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Facebook—@wildwestdistrict

District Coming Events

March
21  Dog Project Meeting, Hugoton Fairgrounds
25  Horticulture Zoom Meeting #2

April
2   Good Friday, Offices Closed
7   State Horse Panorama Digital Uploads Deadline
10  District Citizenship Project, Hugoton Fairgrounds
10-14  Horse Panorama Virtual Participation
15  HOK Camp Counselor Applications Due
30  Camp Applications Due
30  Horse ID Deadline (May 1)

May
31  Memorial Day, Offices Closed

June
1-4  Discovery Days, Virtual
9-10  Camp Lakeside 4-H Camp, Scott County
15  State Livestock Shows Entry Deadline
21-24  Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp, Rock Springs
27-30  Campference, Rock Springs
29  District Horse Show, Dodge City

July
5  Independence Day Observed, Offices Closed
24-30: Haskell County Fair
26-31: Stevens County Fair

August
13-15: Seward County Fair 4-H Showcase Weekend

September

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.
Greetings from Kansas 4-H!

Did you know we have developed the Kansas 4-H Clover Classroom, which features challenged based activities in a variety of project areas? These challenges are hands-on, self-guided, at-home activities that require minimal supplies. These are great learning opportunities for 4-H’ers to complete on their own, or project leaders could also use them with a group of 4-H’ers. Here is a list of available project challenges:

- Photography: Get to Know Your Camera
- Horticulture: Pollinators
- Health and Wellness: Take a Hike!
- Food and Nutrition: Quick Bread vs. Yeast Bread
- Communications: The Basics
- 4-H STEM: Junk Drawer Robotics
- Wildlife: Tracking Wildlife

We do ask that you submit the short evaluation survey when you complete a challenge (link to survey included in challenge directions). If you complete a challenge and submit an evaluation between now and April 1st, five winners will be drawn at random to receive a 4-H door prize! And... don’t forget to record any project challenges in your 4-H record books.

We are currently developing more project challenges, so check the Kansas 4-H Clover Classroom often!

Amy M. Sollock, SW Area 4-H Youth Development Specialist

Face to Face Event Justification

Just a reminder about Covid restrictions. If you feel that a project meeting, service project, etc. needs to be in person you must fill out the justification form https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3f6hSFXZZYj5nF. Be as specific as possible. Regular community club meetings already have approval to hold meetings face-to-face as long as you follow the guidelines that have been discussed.

But if you are planning something outside of a regular meeting that needs to be face-to-face, you must fill out the form. You can not meet in person until you are informed it is ok to do so.

Currently, virtual meeting is always the preferred method; if doing a virtual meeting you do not need to fill out the form. And, if you would like to list a meeting date in the newsletter, please let us know.

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District 4-H Horticulture Project Meeting Zoom

Agents Kylee and Ron will be hosting another 4-H Horticulture project zoom meeting, 6 to 7 pm on Thursday, March 25. These meetings are intended to provide 4-H’ers in the horticulture project with ideas for planning their garden projects for 2021, as well as providing information on preparing their garden soils and plantings for the coming year.

Participation is not required. These meetings are being presented to give some helpful hints and ideas for your horticulture project in the coming year.

Kylee and Ron also welcome input from 4-H members on what type of information would be most helpful to them in their horticulture project.

All the meetings are being recorded for those who can’t see them live. 4-H’ers should please email Ron at rhonig@ksu.edu to let him know you are interested in receiving the live zoom and recorded meeting links. Anyone who previously requested a link will receive the zoom link for future meetings.

Want to join a fun fitness challenge?

Walk Kansas is about to start! Put together a team of six of your friends to challenge yourself to “walk” paths in and around Kansas.

There will also be fun weekly activities with a chance to win prizes. Youth are eligible to participate at no cost!

Contact Nancy or Kylee for more details, and see the flyer in this newsletter.

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Project Records Website

https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html

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Project Enrollments

The Project Add/Drop Deadline is May 1st by 11:59 pm.

This is also the deadline for new members to join and be eligible for 4-H entry in the 2021 County Fairs.

You must be enrolled in the projects by May 1st to enter exhibits as 4-H projects in the Fair. Please drop the projects you will not be participating in, also by May 1st.

