



# RENO COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



## May 2026

### 4-H COUNCIL DATE

**June 22, 2026 @ 7pm**

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

### **2026 Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular**

The State Entomology Workshop will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 19th and 20th. Activities will be based at the North Community building at 505 N. Buckeye Street in Iola, Kansas. Learn more about the event and register at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/insect-spectacular/>.

Registration closes May 25.

### **Beginner Rabbit**

#### **Showmanship Webinar**

4-H Rabbit member Daphne R.

Shares the basics of rabbit showmanship on this webinar.

Daphne is a 3-time Kansas State Fair champion in rabbit showmanship and is active in rabbit shows at the 4-H and ARBA level.

The webinar is scheduled for Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via zoom (register to receive the zoom link at <https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/nRo28KVNSWuR7YfrVJEdQ>).

**Save the date for the  
intermediate rabbit  
showmanship clinic:  
June 8, 7 PM.**



**Reno County 4-H lost a good one. You will be greatly missed Betty. She had 59 years with Reno County 4-H. Betty was a leader of the Mitchell 4-H club for years. Along with serving on the Reno County fairboard and the Reno County 4-H Foundation. Betty served on the livestock sale committee many years and helped make the meal each year for the livestock buyers. She scrubbed potatoes made desserts and would buy 4-Her's produce from the fair to help make the salad. Thank you, Betty, for your dedication to 4-Her's everywhere.**

**Betty Leah Fenton, aged 94, passed away Monday, April 6, 2026, at Hospice House in Hutchinson. She was born December 18, 1931, in Alton, KS,**



## 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.

## Leathercraft Meetings

If you are needing help with your leathercraft project please contact Clint Lanning at 620-276-9824

## Poultry Judging Practice

Join Mary Muckey on Monday, June 1, at 6 PM for poultry judging practice! The practice will be at the Extension Office West Meeting Room. Text her at 785-556-1545 if you plan to attend. Or RSVP with Patrick at [pbergkamp@ksu.edu](mailto:pbergkamp@ksu.edu).

## 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 rabbits, contact Vicki Myers at (620) 727-3980.

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

**Do you have something you're passionate about? Do you know a cool skill that you can share with 4-H'ers? Consider becoming a project leader! If you'd like to get involved as a project leader, reach out to Katherine or Donna!**

## 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 Geology State Field Trip 2026

Final information for the 2026 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip is here. This year the field trip will be held in the Southeastern part of the state (Headquarters at Parsons Middle School). The 2026 Dates are June 12-14. Open to 4-H Geology project members and their families.

Register at

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/geology-field-trip/> by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 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!

## Discovery Days

registration is open! Back by popular demand – The Talent Show (sign up when you register) and NEW this year – FCS Judging at Discovery Days will take place Thursday, June 4, both morning and afternoon time slots! Register at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/discovery-days/>

# Nickerson Clovers April Meeting

By Lincoln Martin

The Nickerson Clovers 4-H Club meeting was called to order on April 19, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was answered by “What are you working on for the fair?” Ten members and two leaders were in attendance. One guest Cloverbud and his family were also in attendance. The minutes from the previous meeting and the treasurer’s report were read and approved. Parliamentarian shared information about the core principles of parliamentary procedure. Leader’s discussed the changes to this year’s fair, gave a reminder to read the county newsletters, and to sign up for Discovery Days. Unfinished business was discussed and was tabled to the next meeting. A bill for was presented and approved to be paid during new business. For the program, club members brought two thank you notes each to give to volunteers or sponsors for Volunteer Appreciation. Chandler Poppelreiter gave a demonstration about to make corn and black bean dip. Meeting was adjourned, and next meeting will be May 17, 2026 at 4:30 at the Nickerson Coop.



# Community Service Union Valley 4-H Club



**Union Valley 4H hosted an easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4th at Lincoln Elementary School. The event had great turnout from the members and the community.**

**Union Valley 4H had their meeting on Sunday, April 12th at ADM. We had three presentations. Eliza gave her presentations on bead animals. Tucker gave his presentation on European deer mounts. Blake gave presentation on JH golf.**



**The Buhler 4-H Club had their monthly meeting on April 13th at 6:30 p.m. at Sunshine Meadows Retirement Home. They got to share their small animals with the residents during a petting zoo. During the meeting, they heard from Kinley and Emery Combs as they each talked about their experiences in the dog project. The next meeting will be held on May 11th at 6:30 p.m. at Becker Park in Buhler. This will be their annual Ice Cream Social, so bring a dessert, everyone is welcome!**

**Nora Busenbark, Reporter**



**GREAT JOB BUHLER 4-HER'S**

## 2026 Kansas 4-H State BB Gun and Air Rifle Championship Match

by: Addison Showalter

On Saturday, April 18, 2026, seven members of Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports competed at the 2026 Kansas 4-H State BB Gun and Air Rifle Championship Match held at the Great Bend Expo Center in Great Bend, Kansas.

BB gun participants from Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports were: Michael Cota, Brendan Clark, Eli Showalter, Addison Showalter, Christopher Zongker, and Riley Zongker.

Air Rifle participants from Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports were: Brendan Clark, Ellie Martens, and Eli Showalter.

Individual awards for Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports participants at the 2026 4-H State BB Gun Championship Match were:

- Brendan Clark  
Individual (Senior) 5<sup>th</sup> Place with a score of 459-22.  
Prone (Senior) 4<sup>th</sup> Place and (Overall) 4<sup>th</sup> Place with a score of 98-5.  
Standing (Senior) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and (Overall) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with a score of 95-5.  
Sitting (Senior) 4<sup>th</sup> Place and (Overall) 4<sup>th</sup> Place with a score of 98-6.  
Kneeling (Senior) 5<sup>th</sup> Place and (Overall) 5<sup>th</sup> Place with a score of 96-6.
- Eli Showalter  
Test 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Senior) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Overall) with a test score of 88. The test contained 25 questions worth four points each.
- Addison Showalter  
Standing (Junior) 1<sup>st</sup> Place with a score of 91-2.

