

MAY 2022

4-H Newsletter

Wild West District #18

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Congratulations to Mkeegan Hoeffner from Haskell County. Mkeegan placed 10th overall in the air rifle at the Kansas State Shoot held on April 23rd in Great Bend.



Mkeegan will also be representing Kansas as a member of the State Air Rifle team competing at nationals in Grand Island, Nebraska June 26 - July 1. Good job & good luck Mkeegan!

May 1.....	Deadline to Add/Drop Projects
May 1	Deadline to RSVP for Discovery Days
May 1.....	Businessman's Dinner
May 1.....	Horse ID Papers Due
May 6	Deadline to RSVP for Camp Scott
May 7	State Shutterbug Photo Workshop
May 10	Stevens Co. Bucket Calf Project Meeting
May 10	Stevens Co. Goat Project Meeting
May 11	Haskell Co. Cloverbuds
May 16	Stevens Co. 4-H Council
May 16	Stevens Co. Junior Leadership
May 17	Stevens Co. Rocketry Meeting
May 19	Stevens Co. Foods Meeting
May 21	Stevens Co. Shooting Sports-Small Bore
May 24	Stevens Co. Foods Meeting
May 24	Stevens Co. Archery Project Meeting
May 24	Seward Co. 4-H Council Meeting
May 25	Stevens Co. Archery Project Meeting
May 31	Stevens Co. Archery Project Meeting
June 1.....	Stevens Co. Archery Project Meeting
June 1	Deadline to RSVP for Creative Cooks
June 1	Deadline for counselors at SuperStar Livestock Show
June 1-3	Discovery Days
June 4	Seward Co. Highway Clean Up
June 5	Stevens Co. Shooting Sports-Small Bore
June 8	Haskell Co. 4-H Council
June 8	Stevens Co. Shooting Sports-Small Bore
June 10-12	State Geology Field Trip
June 10	Wild West Creative Cooks
June 11.....	Stevens Co. Shooting Sports - Shotgun
June 13	Stevens Co. Bucket Calf Project Meeting
June 13	Stevens Co. Goat Project Meeting
June 13	Stevens Co. Photography Project Meeting
June 14-15	District Horse Clinic
June 15-16	District Camp Scott Lake
June 17-18	State Insect Spectacular
June 18.....	Stevens Co. Shooting Sports - Shotgun
June 23	SW District Horse Show
June 26	Stevens Co. Shooting Sports-Small Bore



I would like to take this time to wish Lacey well on her next adventure. Lacey has accepted a position in the Walnut Creek District as the Ag and Natural Resources Agent. Lacey has played a very vital role as our district livestock agent and, also as one of the Haskell County Extension agents. Lacey has worked in the Haskell County office for the past 13 years. Her passion for the 4-H program shows through the dedication and time she has invested with our youth. I am sure I can speak for everyone when I say we will greatly miss her and hope she visits us often. If you can, join us on May 4th from 4-6 pm at Haskell County Commercial building to wish her well. Her last day with the Wild West District will be May 9th.

Kristin Penner, District Director

YQCA Training

YQCA Training – the online platform has moved to: yqcaprogram.com

Families will need to go to this site and create a new family account. The information did not migrate from the old platform and will have to be re-entered. YQCA certification is required for all exhibitors to sell at the county fair premium sales and for all state shows including Kansas State Fair and KJLS. Once youth have taken the course online, please be sure to save and print your certificate. Please take a copy of the certificate and turn it in to your local Extension Office by your pre-entry deadline for County Fair.

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State Shutterbugs at the Zoo

Shutterbug events are photography workshops put on across the state by the Kansas State 4-H Photography Action Team. Workshops are typically scheduled as morning sessions and concentrate on a variety of aspects of composition. The events typically end around Noon. Please note \$5 registration fee for each of the first five members of a family. Children 5 and under are free.

Where: Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City, KS

When: May 7, 2022

Registration begins 8:30 AM



Discovery Days

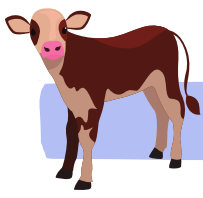
Deadline to register is May 1.

4-H Discovery Days is scheduled for June 1-3 on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. Discovery Days is one of K-State's longest running traditions, now in its 98th year. More than 400 youth are expected as the event – which focuses on preparing youth for college and careers -returns to in-person learning this year.

All youth ages 13-18 are invited to attend. The cost is \$195, which includes meals and lodging.



