



RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

July 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

The Extension Office will have
mat boards and sleeves for
photos for sale. \$2.00 for mat
board and sleeve.

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.

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.



BAKE SALE

DO YOU NEED A LITTLE EXTRA MONEY FOR FAIR OR BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING.

**The fairboard is asking for your
help. Fairboard is bringing back the
blue ribbon BBQ. So, they are
needing your help selling tickets.
They will be giving cash prizes to
the top 3 sellers in the county. You
ask how can I be a top seller come
by the Extension Office pick up
your tickets sell as many as you
can and then turn your money and
any unsold tickets back into the
office by July 15th. 1st place \$50 2nd
place \$25 and 3rd place \$25.
Winners will be announced at the
awards luncheon July 28th. All of
the money raised goes to put on the
Reno County Fair.**

Best of luck



Don't forget you will need to pick up your entry cards at the Extension office between July 14th thru July 18th. Card pick up is for static projects ONLY. Don't forget we close at 4:30

This year the fairboard has set a time that everyone can enter the livestock buildings for tack and to set-up stalls. You may enter the barns Wednesday July 23 from 6pm to 8pm. Please respect these times.

Youth enrolled in poultry, this year there will be no drug withdrawal needed before entering your birds.

If you signed up to work during on of the livestock shows please make sure to dress as if you were in the show ring showing your own animal. We have had numerous complaints, so please be dressed accordingly.

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
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



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.

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 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.

Kiss An Animal

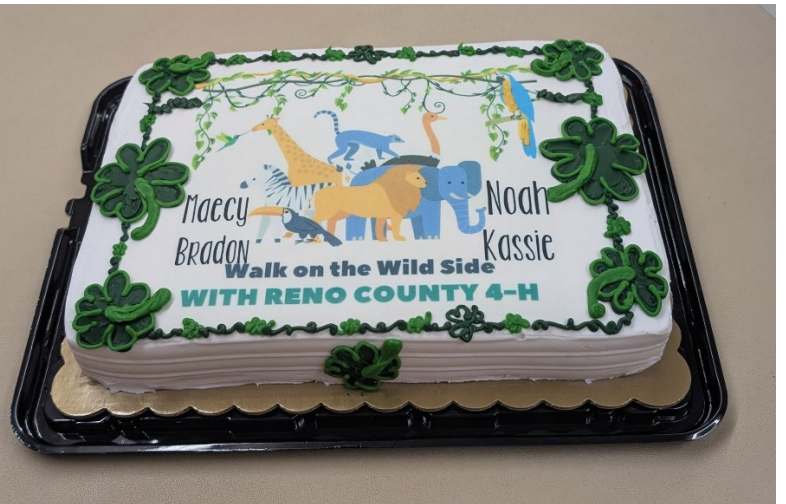
All club presidents are automatically nominated for the honor of kissing an animal at the end of the county fair. Voting is by financial contribution. Watch for the voting cups in the Ambassador area at the county fair. Honor your president with your votes. There is also an adult division. Any adult can be nominated for \$10.00. Adults can purchase insurance for \$10.00 to protect them from being nominated for this honor if insurance is purchased by the end of the first day of the fair.

Club Displays at Fair

Help promote 4-H and provide fun and interest at the fair by building a club display based on the fair theme. The club with the top display will be treated to an ice cream party sponsored by the Ambassadors at a future club meeting. A club display can be a great start for a window display for National 4- H Week.



Ambassadors honor the 2025 seniors



**This year, five 4-H'ers from Reno County attended
Discovery Days!**

**Cole Dieball, Ryder Heter, Morgan Thompson, Meadow Schlatter
and Josie Heter.**



**Reno County Fair is almost here so let's have some fun
Thursday July 24th 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

Ambassadors Promote 4-H and the County Fair on Third Thursday
Over 100 kids (and adults) enjoyed rock painting with the Ambassadors on
Third Thursday in downtown Hutchinson



The Buhler 4-H Club met for their monthly meeting on Monday, June 9th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Becker Park. This was a quick summer meeting! But they did get to hear a project talk! Jacey Combs shared some of her prize work and talked about the importance of shutter speed, exposure, rule of 3rds, mounting photos correctly, and types of cameras and lenses. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, July 26th, 2025 at 6:30 at the Jackson Meat area in front of the cattle barn at County Fair.

