WILD WEST DISTRICT # 18
NEWSLETTER

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Calendar
Incoming Events





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

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Re-enrollment Deadline for Volunteer Leaders	2	3	4	5 Stevens Co. BB/Rifle Practice
6 Haskell Co. BB/Rifle & Pistol Practice	7 Entrepreneurship Project Mtg.	8	9 Haskell Co. Cloverbuds	10	11	12
13	14 Geology Meeting	15	16 Seward Co. Cloverbud	17	18	19 Stevens Co. BB/Rifle Practice
20 Haskell Co. BB/Rifle & Pistol Practice	21 Shooting Sports Zoom for Parents & Instructors; Stevens Co. Sr's Food Mtg; Seward Co. Town Farm Mtg.	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed	25 Merry Christmas Office Closed	26
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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy New Year Office Closed	2
3	4 State 4-H Applicatons due	5	6 Regional Record Books Due	7	8	9 Intermediate Achievement Trip
10 Intermediate Achievement Trip	11 Haskell Co. Spring Show Meeting Stevens Co. 4-H Council & Jr. Leadership Mtg	12 Regional Record Book Judging	13	14	15	16 Stevens Co. Ag Safety Day
17 Haskell Co. Club Days	18	19	20 Haskell Co. 4-H Council Meeting	21	22	23
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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.

Friendly Reminders

Youth and Volunteer Leaders please be sure to re-enroll on **4-H *online by December 1st***. Click **here** for instructions.

Beef Project Meeting

Scheduled for Sunday, November 29th at 5PM, located at the Haskell County Extension Office. Open to all Wild West District 4-Hers. Join us to learn about the Beef project, discuss goals, and help decide what the project meetings for 2027 need to cover. Click here for the Zoom link.
Email Jade with any questions, jsgreene@ksu.edu

Mark Your Calendars

Very Important District Shooting Sports Zoom meeting for all Parents and Instructors on **December 21st at 8PM**. We will discuss our District's Shooting Sports program.

4-H Scholarships

It is time to apply for state 4-H Scholarships for those 2027 graduating senior! **The deadline is January 4th, 2027.** For more information click **here**

Regional Record Books

Youth wanting to send project record books on for Regional Judging need to submit your project records along with other documents to **your Extension Office by Wednesday, January 6th . Judging will take place on January 12th**
For more information click **here**.

Intermediate Achievement Trip

The Intermediate trip will be to **Amarillo on January 9th and 10th.** Trip earners will receive more information and confirmations for tickets.



Zachary Delaplane
Rylie Rooney
Cora Hatcher
Shaelyne Crawford
Kamdyn Croft
Brady Torres



Elodie Sullivan
Kori Kirkham
Lyla Winchester
Jack Sullivan
Conlee Eisenhour
Madison Niehues



Dorian Myers
Emmi Parsons
Charli Parsons

Shooting Sports Project

4-H Shooting Sports is a popular project. It is divided into several disciplines. 4-hers need to enroll in each discipline that they would like to gain skills in. Several disciplines are offered in the Wild West District. District 4-Hers are welcome to attend practices in any county that offers their discipline. Waivers must be signed by parents and youth in each discipline in each county they participate in. Each county and discipline may also charge fees to practice. Waivers and fees must be signed and paid at the first practice. Equipment can be used and/or checked out depending on the county and discipline. Ammunition is also provided. Look for practice times in the District 4-H Newsletters.

SAVE THE DATE: District Shooting Sports Zoom

Monday, December 21st at 8PM

IMPORTANT meeting for all 4-H parents and adults helping with the shooting sports program. More details and link to come.

