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4-H Newsletter

Wild West District #18

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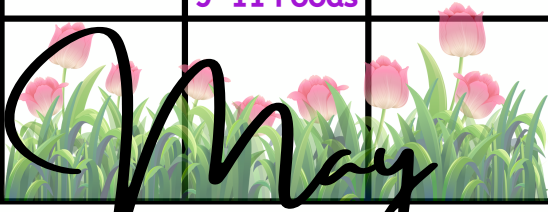
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2	3	4 Animal Nomination Zoom-Cattle	5	6	7 Stevens Co. 9-11 Foods	1 Seward Co. Beef Weigh-In Stevens Co. 9-11 Foods 8
9 Easter 	10 Stevens Co. YQCA Haskell Co. Fairgrounds Clean-Up	11 Stevens Co. Rabbits	12 Haskell Co. Cloverbuds Livestock Judging	13 Stevens Co. Cloverbuds	14 Insect Art Contest Deadline Stevens Co. 9-11 Foods	15 State Shooting Sports Match Performing Arts Workshop
16 Stevens Co. 12-14 Foods Seward Co. Fiber Arts	17 Stevens Co. 4-H Council Jr. Leadership	18	19 Haskell Co. Rabbits	20 Stevens Co. Small Animal Weigh-In	21 Livestock Judging	22 Haskell Co. Small Animal Weigh-In Stevens Co. Small Animal Weigh-In
23 Seward Co. Crochet Superstar Livestock Show Zoom Meeting	24	25 Stevens Co. Reading Project	26 Seward Co. Cloverbuds	27 Stevens Co. Swine Meeting	28	29
30	<i>April</i>					

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	1 Market Beef State Fair Nomination Deadline	2 Seward Co. Small Animal Weigh-In Stevens Co. Cloverbuds	3	4	5	6 Gas Capital Livestock Show
7 Haskell Co. Spring Show Seward Co. Plant Science	8	9 Stevens Co. Rabbits	10 Haskell Co. Cloverbuds	11	12	13
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28	29	30	31	<i>May</i> 		

NOTICES!

NEW DISTRICT WIDE RULE TO SELL YOUR ANIMALS

To be considered a 4-Her in good standing and be able to sell at your county fair's livestock sale, a 4-Her must attend over half of their club's regular meetings, from October thru July. This includes any and all 4-H clubs in the Wild West Extension District.



HORSE PROJECT CHANGES

If you are enrolled in the Horse project please use the following link to review the updated rules.

<https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/General%20Wild%20West%20District.html>

HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN FLU INFORMATION

There is new information available about this flu strain that affects both domestic & wild breeds.



<https://wildwest.k-state.edu/Livestock.html>

SEWARD COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHANGES

There have been some slight changes to the senior scholarship application. The new application can be found at:

<https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>



HASKELL COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP

Application can be found under Scholarship Opportunities:

<https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/Haskell%20County%204-H.html>

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

April 12th

BlueJay Invitational Livestock Judging Contest-Ashland

April 21st

SCCC Livestock Judging Contest-Liberal

(Registration deadline is April 13th, please contact Judy Parsons to register)

SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN DATES BUCKET CALF, GOAT, SHEEP & PIGS!!

Stevens County Fairgrounds

- April 20th from 4:00 - 8:00 pm
- April 22nd from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Haskell County Fairgrounds

- April 22nd from 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Seward County Fairgrounds

- May 2nd from 5:00 - 6:00 pm



CLOVERBUDS



HASKELL: Our next meeting is on **April 12th** at **4:00 pm** at the **Extension Office**. We will be meeting on the *second Wednesday of the month* from 4:00 - 4:45 pm.

SEWARD: We will meet at the Extension Office on **April 26th** at **4:00 pm**. We meet on the *fourth Wednesday of the month* from 4:00 - 4:45 pm.

STEVENS: We will meet on **April 13th & May 2nd** at **4:00 pm** in the **Extension Office**.

YQCA TRAINING

All livestock exhibitors with intentions to participate in the county fair must complete their YQCA certification. This applies to all market and breeding animals. 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. To register for the training go to www.yqcaprogram.org Log in or create an account. Scroll down and choose instructor-led training certification, if you want to attend our in-person training. There is a **\$3 registration fee**. You can do the certification training online for a \$12 fee.

