CLUB OF THE MONTH
MITCHELL 4-H CLUB

Their name came from their meeting place, Mitchell Methodist Church on west 56th Street. The club meets on the 3rd Sunday at 3:30 p.m. This allowed many of its members a chance to participate in sports on Saturday and school activities on weekdays. Meetings include a game, snack or song. Members like 4H because the whole family can participate. There are 3 generations of the Graham family that provide leadership. The members like to participate in shooting sports, art and poultry. The poultry barn superintendent and Mitchell leader, Beth Graham, has volunteered for 19 years and now helping grandkids too.

Submitted by Karl Woleslagel, reporter

CONGRATULATIONS GRACE ZONGKER!!!

1ST RUNNER UP IN THE JR. DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL MAKE IT WITH WOOL CONTEST!

NEXT MONTH’S FEATURED CLUB

Nickerson 4-H Club

Information for the newsletter is due the 20th of each month by 5pm no exceptions
EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING:
NO MEETING. AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT OUT TO ALL EXECUTIVE TEAM MEMBERS. PLEASE RESPOND TO IT.

4-H COUNCIL DATE
MARCH 30, 2015@7:00pm
Downstairs in the west meeting room

JUNIOR LEADERS:
MARCH 30, 2015
Following the council meeting downstairs in the west meeting room

CAMPFERENCE
4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2015), and will be held May 31-June 3, 2015 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the ‘camp’ activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as these tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas.

Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis, and Campference was full in 2014! Register online by May 1 and payment and participation form must be in the local Extension Offices on May 1. Registration and detailed information will be on the State 4-H Website in March.

CLOVERBUD CONNECTS
Cloverbuds come and join other Cloverbuds in the county on Saturday morning, April 11, 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.

2015 4-H and Open Horse Judges’ Certification Clinic Registration Open
As a current horse judge you may be in need of recertifying, or perhaps you’d like to get certified so you can judge 4-H and open class horse shows. Join us on Friday, April 17th for a 4-H and open horse judges’ certification clinic co-sponsored by the Colby Community College Equestrian program, K-State Research and Extension and Northwest Area 4-H. The training runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Colby Community College Farm, 2002 County Road 23, Colby, KS  67701.

Dr. Teresa Douthit, Associate Professor in Animal Nutrition, Department of Animal Sciences, KSU, will be the lead trainer. The training will include two halter classes and four performance classes.

Cost of the certification is $30 that includes lunch, snack and training materials. There will no refunds except in the event that the training is cancelled due to low numbers. All participants must remain for the entire training in order to be certified. Registrations are on-line due by April 1st by visiting: http://www.colbycc.edu/athletics/teams/equestrian/horse-judge-certification/. Participants must be at least 19-years-old to attend the certification.

WILLIE AND THE BEANSTALK CONTEST
Grow the biggest soybean plant and win the K-State Agronomy Beanstalk Award. There are two divisions: Division 1: 9th grade - 12th grade and Division 2: Kindergarten - 8th grade. 2015 marks the 8th annual competition at the Kansas State University Manhattan campus. All participants will receive a Willie and the Beanstalk t-shirt. For more information visit Willie and the Beanstalk or email www.beanstalk@ksu.edu. Willie and the Beanstalk is sponsored by the KSU Department of Agronomy.
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 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. bergkwf@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.** To register go to [4-H Photo Adventure Camp](http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=427).

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](http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=427)

STATE WIDE JUDGING CLINIC

Ag Agent Darren Busick will be taking kids to the state wide livestock judging contest **March 21, 2015** in Topeka. If you are interested in being on a team please contact Darren or Donna @ 620-662-2371. A flyer is attached with more information.
MARKET BEEF TAGGING/WEIGH-IN

Beef Tagging/Weigh-In will be March 7, 2015, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Central Livestock Sale Barn. Don’t forget to bring your money. Payment is due at the time services are provided.

Those planning on showing market beef in 4-H or FFA at the Reno County Fair must tag their beef on this date. This is the only date set for beef tagging.

Market Beef Showmen will have to find a buyer for their beef. We will not have trucking arrangements to any packing plants after the fair. Questions? Contact Darren Busick or Joan Krumme at 620-662-2371.

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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. Please contact academy director Sharon Breiner with questions at sbreiner@ksu.edu or 785-532-6533.
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.

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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***

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THANK YOU MEGHAN MILLER!
Meghan served as chaperone for Citizenship In Action (in Topeka) and for Ambassador Training (at Rock Springs). We appreciate her dedication to 4-H and her willingness to share her time and expertise.
SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOWS
We have spring show information coming in to the extension office. Stop by the office to check them out.

COUNTY WIDE PROJECT MEETINGS COMING UP IN MARCH

Rabbits – March 24th @ 7:15 at the Reno County Extension Office
If you have any questions please contact Tammy Brown

SEWING
MARCH 20" 4-6
AT THE RENO COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
PLEASE BRING SEWING MACHINES AND TOOLS
MATERIAL WILL BE PROVIDED
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT KATHY ZONGKER

4-H DAY
Get your project talks/demonstrations, speeches, talents, music and par-law teams ready.
March 14, 2015
Hutchinson Mall
Registration starts at 3:30 pm
Presentations start at 4:00 pm
Awards Program 7:15 – 8:00 pm

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DOG PROJECT
If you are interested in being in the dog project and have not been contacted by Melaney Dick yet you need to contact her by email (melaney@bartelcabinet.com) or phone (620-728-9743) as soon as possible.

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JR. MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAY
Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Kansas State University's Weber Hall in Manhattan, KS. This hands-on educational event will be a fun filled day of activities in which youth, parents, meat goat project leaders and adults can increase their knowledge and experience of meat goat production and management practices. All participants will receive a T-shirt, complimentary lunch, and educational materials. For more information, contact Brian Faris (brfaris@ksu.edu; 785-532-1255).
Mason, Callie, and Marlie Cooper competed in the Wabaunsee Co. Match on January 24th. Mason placed 7th in his age group for AR and Callie 10th in BB. Participants in the Edwards Co. match on February 14th were: Name, AGE, Disciplines Michael Meier, 15, Air Rifle 8th in age group, Air Pistol 1st in age group. Justin Hard, 15, Air Rifle 9th in age group, Air Pistol 2nd in age group. Katie Graham, 15, Air Rifle 5th in age group, Air Pistol 6th in age group. Mason Cooper, 13, BB 2nd in age group, Air Rifle 8th in age group, Air Pistol 1st in age group. Callie Cooper, 11, BB 4th in age group. Marlie Cooper, 8, BB 2nd in age group. Kaitlin Colle, 13, BB 4th in age group. Landri Guffey, 11, BB 2nd in age group.

Back Row L-R Michael Meier, Justin Hard, Katie Graham, and Mason Cooper. Front Row L-R Marlie Cooper, Callie Cooper. (Not pictured are Landri Guffey and Kaitlin Colle.)

*** Congratulations to our BB gun team for placing first in the match; Landri, Callie, Mason, and Kaitlin.

Pictured at the left are Justin Hard and Michael Meier with their awards.

Congratulations to everyone who competed in these two matches!
**4-H CALENDAR**

**MARCH 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

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