Individual awards for Reno County 4-H Shooting Sports participants at the 2026 4-H State Air Rifle Championship Match were:

- Ellie Martens  
3P – Three Positions (Senior) 5<sup>th</sup> Place with a score of 518.
- Brendan Clark  
3P – Three Positions (Junior) 1<sup>st</sup> Place with a score of 513.  
Silhouettes (Junior) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with a score of 120.  
Aggregate Score (Junior) 1<sup>st</sup> Place with a score of 633.
- Eli Showalter  
3P – Three Positions (Junior) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place with a score of 459.  
Silhouettes (Junior) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place with a score of 100.  
Aggregate Score (Junior) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place with a score of 559.



The 2026 4-H State BB Gun and Air Rifle Championship Match was a long day for participants, coaches, volunteers, and parents. However, it was a fun day. The competition was fierce.

**Above Photo:** 4/18/26 – Eli Showalter, Addison Showalter, and Brendan Clark with their medals from the 2026 Kansas 4-H State BB Gun and Air Rifle Championship Match.



## Haven Community Easter Egg Hunt

~ Eli Showalter and Addison Showalter

The Annual Haven Community Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 4, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Haven High School football field in Haven, Kansas. It was a really chilly morning, but that didn't stop kids from coming out and having fun. Everyone was excited to find Easter eggs, and you could see lots of smiles everywhere.

The event was sponsored by Haven Recreation, First National Bank, and the Haven 4-H Club. Members of the Haven 4-H Club helped prepare by stuffing Easter eggs at their March meeting, donating small prizes, and helping run the event. The Easter Bunny even made a special visit to take photos with attendees.

It was a really fun day, and the Haven 4-H Club was happy to help give back to the community. All the kids who came to the Easter Egg Hunt had a great time!



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

The April 2026 Haven 4-H Club meeting was held on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Haven Community Building in Haven, Kansas.

The program featured several member talk and demonstrations, including:

- Clara Miller gave a demonstration on how to correctly field a ground ball,
- Aria Enochs gave a demonstration on how to show a rabbit,
- Eliana Enochs gave a demonstration on how to take care of chickens,
- Quinton Blubaugh gave a demonstration on how to feed a baby calf, and
- Paxton Blubaugh gave a talk on the basics of bass fishing.



**April 19, 2026**

**Top Left Photo:** Clara Miller demonstrating how field a softball.

**Top Middle Photo:** Aria Enchos demonstrating on how to show a rabbit.

**Top Right Photo:** Eliana Enochs demonstrating how to take care of chickens.

**Bottom Left Photo:** Quinton Blubaugh demonstrating how to feed a baby calf.

**Bottom Right Photo:** Paxton Blubaugh giving a project talk on the basics of bass fishing.



- 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!**

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UP SOME FUNDS...

# RENO COUNTY FAIR

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Show this flyer or mention  
our organization to receive credit!

**MON, JUNE 1ST**

501 E 30TH OR 1701 E 30TH  
HUTCHINSON, KS

**5:30 AM -8:00 PM**

A portion of all sales during this time  
will benefit our organization! Grab a  
coffee or treat and help support a  
great cause!



# ARLINGTON CITY LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAM



Join us for a summer of fun and learning! The Reno County Extension Office will teach a series of fun summer workshops. Grab your friends and come over to the Arlington City Library.

JUNE 2, 10 AM  
ALL ABOUT CORN

Did you know that corn is in several everyday objects? The United States produces about one-third of the world's corn. In this activity, kids will explore the properties of corn and how humans use it.

JUNE 16, 10 AM  
INTO THE WILD

In this interactive lesson, youth will learn basic outdoor survival skills while building awareness of how weather can affect safety and decision-making. They will play a game that asks them to think about how to navigate some "worst possible scenarios." Some are silly, and others are more serious, but all will get them thinking!

JUNE 23, 10 AM  
ROCK DETECTIVES

In this fun, hands-on class, students will explore the fascinating world of rocks, basic geology, and sparkling gemstones! Youth will learn how rocks form, discover the three main types of rocks, and see how the Earth changes over time. We'll examine real rock and mineral samples, discuss how gemstones form, and learn how scientists identify different rocks and minerals.

JUNE 30, 10 AM  
DINOSAUR  
DISCOVERY

Step back in time to the age of dinosaurs in this exciting lesson, where students will explore some of the most fascinating prehistoric creatures. We will learn about different dinosaur species, how big they were, what they ate, and how they survived in their environments.

JULY 7, 10 AM  
OWL PELLET  
DISSECTION

Owl pellet dissection is an easy, beginner dissection for all ages! At the end of this lesson, youth will have a better understanding of food webs, food chains, and of course--owls. Youth will learn about owls and their place in the food web through the dissection of owl pellets.

JULY 14, 10 AM  
EGG DROP  
EXPERIMENT

Let's test gravity! In this experiment, the youth will try to design a device that will protect a raw egg when it is dropped from a height. Before the lesson, the youth will learn the basics of physics, gravity, and force.

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# MAY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					<b>ADD/DROP DEADLINE DOG ID DUE TO THE OFFICE</b>	<b>SMALL ANIMAL TAGGING 8-10AM EXTENSION OFFICE</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>BUHLER MEETING</b>		<b>FAIRBOARD</b>			<b>WRC Meeting</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Haven Mitchell Nickerson Ninnescah Union Valley Meeting</b>						
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
	<b>Memorial Day Office Closed</b>					

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