Disciplines Offered and Instructor in each County:



Stevens:

BB/Air Rifle	Alex Kinser	620-541-1892

Haskell:

BB/Air Rifle/Air Pistol	Micah Wood	620-952-1600
Coordinator/Air Pistol	Bethany Wood	620-510-2636
BB/Air Rifle/Shotgun	Dan Kunselman Micah Wood	620-428-1393 620-952-1600

Seward:

Archery	Rosa Conley Judy Parsons	620-471-5206 620-453-0732
Shotgun	Greg Standard	620-629-5410



Coordinator: Judy Parsons 620-453-0732

Seward County

To be eligible to receive premium money in the 4-H Division for any project at the Seward County Fair, a 4-Her must attend over half (1 over ½) of their club's regular meetings, from October through July.

Other 4-H Club Meetings

Ornery Otters- **Monday, December 14th @ 6:30 PM**
Heritage - **Wednesday, December 16th @ 2:00 PM**

Entrepreneurship Project Meeting

Scheduled for Monday, December 7th at 6:30PM, located at the Seward County 4-H Building. Join us to learn about starting your own business! You do not have to be currently enrolled in the project. Also available on Zoom, click here for the link.

Cloverbuds

Scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th at 4:00 PM, in the 4-H Building.
Cloverbuds will need to enroll in 4-H Online after **October 1st.**

Town Farm Meeting

Scheduled for Monday, December 21st at 6:30PM at the 4-H Building. Open to all previous Town Farm participants and any new families interested! You do not have to be currently enrolled in a livestock project. We will be discussing the different livestock project opportunities, the facilities, goals for our projects, and we will have information on youth ag loans.



County Club Days

Scheduled for Monday, February 1st at 5:30PM, located at the Ag Building.
Entries are due to the office by January 25th.
Click **here** for the entry form.
Contact Jade if you have any questions or need help with your presentation!

Stevens County

Cloverbuds

The next Cloverbuds meeting will be **Monday, November 30th at 4:00 p.m. at the Stevens County Extension office.** Please make sure you get your Cloverbuds enrolled so that you can receive notifications of the meetings. The following meetings will be: January 4th, February 1st and March 1st.

Shooting Sports

BB/Air Rifle practices will be at the **Fairgrounds 4-H Building on Saturdays, December 5th and 19th at 3PM.**
Please RSVP to Alex Kinser at 620-541-1892 to let him know you are coming.



Geology Project Meeting

Scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th at 6PM, located at the Stevens County 4-H Building.
You do not have to be currently enrolled in the project to attend the meeting.
Please RSVP to Jade if you will be joining us, jsgreene@ksu.edu

Senior's Food Meeting



4-H'ers ages 14 and up enrolled in Foods are welcome to a foods project meeting on **Monday, December 21st starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Extension office.** Please RSVP to the office by Friday, Dec 18th . Bring $5 to help cover cost. We will be learning about CAKES (and frostings)!!

4-H Council/Jr. Leadership Meeting

The next Stevens County 4-H Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m.** The Jr. Leadership meeting will begin at 7:45 p.m. and we will have election of officers at that meeting.

Ag Safety Day

Scheduled for Saturday, January 16th , located at the Stevens 4-H Building

County Club Days

It's time to prepare for county club days. If you need help on how to do a project talk, demonstration or public speaking be sure and ask an agent for help! Participation in Club Days is needed for a number of pin awards and helps with points for achievement trips so be sure and find a way to participate! Stevens County Club Days **will be February 6th from 9:00 a.m.-noon at the Hugoton High School.**



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 .

Other Club Meetings

Cloverleaf-**Sunday, December 6th @ 7:00 PM**
Victory- **Sunday, December 13th @ 6:00 PM**

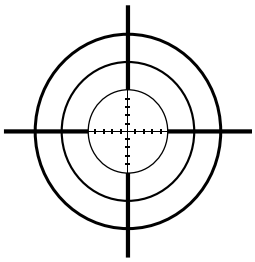
Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds will meet on Wednesday, December 9th at 4-4:45pm at the Extension Office. Cloverbuds are youth ages 5-6 years old, and we will meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month through May 2027. Cloverbuds will need to enroll in 4-H Online after October 1 .

