

WILD WEST DISTRICT # 18 NEWSLETTER



March

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4-H Events
Calendar
Upcoming Events



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

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Extension
Wild West District

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



March



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Stevens Co. Beef Weigh-In
8 Stevens Co. Big talent show Haskell Co. Shooting Sports Practice	9 Haskell Co. Beef Weigh-In	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20	21
22 Haskell Co. Beef Project Meeting	23 Stevens Co. Gas Capital Planning Meeting	24	25	26 Haskell Co. Spring Show Planning Meeting	27	28
29 Haskell Co. Goat Project Meeting SuperStar Planning Meeting	30 Seward Co. Beef Weigh-In	31 Building Block Engineering Meeting				

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APRIL						
			1 Local Scholarship Application Deadline	2	3 Office Closed Good Friday	4
5 HAPPY Easter	6	7	8	9	10	11 Junior Sheep Producer Days
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Haskell & Stevens Co. Small Animal Weigh-In & Fair Set-up
19	20 Stevens Co. Small Animal Weigh-In & Council Meeting	← National 4-H Volunteer Week →			24	25 Market Broiler Contest Judging & Processing Day
26	27 Seward Co. Small Animal Weigh-In	28	29	30		

- Kristin Penner:** Director.....pennerkr@ksu.edu
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- Kateline Carrasco:** Seward County OP.....kcarrasco@ksu.edu
- Nancy Honig:** Aging/Youth Development.....nhonig@ksu.edu
- Abbi Burnett:** Stevens County OP.....aburnett5@ksu.edu

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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.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

All volunteer leaders/ parents must attend volunteer training during March & April. Meetings have been set up before or after your 4-H club meeting. If you cannot attend one, an in-person meeting will be scheduled with you.

RABBIT PROJECT MEETING

Join us for a Rabbit Project Meeting on **Saturday, February 28th at the Stevens County 4-H Building (1025 S Trindle St, Hugoton). Check in at 8:30 with the meeting starting at 9:00 AM.** Participants will learn about general care, selecting a project animal, showing your project animal, competing in rabbit contest across the state (judging, identification, showmanship, quiz bowl), and more! Open to any 4-Her interested in the Rabbit project. Contact Jade with any questions jsgreene@ksu.edu. *Refer to flyer on page 10*



THE NW SUPER SATURDAY JUDGING CONTEST

This event will be held in collaboration with and at Fort Hays State University again this year on **Saturday, March 21st starting at 9:00 AM** on the 2nd floor of Albertson Hall. **NEW** this year we are adding Wildlife Skills Judging and Geology. We will continue to host Crops, Horticulture, Photography, Entomology, Life Skills, and Livestock Skill-a-thon in the morning followed by Livestock Judging and STEM Rotations in the afternoon.

The registration deadline for lunches and STEM rotations is Monday, March 16th
We will take walk-ins for judging contests.

For more information click [here](#)

LIVESTOCK JUDGING OPPORTUNITIES

Super Saturday-

Located in Hays, KS on Saturday, March 21st at 12:30 PM, \$7 per individual

Southwest FFA District Livestock Judging Contest-

Located in Dodge City, KS on Wednesday, March 25th at 9:00 AM, \$6 per individual

Saints Showcase Livestock Judging Contest-

Located in Liberal, KS on Wednesday, April 29th at 8:00 AM, \$10 per individual
Transportation may be provided if there is enough interest in a contest. Contact Jade for more information.

BUILDING BLOCK ENGINEERING

DO YOU LIKE LEGOS?

Building Block Engineering is the project you need to be in! Join us for a project meeting to learn more about the project and how to showcase your builds at the County and State Fair. You do not have to currently be enrolled in the project to join the meeting. If you plan to enter Legos at the Fair, you will need to be enrolled in this project by May 1st. **Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31st at 6:00 PM, via Zoom.**

Click [here](#) for link. Contact Jade with any questions jsgreene@ksu.edu

Refer to flyer on page 10

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**

UPCOMING DEADLINES

The deadline to add or drop any projects is Friday, May 1st
Horse and Rabbit ID's are due Monday, June 1st

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 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

