Leadership Camp will be Saturday, March 12th, at the Nickerson Administration Building. Time is from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. It is for 4-H'ers and their friends who are in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. The evening will consist of a variety of leadership games and activities. Cost will be $5.00 per person to cover snacks and materials. More information to come.

Thank you from the Ambassadors to the Haven, Mitchell, Buhler, Thomasador, Four Leaf, and Nickerson 4-H Clubs for their contributions to Teen Christmas. Nickerson won the competition for the highest level of donations. The Ambassadors will be contributing $50.00 to the Nickerson Club for a pizza party.

Information for the newsletter is due the 20th of each month by 5pm no exceptions
EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING:
FEBRUARY 15, 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
FEBRUARY 22, 2016 @7:00pm
Downstairs in the west meeting room

JUNIOR LEADERS:
FEBRUARY 22, 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.

SAVE THE DATE
SUNNY HILLS CAMP
JUNE 24-27, 2016

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM PLEASE CONTACT AG AGENT DARREN BUSCIK AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE @ 620-662-2371

CLOVERBUD CONNECTS
Cloverbuds come and join other Cloverbuds in the county on Saturday morning, February 6, 2016 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

RED ALERT
IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR WHEN MEETINGS OR EVENTS CAN BE CANCELLED AT THE DROP OF A HAT. IF AN EVENT WOULD BE CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL 4-HERS AND PARENTS WE WILL POST CANCELLATIONS ON THE RENO COUNTY EXTENSION WEB SITE AND ON THE RENO COUNTY EXTENSION FACEBOOK PAGE.

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
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.

LIVESTOCK SALE SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS DUE IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE
APRIL 1, 2016
Pick up applications at the Extension Office or online at http://www.reno.ksu.edu/4-h/forms/index.html

RENO CO 4-H FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIPS

Any active 4-H’er who is currently a senior in high school or freshman in college is eligible for a Reno County 4-H Foundation Scholarship. Selection is based on 4-H participation, leadership, and community involvement. Fillable-form applications will be available on the Reno County 4-H website. Reno County 4-H Foundation applications must be emailed to Mike Tonn at tonn.mike@yahoo.com by March 1, 2016.

PLEASE DO NOT TURN INTO THE EXTENSION OFFICE

Available to students attending HCC is the Vida and Ralph Warner Memorial Scholarship. Applications for the HCC scholarships can be obtained from the HCC Endowment Scholarship Fund by contacting Cindy Keast at 620-665-3565. HCC Endowment Scholarship applications are due February 15, 2016 to HCC.

CLOTHING & ROCKETFY PROJECT MEETINGS

County project leader for clothing Kathy Zongker is having clothing meeting for ALL 4Her’s enrolled in clothing at the Extension Office. Dates are as follows below. Grace Zongker rocketry leader for Buhler 4-H club is going to be holding meetings at the Extension Office. If anyone in the county needs help you are more than welcome to attend. Please contact Zongkers with any questions 620-543-2767

Feb. 27: 9:30 - 11:30 Clothing construction meeting - service project
All materials provided
1:00 - 3:00 Rocketry meeting - construction
Mar. 12: 9:30 - 11:30 Clothing construction meeting - project to be determined
1:00 - 3:00 Rocketry meeting - construction
April 16: 10:00 - 12:00 Clothing Construction meeting - Fair project ideas
April 23: Rocket Launch - Time to be announced. Probably held in Buhler
SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOWS

We have spring show information coming in to the extension office. Stop by the office to check them out. So far we have some for beef, goat, sheep and rabbit.

Calling all artists

The Colors of Agriculture

The 2015 Bookmark Art Contest grand prize winner was Caroline Miller, Reno County.

Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom’s 2016 Bookmark Art Contest is sponsored by the K-State College of Agriculture. This year’s theme incorporates the KFAC school year theme, “Pollinators: Partners in Agriculture.” To download an entry form, visit http://www.ksagclassroom.org/students/doc/2016bookmarkartform.pdf.

Rules: The contest is open to all Kansas Kindergarten to 6th grade students. Only one entry per student is allowed, and each entry must be the sole work of the student. Artwork must fit within the 8” x 3” border and student information attached. Copies of the entry form may be made for each student’s entry. Entries will become the property of KFAC.

The winning entries will be reproduced for distribution.

Graphic designers will judge entries based on relevance to the pollinator theme, creativity, originality, use of color, use of space, and clarity of idea and image.

4-H Day

Get your project talks/demonstrations, speeches, talent, music and par-law teams ready.

March 19, 2016

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hutchinson
Registration starts at 3:30 pm
Presentations start at 4:00 pm
Awards Program 7:15 – 8:00 pm

Let your Community Leaders know what you want to participate in. All 4-H Day forms need to be turned into the Extension Office by February 26, 2016 (your club may have an earlier deadline). A detailed description of each type of talk is included in the newsletter.

An awards ceremony will be held at the end of the day. We hope you will invite friends and family to attend. Participants will receive their ribbons at the ceremony NOT after the completion of their event. Please Help: Each year judges are hired for this event based on the pre-entries received. We ask you please help in following thru with your commitment to participate in this event or call into the Extension Office to cancel prior to 4-H Days.