**"NO ACT OF KINDNESS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, IS EVER WASTED."
-AESOP**



Stevens County Bucket Calf Project Meeting

The meeting will be held May 10th at the extension office at 4:30 pm

Stevens County Goat Project Meeting

The meeting will be held May 10th at the extension office at 6:00 pm



Haskell County Cloverbuds

May 11th Cloverbuds meet once a month every second Wednesday at the Extension Office at 4 pm



Stevens County Rocketry Meeting

An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17th at the extension office at 7:00 pm. All 4-H'ers enrolled in Rocketry building their first rocket or those 4-H'ers from the first group wanting to build a second rocket. Once interest level is determined, specific project meeting dates will be scheduled for building rockets. A date to launch first round of rockets to be determined. If you have any questions please call Ron @ (620)453-1724



Stevens County Foods Meeting

Foods meeting for 11-12 years old will be May 19th & May 24th at 9:00 am. Location TBD. We will be working specifically on nutritional foods and looking ahead to Creative Cooks.

If you have any questions please contact Stacy Dillinger @ (620)453-0544



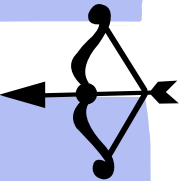
Stevens County Archery Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 6:00 pm; Wednesday, May 25, 6:00 pm;

Tuesday, May 31, 6:00 pm; Wednesday, June 1, 6:00 pm

All archery project meetings will be held at the Stevens County Fairgrounds. All equipment is provided but 4-H'ers are allowed to bring equipment as long as the instructor deems it to be safe.

Additional meetings may be scheduled based on interest.



Stevens County 4-H Council Meeting

The meeting will be held May 16th at the extension office at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend as we will be voting on funds for the FFA/4-H Farm.



Stevens County Junior Leadership Meeting

The meeting will be held May 16th at the extension office at 7:45 pm. Please plan to attend as we are finalizing plans for our cornhole & pickleball tournament.



Seward County 4-H Council Meeting

The meeting will be held on May 24th at 6:30 pm. Be on the look out for an email!



Tractor Safety Training



If you are 14 or older & plan on doing farm work for someone other than a parent or legal guardian, you must take a tractor safety course according to US Dept. of Labor. Cost of the training is \$10. You must register by May 17th. Call Ron Honig @ (620)453-1724 with any questions.

May 24th from 8:30 am -4:00 pm at American Implement- 2611 W. Jones Ave; Garden City, KS

Stevens County Shooting Sports Meetings



Small Bore (.22 caliber) Pistol & Rifle discipline:

Saturday, May 21, 9:00 am; Sunday, June 5, 2:00 pm; Wednesday, June 8, 6:00 pm; Sunday, June 26, 4:00 pm
Small-bore is recommended for those 4-H'ers who have already completed a season of BB gun, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol and are thus familiar with safety rules. We will shoot in Abel Sullivan's pasture located ½ mile east of the intersection of Road C and Road 14 in southern Stevens County. Please RSVP for these small-bore shoots to Ron at (620)453-1724 or the Hugoton office at (620)544-4359.

**Please check the times carefully as they vary greatly.

Shotgun discipline:

June 11; June 18; July 2; July 16

Shotgun discipline is for 4-H'ers 11 years old or older. All meetings start at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays at Derek & Stacy Dillinger's farm located approximately 7 ½ miles south of Hugoton on Road 14.

Please call Ron if you have questions at (620)453-1724.

Seward County Highway Clean Up

Saturday, June 4th we will be cleaning Highway 83 (north of Liberal). Please meet at the 4-H Building at 8:00 a.m. to watch the safety video before we head out. Remember – only 4-H'ers 11 years of age or older can participate. EVERYONE must have a parent present to participate



Seward County Donation Drive

To help our neighbors to the south recently affected by fire the 4-H council will be making individually wrapped desserts to donate to a rodeo in Guymon on June 4th with proceeds going to medical expenses for injured firefighters from Balko. We will send out more details via email. We are also collecting donations on the following to distribute to the local fire departments:

- *Baby Wipes (alcohol free)
- *Tylenol/Ibuprofen
- *Nuts
- *Chapstick
- *PB/Cheese Crackers
- *Sinus/Allergy Meds
- *Protein Bars
- *Ziplock Bags (Gallon)
- *Eye Drops
- *Granola Bars
- *Gum/Mints
- *Powder Drink Mix



District Creative Cooks

This year's Creative Cooks Wild West District contest will be held on Friday, June 10th at the Hugoton Middle School FCS room. Please RSVP by June 1st. This is open to all 4-H'ers in the district. The contest provides youth with 1 1/2 hours to prepare an item (main dish, salad, side dish, breakfast item, etc.) from scratch and serve it to the judges.

