Thank You!!!!!
Where do I ever begin to thank everyone for the help at 4-H Days. BIG THANK YOU’S go out to Kathy Zongker and her family for all the amazing work they did to help get ready for 4-H days and to make sure the day went smooth. I could not have done it without her.
To the Milburn Family for helping move all the tables and chairs to the mall. Also for moving a piano to the mall for the music kids.

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**CLUB OF THE MONTH**

**NICKERSON 4-H CLUB**
Nickerson Clovers’ “Acrostic” Poem

**Nickerson Coop** is our meeting place. 3rd Sunday at 4:30 pm is the day and time.

**Individual development of self-esteem is available.**

We serve **Christmas cookies** at the Nickerson Community Santa Visit.

We design and distribute **May Day Baskets** in the community.

We have **23 members.**

We like to **tour** each others outside projects before the County Fair.

We make Valentine’S door hangers and distribute to a local nursing home.

We enjoy promoting 4-H Week by having a Wind**ow** Display and attending church as a club.

As a club, we are **involved** in 49 projects.

Chartered on October 7, 1978

We strive to conduct our meetings with proper par**liamentary procedures.**

**Foods, Beef, Photography, Plant Science & Shooting Sports** are just a few of our most popular projects.

**Volunteers** make our club run smooth. We thank all 4-H volunteers!

We take care of business and have fun at our **meetings.**

**Visitors** are always welcomed.

**Friends** make 4-H fun!

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**NEXT MONTH’S FEATURED CLUB**

**Ninnescah 4-H Club**

Information for the newsletter is due the 20th of each month by 5pm no exceptions
CLOVERBUD CONNECTS

Cloverbuds come and join other Cloverbuds in the county on Saturday morning, June 6, 2015 from 10:00 to Noon for some fun activities. A light lunch will be provided. Any junior leaders wanting to help please contact Donna at the Extension Office @ 620-662-2371.

Sewing Camp

Create a garment from pattern to wear during this year’s 4th annual Kansas 4-H Sewing Camp! Participants will explore new sewing concepts and improve current sewing skills. Junior participants (age 9-12) and Senior participants (age 13 and older) will attend camp at K-State Salina, work on touch control sewing machines, and receive assistance from teen counselors and textile knowledgeable adults.

Junior camp will be held June 25-27, and Senior camp will be held June 27-30. All fabrics, supplies and equipment will be provided for youth to construct their garment. Junior participants will choose from an apron, pull-over shirt or pants. Senior participants will choose between a tailored vest or “silky” shirt. Junior registration cost is $170 and Senior registration cost is $215. Space is limited, so early registration is strongly encouraged. Registration closes May 8, 2015.

Geology Scholarship

The Geology Action Team offers a one time scholarship in the amount of $250 for high school seniors in the Geology project. Applicants must have been enrolled in the Geology project a minimum of three years.

Applicants need to complete and submit the following:

- scholarship application
- one page summary of 4-H Geology Project involvement
- one page summary of favorite memory of 4-H Geology Project
- one page summary of participation in 4-H events and activities

Applications are due May 1. Mail application packet to Evelyn Neier, 4-H Youth Development, 9822 Harvest Court, Wichita, KS 67212. The application form is available on the Geology Project page.
**Remember to check out our website: [www.reno.ksu.edu](http://www.reno.ksu.edu)**

Announcements, rules and entry forms for upcoming events may be found on the website. For county shows throughout the state stop by the office and look at our notebook.

Check out the State 4-H website for information on Upcoming State 4-H Events. [www.kansas4h.org](http://www.kansas4h.org)

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**KANSAS 4-H SPORTFISHING TOURNAMENT 2015**

The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament is open to all 4-H members. **The contest runs throughout the year and ends September 15, 2015.** One 4-H Angler of the year will be named in each of the species listed below. These are fish commonly found in Kansas waters. Each Angler of the Year will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap and tackle box with fishing gear or comparable prizes (one per individual). All participants that enter a certified entry will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap (one per individual).

