

# WILD WEST DISTRICT # 18 NEWSLETTER



## JANUARY 2026

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Wild West District #18 Offices*

Haskell Office  
(620) 675-2261  
503 S. Fairgrounds Rd.  
Sublette, KS 67877

Seward Office  
(620) 624-5604  
1081 Stadium Rd.  
Liberal, KS 67901

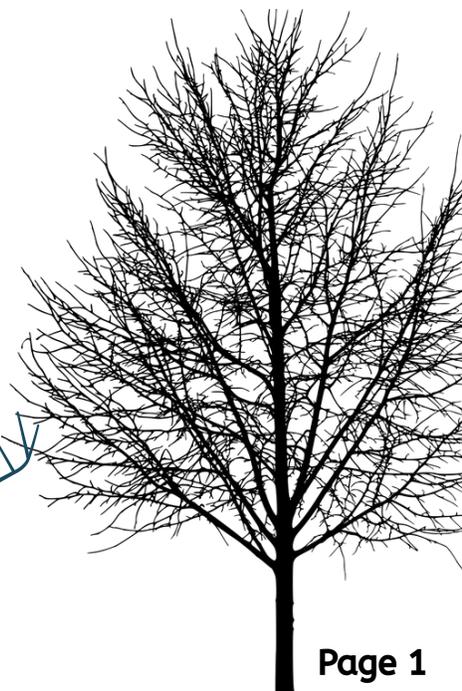
Stevens Office  
(620) 544-4359  
114 E. 5th St.  
Hugoton, KS 67951



OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
9:00 AM- 12:00 PM &  
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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# January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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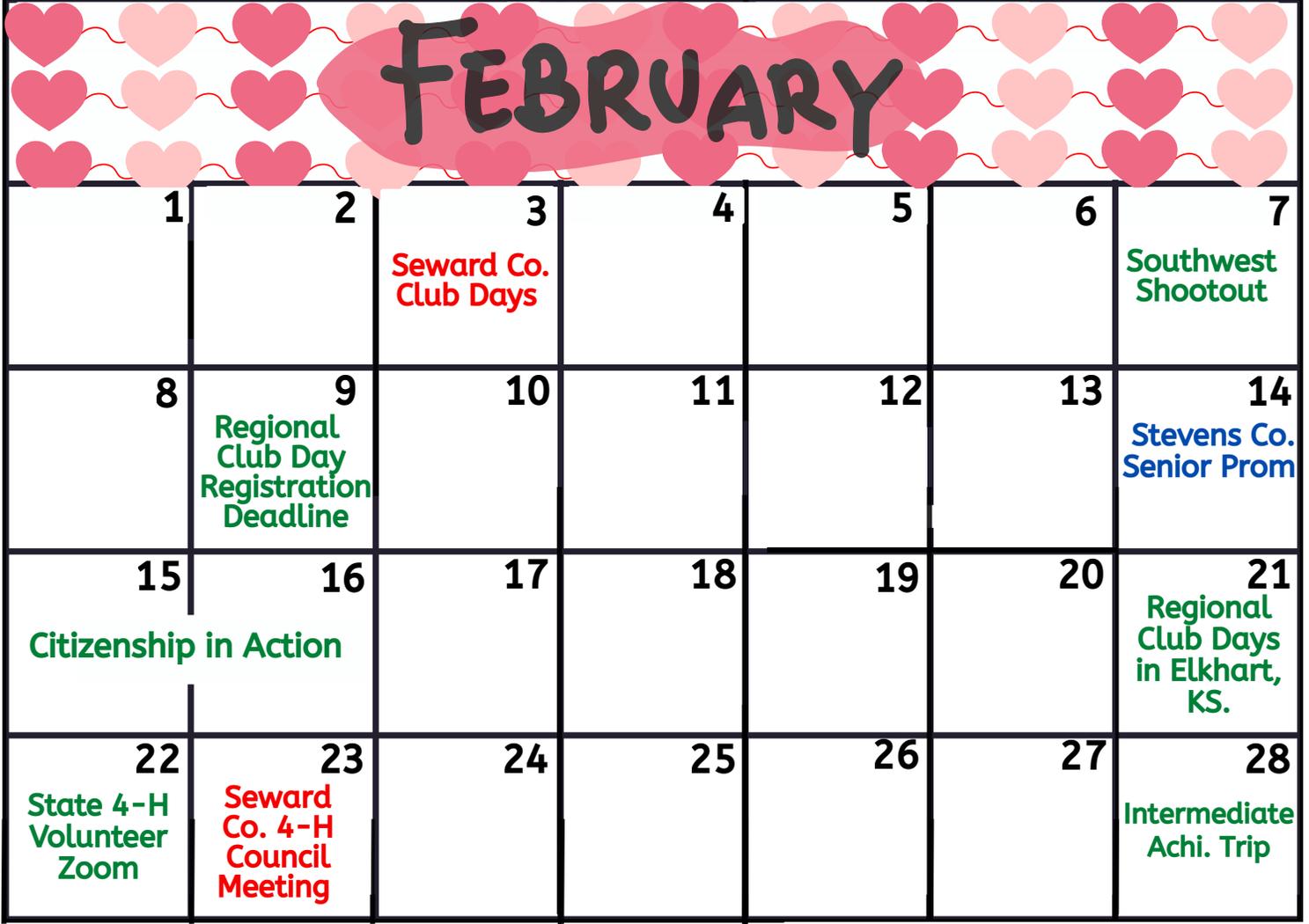
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# FEBRUARY