YQCA Training will be held on the following dates & locations

- April 10th at 6:00 pm at the Stevens County Extension Office



STEVENS COUNTY 9-11 YR OLD FOODS MEETING

Meetings will be held in the 4-H Building from 6:00-7:00 pm on the following dates:

April 7th; April 8th; April 14th
May 19th; May 24th & May 26th

Please bring \$5 to each meeting

RSVP to Lakota Persing at (620)453-2201
or aprilpersing@gmail.com



STEVENS COUNTY RABBITS

We will be meeting at 6:30 pm in the 4-H Building on the following days:
April 11th, May 9th & July 11th

HASKELL COUNTY RABBITS

We will be meeting at the Haskell Township Library meeting room on the following dates:

April 19, 2023 - 7:00 pm

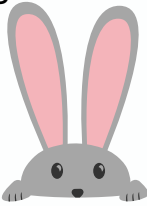
May 18, 2023 - 7:00 pm.

June 15, 2023 - 5:00 pm

**making signs for fair

July 20, 2023 TBA

**finishing signs for fair if needed



PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP

The 2023 Express Yourself Workshop is open to all 4-Hers enrolled in the Performing Arts project (ages 7-18)

Saturday, April, 15th from 10:00 - 2:00 at
Great Plains Theatre, Abilene KS

\$50 registration fee

<https://bit.ly/gptexpress>

STEVENS COUNTY 12-14 YR OLD FOODS MEETING

Meetings will be held in the 4-H Building on Sunday, April 16th at 12:30 pm

Please bring \$5 to each meeting

RSVP to Erin Gerrond at (806)268-4048



STEVENS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

We will be meeting on April 17th at 7:00 pm in the Extension Office

Junior Leadership to follow at 7:45pm



STEVENS COUNTY SWINE

We will be meeting at 6:00 pm in the Extension Office on the following days:
April 27th, May 25th & June 22nd

KANSAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK

Check out the Animal Science Youth page at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/>

*Feel free to follow them on Twitter & Facebook to get the latest updates for Kansas Youth Livestock.

PROJECT MEETINGS...

More project meetings will be scheduled, so make sure you are signed up for your desired projects. The last day to add/drop is May 1st, but you'll miss organized meetings & reminders if you wait too long!

All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.

Walt Disney

ANIMAL NOMINATION INFORMATIONAL ZOOM MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm

Cattle – will cover market steers, market heifers, and commercial breeding heifers

Registration Link:

<https://ksu.zoom.us/join/9tJElfuitpzwpEtyAtaBtFm7Y0johEKENEvO7>

Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm

Small Livestock – will cover market hogs, commercial breeding gilts, market lambs, commercial breeding ewes, and all meat goats.

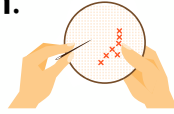
Registration Link:

https://ksu.zoom.us/join/tJldeGurTopG9ORQ_gN1XQOOj-5y3qRxYeF

SEWARD COUNTY FIBER ARTS

Join us at the **4-H Building** on **Sunday, April 16th (Cross Stitch)** from **4:00-6:00 pm**:

\$15.00 will include kits to keep
This will be a take home project.



RSVP to Mary Rose at (620)655-1678

STEVENS COUNTY READING PROJECT MEETING

Our meeting will be held in the **Extension Office** on **Tuesday, April 25th** at **6:15 pm**

We will be writing a letter to your favorite author. Please bring a book.



Contact Rylee Fann at **(620)453-2186** with any questions.

STEVENS COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK FARM

For the 4-H'ers needing a place to keep their 4-H animals - The Stevens County Fair board has a Youth Livestock Farm available to house 4-H animals.

Contact Tony Martin for more information at (620)544-9342

SEWARD COUNTY CROCHET

We will be meeting at the **4-H Building** from **4:00-6:00 pm**:

Sunday, April 23rd
Sunday, May 21st



\$10.00 will include kits to keep. Bring your own yarn if you would like a certain color. *This will be a take home project.*
RSVP to Mary Rose at (620)655-1678

SW AREA HORSE SHOW

Join us **June 10th** at the **Stevens County Fairgrounds Arena**

Faith Beesley-Chairperson

Contact Faith if you would like to be on the Show Committee.