BB/Air Rifle/ Air Pistol Practice

Dates:

December 6th
December 20th



Practice begins at 3PM at the Haskell County Extension Office. Signed waivers and fees are required at the first practice. RSVP to Bethany Wood at 620-510-2636 if you are coming to practice. All District 4-hers enrolled in the specific disciplines are eligible to practice.

Spring Show Meeting

Scheduled for Monday, January 11th at 6:30PM, located at the Haskell Extension Office.

County Club Days

Will take place on **Sunday, January 17th at 2PM at the Sublette High School**. **Entries are due on Monday, January 11th**

Click **here** for the entry form**.**



4-H Council Meeting

Scheduled for January 20th at 7PM at the Extension Office. Will continue to take place on the third Wednesday of March, June, and August.

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December 9, 2026
11 AM - 2 PM
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SUMMER STAFFORD
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WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

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Kansas Radon Program at KSU

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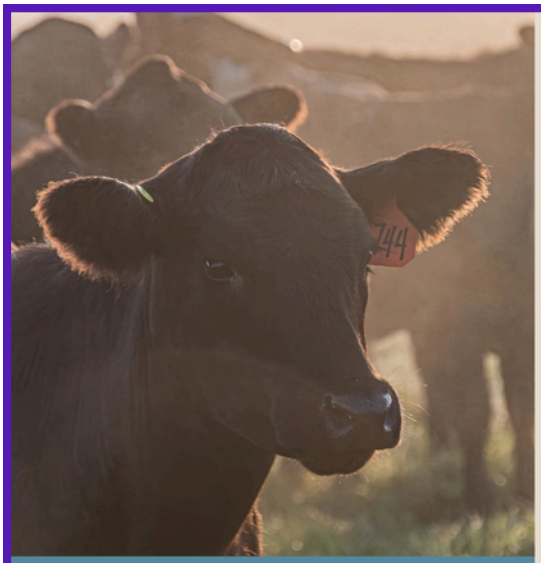

Sublette, KS BQA Training

Presented by the Kansas Beef Council and Dr. A.J. Tarpoff, K-State

Thursday, December 17, 2026

K-State Extension Wild West District

Dinner @ 6:00pm | Training @ 6:30pm

For registration form click here

RSVP by December 10, 2026

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Coffee, donuts and lunch on site

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- What 45Z means for biofuels and what's coming next
- Sorghum in the dairy ration: cost and opportunity
- Stalk rot, seed treatment and fungicide research
- Optimizing limited water with forage sorghum

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Friday, December 4, 2026

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AGENDA

9:30 a.m.	**Registration opens** · Coffee and donuts
9:45 a.m.	**Welcome** · Adam York, CEO, Kansas Sorghum
10:00 a.m.	**Optimizing limited water with forage sorghum** · Jourdan Bell, Director of Agronomy, United Sorghum Checkoff Program
10:45 a.m.	**Influence of cropping system, seed treatments, and foliar fungicide on sorghum stalk rot and grain yield** · Rodrigo Onofre, Assistant Professor, Row Crop Extension Specialist, Kansas State University
11:15 a.m.	**Protecting yield potential in Kansas grain sorghum: FMC product update** · Bruce Steward, Technical Services Manager, FMC Corporation
11:30 a.m.	**Grower panel** · Moderated by Sarah Sexton-Bowser, Director, Center for Sorghum Improvement
12:00 p.m.	**Lunch**
12:20 p.m.	**Roundtable:** listening session on sorghum and water-stable crop systems
12:50 p.m.	**Sorghum performance testing: biotype and yield quality** John Holman · Professor, Cropping Systems Agronomist, Kansas State University
1:20 p.m.	**What 45Z means for biofuels and what's coming next** Kevin Hershner · SVP of Risk & Trading, Board of Directors, Conestoga Energy Partners, LLC
2:05 p.m.	**Sorghum in the dairy ration: performance, cost and opportunity** Justin Axman · Nutritionist, Dairy Nutrition and Management Consulting
2:35 p.m.	**Closing** · Adam York, CEO, Kansas Sorghum

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