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		Seward Co. Club Days				Southwest Shootout
8	Regional Club Day Registration Deadline	10	11	12	13	14 Stevens Co. Senior Prom
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Regional Club Days in Elkhart, KS.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Intermediate Achi. Trip
State 4-H Volunteer Zoom	Seward Co. 4-H Council Meeting					

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# WILD WEST DISTRICT



## NOTICE!! DISTRICT WIDE RULE

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.

### LEADERSHIP DAY

Mark your calendars for **January 10<sup>th</sup>** from **10:00 AM to 3:30 PM** for a fun and impactful time at 4-H Leadership Day with Dustin Galyon in Cimmaron, KS. **Open to all 4-Hers, grades 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>.**  
*Refer to Flyer on Page 9*



For Registration Form: [Click Here](#)  
For Schedule of Events: [Click Here](#)

**Registration Deadline: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (turn in form to The Extension Office)**

### REGIONAL RECORD BOOK JUDGING

Senior youth that received County Champions in a project may submit your books for Regional Record book judging on **Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 AM in Scott City.** You will need to submit a Cover Letter and Resume with your Personal Page and Project Report Form. For more information: [Click Here](#)

**Deadline for submitting your record book to your Extension Office is Tuesday, January 6th.** If you need help, please contact Nancy, Judy or Jade.

### COUNTY CLUB DAYS

- Haskell-** Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>
- Stevens-** Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>
- Seward-** Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Youth can participate on the date that fits into your schedule. You will be judged against an evaluation sheet.

**Top Blues are eligible to go to Regional Club Days on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> in Elkhart, Kansas.** Please contact Judy, Jade or Nancy if you have questions.

### SOUTHWEST SHOOTOUT

**Saturday, February 7th.** We are hosting this shooting sports event and would appreciate any help for the day. Please contact Bethany Wood at 620-510-2636.

### CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

**February 15-16, 2026 in Topeka.** Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two-day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process. More information and registration deadline coming soon. For more information or interested in going, contact Judy.

# NEW FOR 2026: VOLUNTEER ZOOM SESSIONS

Hello all, can you believe 2025 has come to a close?! The Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers is trying something new for this 4-H Year. They will be holding Zoom Connections for Kansas 4-H Volunteers. they are continuing with the theme from the Leadership Forum to nurture more Kansas 4-H Volunteers to be the most successful they can be in their volunteer role!!!

## Upcoming Sessions (All 7-8 p.m. via Zoom)

- Sunday, February 22 @ 7 p.m. CT (Club Days, Spring Into Volunteering, Fairs)
- Sunday, June 28 @ 7 p.m. CT (State Fair, Project Record Books)
- Sunday, August 30 @ 7 p.m. CT (Club Structure, Club Activities, Volunteer Forum)

All Volunteer Leaders enrolled in 4-H Online should be receiving emails with zoom links. Contact Judy if you need more information.



## HASKELL COUNTY



### COUNTY WIDE RULE

All foods members must have attended 6 regular club meetings from October-July in order to receive Food Auction Premiums and add on's .