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Deadline: May 1
District Dog Meeting
A Dog Project meeting will be on Sunday, March 21st at 6:30 pm at the Stevens County 4-H Building. Please let Devin know if you have any questions or cannot attend, 785-383-3884.

Citizenship Project
Citizenship Project members will meet Saturday, April 10 at the 4-H Building in Hugoton from 9 am to 3 pm, to construct a Quilt of Valor to present to a veteran at the Stevens County Fair in July. Call Nancy Honig, 620-544-6787, or the Extension Office if you have questions.

Virtual State 4-H Horse Panorama
State 4-H Horse Panorama will be virtual in 2021. In partnership with the Horse Action Team, we will be moving all divisions of Panorama to a virtual format. The current schedule is as follows with specific times released along with additional registration details:

- Digital Uploads (Photography, Logo, Poster, Power Point, Ad Layout, Exhibition Model Horse Show) - Uploads will open March 26 and close April 7. Judging will begin after April 7 with feedback given to youth.
- Hippology- April 10
- Quiz Bowl Preliminaries via Qualtrics- April 10
- Quiz Bowl Finals via Zoom- April 11
- Public Speaking, Demonstration, & Project Talks- Zoom with judges by scheduled date/time, April 10 - 14. Sign-ups will be available.

It will be the participant’s responsibility to make sure they have access to reliable internet to fully participate in each contest. With the online format, we want to remind participants that an important aspect of youth development is practicing integrity and character development. While we have included securities for each event, youth need to practice the fairness pillar and adhere to the honor system.

This event is sanctioned by K-State Research and Extension (KSRE) and therefore is subject to their guidelines and policies. KSRE has the right to modify contest policies/rules at any time including but not limited to cancellation. Let us know if you have any questions, or check with your horse leader.

State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest has been rescheduled to Friday, April 23rd in Hutchinson at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. The contest will consist of both Intermediate and Senior 4-H Divisions spread out in both Expo I and Expo II. Division entries will be limited based on first come first serve. Due to the limitation, registration opening will be repeatedly publicized in advance. Further details, including contest times, will be released soon.

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Horse and Horseless Horse Projects
Horse ID Papers
All members enrolled in the horse project must submit ID papers for the horse(s) they intend to show. Completed ID papers, including a photo of the horse, are all due May 1st.

4-Her’s who intend to participate at the State 4-H Horse Show should transition to the January 2020 certificate, found at https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html.

Horse Levels Testing
The Level 1 Achievement test is required for all youth to participate in District and State Horse Shows. Online/video levels testing will be accepted again this year. Contact the office for more information.

Our Southwest District Horse Show has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 29, 2021 in Dodge City, unless prevented by COVID restrictions.

YQCA Training Update
We will again be using the YQCA program for our livestock quality assurance class this year. All livestock exhibitors with intentions to participate in your county fair must complete your YQCA certification. Also, those that show livestock at the Kansas State Fair and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show must have completed the certification to be eligible to show. This applies to all market and breeding animals. There will be three face-to-face training dates offered, one in each county, the dates will be determined soon.

The YQCA training is also offered online. However, seven year old members are not eligible for the online training. Please pay special attention to your email for additional information. Contact Lacey at 620-397-1927 with questions.

Livestock Notebook
Check out the 2021 Livestock Events Notebook, that is located in your local Extension Office. It will contain flyers and information about upcoming events such as sales, shows, clinics, and camps. Feel free to stop by and take a look!
Camp Lakeside
This is our beginner camp for youth 4-H ages 7-9, and counselors that have finished 8th grade. This is a one night camp June 9-10 at Scott Lake. The fee is $80 per youth; check with your county office about scholarships.

Registration will open on April 5th; this will be first come first serve as we have to limit the number we can take. So, if you are interested turn in your registration as soon as possible. Registration information will be sent via email.

Heart of Kansas Camp
June 21-24, 2021 at Rock Springs south of Junction City. This is for 4-H’ers who have completed 3rd -8th grade. Cost is $180 but all of our counties provide scholarships, so please check with your county about cost. There is a very big possibility that attendance will be limited, so registration is first come first serve. Deadline is April 30. Check out the registration flyer for more information.