The following species will make up the contest:

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**RULES:**

1. Must be enrolled in 4-H.

2. Entry must be measured by length and girth, verified by a witness and be accompanied by a photo of the entry. (This is a minimum entry to receive a cap.) Please use the 2015 entry form as there have been some changes in the form to get addresses of anglers and county 4-H agents or sportfishing leaders.

3. To compete for **Angler of the Year Award** the entry must also be weighed and witnessed (digital hand scale is acceptable, no spring scales please.) Only one Angler of the Year award per individual will be awarded. If a participant is selected as first in a class their additional entries will not be considered in subsequent classes.

4. Fish can be caught anywhere in the state of Kansas.

5. Fish must be caught by a legal method as outlined in current Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Fishing Regulations Summary.

6. Entries must be postmarked by September 15th. Winners will be announced around October 1, 2015.

7. Entries are to be submitted to Tommie Berger 406 S. New York Ave. Sylvan Grove, KS 67481. [bergkfw@wtciweb.com](mailto:bergkfw@wtciweb.com) 785-524-6112.
PHOTO ADVENTURE CAMP

4-H Photo Adventure Camp, May 31-June 3, 2015, is an exciting four day photographic experience for teens ages 13-16. The camp, held at Rock Springs 4-H Center, offers hands-on workshops covering a wide range of topics and skills. Campers supply their camera equipment.

Parents, project leaders and other 4-H Volunteers who have completed the 4-H volunteering screening process are invited to attend camp and learn along with the youth. Enrollment is limited so don’t delay in registering for Photo Adventure Camp 2015. The registration fee is $190 for youth or adults. Register on-line. Registration closes April 15, 2015.

4-H SHUTTERBUG PHOTOGRAPHY EVENTS

The Photo Action Team has scheduled two Shutterbug workshop events. Shutterbug events provide opportunities for youth to participate in hands-on sessions covering a variety of topics, such as lighting, composition, portraits and posing, camera Q & As, etc. Youth may choose from 7-8 sessions at each location. Dates and details are as follows:

Shutterbugs at Botanica (Wichita). Saturday, April 18, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Pay admission to Botanica (Adults $7; Youth 3-12 $5) at the door. No preregistration or fees other than Botanica admission fee.

Shutterbugs at Garden City Zoo (Garden City). Saturday, May 2, 2015, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City. No preregistration. Fee: $5 per person/maximum $20 per family.

For more information visit http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=427

4-H HORSE SNaffle BIT PROJECTS

Horse snaffle bit projects are due into the local Extension Office by May 1. Along with the nomination, the 4-H member must submit the Horse ID and a $10 fee. The nomination form, a copy of the horse ID (including a color picture of the horse) and fee needs to be forwarded to the State 4-H Office. Three-year old snaffle bit projects must have been nominated the previous year and did not have to be shown to be re-nominated. State Fair entries for these projects are due August 1 in the State 4-H Office. For more information concerning the Snaffle bit project check the 4-H Horse Show Rule Book.
Kansas State University will be hosting a series of Barbecue 101 workshops this May and June

These one day workshops will focus on teaching the basics of grilling and smoking for consumers of all ages and experience levels. The topic areas will cover the basics of grill selection and use, the fundamentals of meat selection and preparation, discussion of new and innovative cuts for barbecue, and the science of smoking. Additionally, these workshops will include several hands-on demonstrations, tastings of different sauces, meat cooked with different woods, spices, and rubs. The day will conclude with a question and answer session with several barbecue experts. Watch for more details about dates, times, locations, and registration in the coming months. For more information, contact Travis O’Quinn (travisoquinn@ksu.edu; 785-532-3469).