They will be judged on taste, nutrition knowledge, place setting, and food safety in the kitchen. If you are interested in learning more about the contest or need help preparing a plan contact Nancy Honig in the Hugoton Extension Office (620) 544-4359.



Haskell County 4-H Council Meeting

The meeting will be held on June 8th at 7:00 pm.

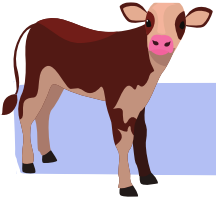
State Geology Field Trip

The State 4-H Geology Field Trip will take place June 10th-12th, 2022. All 4-H Geology project members and their families are invited to attend, we ask that you register on time. The headquarters is based in Fredonia, KS. Be on the lookout for more information next month.



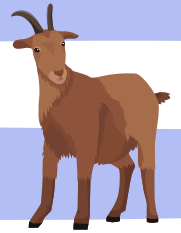
Stevens County Bucket Calf Project Meeting

The meeting will be held June 13th at the extension office at 1:00 pm



Stevens County Goat Project Meeting

The meeting will be held June 13th at the extension office at 2:00 pm



Stevens County Photography Project Meeting

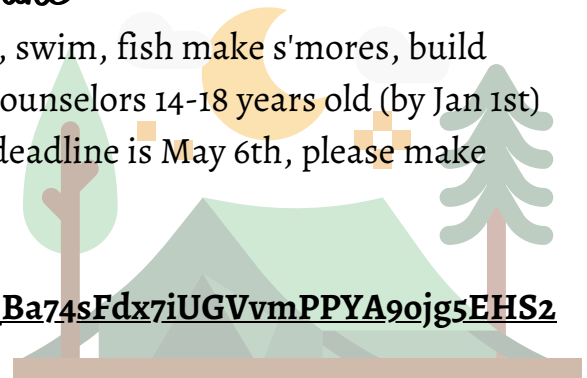
The meeting will be held June 13th at the extension office at 4:00 pm. Don't forget your camera!

District Camp Scott-Lake

Peace, Love 4-H Camp Scott June 15 & 16th come out and hike, swim, fish make s'mores, build lifelong friendships & more! Campers 7-9 years old (by Jan 1st) Counselors 14-18 years old (by Jan 1st) Fee: \$80; includes meals, activities & T-shirt. Registration. The deadline is May 6th, please make payment to your local Extension Office by then.

The form can be found at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnqED3Sju7wG_Ba74sFdx7iUGVvmPPYA9ojg5EHS2gVjCi1A/viewform



State Insect Spectacular

Beetles, bugs, dragonflies, and more! It's time to get registered for the 30th Insect Spectacular. The State Entomology Workshop will be held Friday and Saturday, June 17th and 18th, 2022. We will be hosted by Arnold's Greenhouse near LeRoy, Kansas. Then we will travel to the Chanute High School as the center for other activities. The event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! One parent/adult guardian from each family must register and attend with the 4-H'er.

The \$70 registration fee includes Friday supper, lunch, and snack Saturday, bottled water, class materials, a t-shirt, and handouts. Younger siblings under 4-H age, spouses, etc. that may be coming along, but not participating in the classes will need to pay a fee of \$25.00. This will pay for the meal and snack Saturday but does not include a shirt.

For more event details and to register, please visit:

<http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/insect-spectacular/index.html>



Coming in June!

Southwest District Horse Show



The Southwest District Horse Show will be held Thursday, June 23, 2022 in Dodge City. 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.

The paperwork can be found at:

<https://www.kansas4h.org/projects/animalscience/horse/docs/P1039%20Horse%20ID%20Form%20Fillable.pdf>

District Horse Clinic

We are excited to offer an educational opportunity in Kingman, Kansas. All 4-H Horse Project Members are invited to a clinic with **Kerry Kuhn**. Kerry is a wonderful horseman, “**Riding with Kerry**” show host, traveling clinician, AND Barber County native! We are very lucky to have him leading us on June 14 and 15, 2022.

Youth are welcome to register for the 14th, the 15th, or both days (stalling will be available within registration). The clinic fee for 4-H members will be \$100 per day thanks to a generous donor. Registration will cap at 20 participants per day, so don't miss out!

This clinic is open to all 4-H horse project members. All ages, all levels. The clinic will improve your confidence and riding as well as prepare you to show at your local shows and/or district opportunities. We hope we can all learn together to improve with our horses and be more confident in our riding! Hope to see you in June!