Heart of Kansas Counselor’s Application
Due April 15th, counselors need to have completed their Freshman year. Camp dates are June 21-24 with counselors reporting June 20th. Apply online at this site: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0dBjOTWSvWyAOMu

FYI: Camp 2022
2021 will be the last year of 4-H Camp at Rock Springs as we have known it. Devin will be talking with the 4-H Councils about these changes. Even as Agents we don’t have a clear picture as to what it will look like, but we want to provide the information we have as you are making decisions about camp this summer.

Resource for 4-H Club Leaders – 4-H EZ
As a resource for club leaders the North Central Region Volunteer Specialists have created a new online training resource: “4-H EZ: Recipe for Community Club Success.”

This training includes 6 videos, handouts, and resources that go with the videos. Volunteers can watch the videos and review the handouts and resources designed to help create a better club experience. Also included is a “4-H EZ Application Guide” that allows you to reflect on the videos and apply the information specifically to your 4-H Community Club.

This online training can be completed by an individual as volunteer development, or with a group of youth and adult volunteers. The videos are set up so they can be completed in one setting or divided, as needed for busy schedules.

The videos are available at: http://bit.ly/4-HEZ. Click on the heading of each section to go to the video. You’ll first be asked to sign in, then you can click on the video link. At the end of each video, you’ll be asked to reflect on something you have learned and offer suggestions for future training opportunities. Thank you for your interest in strengthening your 4-H Community Club!

Record Book Tips/Challenges
Make sure you are getting your project meetings that you attend added to your project report forms, as well as presentations at Club Day or your club meetings.

2021 Livestock Nomination Updates
Nominated Livestock / Forms and Information: All 2021 state livestock nomination information will be posted on the "Nomination Information" tab of the KSU Youth Livestock website. Only 2021 forms and information will be accepted.

Important: All animals that are nominated for the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and Kansas State Fair will be required to be tagged with the Kansas 4-H EID tags in 2021. DNA hair samples in official DNA envelopes are also required.

** Exhibitors must contact their local Extension Office to order their EID tags and DNA Envelopes.

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KSU ASI App
**Wild West District 4-H Livestock Calendar**

*Dates are subject to change*

- **March 21:** Haskell Co. Beef Weigh-in
- **April 1:** KASLA Application Deadline
- **April 15:** Seward Co. Beef Weigh-in
- **April 18:** Stevens Co. Small Animal Weigh-in
- **April 19:** Haskell Co. Small Animal Weigh-in
- **April 26:** Seward Co. Small Animal Weigh-in
- **April 30:** Gas Capital Swine Show, Hugoton
- **May 1:** Project Add/Drop Deadline
- **May 1:** Gas Capital Beef, Sheep, & Goat Show, Hugoton
- **May 1:** Haskell County Spring Beef Show, Sublette
- **May 1:** State Market Beef Nominations Due
- **May 1:** Horse ID Papers Due (Saturday)
- **May 2:** Haskell County Spring Swine, Sheep, and Goat Show, Sublette
- **May 9:** Yellow Brick Road Livestock Classic, Liberal
- **June 1:** Rabbit ID Papers Due in Haskell County
- **June 1:** Rabbit ID Tattoos Due in Stevens County
- **June 15:** State Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, & Meat Goat Nominations Due
- **July 9-10:** Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic
- **July 15:** District YQCA Deadline – all exhibitors must be certified
- **July 15:** Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Entry Deadline
- **July 24-30:** Haskell County Fair
- **July 26-31:** Stevens County Fair
- **August 13-15:** Seward County Fair
  4-H Showcase Weekend
- **August 15:** Kansas Jr. Livestock Show Entry Deadline
- **August 21-22:** State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes
- **September 10-19:** Kansas State Fair
- **October 1-3:** Kansas Jr. Livestock Show

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**K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy**

Students from across the country with an interest in the livestock industry and related careers can apply for the Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy (KASLA). The academy is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in ninth through 12th grades. Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC), the academy’s goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

The program’s itinerary will feature interactive workshops, tours and faculty mentor time with animal sciences and industry professors. Industry leaders will also join the participants frequently to share their knowledge and expertise. Throughout the week, participants will work in teams to evaluate current events within the animal science industry and educate others. This experience will culminate with team presentations and a closing reception on Saturday morning.

