

# WILD WEST DISTRICT # 18 NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2026

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*K-State Extension  
Wild West District  
#18 Offices*



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

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

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

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



# FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Poultry 1 Project & SuperStar Livestock Meeting Haskell Co. Shooting Sports Practice	2	3 Seward Co. Club Days	4	5	6	7 Southwest Shootout
8	9 Regional Club Day Registration Deadline	10	11	12	13 Seward Co. Honor & Grace Dance	14 Valentine's Day Stevens Co. Senior Prom
15 Citizenship in Action Beef Hoof Trimmer in Ulysses, KS Haskell Co. Shooting Sports Practice	16	17	18	19	20	21 Regional Club Days in Elkhart, KS.
State 4-H Volunteer Zoom Haskell Co. Pig Project Meeting & Shooting Sports Practice	22	23 Seward Co. 4-H Council Meeting	24	25	26	27
					28	28 Intermediate Achi. Trip



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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.

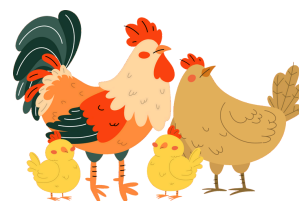


*Congratulations!*

Congratulations to **Kamryn Kirkham** (Stevens County) whose Beef Record Book was chosen as the top book at Regional judging to go to the State Record Book Judging.

## POULTRY PROJECT MEETING

**Scheduled for Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM.** It is a meeting for all 4-Hers interested in the Poultry Project. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link. Email Jade at [jsgreene@ksu.edu](mailto:jsgreene@ksu.edu) for any questions.



## ★ SUPERSTAR LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

If you are a 4-H member living in Haskell, Seward, or Stevens County we invite you to participate in a Zoom meeting for planning a Livestock Show for special needs youth. **Scheduled for Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Click [here](#) for the Zoom link. For questions contact Jade Greene at [jsgreene@ksu.edu](mailto:jsgreene@ksu.edu)

## REGIONAL CLUB DAYS

**Register by Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.** **Top Blues** are eligible to go to **Regional Club Days** on **Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** in Elkhart, KS. Please contact Judy, Jade or Nancy if you have questions.

## SOUTHWEST SHOOTOUT



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

## BEEF HOOF TRIMMER IN ULYSESS

**Scheduled for Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Grant County Fairgrounds. It will start at 10:00 AM with first-come, first-serve.** Price is \$35 a head (subject to change).



## ATTENTION SENIORS:

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Family Scholarship application process is now open. **Applications are due by March 1, 2026, at 11:59 PM.** To learn more about the scholarship process use the following link or click here <https://kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>. Scholarships are available to current high school seniors & undergraduate students. There are several scholarships that graduate and professional students are eligible for



# ATTENTION WILD WEST DISTRICT SENIORS:

There are updated County Scholarship Applications on the Wild West District Website, you can find them by clicking here. **Due to your local Extension Office by April 1, 2026**

## 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.

## JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS

Beef and Sheep Junior Producer Days Junior producer days are hosted to provide educational material and hands-on experiences for youth, parents, leaders, extension agents, and ag teachers. Various speakers share information on topics such as selection, nutrition, showmanship, fitting, reproduction, feeding, and disease control. Talks, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and door prizes are present at all events. These events take place in Manhattan. Transportation can be provided if there is enough interest for each event. **Please contact Jade if your youth would like to attend!** See attached flyers for tentative schedules, cost, and registration information.

### Junior Beef Producer Days

**Date:** Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** \$20 per person

#### Registration

**Deadline:** Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Billbrey Family Events Center,  
Manhattan, KS

Click [here](#) for flyer

### Junior Sheep Producer Days

**Date:** Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

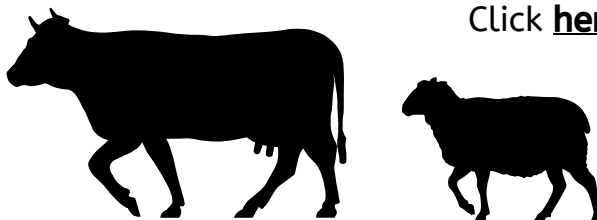
**Cost:** \$20 per person

#### Registration

**Deadline:** Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Billbrey Family Events Center,  
Manhattan, KS

Click [here](#) for flyer



## SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming camps in June!

### Camp Lakeside

June 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

### Camp Wild Adventures

June 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>



# PARENTS CORNER

So many 4-Hers wait until the last minute to work on or even complete their record books. Now is a great time to start them if you haven't already.