### CLUB DAY HELP SESSION

Want to get an edge up on doing a perfect presentation for County Club Days? Join Jade Greene & Judy Parsons at the **Satanta Community Building from 11:00 - 12:00PM on Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>** to learn all the tips and tricks for giving talks and demonstrations or creating the perfect posters.

Please RSVP by January 1<sup>st</sup> by emailing [jsgreene@ksu.edu](mailto:jsgreene@ksu.edu)



### GOAT PROJECT MEETING

Join us on **Sunday, January 4th, @ 4:00 P.M.** at the Haskell County Commercial Building

### CLOVERBUDS

Scheduled for **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 4-4:45 PM** at the Extension Office. Cloverbuds are youth ages 5-6 years old, and we will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month through April 2026. Cloverbuds will need to enroll in 4-H Online after **October 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### OTHER CLUB MEETINGS

Cloverleaf- **Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

Victory- **Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM**

### SPRING SHOW MEETING

Join us on **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** for our Spring Show Meeting. Location will be at the **Haskell. Co. Extension Office.**



# SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE



**DATES:** (At 3:00 PM)

January 4<sup>th</sup>  
January 11<sup>th</sup>  
January 25<sup>th</sup>

Youth **must be enrolled in the discipline that they are practicing for.** Waivers and fees are also **required** before first practice. Please RSVP to Bethany Wood at **620-510-2636** if you are coming to practice.

## COUNTY CLUB DAY

Scheduled for **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Sublette High School.**

**Registration deadline is Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.** Youth wanting to be room monitors, please contact Judy Parsons at (620) 453- 0732

## COUNCIL MEETING

Scheduled for **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Haskell County Extension Office.** Please be sure all your representatives (or alternates) are attending.



# SEWARD COUNTY



## CLUB DAYS HELP SESSION

Want to get an edge up on doing a perfect presentation for County Club Days? Join Jade Greene & Judy Parsons at the **Seward Co. 4-H Building on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM,** to learn all the tips and tricks for giving talks and demonstrations or creating the perfect posters.

**RSVP Deadline: January 5<sup>th</sup> 2026. Call (620) 624-5604**



## CLOVERBUDS

Scheduled for **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 4-4:45 pm** at the 4-H Building. We will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month through April 2026.

Cloverbuds will need to enroll in 4-H Online after **October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## OTHER 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

Ornery Otters- **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM**

Heritage - **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1:00 PM**

## GRACE PLACE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER DIAPER DRIVE

A Heritage 4-H Club Community Service Project, taking place from **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026.** Please drop off the diapers at 1081 Stadium Ave, in Liberal KS.



## COUNTY CLUB DAY

Scheduled for **Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Liberal Activity Center.** Registration deadline is **Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## COUNCIL MEETING

Scheduled for **Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM at the 4-H Building.**



## CLUB DAYS HELP SESSION

Want to get an edge up on doing a perfect presentation for County Cub Days?

Join Jade Greene & Judy Parsons at the **Stevens County Library from 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**, to learn all the tips and tricks for giving talks and demonstrations or creating the perfect posters.

**Please RSVP by January 1<sup>st</sup> by emailing [jsgreene@ksu.edu](mailto:jsgreene@ksu.edu)**

## CLOVERBUDS

Scheduled for **Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 4-4:45 pm** at the Extension Office. We will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month through April 2026.

Cloverbuds will need to enroll in 4-H Online after **October 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## OTHER 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

Wranglers- **Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

Heartland- **Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM**

Cloverleaf Cowboys- **January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

## SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE

### DATES:

**Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> (6-8 PM)**

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> (6-8 PM)**



To be continued in **January, 2026** with the BB gun and air rifle disciplines only.

All meetings will be held in the **4-H Building on the Stevens County Fairgrounds**. All equipment is provided however 4-H'ers may bring their own guns to use with approval of the instructors.

**4-H'ers must be enrolled in the specific shooting sports disciplines and have a signed waiver on file with the Extension office in order to participate.** Waivers will be available at the meetings.

## COUNTY CLUB DAY

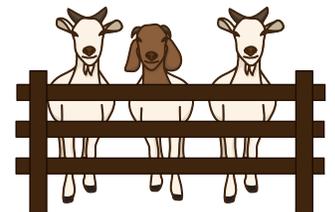
Scheduled for **Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM** at the **Hugoton High School**.

