

WILD WEST DISTRICT # 18 NEWSLETTER

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4-H Events

Calendar

Upcoming Events

*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



TERCARY

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

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Haskell Co. Shooting Sports Practice	Haskell Beef Weigh-In					Stevens Beef Weigh-In
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20	21
22 Haskell Beef Project Meeting	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Haskell Goat Project Meeting	30 Seward Beef Weigh-In	31				

Kristin Penner: Director.....pennerkr@ksu.edu

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Nancy Honig: Aging/Youth Development.....nhonig@ksu.edu

Abbi Burnett: Stevens County OP.....aburnett5@ksu.edu

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www.wildwest.ksu.edu

Find us on Facebook @ Wild West District



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 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 1st 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 for any questions.



SUPERSTAR LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

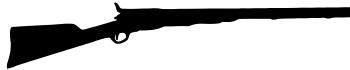
If you are a 4-H member living in Haskell, Seward, or Stevens County we invite you to participate in a Zoom meeting for planning a Livestock Show for special needs youth.

Scheduled for **Sunday, February 1st at 7:00 PM**. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link. For questions contact Jade Greene at jsgreene@ksu.edu

REGIONAL CLUB DAYS

Register by **Monday, February 9th**. **Top Blues** are eligible to go to Regional Club Days on **Saturday, February 21st in Elkhart, KS**. 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.

BEEF HOOF TRIMMER IN ULYSESS

Scheduled for **Sunday, February 15th 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) <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 7th

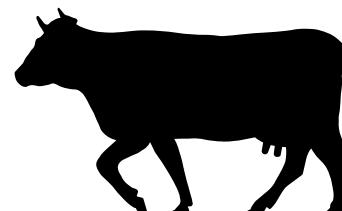
Cost: \$20 per person

Registration

Deadline: Friday, February 13th

Location: Billbrey Family Events Center, Manhattan, KS

Click [here](#) for flyer



Junior Sheep Producer Days

Date: Saturday, April 11th

Cost: \$20 per person

Registration

Deadline: Friday, March 20th

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 8th - 9th

Camp Wild Adventures

June 10th - 12th



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





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- Monday, February 2nd @ 7:00 PM

Victory- Sunday, February 8th @ 6:00 PM

CLOVERBUDS

Scheduled for **Wednesday, February 11th at 4-4:45 PM** at the Extension Office. Cloverbuds are youth ages 5-6 years old, and we will meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month through April 2026. Cloverbuds will need to enroll in 4-H Online after **October 1st**.

PIG PROJECT MEETING

Scheduled for **Sunday, February 22nd 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 9th 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

BEEF PROJECT MEETING

Scheduled for **Sunday, March 22nd 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 25th
February 1st
February 15th
February 22nd
March 8th

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 29th at 4:00 PM, located at the Haskell Commercial Building**.



CLUB DAY RESULTS

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

CLUB DAY RESULTS

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



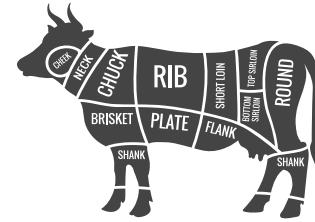
SEWARD COUNTY



BEEF WEIGH-IN

Scheduled for **Monday, January 30th** 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.



OTHER 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

Ornery Otters- **Monday, February 9th** @ 6:30 PM

Heritage - **Wednesday, February 18th** @ 1:00 PM

CLOVERBUDS

Scheduled for **Wednesday, February 18th** at 4-4:45 pm at the 4-H Building. We will meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month through April 2026.

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

COUNCIL MEETING

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



STEVENS COUNTY



OTHER 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

Wranglers- **Monday, February 2nd** @ 7:00 PM

Heartland- **Tuesday, February 17th** @ 7:00PM

Cloverleaf Cowboys- **Monday, February 23rd** @ 7:00 PM

CLOVERBUDS

Scheduled for **Monday, February 2nd** at 4-4:45 pm at the Extension Office. We will meet the 1st Monday of the month through April 2026.

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BEEF WEIGH-IN

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

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WILD WEST DISTRICT #18

LEARN MORE WITH K-STATE EXTENSION

Stay Strong, Stay Healthy

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. 26TH @ 9:30-11

CLASSES START: MARCH 3, 2026

TIME: 9:30- 11:00 AM

COST: \$20.00

REGISTRATION DUE: FEBRUARY 24TH, 2026
CALL: 620.624.5604

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CALL OR SCAN
HERE TO REGISTER!

Instructors: Summer
Stafford & Nancy Honig

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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

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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!

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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OTHER PROGRAMS

Managing a Ranch Enterprise

Thursday, February 19th, at 5:30 PM,
located at the Seward Co. Ag Building

High Plains Cotton Production Workshop

Tuesday, February 24th 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