Hopefully your youth have already set some project goals. Be sure to archive your 2024-25 project records (not Permanent Record) before beginning your 2025-26 project records. When school gets out, that doesn't mean that families have more time. With all the summer activities, youth will need to make time to get their record books done. Youth may want to start with scheduling 30-60 minutes each week to work on their record books. Choose a time that works best for you to have uninterrupted time.

## RECORD BOOKS

**Today is a great time to get started  
setting your goals for your record book!**

- Sign into <https://4h.zsuite.org>
- Archive last years project record
- Start a new project record for 2025-2026
- KEEP your permanent record, you will just add on every year

If you need help feel free to contact Judy Parson, Jade Greene or Nancy Honig





## 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- **Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

Victory- **Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM**

## CLOVERBUDS

Scheduled for **Wednesday, February 11<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>**.

## PIG PROJECT MEETING

**Scheduled for Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 PM, located at the Haskell County Extension Office.** Open to all District youth interested in the swine project. Zoom option available. Contact Jade.

## BEEF WEIGH-IN

**Scheduled for Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 PM.** If you plan to show a market animal it must be tagged at your county weigh-in. Contact Jade Greene if you have any questions at [jsgreene@ksu.edu](mailto:jsgreene@ksu.edu)

## BEEF PROJECT MEETING

**Scheduled for Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00-5:00 PM, located at the Haskell Beef Barn.** We will go over how to wash and dry a calf. The ring will be open after for hands on showmanship. Bring your calf, or come and listen!

## SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE



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

January 25<sup>th</sup>

February 1<sup>st</sup>

February 15<sup>th</sup>

February 22<sup>nd</sup>

March 8<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.

## GOAT PROJECT MEETING

**Scheduled for Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM, located at the Haskell Commercial Building.**



# CLUB DAY RESULTS

<b>Cloverleaf Club</b>	Model Meeting	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Victory Club</b>	Skit	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Tyson Abeldt</b>	Demonstration - JR	<b>Blue</b>
<b>Kyra Crawford</b>	Demonstration - SR	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Shaelyn Crawford</b>	Demonstration - INT	<b>Blue</b>
<b>Kamdyn Croft</b>	Project Talk - INT	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Kashlee Croft</b>	Project Talk - JR	<b>Red</b>
<b>Kenna Croft</b>	Project Talk - JR	<b>Red</b>
<b>Bristol F.</b>	Demonstration - INT	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Cora Hatcher</b>	Illustrated Talk - INT	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Cora Hatcher</b>	Pickle Talk	<b>Pickle</b>
<b>Liam Hatcher</b>	Vocal Solo - SR	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Liam Hatcher</b>	Instrumental Solo - SR	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Liam Hatcher</b>	Reading - SR	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Hailey Heatherman</b>	Illustrated Talk - INT	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Harley Heatherman</b>	Public Speaking	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Hailey &amp; Maleah</b>	Instrumental Duet - INT	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Harley &amp; Makennan</b>	Instrumental Duet - SR	<b>Top Blue</b>

# CLUB DAY RESULTS

<b>Maleah Kraemer</b>	Project Talk - INT	<b>Red</b>
<b>Makennan Kraemer</b>	Project Talk - INT	<b>Red</b>
<b>Clayton Kunselman</b>	Extemporaneous	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Clayton Kunselman</b>	Interview	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Leah Hedlund</b>	Demonstration - JR	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Luke Hedlund</b>	Project Talk - JR	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Luke Hedlund</b>	Pickle Talk	<b>Pickle</b>
<b>Trelawney Horinek</b>	Illustrated Talk - SR	<b>Blue</b>
<b>Trelawney Horinek</b>	Reading - SR	<b>Blue</b>
<b>Aiden Roe</b>	Project Talk - INT	<b>Red</b>
<b>Josh Roe</b>	Project Talk - JR	<b>Red</b>
<b>Carter Rooney</b>	Show & Tell	<b>Blue</b>
<b>Carter Rooney</b>	Pickle Talk	<b>Pickle</b>
<b>Rylie Rooney</b>	Illustrated Talk - INT	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Rylie Rooney</b>	Instrumental Solo - INT	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Rylie Rooney</b>	Pickle Talk	<b>Pickle</b>
<b>Lexi Wright</b>	Public Speaking	<b>Top Blue</b>
<b>Lexi Wright</b>	Instrumental Solo - SR	<b>Top Blue</b>