**Registration deadline is Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**. Youth wanting to be room monitors, please contact Nancy.

## GAS CAPITAL MEETING

To be held on **Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** at the **Extension Office**.

Livestock Project enrollment is not a requirement.



## COUNCIL & JR. LEADERS MEETING

Scheduled for **Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** at the **Stevens County Extension Office**.

Please be sure all your representatives (or alternates) are attending. 4-H Council and Jr Leaders meetings will be combined. All youth 12 and over are encouraged to attend this meeting as we are planning the Senior Prom on Saturday, February 14th.

## HASKELL

Rylie Rooney  
Kamdyn Croft  
Kenna Croft  
Shaelyn Crawford  
Luke Hedlund

## SEWARD

**JUNIORS**  
Emily Vermillion  
Benjamin Smith  
Emmi Parsons

## STEVENS

Jack Sullivan  
Eli Winchester  
Aubrey Haar  
Sadie Settlemeier  
Gracelynn Johnson  
Avery Haar

## INTERMEDIATES

Tejan Delaplane  
Liam Hatcher  
Cora Hatcher  
Zachary Delaplane  
Silas Wood

Neveah Wilson  
Aidan Vermillion  
Charli Parsons

Elodie Sullivan  
Alivia Grubs  
Lyla Winchester  
James Shelton  
Conlee Eisenhower  
Madison Niehues

## SENIORS

Maddy Vermillion  
Jason Wilson

Clayton Kunselman  
Trelawney Horinek  
Hannah Wood  
Cy Greeson  
Kyra Crawford  
Jasmine Wood

Tobias Grubbs  
Morgan Niehues  
Clayton Grubbs



# ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

### INT. ACHIEVEMENT TRIP

Manhattan, KS from  
February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>





**HEALTHY LIVING**

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**January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**  
**Kindergarten- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Satanta Community Building 9:30-11:00 AM**  
**Stevens County Library 2:00-3:30 PM**

**GAMES**

**CRAFTS**

**SNACKS**

**EXERCISE**

For More Info Contact Judy Parsons at (620) 453-0732

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**JAN 6 @ 10 AM**

## CLUB DAYS HELP SESSION



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**AT THE SEWARD COUNTY 4-H BUILDING**

Call (620) 624 5604 to RSVP

**RSVP by January 5th!**

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## SAVE THE DATE

### 4-H LEADERSHIP DAY:

### WITH DUSTIN GALYON

### + BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

- 1) VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS
- 2) CLASSES FOR TEENS ( CAMP COUNSELOR, AMBASSADORS, RESUMES/COVER LETTERS AND ??????)

**JANUARY 10, 2026**

**10AM-3:30PM**

OPEN TO ALL 4-HERS 6TH-12 GRADES

EVENT LOCATION:  
GRAY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, CIMARRON, KS

HOSTED BY GRAY COUNTY 4-H AND WALNUT CREEK DISTRICT 4-H



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## ALTERNATIVE Crops

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**SPEAKER TOPICS:**

- Logan Simon (KSU)- Winter Canola Agronomics
- Jeff Frazier (Scoular)- Winter Canola Marketing & Logistics
- Tina Sullivan (KSU)- Industrial Hemp Agronomics
- Chad Sager (Farm Strategy)- Winter Durum Wheat Agronomy, Marketing & Logistics

**SESSION LOCATIONS:**

- **Wednesday, January 14**
  - Syracuse- 10:30 am to 1:00 pm (MT) @ Hamilton Co. Fairgrounds 4-H Building, 806 S. Main, Syracuse, KS
  - Sublette- 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm (CT) @ Haskell Co. Fairgrounds Commercial Building, 600 S. Fairgrounds Rd, Sublette, KS
- **Thursday, January 15**
  - Dodge City- 10:30 am to 1:00 pm (CT) @ Ford Co. Fairgrounds, 901 W Park Street, Dodge City, KS

**HOSTED BY:**  
HAMILTON COUNTY EXTENSION- (620) 384-5225  
FORD COUNTY EXTENSION (620) 227-4542  
WILD WEST DISTRICT EXTENSION (620) 624-5604

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REGISTER BY JANUARY 7!

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