



RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

July 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

The Extension Office will have
mat boards and sleeves for
photos for sale. \$2.00 a set.
We will not have food bags this
year.

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.

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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 Oz Building and
place them on the designated
rack. Items will be sold by free
will donation. If you have any
extra at home consider donating
them as well. 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. Donations this year are
going to Redemption Animal
Rescue

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**Static Entry Cards will be
available for pick-up at the
Extension Office, **July 13-17**. The
office is open 8 AM to 5 PM.**

NEW THIS YEAR:
**Fashion Revue paperwork is due
to the office by Friday, July 17,
at 5 PM.**

**4-H'ers wanting to enter projects
into Open Class: Go to
fairentry.com and enter projects
into the Open Class division.**

**All 4-H'ers with a swine, goat,
and sheep project will receive
one free bale of shavings. It can
be picked up at the weigh-in on
Thursday, July 23.**

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

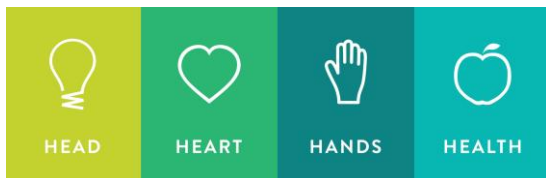
If you have questions about Ambassadors contact

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.



County Fair Coloring Contest

Practice your coloring skills and get ready for the 2026 fair coloring contest! The coloring sheets will be available at the Oz Building during the week of the fair. A prize will be awarded to the winner of each age division. There will be a division for adults, too!

There will be **NO** poultry drug pull this year.

Fairboard will again this year be sponsoring a butter sculpting contest Thursday July 23rd from 8 to 5. Winners will be announced at the awards luncheon at the 1861 club Monday July 27 @ 11:00



Attention to all those taking foods items to fair.

If you need to show your work for frostings, the form is at the back of this newsletter.

This year, we had five campers and five counselors attend WildHorse 4-H Camp!



• Dinner • Drinks • Auction • Raffles • Live Music •

Prairie STOCK & SOCIAL

Saturday, July 25

1861 Club | Kansas State Fairgrounds

5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Dinner served at 6:30 PM

Followed by silent auction, live auction, raffles and live music.

PREMIER SPONSOR TABLE

\$1,000

- Reserved table for 10, including dinner and open bar
- Premier Seating
- Enhanced table experience featuring a premium bottle and appetizers
- Recognition during the event program and event advertising

BLUE RIBBON SPONSOR TABLE **\$500**

- Reserved table for 10, including dinner and open bar
- Recognition during the event program and event advertising

GENERAL ADMISSION

\$50 per seat. Includes dinner and open bar.

RESERVE YOUR TABLE TODAY!



Clint Lanning at Night on the Prairie in Pretty Prairie promoting 4-H and the Reno County Fair.

The Buhler 4-H Club met for their monthly meeting on June 14th at 4:00 p.m. at Lionette Field in South Hutch. At they meeting the discussed the upcoming events, and registered their fair entries so they are ready for the Reno County Fair! Members of the club plan to go to the Patriots Parade on the 4th of July in Hutchinson at 9:30 a.m. And they can't wait for the pool party at Salt City Splash!

The next meeting will be held during the county fair in July, exact information is TBD.

If you want to join us please contact our leader Ann Roberts. The club hopes to see you at one of these events!

There are still single seats available for the Fair Board's Prairie Stock & Social Fundraiser. If you would like to purchase a seat (\$25 each), please reach out to Donna via email or by calling the office.

Don't wait—seats may sell out before you snag yours!

Did You Know?



**ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS
TO DO BEFORE THE COUNTY FAIR...
READ THE FAIR BOOK
GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS ARE
DIFFERENT FOR EACH COUNTY.**

Check with your local extension office, fair books may be:

- Printed in book form
- Printed in the local newspaper
- May only be found online

It's the exhibitor's responsibility to know the rules pertaining to each project!

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Premium Sale Updates & Checklist



Please use this document to help you prepare for the Livestock Sale that will take place on **Monday, July 27th** at the **1861 Club**. Our goal is to provide an elevated and enjoyable experience for our buyers, exhibitors, and families!

ON SHOW DAY

- ☐ Each exhibitor must take a backdrop picture with their animal. Please check in with the show photographer and ensure your name is marked off the list when finished.
- ☐ Complete your sale card and place it in the designated box located in your barn.
- ☐ Goat & Sheep Exhibitors – if you plan to sell your animal at the floor (base bid) price, fill out the pink floor bid card and place in designated box located in your barn. *Load out for sheep and goats will take place on Sunday. Designated time and place will be announced.*
- ☐ Fill out the white information card. This is what will be read about you during the sale. Write 2-3 sentences about yourself. Make it fun, personal, and interesting!