**Thank you,
Andrew Busenbark**



BLUE RIBBON BBQ

Sunday, July 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Gottschalk Park

(Bounce Houses start at 4p and
Pedal Pull starts at 5pm)

Tickets:

Adults: \$10

Youth (18 and under): \$7



Tickets available from any Reno County 4-H
member or at the Reno County Extension

Office from

June 19th-July 15th.

For more information, contact:

Reno County Extension

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2025 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo

[Submitted by Kelsey Nordyke](#)

Join us for the 2025 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo on Thursday, August 7th at the South Hutchinson Community Building, 101 Ave C, South Hutchinson. We are excited to provide a fun, educational, and hands-on program for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff. You do not have to be enrolled in crops/plant science projects to participate.

The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Lunch and refreshments are sponsored, and tours will be available. Everyone will participate in the same tour, with the group splitting into two equal groups, with each group then flipping to the other tour after about one hour. This year's tours include Dillon Nature Center and Kauffman Seeds. Dillon Nature Center gives participants the opportunity to explore nature indoors and outdoors with over 100 acres of urban sanctuary. Kauffman Seeds has been producing seed for Kansas producers for over 60 years. Participants will learn about various seed and crop varieties and how they are developed in the state.

Eight contests are open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. Classes include: (1) 1 lb. bin run for crops members; or (2) 1 lb. bin run for "adopt a producer"; (All wheat samples must be postmarked to KSU by July 20 so testing can be completed). Youth may bring multiple exhibits in Divisions 3-9. A maximum of two placings per individual in each division, 1-8 will be awarded. (3) 1-quart jar sample of cleaned wheat; (4) three standard yeast rolls; (5) three standard-sized cookies; (6) three standard muffins; (7) wheat photography contest; (8) wheat educational posters, and (9) Cloverbuds (5-6-year-olds) with participation ribbons.

The cost will be \$15 per person, and registration will be open online by visiting <http://bit.ly/3FBIUrn>. Registration is open and required by July 25th, 11:59 p.m., to ensure an accurate meal count and for tour divisions. For additional questions or to get involved with the wheat expo planning committee, contact Kelsey Nordyke at (620) 222-1311 or e-mail knordyke@ksu.edu.

Eleven Reno County Campers and Counselors attend Wild Horse 4-H Camp



Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes Date is August 23-24

The 2025 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is scheduled for August 23-24 in Manhattan, KS. The Livestock Sweepstakes event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. Youth who participate in all of the contests hosted over the course of the weekend will be eligible for the livestock sweepstakes award. The individual contests hosted over the course of the weekend are also the Kansas 4-H qualifying events for each of the respective national 4-H contests. Rules and entry details will be released to extension offices by July 1 and then be made available on the [4-H Livestock Sweepstakes](#) page, under the events tab of the youth livestock program website. Youth who are interested should contact their local extension office.

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.



JULY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		FASHION REVIEW PAPER WORK DUE TO THE OFFICE			OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY 4 TH OF JULY	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NINNESCAH			FAIRBOARD			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
THOMADORA UNION VALLEY WRC	BUHLER FAIR ENTRY CARD PICK-UP	FAIR ENTRY CARD PICK- UP	FAIR ENTRY CARD PICK- UP	FAIR ENTRY CARD PICK- UP	FAIR ENTRY CARD PICK- UP	DOG SHOW
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
HAVEN MITCHELL NICKERSON			FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR
27	28	29	30	31		
FAIR	FAIR					

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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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