STEVENS COUNTY PLANT SCIENCE MEETINGS

Meetings will be coming up soon. Be sure you're enrolled in plant science to receive notifications of upcoming meetings.

Contact Grant Niehues at **(620)453-9085**

SEWARD COUNTY PLANT SCIENCE

We will be meeting at the **4-H Building** on **Sunday, May 7th** from **4:00-6:00 pm**

\$10.00 will include plants to keep.

RSVP to Mary Rose at (620)655-1678

STEVENS COUNTY HORSE WORKNIGHTS

We will be at the **Fairgrounds** at **6:00 pm** on the following dates:



June 21st & 28th
July 5th, 12th & 19th

HORSE IDS

The deadline for **Horse IDs** is **June 1st**.
Contact Judy Parsons with any questions.

SEWARD COUNTY FOODS & NUTRITION

We will be meeting at the **4-H Building** from **4:00-6:00 pm** on the following dates:

Sunday, June 4th (Jars)
Sunday, June 11th (Cookies)



Please bring supplies to decorate your jar!
\$5.00 - Jars & some supplies provided.

RSVP to Mary Rose at (620)655-1678

STEVENS COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Stevens County 4-H Council will donate a 4-H Calendar to every family in the county for the 2023-2024 4-H year. **We will be having a competition to choose the photos that will be featured in the calendar.**



So start snapping photos now to have photos of all seasons! This is open to all Stevens County 4-H'ers. Top photos will be selected from a panel of impartial judges.
Deadline for photos is August 4th, 2023.

STEVENS COUNTY 4-H BUILDING DISPLAY

Clubs are in charge of the display in the 4-H building for their assigned two months. *Clubs might want to consider making this a committee.*



April - **Heartland**
May/June - **Wranglers**
July/August - **4-H Council**
September/October - **Extension Office**

RECORD BOOKS... IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO GET STARTED!

- **Set your project goals now** so you have a game plan for the rest of the 4-H year. *Look for some good resources on our website under 4-H Youth Development; click on record keeping.*
- You can also find more information on the **State 4-H website under Awards and Recognition**; click on **local record keeping and project forms**.
- Starting now will help a lot during the busy summer when you are preparing for the fair. **If you have questions ask any of our agents for help.**
- **Also, if you are working on an achievement pin, check the requirements now to see what is needed while you still have opportunities to meet them.**

CAMP LAKESIDE -SCOTT CITY

Date: June 14 -15th

4-H Age Requirements: 7 to 9 years old

Registration Deadline: May 1st

Cost for attending: \$ 100 (*payment is due to your local Extension Office*)

Link to Registration Form for families:

<https://forms.gle/MYHoDiktqJojWSt56>

Each County is guaranteed 10 total 4-H'ers to attend.
Be sure to register early or you will be put on a waitlist!

INSECT SPECTACULAR

The 2023 Insect Spectacular will be held on June 16-17th in Manhattan.

Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er.

**More information to come*

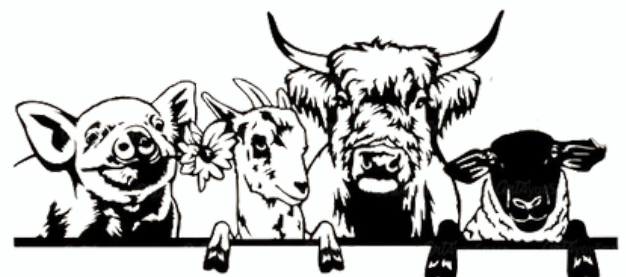
SUPERSTAR LIVESTOCK SHOW COUNSELORS NEEDED!!

The 2nd Annual Superstar Livestock Show will be held on **Saturday, June 24th** in Hugoton.