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K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy Planned for June

Kansas State University will host the 7th Annual K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy for young livestock industry leaders in Kansas. This year two sessions will be offered: June 10-13 or June 17-20, 2015. This intensive four day educational experience will focus on increasing the participant’s knowledge of a dynamic and sustainable livestock industry and its importance to a global food system. Students will learn valuable leadership skills and enhance their personal development. Only 20 students will be accepted for each session to ensure individualized attention from counselors, professors and industry leaders. Participants will stay on campus in university housing with program staff for the duration of the event. Transportation to and from the event is the responsibility of the participant, along with a $50 deposit to reserve his or her space. The Livestock and Meat Industry Council generously provides all other sponsorships. **Students must apply by April 1, 2015.** Candidates have to be enrolled in high school and able to participate in the entire academy. More information, including registration forms, is available at [http://bit.ly/KSUASILeadershipAcademy](http://bit.ly/KSUASILeadershipAcademy). Please contact academy director Sharon Breiner with questions at sbreiner@ksu.edu or 785-532-6533.

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**DON’T LET CASH HOLD YOU BACK FROM SHOWING LIVESTOCK**

The FSA youth loan program is designed to help rural youth establish and operate an income-producing project of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H or FFA. The goal of the youth loan is to help youth develop an income-producing project that expands their knowledge of their projects and provides them with practical business knowledge. For example, funds may be used for fruit and vegetable production, purchase of 4-H market animals, breeding stock to start a small herd or flock, equipment for beekeeping, or to pay operating expenses for a project. The project must produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills. The project must be implemented with the help of the 4-Her’s parent or guardian and a volunteer leader, or Extension agent. The FSA Youth Loan Program representatives are willing to work with 4-H youth and also have programs available to socially disadvantaged. This is a great program that 4-H entrepreneurs from across the state could utilize. For more information see the FSA Rural Youth Loan Fact Sheet: [http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/loanyouth.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/loanyouth.pdf)
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CAMP COUNSELOR???

If you would like to be a camp counselor this summer at Sunny Hills 4-H Camp June 15-18 (counselors go to Rock Springs on June 14), check out the enclosed camp counselor application. You must be 14 years of age by the date of camp. Applications are due in the Extension office on May 8, 2015.

TRACTOR SAFETY DAY

WHEN: Saturday, April 18, 2015
TIME: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
WHERE: Reno County Extension Office
REGISTRATION DUE: April 13, 2015
REQUIREMENTS:
- 14-15 years old (or 13, turning 14 this summer)
- Social Security Number (Bring it with you!)
- $20.00 Registration Fee at time of registration
  - Lunch will be provided
  - Registration is limited to the first 25

Registration forms available at the Reno County Extension Office. Class Textbooks may be picked up at the Extension Office upon payment.

***Students should be familiar with Chapter 1 before the class***

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LIVESTOCK JUDGING PLEASE CONTACT AG AGENT DARREN BUSICK. THERE IS A BEGINNERS CLASS AND ADVANCED CLASS
IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW

DEADLINE ALERT

MAY 1ST IS THE DEADLINE FOR ANY PROJECTS TO BE DROPPED OR ADDED TO YOUR ENROLLMENT. YOU MUST CALL OR EMAIL DONNA AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE TO HAVE THIS COMPLETED. WE ARE OPEN 8-5 MONDAY THRU FRIDAY. 620-662-2371. DONNA’S EMAIL ADDRESS IS dp96929@ksu.edu

UPDATE ON JOAN

4-H AGENT JOAN KRUMME HAD HER HIP REPLACEMENT DONE THE FIRST PART OF MARCH SHE IS DOING WELL AND HOPING TO BE BACK AT HER DESK VERY SOON. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND JOAN WELL WISHES YOU CAN MAIL OR DROP OFF CARDS AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE 2 WEST 10TH SOUTH HUTCHINSON, KS 67505. IF YOU HAVE ANY 4-H QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT DONNA PHILLIPS @ 620-662-2371 OR dp96929@ksu.edu

ENTOMOLOGY/GEOLGY

WE HAVE 2 DISPLAY BOXES THAT CAN BE USED FOR ENTOMOLOGY OR GEOLOGY THAT HAVE BEEN DONATED. IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN 1 PLEASE CONTACT DONNA AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

RENO COUNTY 4-H SEWING MEETING

WHO: KIDS SIGNED UP FOR SEWING
WHAT: SEWING MEETING
WHEN: APRIL 10TH 4-6PM
WHERE: EXTENSION OFFICE BASEMENT
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*We make every effort to place all events on calendar; however, it is your responsibility to make sure none were inadvertently left off.