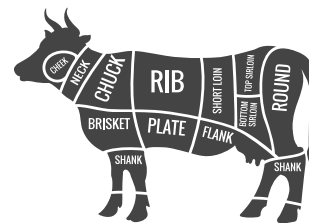
## SEWARD COUNTY



### BEEF WEIGH-IN

**Scheduled for Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 PM.**

If you plan to show a market animal it must be tagged at your county weigh-in. Contact Jade Greene if you have any questions at [jsgreene@ksu.edu](mailto:jsgreene@ksu.edu).



### OTHER 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

Ornery Otters- **Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM**

Heritage - **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM**

### CLOVERBUDS

Scheduled for **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</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>**.

### COUNCIL MEETING

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



## STEVENS COUNTY



### OTHER 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

Wranglers- **Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

Heartland- **Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM**

Cloverleaf Cowboys- **Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

### CLOVERBUDS

Scheduled for **Monday, February 2<sup>nd</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>**.

### BEEF WEIGH-IN

**Scheduled for Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 AM.**

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# WILD WEST DISTRICT #18

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Is improving your balance, flexibility and muscle strength important to you as you age?

**Join our upcoming older adult strength training class!**

LOCATION: SEWARD CO. 4-H BUILDING, LIBERAL, KS 1081 STADIUM RD, LIBERAL, KS  
PRE-CLASS EVALUATION: FEB. 26<sup>TH</sup> @ 9:30-11

CLASSES START: MARCH 3, 2026  
TIME: 9:30- 11:00 AM

COST: \$20.00

REGISTRATION DUE: FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
CALL: 620.624.5604

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Instructors: Summer Stafford & Nancy Honig

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**ADHD Caretaker Support Group**

Meetings every 3rd Wednesday of the Month!  
5:30 PM @Seward County 4-H Building (1081 Stadium Road, Liberal, KS)

Are you the parent or guardian of a child or person with ADHD or even Adult ADHD yourself?  
Are you in need of resources, diagnosis navigation, emotional support, or just the comfort of like-minded people who are on the same journey? Please join us!

**JOIN US FOR**

- Resources
- Education
- Connectedness
- Safe Discussion

Individual Resource Sessions Available Upon Request!

For More Information, Contact:  
620-624-5604  
summerstafford@ksu.edu

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**Digital Safety Parenting Class**

For Parents of Teens and Pre-Teens

Are you a parent of a teen or pre-teen who is using our close to using a connected devices? Please join us for an informational class about the ins and outs of parenting for a digital world!

**FEBRUARY 11, 2026**  
5:30 PM  
Satanta High School Library  
100 Caddo St. Satanta, KS

**JOIN OUR CLASS!**

- Learn the ins and outs of "digital parenting"
- Learn about current apps and their uses
- Learn about key terms and their meanings
- Increase confidence in your family's digital life



Register here!

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## OTHER PROGRAMS

**Managing a Ranch Enterprise**  
Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM,  
located at the Seward Co. Ag Building

**High Plains Cotton Production Workshop**  
Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 9AM- 2PM,  
located at the Seward Co. Ag Building.

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# HONOR & GRACE DANCE



**K-State Extension 4H Building  
1081 Stadium Road, Liberal, KS  
6-9 p.m. Friday, February 13th .**

Snacks, Devotion, & Instructions for Old English Country Dances that both young men & young women can enjoy: Virginia Reel, Spanish Waltz, St. Bernard's Mixer (Plus a few modern dances like Church Clap, Cha Cha Slide, & Cupid's Shuffle)

**PLEASE BRING POTLUCK SNACKS**

Ages: 8-18

**ATTIRE: DRESSY CASUAL**

(Collared shirts for guys, modest dresses for ladies)

Hosted by the Heritage 4H Club  
RSVP to Nancy at 720-427-2131