**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 fee to reserve his or her space. This fee is only due upon acceptance and not at the time of application. The Livestock and Meat Industry Council generously provides all other sponsorships.

For questions about the academy, please contact Lacey Noterman at 620-675-2261.

Like K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy on Facebook for updates and announcements.
Haskell

County Meeting Dates

March
21  Haskell County Beef Weigh In
24  Rabbit Club Meeting

April
14  Cloverbuds, 4 pm
19  Haskell Co. Small Animal Weigh In
21  Rabbit Club Meeting

May
12  Cloverbuds, 4 pm
19  Rabbit Club Meeting
24  Haskell County 4-H Council Meeting

Rabbit Meetings 2021

Coming meeting dates are as follows:
March 24  7:30 pm  June 16  7:30 pm
April 21  7:30 pm  Aug 18  7:30 pm
May 19  7:30 pm (tentative)

If you have any questions please contact Charity Horinek, leader, at chorinek@gmail.com. Rabbit project members from other counties are welcome to attend our meetings and can contact Charity for a zoom link. Watch for updates.

4-H Council Meeting

The next Haskell County 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, May 24th at 7:00pm.

Seward

County Meeting Dates

April
1  Seward County Scholarship Applications Due
10  Highway Clean-up, 8:30 a.m.
15  Seward Co. Beef Weigh In
15  Cloverbuds, 5 pm
19  4-H Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
26  Seward Co. Small Animal Weigh In

Seward County Event Funds for All

Any 4-H’er interested in attending a 4-H event can check out this scholarship from 4-H Council to help with funds: https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/docs/event%20scholarship.pdf

Seward County Senior Scholarship Application

Due April 1st https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html: find it on the district website at the bottom of the page under County Senior Scholarship Application.

Seward County 4-H Highway Clean-up

Seward County 4-H’ers ages 12-18 and their parents will be cleaning up our section of adopted highway on Saturday, April 10th. Meet at the Extension Office at 8:30 am to watch the safety video and sign paperwork. We will then carpool out to our section.

Seward County Beef Weigh In

Beef weigh in / tagging will take place on Thursday, April 15th from 4:00-6:00pm at the Seward Co. Fairgrounds in Liberal. All market beef is required to attend beef weigh in to be eligible to show at the Seward County Fair. This includes second year bucket calves, market steers, and market heifers. Breeding Heifers are NOT required to be present at weigh in. Bucket Calves will be weighed in and tagged at the small animal weigh in. If you are unable to attend this date, please contact Lacey prior to the 15th.

4-H Council Meeting

Seward County 4-H Council meets on April 19th at 6 pm in the 4-H Building.

Small Animal Weigh In

Small animal weigh in will take place on Monday, April 26th from 4:00-8:00pm. This event is mandatory for all bucket calves, goats, sheep, and swine. If you are unable to attend this date, please contact Lacey PRIOR to the 26th.

Small Animal Weigh In

Haskell Co. 4-H Council awards 4-H scholarships to graduating seniors. Applications are due April 15. The applications forms have been emailed out to all seniors! If you would like a hard copy, stop by the Extension Office!
**Stevens County Senior Scholarship Application**

Due **April 1st**: at https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/stevens%20county%204h.html, at the bottom of the page under County Scholarships.

**Rabbit Meetings**

Our 4-H rabbit project meeting group has grown with participants from six counties now. The meetings will continue using the Canvas/Zoom programs through July. The Zoom meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month, Canvas activities will be for anytime during the month. Call William or Amy Bryan if you have any questions at 620-428-6656. **The April 3 Rabbit Show had to be cancelled.**

**Small Animal Weigh In**

Small animal weigh in will take place on **Sunday, April 18th from 2:00-8:00pm**. This event is mandatory for all bucket calves, goats, sheep, and swine. If you are unable to attend this date, please contact Lacey PRIOR to the 18th.

**Businessmen's Dinner**

4-H Businessmen’s Dinner is **Sunday, April 25th at 12:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria**. Following are the duty assignments:

- **Set Up and Decorations**: Cloverleaf Cowboys
- **Meat and Potatoes**: Buffalo Boosters
- **Drinks**: Heartland
- **Clean Up**: Wranglers and City Slickers
- **Entertainment**: Top Blue Ribbon Music and Talent at County Club Day
- ** Mistress of Ceremony**: Lakota Persing, 4-H Council Pres.

