



RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

August 2026



4-H COUNCIL DATE

August 24, 2026 @ 7pm

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

State Fair entry paperwork is due to the Extension Office by August 7, 2026, 5 PM.

October 2nd 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 2027 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 2nd, 2026.

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 11-20, and we hope that you are able to attend and support all our youth who have made it to the state level.

Several items are due to the Extension Office on October 2nd. 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 2027 county fair, you **MUST COMPLETE** your record book. Watch for the calendar with the 2026-2027 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 2nd 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 September 3, at 6:30 PM in the Extension Office. Email her at ksundgren@ksu.edu or call the office to RSVP by August 28. Open to anyone who wants to learn more about putting the record book together and the regional and state awards process.

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



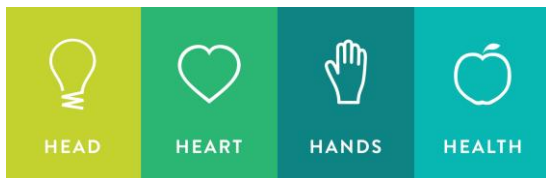
If you have any questions about the clothing project, contact Kathy Zongker

If you have questions about Ambassadors contact
Karolyn Howey at 620-664-0008 or Meghan Miller at 620-200-2544.



If you have an questions about rabbits, contact Vicki Myers at (620) 727-3980.

If you have any questions about Leathercraft, contact Clint Lanning 620-276-9824.



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 2, 2026.**

This picture is from the Ellsworth Archery Competition held on July 11th. On this day both Riley and Chris Zongker qualified for the State Archery Competition in Barebow!



The Buhler 4-H Club met for their monthly meeting on July 24th at 5:00 p.m. at the Oz building at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. The meeting was very small, but they still got everything done. Right after the meeting all the members looked at the success of the Buhler 4-H Club static entries. Congrats to Nora Busenbark on Poultry, Natalie Roberts on Cattle, Emery Combs on Dog, and anyone else who blew the judges away this year. The next meeting will be held on August 9th at 4 p.m. at the Buhler Pool. We can't wait to see you there, and good job to everyone at the Reno County Fair!



REMINDER: WRITE THANK YOU NOTES

A reminder to all of those who 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>

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, 2025 through September 30, 2026. If you have activities that take place between the date you have to turn them into the club leader and September 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 2, 2026, by 5 PM.** Achievement pins will be awarded at Achievement Night: the date & location to be announced at a later date.

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 2, 2026.

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 set up 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 10-11, 2026

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, 2027, may apply as a Council Rep, and those 15-18 before January 1, 2027, 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 Wednesday, October 1, 2026, 11:59 PM, CST.

AUGUST CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Buhler Ninnescah Thomadora Union Valley WRC			FAIRBOARD MEETING			State Horticulture Judging
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Haven Mitchell Nickerson						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	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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