ON SALE DAY

- ☐ Dress to impress! Show attire is strongly encouraged!
- ☐ Plan to enjoy complimentary pizza for 4-H members and their families at Lake Talbott from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
- ☐ Park on the north side of the 1861 building to allow parking for our buyers in front.
- ☐ Exhibitors will meet on the north side of the 1861 Club to line up in sale order. **Sale order is Sheep, Swine, Beef, Goats.** Please plan to report to this area at the designated time below.
 - 5:15 p.m. Scholarship recipients report for meal service; stay for scholarship presentation
 - 6:00 p.m. Rate of Gain and Carcass Contest awards
 - 6:15 p.m. Sheep & Swine exhibitors
 - 7:00 p.m. Beef exhibitors
 - 7:30 p.m. Goat exhibitors

SALE TIME

- ☐ Instead of the traditional sale ring, exhibitors will stand on stage in front of the audience.
- ☐ Feel free to carry an award or banner to showcase your hardwork and success during the fair.
- ☐ When finished, exhibitors will exit the stage and leave through the north doors of the building. There will be helpers guiding members on and off the stage.
- ☐ If you would like to personally thank your buyer, walk around the building and re-enter through the main doors.
- ☐ Based on buyer feedback, it is encouraged to deliver appreciation gifts at their place of business. A good handshake and verbal thank you the night of the sale is preferred.



Thank you for your flexibility as we introduce this new format. We appreciate your support and look forward to celebrating the night together!





Frostings and Fillings Worksheet

List all ingredients and weight in grams

Conversion to grams from cups or tablespoons can be found at kingarthurbaking.com/learn/ingredient-weight-chart

Ingredients	Weight in Grams
Line 1: Total weight	
Line 2: Weight of sugar (from above)	
Line 3: Weight of sugar (in Line 2) divided by Total weight (in Line 1)	
Line 4: Multiply Line 3 by 100 for the % of sugar	%

Is Line 4 higher than 65%? YES or No

If Yes, this recipe is considered safe to be stored at room temperature.

Example: Simple Buttercream Frosting

Ingredients	Weight in Grams
2 cups unsalted butter	454
8 cups powdered sugar	960
½ teaspoon salt	3
¼ cup heavy cream	59
2 teaspoons vanilla extract	8
Total weight	1,484

% sugar: $(960/1,484) \times 100 = 65\%$

This frosting meets the minimum requirement of 65% sugar and considered safe at room temperature.



Common Frosting and Filling Ingredients

Ingredient	Household Measure	Grams
Brown sugar	1 cup	213
Butter or margarine	8 tablespoons (½ cup)	113
Coconut cream	1 cup	284
Corn syrup	1 cup	312
Cream, milk, half and half	1 cup	227
Espresso powder	1 tablespoon	7
Evaporated milk	½ cup	113
Granulated sugar	1 cup	198
Lemon juice, lime juice, orange juice	1 tablespoon	14
Peanut butter	½ cup	135
Powdered sugar	2 cups	227
Semi-sweet chocolate chips	1 cup	170
Unsweetend chocolate bars	2 pieces	14
Unsweetend cocoa powder	½ cup	42
Vanilla extract or other flavored extract	1 tablespoon	14
Vegetable shortening	¼ cup	46
Water	1 cup	227

More ingredients can be found at kingarthurbaking.com/learn/ingredient-weight-chart

More information and resources are available in “Food Safety of Frosting and Fillings,” available at <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3544.pdf>



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

The May 2026 Haven 4-H Club meeting was held on Sunday, May 10, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Haven Community Building in Haven, Kansas.

The program featured four Haven 4-H members sharing demonstrations and a project talk:

- Dallas Lacy gave a demonstration on how to show a lamb.
- Kaylin Weakley gave a demonstration on how to care for a pet kitten.
- Josiah Weakley gave a demonstration on how to solve a Rubik's Cube.
- Henry Blubaugh gave a project talk about the characteristics of ermines.



May 10, 2026

Top Left Photo: Dallas Lacy demonstrating on how to show a lamb.

Top Right Photo: Kaylin Weakley demonstrating on how to care for a pet kitten.

Middle Photo: Josiah Weakley demonstrating on how to solve a Rubik's Cube.

Bottom Photo: Henry Blubaugh giving a project talk about the characteristics of ermines.



JULY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			FAIR ENTRIES CLOSE		OFFICE CLOSED	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			FAIRBOARD MEETING			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	STATIC ONLY ENTRY CARD PICK- UP	STATIC ONLY ENTRY CARD PICK- UP	STATIC ONLY ENTRY CARD PICK- UP	STATIC ONLY ENTRY CARD PICK- UP	STATIC ONLY ENTRY CARD PICK- UP FASHION REVIEW PAPERWORK DUE	COUNTY FAIR DOG SHOW
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			COUNTY FAIR	COUNTY FAIR	COUNTY FAIR	COUNTY FAIR
26	27	28	29	30	31	
COUNTY 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.

PLEASE EMAIL DONNA AT dp96929@ksu.edu