A huge thank you to the Achievement Night Committee: Kirk, Kathy, Grace & Faith Zongker, Shannon & Rylie Meyer for all of the hard work you did for an amazing night. To Pam Ullum for putting together the slide show.

**RENO COUNTY 4-H FAMILY OF THE YEAR**

**THE PITTS FAMILY**
FROM THE BUEHLER 4-H CLUB
EXCLUSIVE TEAM MEETING:
January 18, 2016 @ 6:00 pm
Upstairs in the conference room of the Extension Office.
All 4-H Council Officers are required to attend.

4-H COUNCIL DATE
January 25, 2016 @ 7:00 pm
Downstairs in the west meeting room

JUNIOR LEADERS:
January 25, 2016
Following the council meeting downstairs in the west meeting room

2016 Scholarship Form Available

The 2016 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Form can be found by visiting http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=479, this is the only form that will be used for the 2016 4-H Scholarships. A list of scholarships available to apply for will come out closer to the end of the year.

THE EXTENSION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

DECEMBER 24 & 25

CLOVERBUD CONNECTS

Cloverbuds come and join other Cloverbuds in the county on Saturday morning, December 5, 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.

Citizenship In Action Registration

Registration and information for Citizenship In Action will be posted soon, you can find this information by visiting www.kansas4-H.org. Youth who are 13-18 by January 1 of the current year are eligible to attend. The purpose of this event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

Citizenship Washington Focus 2016

There are still several spots left to attend the 2016 Citizenship Washington Focus trip! This is a great opportunity for youth to visit their Nation's Capitol, visit with the legislators and participate in Citizenship Washington Focus at National 4-H Headquarters. For more information, please visit http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/national-regional-events/citizenship-washington-focus/index.html. We encourage you to sign up sooner rather than later as spots are going quickly!

2016 4-H Horse Panorama

The 2016 4-H Horse Panorama has been scheduled for January 29-31 at Rock Springs. Registration for Horse Panorama will be posted to the Kansas 4-H web site soon. Check the following link for information and rules for 4-H Horse Panorama.

http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html
PROJECT NEWS:

If you have any questions about the dog project please contact Melaney Dick at 620-728-9743 or melaney@bartelcabinet.com

If you have any questions about shooting sports, please call Ray Bartholomew at (620) 663-3312 or Cindy Colle at (620) 664-3344 or email Cindy at collec83@gmail.com.

Please contact Tammy Brown (620) 899-4792 for questions about the rabbit project.

If you have any questions about photography, contact Karolyn Kellogg Howey at (620)663-5731 ext. 344.

If you have any questions about the clothing project, contact Kathy Zongker at (620) 543-2767.

Please contact Ashley Franklin at 620-278-6519 or a.franklin618@hotmail.com for any sheep project questions.

Remember to check out our website: 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

Kansas 4-H with the Lady Cats

Mark your calendars for February 27th at 3:30PM for the annual KAE4-HA Lady Cat game with Kansas 4-H. Additional information will be coming out soon, we just want to make sure you get this on your calendar now! $20 will get you a t-shirt, ticket to the game and a meal voucher for a hot dog and drink. Registration information will be coming soon - be watching! The Lady Cats will be taking on the Baylor Bears that Saturday

ATTENTION SENIORS
STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2016 Kansas 4-H Scholarship form-fillable application can be found at http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=479
Forms are also available at the Extension Office. 4-H members wanting to apply must have completed applications to the Kansas State University Department of 4-H Youth Development by Monday, February 1, 2016. Deadline for request of letters of application from extension agents is January 22nd, 2016.
Scholarship selection is based on 4-H merit: 40 percent on 4-H leadership; 30 percent on 4-H citizenship/community service in 4-H; 20 percent on 4-H participation and recognition; and 10 percent on non-4-H participation, and recognition in the school and community. Graduating seniors and college students are encouraged to apply.
SAVE THE DATE!

Carnival and Family Night will again be combined this year into “Family Carnival” Family Carnival will be held Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Memorial Hall. More details to follow in next newsletter. King & Queen will be selected as usual

Would you like to be an Ambassador? Well now is the time to sign up. Applications are due to the Extension Office Thursday December 31st. Interviews will be in January. You must be a freshman, sophomore or junior in high school. For more information you can contact Karolyn Howey or Meghan Miller

AMBASSADORS SPONSORING TEEN CHRISTMAS

Looking for a club service project?? Join the Ambassadors as they work in conjunction with First Call for Help to promote Teen Christmas. Clubs and families are encouraged to donate unwrapped Christmas gifts that would be suitable for a teenage boy or girl. Gift cards and money are also acceptable. The Ambassadors will go shopping for suitable gifts and all contributions will be donated to First Call for Help in time for Christmas distribution. The Club donating the highest dollar percentage of gifts and/or funds will be treated to a pizza party by the Ambassadors. Items needed are as follows:

Perfume/Cologne   Jeans
Ear Buds/Headphones  Basketballs/Footballs
Picture Frames   Books
Baseball Hats   Nail Polish Sets
Lamps   Rugs
Throw Blankets/Pillows   Pajamas
Hats/Gloves/Scarves   Wallets
Hoodies   Socks/Shoes

This is just a short list of items needed. Get with your club leaders for a complete list of items.