- 4-H'er must be 14 years or older.
- We need help in any capacity. You do not need livestock experience to help
- Superstar Livestock Show **Zoom** Call on **April 23rd at 8:00 pm** (get link by contact Channing Dillinger at dillinger.channing@gmail.com)
- You can follow us on Facebook at **Superstar Livestock Show**.
- Stop by the Extension Office for an application
- Any questions can be directed to Judy Parsons, Ron or Nancy Honig or 4-H'ers Channing Dillinger, or Dalton and Dyson Winfrey.

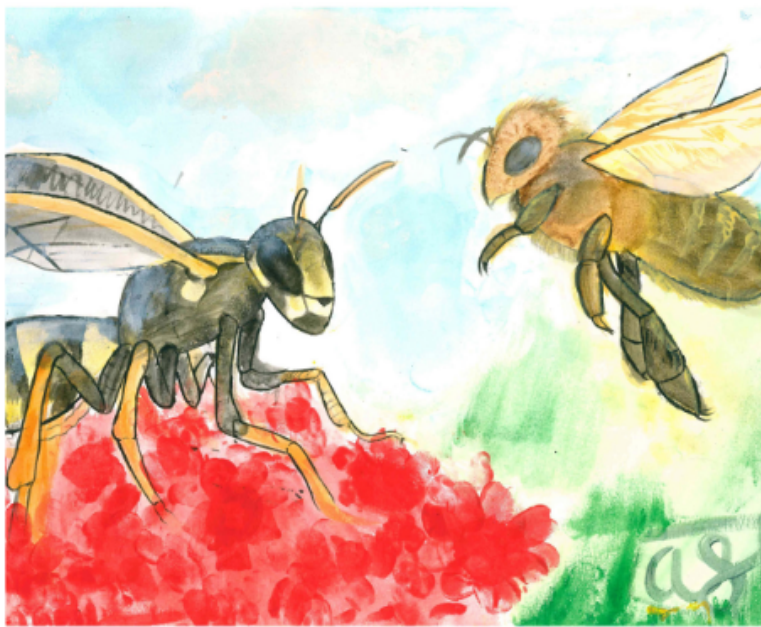
STATE FAIR NOMINATION DEADLINES

Market Beef (Steers & Heifers)	May 1st
Swine, Sheep, Goat & Commercial Heifers	June 15th
Kansas State Fair	September 8-17
Kansas Jr. Livestock Show	Sept. 29- Oct. 1



LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

DATE	SHOW	LOCATION	SPECIES
4/1	Beef Blow N Go	Calhan, Co	Beef
4/1	Show Down Youth Goat Expo	Liberal, Ks	Goat
4/2	Show Down Youth Sheep Expo	Liberal, Ks	Sheep
4/14,15	Fastest Gun in Town	Harper, Ks	Sheep & Goat
4/15	Cowley County Classic	Winfield, Ks	Beef
4/22	The Inaugural Battle on the Chikaskia	Harper, Ks	Beef
4/22,23	Thomas County Livestock Expo	Colby, Ks	All
4/28,29	Grant County Spring Livestock Show	Ulysses, Ks	All
4/29	Coffee County Spring Shows	Burlington, Ks	All
4/29	Walnut River Showdown	El Dorado, Ks	Beef
4/29,30	SC Showdown	Scott City, Ks	All
4/29, 30	Showing for a Cause	WaKeeney, Ks	All
4/29, 30	Sedgwick County Livestock Show	Cheney, Ks	All
4/30	Flint Hills Classic Spring Livestock Show	Eureka, Ks	All
5/5	Friday Night Lights Cattle Show	Ulysses, Ks	Beef
5/6	McPherson County Spring Beef Show	Canton, Ks	Beef
5/6	Cowley County Sheep & Meat Goat Show	Winfield, Ks	Sheep & Goat
5/6	Russell County Kick-Off Classic	Russell, Ks	All
5/6	Gas Capital Livestock Show	Hugoton, Ks	All
5/6,7	40th Annual Loyalty Day Spring Livestock Show	Tribune, Ks	All
5/6,7	Barber County Spring Livestock Show	Hardtner, Ks	All
5/7	Beauty & the Beast Spring Beef Show	Canton, Ks	Beef
5/7	Haskell County Spring Livestock Show	Sublette, Ks	All
5/7	Ellis County Spring Show	Hays, Ks	All
5/13	Butler County Black Gold Spring Show	El Dorado, Ks	Sheep, Goat, Swine
5/13	CCC Classic Spring Livestock Show	Colby, Ks	All
5/14	Ring Of Success Lamb & Goat	Calhan, Co	Sheep & Goat
5/20	Rooks County Spring Show	Stockton, Ks	All
5/20	Morton County Spring Show	Elkhart, Ks	All
5/21	Get Your Shine On Spring Show	Hill City, Ks	All
5/21	Back in Black Lane County Spring Show	Dighton, Ks	All
5/26, 27	Great Plains Spring Livestock Show	Larned, Ks	All
5/27	Smith Center Spring Show	Smith Center, Ks	All
5/27,28	Crooked Creek Classic	Meade, Ks	All
5/28,29	Outlaw Blowout & Bull Ring Roundup	La Crosse, Ks	Beef, Sheep & Goat
6/3	Showdown in Mac Town	McPherson, Ks	Sheep, Goat, Swine
6/3,4	Gavin B Kleyman Memorial Livestock Show	Tribune, Ks	All
6/3,4	Stanton County Livestock Show	Johnson, Ks	All
6/3,4	Sunflower Livestock Showdown	Garden City, Ks	All
6/17	People Pleasers Charity Livestock Show	Lakin, Ks	All