Tips for Giving a Public Presentation:

1. Dress appropriately for the occasion so you feel at ease and look presentable.
2. Stand erect-on both feet. Good posture will help convince your audience that you mean business.
3. Outline your talk, do not write it out word-for-word. Use your outline as you give your talk, if you need it- but never read your talk!
4. Practice, Practice, Practice giving your talk. Give it to yourself alone as you give your talk, if you need it- but never read your talk!
5. Speak slowly; talk at a natural speed but change occasionally for emphasis and better attention.
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7. Watch pronunciation of words. Don’t use words you can’t pronounce or understand.
8. Use charts or visuals if they help you present the topic and add to your talk. Make sure the letters on the poster are big enough to be read.
9. Be pleasant. A smile on your face will put a smile in your voice!
11. Have fun sharing the information with your audience! They want to hear what you have to say and are on your side and want to be supportive of your presentation.
SAVE THE DATE:
2016 RENO COUNTY FAIR

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

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

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

Youth & 4-H Shooting Sports
2015 – 2016
CKGC’s new webpage and support of 4-H Shooting Sports. Try this link:
http://www.centralkansasgunclub.com/ckgc-youth.html

Kansas Lifts Ban on Poultry Exhibitions

The Kansas Department of Agriculture announced on Dec. 4, 2015, that it will be lifting the ban placed on poultry exhibitions and other events where birds are gathered or co-mingled. The order, signed by Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey on June 9, 2015, was implemented in an effort to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic H5N2 avian influenza (HPAI) and protect poultry health in Kansas. Kansas experienced a positive case of HPAI in Leavenworth County in 2015. Secretary McClaskey, in consultation with Kansas Animal Health Commissioner Dr. Bill Brown, lifted the ban as a result of no new cases of HPAI in Kansas since March 2015. While the ban is lifted, Dr. Brown continues to encourage all poultry owners to monitor their flocks and maintain good biosecurity practices. For additional information about HPAI and the response efforts in Kansas, visit http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisionsprograms/division-of-animalhealth/animal-disease-control-andtraceability/avian-influenza.
Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day

By Lexie Hayes

The 2016 Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day will be March 19, 2016 in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by featured guests, the Teague Family, as well as K-State faculty and staff members. This event will be a fun filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, sheep project leaders, and adults can increase their knowledge and experience of sheep production and management. Topics include market and breeding project selection, nutrition and feeding, management, health, meat science, wool judging, grooming, showmanship, and show ring etiquette.

This interactive event is designed for all ages and skill levels. All participants will receive a complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations). The early registration deadline is February 24, 2016 and the fee is $15/person. Registrations received after February 24, 2016 cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt and the fee is $20/person. A flyer containing more information and registration details may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock website using this link: http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html. Online registration is also available at https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND. This event has been added on the Pulse Calendar through the Department of Animals Sciences and Industry.

Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day

By Lexie Hayes

The 2016 Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day has been scheduled for March 5, 2016 in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus. This event will be a fun filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and adults can increase their knowledge and experience of beef production and management. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty and staff will cover topics such as nutrition, project management, meat science, reproduction, health, leadership, communication, showmanship, and show ring etiquette. This interactive, hands-on educational event will stimulate your enthusiasm and provide a foundation for management and care of your youth beef project in the coming year. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided.

The early registration deadline is February 10, 2016 and the fee is $15/person. Registrations received after February 10, 2016 cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt and the fee is $20/person. A flyer containing more information and registration details may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock website using this link: http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html. Online registration is also available at https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND. This event has been added on the Pulse Calendar through the Department of Animals Sciences and Industry.
Where do I ever begin to thank everyone for the amazing carnival we had on the 23rd of January. To the committee for all your hard work you rock. To the ones who stepped in at the last minute and helped when we thought we had enough workers thank you. To the ones running the stations the kids had a blast with your help. We figure we had over 420 people attend which has resulted in new members joining 4-H in the days after. Numerous phone calls inquiring about 4-H because of the work you did. To the Extension staff Pam, Cindy, Jan, Darren & Jennifer WOW another set of people that I could not have done this without. Congrats to Caleb Bigler and Karly Combs our Reno County King and Queen from Western Reno County. Until Next year thanks for all that everyone did to make this such a great success.
Reno County 4-H Livestock HOUSEHOLD NOMINATIONS:
Return to the Extension Office if wanting to household nominate

Household Name: ____________________________________________________________
(Ex: Willie Wildcat Family. Include at least one first name. Use the same name each year.)

Individual exhibitor names in Household:
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________

__________________________ Initial (youth and parent) to certify you have read the rules of Household Nominations.

Housing and Care: Reno County 4-H exhibitors are responsible for the proper care of their animal(s) by following acceptable methods of good animal husbandry. 4-H’ers choosing to household nominate livestock are responsible for following the rules for Reno County 4-H’ers and in the Reno County Fairbook. Please check the box for each species you will be household nominating:

☐ Market Beef Tag #’s: ________________________________________________________

☐ Commercial (Market) Heifers Tag #’s: __________________________________________

☐ Swine Tag #’s: _____________________________________________________________

☐ Sheep Tag #’s: _____________________________________________________________

☐ Goats Tag #’s: _____________________________________________________________

Exhibitor(s) Primary Residence:

Physical Address: ____________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________ State: Kansas Zip: ____________________________

Phone: ( ) ________ - __________ Email: _________________________________________

Declaration: I attest that I have owned, possessed and cared for my livestock projects since the specified date by specie. I hereby certify that I have read the household nomination information and will comply with these rules. I understand that false information provided concerning household nominations will result in show and/or sale awards and/or premiums being forfeited. Exhibitors presenting false statements are also subject to further penalties by the Reno County Extension Council.

_________________________________________ ________________________________
Exhibitor(s) Signature(s) ___________________________ ____________________________

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature Date

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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.

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