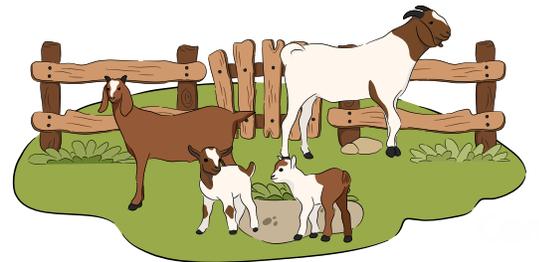
June 10th - 12th

Refer to page 10 for flyer



WILD WEST SHOWCASE, LIVESTOCK SHOW

Scheduled for **Saturday, June 20th**, open to only Wild West District 4-Hers wanting to exhibit their livestock animals. This will be a great opportunity to get your animals out and let them experience a show without having the commotion of a large show. Stay tuned for more details! Contact Jade with any questions jsgreene@ksu.edu



NEW FOR 2026: VOLUNTEER ZOOM SESSIONS

Hello all, can you believe we are already in March? 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, June 28th @ 7 p.m. CT (State Fair, Project Record Books)**
- **Sunday, August 30th @ 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the following 4-Her's for their placements at Regional Club Days

Haskell

Bristol Fanning-
Top Blue- Demonstration
Cora Hatcher-
Top Blue- Illustrated Talk
Harley Heatherman-
Top Blue- Public Speaking
Hailey Heatherman-
Top Blue- Illustrated Talk
Leah Hedlund
Blue- Demonstration

Seward

Charli Parsons-
Top Blue- Illustrated Talk
Blue- Project Talk
Emmi Parsons-
Blue- Project Talk
Emmaleigh Rotolo-
Top Blue- Dance
Top Blue- Project Talk

Stevens

Alivia Grubbs-
Top Blue- Reading
Blue- Musical Talent
Clayton Grubbs-
Red- Extemp.
Aubrey Haar-
Blue- Musical Talent
Bayler Hinz-
Blue- Reading
Ava Howe-
Top Blue- Illustrated Talk
Top Blue- Vocal Solo
Jenna Howe
Top Blue- Instrumental Solo
Saige Kinser-
Blue- Instrumental Solo
Kori & Kole Kirkham-
Top Blue- Illustrated Talk
Kassidy & Kamryn Kirkham
Top Blue- Illustrated Talk
Toni Moore-
Top Blue- Vocal Solo
Top Blue- Reading
Guadalupe Moran-
Blue- Instrumental Solo
Blue- Project Talk
Jose Moran-
Top Blue- Reading
Natalia Moran-
Red- Demonstration
Blue- Reading
Sadie Settlemeyer-
Top Blue - Reading
Elodie Sullivan
Blue- Instrumental Solo



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, March 2nd @ 7:00 PM**

Victory- **Sunday, March 8th @ 6:00 PM**

CLOVERBUDS

Scheduled for **Wednesday, March 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**.

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)

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.

SMALL ANIMAL & BUCKET CALF WEIGH-IN

Scheduled for **Saturday, April 18th 9:00 – 12:00 PM.** Fairgrounds cleanup and setup starting at 11:00 AM. If you plan to show a market animal, it must be tagged at your county weigh-in. **State Fair/KJLS tags are \$5 each. Payment is due at the time of tagging.** Contact Jade if you have any questions jsgreene@ksu.edu





SEWARD COUNTY



NOTICE!! ALL SEWARD COUNTY 4-HERS

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, March 9th @ 6:30 PM**

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

CLOVERBUDS

Scheduled for **Wednesday, March 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**.

BEEF WEIGH-IN

Scheduled for **Monday, March 30th from 6:00-7:00 PM**. If you plan to show a market animal it must be tagged at your county weigh-in. **State Fair/KJLS tags are \$5 each. Payment is due at the time of tagging.** Contact Jade Greene if you have any questions at jsgreene@ksu.edu.



STEVENS COUNTY



OTHER 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

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

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

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

CLOVERBUDS

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

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

BEEF WEIGH-IN

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

SMALL ANIMAL & BUCKET CALF WEIGH-IN

Scheduled for **Saturday, April 18th from 4:00- 7:00 PM**. Fairgrounds cleanup and setup will start at 6:00 pm. This is for **ALL** 4-Hers that will be showing livestock at the Stevens County Fair. Please make a plan to be there to help setup.