INSECT ART CONTEST

Explore why real-life insects can be considered superheroes. Selected artwork will be used to create educational items. Artists that have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievements. We will select a winner from each of the outlined categories and one overall winner will be selected from those entries.

- Only one artwork per student/adult per category with a completed entry form.
- Entries must be an original work by the entrant (no traced or copyright-protected images) with a label attached on the back lower right corner.
- Individual drawings and paintings must not be larger than “8.5 x 11”. Original entries will not be returned, but if you want to keep the original then a jpeg or pdf of the image can be submitted. Just make sure that the image is clear.
- Entries must feature an insect as the central point of focus that fits into the theme
- **Entries should be postmarked by April 14, 2023.**

*See attached flyer

*For complete Art Contest Rules visit. <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/>

Mail entries to:

Frannie Miller
Pesticide Safety and IPM Program
600 West Woodside
McPherson, KS 67460

**Enter
to Win**



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JUNE 14TH & 15TH AT



PIRATES OF

CAMP



LAKE SIDE

.....
WHAT WILL YOU DO?

**HIKE, SWIM, FISH, S'MORES, BUILD LIFELONG
FRIENDSHIPS & MORE!**

CAMPER AGE (ON JAN 1): 7-9 YEARS OF AGE

COUNSELOR AGE (ON JAN 1): 14-18 YEARS OF AGE

**FEE: \$100, INCLUDES MEALS, ACTIVITIES & T-SHIRT
2023 CAMP SCOTT REGISTRATION**

FORM CAN BE FOUND:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/MYHODIKTQJOJWST56](https://forms.gle/myhodiKTQJOJWST56)

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**Registration deadline and payment due to the
Extension office is May 1st.**



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Express Yourself

4-H Performing Arts Workshop

Saturday, April 15th, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Great Plains Theatre (215 N Campbell St. Abilene, KS 67410)

4-H Members Ages 7- 18

\$50 registration fee

(Limited spots available)

Great Plains Theatre is an award-winning professional performing arts space that involves the youth in our communities as singers, actors, technicians, and creatives to teach and train for what being a professional, working artist is like.

What to Expect:

- Catered Pizza Lunch
- Take Home Project
- Workshops and Showcase presentation
- Substance for record books
- Example folder

For more information, contact:

Mitchell Aiello, GPT
Artistic/Education Director

mitchell@greatplainstheatre.com

(785) 263-4574

Becky Dibben

4-H Leader

Registration Process:

- Complete online registration:
<https://bit.ly/gptexpress>
- Turn in payment to Education Director, Mitchell Aiello, Great Plains Theatre (215 N Campbell St. Abilene, KS 67410) by April 10th
- Payment can be cash, check, or by credit card over the phone (785) 263-4574.

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