application can be found under the Forms tab at <https://www.reno.k-state.edu/4-h/>

Record Book Workshop

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 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.

Reminder: Write Thank You Notes

A reminder to all of those that won grand champion and received a plaque from the Chamber of Commerce: please take a minute and write them a thank you so they know how much we appreciate their sponsorship. Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce
117 N Walnut St,
Hutchinson, KS 67501.

Consider writing a thank you to Commerce Bank for supporting our awards luncheon. Their address is 101 E 30th Ave, Hutchinson, KS 67502. You can also show your appreciation to the Fair Board and the Livestock Sale Committee for all of their hard work and support during the fair. You can send thank you notes for them to the Extension Office and we will pass them along. The office's address is 2 W 10th Ave, South Hutchinson, KS 67505.



Need help writing a good thank you note? Michigan State University Extension has a handout with what to include on your thank you note. View it here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/236/66837/CYI048ThankYouNoteHandout.pdf>

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 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



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.

4-H Council Raffle Tickets

Thank you to everyone who helped sell tickets during the fair! However, there are still 193 raffle tickets left to sell. We need everyone to help promote the raffle within your community so we can sell more. The funds from this raffle sale support the 4-H Council's work and benefit everyone in Reno County 4-H.

ACHIEVEMENT PIN APPLICATIONS

Achievement pins are awarded to 4-Hers who have been active in 4-H projects, leadership and other 4-H related activities. Pin applications should contain 4-H activities from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. If you have activities that take place between the date you have to turn them into the club leader and Sept. 30th, go ahead and list them. Achievement pins (in order of increasing requirements) are:

1-Membership

2-Bronze

3-Clover

4-Emerald

5-Silver

6-Silver Guard

7-Leadership

8-Gold

9-Gold Guard

If you need Achievement pin applications, check our website, click on 4-H forms, and achievement pin applications. The link will be in the bottom right-hand corner.

All applications must be turned in to your **CLUB LEADER**. Check with your club leader to see what date you have to turn them into the club leader. **Club Leaders: Pin Applications are due on Friday, October 3, 2025, by 5 pm.** Achievement pins will be awarded at Achievement Night: the date & location to be announced at a later date.

2025 Daisy Nationals BB Gun Team



RECORD BOOKS

Every 4-H'er is encouraged to complete a record book and turn it in to their club leader (please do not bring them to the office – your club leader will do that). Forms for record-keeping can be found on the Reno County website https://www.reno.k-state.edu/4-h/record_books/index.html

Club Leaders: Record books are due to the Extension Office no later than 5 pm on Friday, October 3, 2025.

CLOVERBUD RECORD BOOKS

All Cloverbuds must turn in a Cloverbud Record Book. Those turning 7 will get to go through graduation if they have turned in their record books and will get their trophy at Achievement Night. Forms will be available on the website. Please turn them in to your club leader – do not bring them to the office. **Club Leaders: Cloverbud Record Books are due in the office by 5 pm Friday October 3, 2025.**

48 Hours of 4-H

Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Find all the information here and start planning your projects. Please register your projects and then follow up with a report so we know about all the great things that happened across the state. Learn more at [the Kansas 4-H webpage](#).

When: October 11-12, 2025
Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni, Partnerships, Community Organizations, Potential 4-H Families

Applying for National Conference and Youth 4-H Youth Leadership Council

[The application for and information about the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council and National Conference is open and available now!](#) The Youth Council Application and National 4-H Conference Application will be combined again this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities.

Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2026, may apply as a Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2026, may apply for the National 4-H Conference.

This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the [four extension program areas](#) (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one-year terms on the council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview prior to KYLF, and they serve a two-year term on the council.

The deadline will be October 1, 2025.

AUGUST CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NINNESCAH					State fair entries due to the Extension Office (paperwork)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
THOMADORA UNION VALLEY WRC	BUHLER		FAIR BOARD MEETING			State Horticulture Judging Contest
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
HAVEN MITCHELL NICKERSON			RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP 6:30 PM			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	4-H COUNCIL					
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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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