The Buhler 4-H Club was originally formed in 1944. There were 16 members in the club, which disbanded around 1945-1946. It reorganized in 1953 after Dorothy Dick and Eva Dick delivered information about 4-H to the residents of the Buhler area. 120 parents and children attended the organizational meeting. 35 members were on the roll when the club was named the Cottonwood Club on June 2, 1953. It was approved for charter on March 25, 1954.

Over the years the club has helped with many community service projects, including the March of Dimes Drive, the Cystic Fibrosis drive, contributed to the food bank, painted buildings at the city park, distributed brochures and flyers for the city, and published a cookbook. Buhler 4-H has always had a presence at the Buhler Frolic as well, through children's games or food sales.

There are currently 42 members in the club and 4 Cloverbuds in the club. We meet on the second Monday of the month at the Buhler Mennonite Church. Some of the service projects planned for this year include baking and serving cookies for Santa's visit, filling and hiding Easter Eggs for the community Easter Egg hunt, distributing flyers for the citywide garage sale, periodically cleaning up the ditches around town, and regularly visiting Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community.

NEXT MONTH’S FEATURED CLUB

Haven

Clubs please send your news in by January 20th

TO SEE THE NEWSLETTER IN COLOR, CHECK IT OUT ON THE RENO COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE
CLOVERBUD CONNECTS

Cloverbuds come and join other Cloverbuds in the county on Saturday morning, February 7, 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.

The Ambassadors would like to thank all of the clubs that donated to the Teen Christmas. Buhler, Haven, 4 Leaf Clovers, Mitchell, Nickerson, Thomadora, Ninnescah & The Ambassadors.

Congratulations to the Nickerson Clovers for winning the Teen Christmas challenge.

CALLING ANY 4-HER THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM. PLEASE CONTACT AG AGENT DARREN BUSICK AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE @ 620-662-2371 OR darrenbusick@ksu.edu

EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING:
Please note that this meeting is on Tuesday due to the M.L.King Holiday.
January 20 @ 6:00pm
Upstairs in the conference room of the Extension office

4-H COUNCIL DATE
January 26 @7:00pm
Downstairs in the west meeting room

JUNIOR LEADERS:
January 26, 2015
Following the council meeting downstairs in the west meeting room

4-H COUNCIL COMMITTEES

We need youth and adults to serve on all county committees.

You do not need to be a 4-H Council Representative to serve on a committee.

Committee selections are:
Achievement Night
Budget/Policy
Fundraising
Special Recognition
4-H Club Day
Officer/Leader Training
Community Service
Summer Splash
Family Carnival

If you are willing to serve on a committee let your Club Leader know OR call the 4-H Office at 620/662-2371.
2014-2015 THEME

“THERE’S NO PLACE LIKE 4-H”

KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW IS MOVING TO HUTCHINSON!!

KJLS IS MOVING TO THE KANSAS STATE FAIR GROUNDS. IT WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 2-4 2015. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE MOVE TO HUTCHINSON YOU CAN GO TO http://kjls.org/ OR THE KJLS FACEBOOK PAGE.

GREAT NEWS FOR RENO COUNTY
PROJECT NEWS:

CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

Citizenship in Action is for the Kansas youth (age 13-18) to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their communities. Delegates will tour the Capital, get tips on how to meet and talk with the legislators, and discuss how the youth can have a greater impact in their communities. Dates for the CIA are February 15 &16th 2015. Cost: $160 (ask about scholarships). Meghan Miller will be chaperoning. Registration is due online by January 15th 2015. Questions? Contact Joan or Donna at 620-662-2371.

SHORT TERM HOST OPPORTUNITIES

Hosting teens 15-18 from Argentina and Norway for one month through States’ 4-H International Exchange Programs will be an option in 2015 for families with teens. These exchanges require a host sibling within two years of the age and the same gender as their exchangee. Applications for hosting through States’ 4-H are completed on line. A link is available on the Kansas 4-H web site. Under the IFYE exchange incoming exchangees come from a number of countries including many in Europe, Asia and perhaps others. These exchangees stay with several families, 2-3 weeks each during summer and fall. There are no host sibling requirements, and many families with younger children have hosted successfully. Farm hosts are always needed. Most IFYE’s will be over 19, but a few countries now send exchangees who are younger. Any family applying for States’ 4-H hosting may be considered to host an IFYE if no States’ 4-H match is available. Hosting information will be updated by January 1. Go to www.kansas4-H .org. Look for the link to Host Families on the What’s Hot list. For more information, contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-238-3631 or munson@broadband.net.

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 collect83@gmail.com.

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

Please contact Sheri Grinstead at (620) 921-5014 for any horse or horseless horse project questions.
4-H ENROLLMENT DETAILS

Kansas 4-H has changed to a new enrollment system which will require everyone to enroll online this 4-H year. The enrollment system will open on November 1. Here are some helpful hints and tips as you enroll your child(ren) online:

☐ Each family should have received a brochure from their 4-H club organizational leader with directions on how to enroll in the 4HOnline system. If you did not receive a brochure, the brochure can be found at http://www.kansas4-h.org/doc17351.ashx . The State4-H Office created a video to help with the online enrollment process as well. You may view it at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JxoSpoUM5_8 .
☐ You will need to use either Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox as your web browser. If you are using a Mac, iPad, iPhone, Android device, etc., you will still need to use Chrome or Firefox as Safari, Internet Explorer, or other browsers are not compatible.
☐ We strongly encourage a parent to enroll the 4-H member(s). This can be a joint effort with both the parent and youth.
☐ Please make note of the email address and password you use (only one required per 4-H family). You may want to write it down and place it in a secure location. You will need this information for your child(ren) to add and drop projects, update information in case you move, re-enroll next year, etc.
☐ As you complete the enrollment process, PLEASE READ ALL of the directions thoroughly. DO NOT make assumptions.
☐ Be sure to allow enough time when you begin the enrollment process. You DO NOT have to complete the enrollment all in one setting. It will take an average of 20 minutes for a family with one child to enroll and approximately 5-7 minutes for each additional child (times are approximate).
☐ Enroll in the county where your child(ren)’s 4-H club resides.
☐ The youth will need to be added as a volunteer if they are an officer, project leader, etc.
☐ Parents will need to indicate their volunteer status with their child(ren)’s enrollment.
☐ Be sure to have the list of projects your child(ren) want to enroll in when you get ready to enroll them. Youth must enroll in at least one project.
☐ CLOVERBUDS will need to enroll online as well. They should select the “Cloverbud participant” as their project. If other projects are selected, they will be deleted before their enrollment is activated.
☐ A hard copy of the 4-H Participation Form (February 2014 version) will still need to be submitted this year for each 4-H member. You can get these from your club leader. There is also a window that will let you download the 4-H Participation Form during the online registration process. If you have not already completed this form, please download and complete it and give it to your Club Leader. The Extension Office must have the 4-H Participation Form on file at the Extension Office before the 4-H member’s status will be moved to “active.”
☐ No enrollment will be complete until the online enrollment has been completed and accepted AND a 4-H Participation Form (completely filled out) has been received by the Extension Office. DO NOT wait until the last minute to enroll!
☐ If you do not have a computer or access to the internet, you may go to your local library to enroll your child(ren). OR you can come into the Extension Office for help.
☐ If you have any questions, please contact Joan or Donna at the Extension Office.

Taken and adapted from “4-H Enrollment” Central Kansas District 4-H Newsletter, November, 2014.
The Kansas 4-H Dog Judges’ Certification Training
Will be held January 30 – February 1, 2015, in Kinsley, Kansas, at the Edwards County Fair Building, 1305 South Niles (U.S. Hwy. 183), Kinsley, KS. Beginning the training on Friday evening has allowed us to cover all four phases of the Dog Care and Training Project in one weekend. This is also a good opportunity for local project leaders and older 4-H members to observe the training and better understand how they will be judged at invitational and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show. Details for registration will be available in early December on the 4-H website, so please share the dates with potential judges and dog project leaders in your Extension Unit. Registration will be due January 15, 2015. For more information, please contact Deryl Waldren, 785-462-6281 or e-mail dwaldren@ksu.edu.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF) 2015
Citizenship Washington Focus for 2015 will be held June 11-22. Each year, up to 46 Kansas 4-H youth and 5 adult sponsors get the opportunity to be a part of this extraordinary learning experience on the road to the heart of our nation’s capital. Any 4-H’er, 15-18 years of age (4-H age as of January 1, 2015) who is responsible, demonstrates leadership qualities, including self-discipline and sense of group responsibility, interested in returning home to apply citizenship concepts to their own lives and the lives of those around them, AND committed to sharing what they have learned should apply. Applications will be ONLINE again this year. Go to http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu/ and click on 4-H Youth Development. On the right hand side there is a link to State 4-H Registration, click on the link and it will take you to the webpage where you can register. Registration will close January 15, 2015, or when spots are filled. A $250 deposit is required with the registration and should be turned in to the Extension office shortly after you register online. The total cost of this trip is $1,575. Partial scholarships from Reno County 4-H Foundation and Reno County 4-H Council are available. To find out more about these, contact Joan at the 4-H office, 662-2371.
STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2015 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 2, 2015. Deadline for request of letters of application from extension agents is January 23rd, 2015. 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.

**KAP’s for Area Judging**

Winning KAPs (for 14 year olds BEFORE January 1, 2015 – 18 year olds MUST NOT have passed their 19th birthday before January 1, 2015) must be turned into the Extension office by 5:00 pm on Monday, January 5, 2015 to be eligible for area judging.

Congratulations to the livestock judging team for placing 2nd at the Beef Expo. Kinley Siemens placed 2nd for individual scoring.

Pictured from left to right top row: Ag Agent Darrin Busick, Kinley Siemens, Sarah Schlickau, Grace Zongker & Cooper Collins
Front row Nathan Hoyt, Gauge Stauffer & Caylee Blew
**4-H CALENDAR**

**JANUARY 2015**

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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.
FOUR LEAF CLOVERS WITH THEIR 48 HRS. QUILT PROJECT

CONGRATULATIONS 2013-2014 4-H FAMILY OF THE YEAR!

THE PHILLIPS FAMILY (R-L) DUANE, ALICE MARIE, BRIEONNA & DONNA
ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT!
4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE!!!!

ANY 4-HER THAT WANTS TO EXHIBIT AT THE RENO COUNTY FAIR MUST COMPLETE THEIR ENROLLMENT ONLINE BY

JANUARY 5, 2015

(EXCEPTION: FAMILIES THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN IN 4-H HAVE A DEADLINE OF MAY 1, 2015 TO BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY FAIR)