Please note:

1. We must have an accurate head count for the meal, so everyone must reserve tickets for the dinner. **Reservations must be made by April 15th**

2. Everyone who received a Top Blue at County Club Day for music or a reading, please plan to repeat your presentation for our entertainment.

Mark April 25th on your calendar and plan to attend. Be sure to make your reservations by April 15th. **If you should have any questions please contact the office.**

**Beef County Eartags**

Thanks are due to the Dillinger Family for paying for the Stevens County local beef tags this year. EID Tags are not included, those need to be paid separately.
HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP
Camper Name:
______________________________________

Please note any special dietary needs here:

______________________________________
______________________________________
______________________________________

Friends I would like to camp with: (include name, grade, and county.)
1. ____________________________________

2. ____________________________________

NOTE: Please ask your friends to list you on their registration. Scheduling does not always permit “groups” or friends of different ages or counties to stay together. No more than two youth per county will be housed together, except under special circumstances. The housing committee will make all reasonable efforts to house you with at least one of your choices.

RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN April 30, 2021
TO COTTONWOOD BARTON EXTENSION OFFICE

CAMP MASK REQUIREMENT

In accordance with KSRE, Kansas 4-H, and Rock Springs Ranch COVID guidelines, all camp participants will be required to wear masks for indoor and outdoor activities (only exceptions are while eating, sleeping, swimming, or within housing room).

Campers will bring 7 masks with them.

Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp
June 21-24, 2021
Rock Springs 4-H Center
Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp

County 4-H Camp is a four day, fun-filled, learning experience for children who have completed 3rd-8th grades, and counselors 15 years of age and older (must have completed their freshman year of high school).

Activities include canoeing, horses, swimming, archery, air rifle, climbing wall, nature centers, crafts, and more!

Workshops include fishing, catapults, robotics, rocketry, compass course, animals/creatures, & more!

Highlights include camp fire, night swim, talent show, night hikes, a dance and more!

Kansas Youth from Barber, Cottonwood District, Edwards, Ford, Gray, Kingman, Meade, Midway District, Pawnee, Pratt, Stafford, Walnut Creek District, West Plains District, and Wild West District will camp together at Rock Springs Ranch.

Rock Springs Ranch

Rock Springs Ranch is owned & operated by the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Located in the heart of the Kansas Flint Hills off interstate I-70, 13 miles south of Junction City.

735 Acres of tall grass prairie on rolling hills, nestled in a valley surrounded by creeks and woodlands.

Cooks provide hearty home-cooked meals. From chicken fingers to pulled pork, not to mention their famous dinner rolls, you won’t go hungry!

Cabins provide bunk beds, bathroom facilities, and common living area for campers. Groups of 8-10 campers live and learn together, under the supervision of two trained counselors.

Registered Nurses are on staff to distribute any medications, as well as handle any illness or accidents.

Join us as we explore HAPPY TRAILS of adventure, learning, and fun at 4-H Camp!

After registration & payment, you will receive the “Heart of Kansas Camp Guide”. It will explain what to pack, travel arrangements to and from camp, prescription medication instructions and many other details pertaining to 4-H Camp.

HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Camper Name: ____________________________________________

Check one: ☐ Boy or ☐ Girl

Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ Age: ________

Grade Completed: _________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

City/State/Zip: _________________________________________

Parent/Guardian: _________________________________________

Cell Phone: _____________________________

Email: _________________________________________

Camper Fees: $210 PER 4-H member

Camp fees include travel to and from camp, lodging, meals, nurse, adult supervision, special programs, and the use of the Rock Springs facilities for 4 days and 3 nights.

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Please make checks payable to: 4-H Council

REGISTRATION IS DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2021 TO BARTON CO EXTENSION OFFICE
AN 8-WEEK HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHALLENGE!

WALK KANSAS
March 28 - May 22, 2021

Gather your team of six or go solo this year.

Register by March 28th.

Register online at WalkKansas.org or by contacting your local K-State Research and Extension office. Register under “W” for Wild West District.

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