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cT6K9xNhIiXDGbs

Questions should be directed to: Lindsey M. Mueting
4-H Youth Development-McPherson County
Lmueting@ksu.edu (620)241-1523



District SuperStar Livestock Show



If you are a 4-H'er 14 years old or older in Haskell, Morton, or Stevens County, and would like to apply to be a counselor for the SuperStar Livestock Show on June 24th for special needs youth please fill out the application below. Applications can be submitted to the Wild West Extension District Stevens County office.

For questions call or text (620)541-1659 or (620)544-6787. You can also find us on Facebook under Superstar Livestock Show.

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Kansas State Youth Livestock Nomination

Step 1 - Tagging Animals eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive (KSF) or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) will need an appropriate Kansas 4-H EID ear tag placed in the ear of the animal by the agent (or organizational representative).

Step 2 - Submit Nominations Online Exhibitors will create an account through ShoWorks and submit their information and animal data online. A family nomination system will continue to be used, but each animal must be submitted as an “entry” under each individual exhibitor within the family. For the sake of the system, an “entry” is a nominated animal that exhibitors would like to be eligible to show at a state show. A complete nomination does not constitute entry and show entries will still need to be made separately, through each specific show, for an exhibitor to participate. All nomination information must be submitted online through ShoWorks by 5:00 PM on the appropriate deadline. Families will upload a current Declaration Form under each exhibitor’s account, as well as their YQCA Certificate (valid through 10/2/2022). Each specie has unique identifying information that must be submitted. Users cannot advance through the system without completing the required fields. Exhibitors are also highly encouraged to use the updated Rookie Guide and checklist that outlines the requirements for each specie to complete the nomination process. These materials may be obtained from the local Extension office or the KSU Youth Livestock Program website (www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu), under “Nomination Information”. New families nominating for the first time will need to request a KSU Nomination # here before beginning the process.

Step 3 - DNA Families will pay the nomination fee for each animal by purchasing DNA envelopes. This will have to be done in advance and require participants to plan ahead. Orders for DNA envelopes will close one (1) week before each nomination deadline: Market Beef - April 24, Small Livestock - June 8, Commercial Heifers - June 8. Upon receipt of the official DNA envelopes, families will pull a DNA sample from the animal and place it in the envelope. **DO NOT CUT THE HAIR** - hair follicles **MUST** be intact for submission to be valid. Detailed instructions and videos for pulling DNA on each specie may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock Program Website, under “DNA Collection Instructions”. The DNA envelopes are not specie specific, but an official envelope must be used. Old envelopes (from 2021 and before) will not be accepted. Exhibitors need to designate the specie and visible 5-digit Kansas 4-H EID tag number on each envelope, as well as include the signatures of all eligible exhibitors within the family and a parent/guardian. The barcode sticker (from the Extension Office) for each tag number will be placed in the box provided on the DNA envelope. For those dual nominating an animal (in both the market and commercial female divisions), only one DNA sample needs submitted.

Step 4 - Mail Nominations Exhibitors will mail their completed DNA envelopes and a copy of their ShoWorks receipt to K-State by the postmark deadline. Certified mail is highly encouraged and suggested. Postmark deadlines are strictly enforced. May 1 - Market Beef; June 15 - Market Sheep, Commercial Ewes, Market Hogs, Commercial Gilts, Commercial Heifers, and ALL Meat Goats. K-State, KJLS, and the Kansas State Fair are not responsible for lost, late, or misdirected mail.

Step 5 - Verify Nominations Submitted K-State will process nominations received and post weekly updates regarding complete/incomplete nominations on the KSU Youth Livestock Program website, under “Nominated Livestock > Check Nominated Livestock”. It may also be accessed by clicking [here](#). During this process, letters will also be sent to individual families/households listing the species and tag numbers received, as well as stating whether or not their nominations are complete. This is the exhibitor/family’s opportunity to verify the accuracy of the nomination information received by K-State. *Show Entry...You’re not done yet!

Final Step - OFFICIALLY ENTER SHOW * NOMINATION IS NOT AN ENTRY. Exhibitors **MUST** submit an official **ENTRY** for the appropriate youth livestock show in which they would like to participate. The Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show are responsible for managing their entries. Exhibitors must follow the proper entry process for each show and have a valid entry on file at each respective entity to be eligible to show. Kansas State Fair Grand Drive (youth livestock show) entries are due by July 15. The KJLS entry deadline is August 15. Entry information may be obtained from the local Extension office, or the website for each show (linked above).