ALL ITEMS FOR TEEN CHRISTMAS ARE DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE DECEMBER 4TH BY 5:00
SAVE THE DATE:
2016 RENO COUNTY FAIR

DOG SHOW: JULY 16th
HORSE SHOW: JULY 17th
FASHION REVIEW: JULY 18th
FAIR JULY 20th – 25th

Faith and Grace Zongker traveled to K-State to compete in the Make it With Wool contest. This is a contest where the outfits must be made with wool. Anyone who has worked with wool knows that it can be hard to work with.

Faith Zongker took second in the pre-teen division and Grace Zongker took first in the Junior division! Grace will go to Nationals in January at Scottsdale, Arizona.

Congratulations to both girls way to represent Reno County. Best of luck to Grace at Nationals. The girls are members of the Buhler 4-H club.

BEEF WEIGH IN
SATURDAY
MARCH 5, 2016
8-10AM
SALE BARNs IN SOUTH HUTCHINSON

SMALL ANIMAL TAGGING
SATURDAY
MAY 7, 2016
8-11AM
KANSAS STATE FAIR GROUNDS

A MUST READ IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN SHOOTING SPORTS

4-H Shooting Sports Youth Participation

By Barbara Stone

The Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports program adheres to the National Shooting Sports Policies. The national policy regarding youth participation is stated as follows:

"4-H Shooting Sports Programs are open to all youth 7 years of age or older (as of January 1 of the current year) without regard to race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age or national origin. Each state Land Grant University determines 4-H maximum age eligibility. Note that age eligibility for National 4-H Shooting Sports Events are determined by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and may be different than that of states. 4-H Clovers (age 5-7) are not eligible for any aspect of 4-H shooting sports programs as these are not age appropriate activities."

As stated, a 4-H member must be 8 years old before January 1 to participate in the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports as directed by National Shooting Sports Policies. Kansas 4-H Cloverbud (5-7 years old) members are not eligible and should not participate in the 4-H Shooting Sports program. The 4-H Shooting Sports program in Kansas is one of our most popular and educational project areas. Your cooperation is vital to the success and safety of this program.

Reno County Fairboard is still looking for a few good men and women to be on the board. You don’t have to have kids in 4-H to be on the board. For more information please contact Donna at the Extension Office, Callie Brawner or Ryan Blubaugh

IT’S FOR THE KIDS!!!!!
Ride the Wave with 4-H

Reno County Fair
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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
A NOTE FROM JOAN…

I miss all of you so much! At times it feels like I fell down the rabbit hole. Thank you so much for all of your prayers, your texts, your cards, coloring sheets and well wishes. They have kept me going! So many of you have stepped up and done a lot of work to keep things going, Thank you!

I enjoyed the pictures from Achievement Night. It was so nice to see all of your smiling faces. I wish I could have been there. Once again, I miss you! Congratulations to all of you on your successful 4-H year and your well-earned awards. Thanks to Donna and the Achievement Night Committee for all of their hard work. Their dedication is beyond measure.

The good news is that the chemotherapy is working! The tumor is shrinking. I will have another treatment on December 4th and two more after that in January and February. They will decide at that time if I need more chemo or radiation. The treatments knock me down along with the various side issues like fluid on my lungs, blood clots and problems with acid in my legs building up and making it so I can’t walk. As the tumor shrinks, I am hoping those problems will become less and less, allowing me to drive again and be able to function. I am working hard to get back and get to work! Feel free to text me at 316-655-4298. Donna keeps me posted on what is going on but I want you to feel free to contact me for questions, concerns or just to say “hi”. Thanks to Donna, Cindy, Pam, Jan, Jennifer and Darren for helping me out during this time. I appreciate it more than I can say.

Remember I am thinking of you and Reno County 4-H daily and will be back just as soon as I am able.

Don’t forget we are still selling Sonic card and Papa Murphy cards for $5.00 each all the money goes to help Joan with expenses while she is off work. Stop by the Extension Office anytime and pick some up and help a friend, great stocking stuffers.