PLEASE READ YOUR NEWSLETTER CAREFULLY FOR FUTURE EVENT DATES AND DETAILS OF THIS MONTH’S EVENTS

Reno County Extension Office Phone # 620-662-2371

Articles for the newsletter are due on or before the 20th of each month by 5pm
Listed below are the shooting sports results from the past month. Congratulations to all of the shooters who participated!

Barton Co., Saturday, Feb. 14

Miles Friday, Air Rifle (11-12), 5th
Koby Royer, Air Rifle (13-15), 12th
Alek Royer, Air Rifle (16 and over), 10th

Jackson/Nemaha, Saturday, Feb. 21

Mason Cooper Air Pistol (Jr. Sporter), 7th; Air Rifle (13 and under), 9th;
BB (12-14), 39th
Callie Cooper BB (9-11), 18th
Marlie Cooper BB (7-8), 3rd
Silhouette (Sr.), 2nd
*Air Rifle Team-6th
*BB Team-7th

(Pictured to the left are L-R Miles Friday, Mason Cooper, Callie Cooper, and Marlie Cooper at the Ellis Co. Match)

Ellis County, Saturday Mar. 7

Marlie Cooper, BB (7-8), 3rd
Evan Bartholomew, BB (9), 9th
Miles Friday, *Air Rifle (8-10), 3rd; *BB (11), 2nd
Callie Cooper, *Air Rifle (8-10), 4th; *BB (11), 7th
Mason Cooper, *Air Rifle (12-13), 8th; *BB (13-14), 21st; Air Pistol (Jr. Sporter), 2nd; Silhouette (Jr.), 2nd
Kaitlin Colle, *BB (13-14), 16th;
Michael Meier, *Air Rifle (15-16), 8th ; Air Pistol (Sr. Sporter), 6th;
Silhouette (Sr.), 2nd
*Air Rifle Team-6th
*BB Team-7th

Wyandotte County, Saturday, Mar. 14

Nathan Schmidt, Air Rifle (Jr., 8-14), 22nd ; *Air Pistol (Jr. Sporter) 6th
Scott Schmidt, Air Rifle (Sr., 14-18), 20th ; *Air Pistol (Sr. Sporter) 11th
*Air Pistol Team-5th
Sheep Showmanship Clinic

April 11th 2015
Kansas State Fairgrounds
9:30am to 11:30am
FREE CLINIC

Learning for ALL ages and stages of showmanship!
Ashley Franklin will be presenting the showmanship and fitting skills for the day.
LAMBS will be provided!

Please RSVP to:
Reno Co. Extension Office
620-662-2371
Donna Phillips
or by email:
dp96929@ksu.edu

If you have any questions feel free to email Donna or Ashley. Ashley’s email is a.franklin618@hotmail.com
A great big thank you to everyone that helped out at the beef tagging. It would not have gone that smooth without all of your help. Especially a HUGE thank you to Doug Harner, James Schlickau and Donald Harner. To the Livestock Sale Barns for letting us use the faculties. To Prairie Vista Vet Clinic and Doc Harder for volunteering your time to help the kids out.

YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!

The livestock judging team traveled to Topeka Saturday March 21st The senior team was Grace Zongker, Grace and Sydnee Shive. They did great placing 6\textsuperscript{th} out of 20 teams. The Experienced Jr team had Cole and Caylee Blew, Kinley Siemens, and Gauge Stauffer. They were led by Gauge who took 1\textsuperscript{st} overall and the team also took 1\textsuperscript{st}. The Beginner Jr team was led by Copper Collins who finished 13\textsuperscript{th} out of 60 competitors. The other two were Nathan Hoyt and first time contestant Sienna DeFrain. The Team finished up 14\textsuperscript{th} out of 22 teams. The adults that went were also able to compete and they finished up 2\textsuperscript{nd} overall just 8 points form winning the competition. Adults competing were Dawn Shive, Beckie Blew, Amy Siemens and Michael Hoyt.