Monday, April 20th from 4:00 - 7:00 PM

If you plan to show a market animal, it must be tagged at your county weigh-in. **State Fair/KJLS tags are \$5 each. Payment is due at the time of tagging.** Contact Jade if you have any questions jsgreene@ksu.edu





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RABBIT Project Meeting

Join us for this informational meeting covering all things Rabbit!



February 28th, 2026

Check-In: 8:30
Sessions 9-12



Steven's Co. Fairgrounds 4-H
Building, 1025 S Trindle St.
Hugoton, KS

Topics

- General Care
- Selecting Project Animal
- Showing your Project Animal
- Competing in Rabbit Contests Across the State



SCAN QR OR CALL
(620) 544-4359 TO
REGISTER!

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Building Block Engineering Project Meeting

Do you like Legos?

Pease join us for a Project Meeting to introduce a new project opportunity!

March 31st

6:00 pm

ZOOM

<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/99277881552>



Contact Jade with questions
jsgreene@ksu.edu or
(620)624-5604

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TAKE FLIGHT!

AT WILD ADVENTURES 4-H CAMP



LET'S SOAR FOR THE SKIES IN AN EXCITING AERONAUTICAL MISSION AT WILD ADVENTURES 4-H CAMP! CAMPERS WILL EXPLORE THE EXCITING WORLD OF AVIATION THROUGH HANDS ON ACTIVITIES AND CREATIVE CHALLENGES!



JUNE 8-9 2026

@ CAMP LAKESIDE AT SCOTT LAKE
STATE PARK, SCOTT CITY, KS



4-H AGES: 10-13
COUNSELORS AGES: 15-18
CAMP FEE: \$225/CAMPER
REGISTRATION DUE: MAY 1ST

Camp fees are due at time of registration. Please visit your local extension office to register!



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BLAST-OFF!

AT 4-H CAMP LAKESIDE



JOIN US IN AN EPIC SUMMER ADVENTURE EXPLORING ALL THAT 4-H CAMP LAKESIDE HAS TO OFFER!

JUNE 8-9 2026

@ CAMP LAKESIDE AT SCOTT LAKE
STATE PARK, SCOTT CITY, KS

AGES: 7-9
CAMP FEE: \$150/CAMPER
REGISTRATION DUE: MAY 1ST

Camp fees are due at time of registration. Please visit your local extension office to register!



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Water Smart Management For a Resilient Future

Locations:

- March 10: KSU Stevens County 4-H Building, 1130 S. Trindle St., Hugoton, KS 67951
- March 11: KSU 21 Central Extension District Office, 210 E. Third St, St. John, KS 67576
- March 12: KSU SW Research-Ext. Center, 4500 E. Mary St., Garden City, KS 67846

Schedule: Check-in: 9:30 AM

10:00 AM- Welcome
 10:05 AM- Low Water, Big Potential: Alternative Crops and Cropping Systems- Dr. Logan Simon
 10:50 AM- Enhanced Irrigation Technologies and Strategies- Dr. Jonathan Aguilar
 11:35 AM- State-Wide Resources from the Kansas Ag. Mediation Services- Kay Strong-Prather
 11:50 AM- LUNCH
 1:00 PM- Updates from the Ground Water Management District
 1:15 PM- Weathering the Storm in Agriculture: Cultivating Resiliency and a Productive Mindset- Rachael Clews
 2:00 PM- The Economics of Achieving Regional Water Resource Conservation Goals- Dr. Micah Cameron-Harp
 2:45 PM- Testing Ag Performance Solutions- Renee Tuttle

Register: RSVP BY: March 8th, 2026

To register, please call the corresponding location you plan to attend at or scan the QR code.



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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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MARATHON KIDS
 JOIN THE WALKING CHALLENGE
WALK KANSAS
WILD WEST WALKERS
 MARATHON KIDS CHALLENGE
MARCH 22- MAY 16
 Join us for a self-guided Kids Marathon challenge. This event will coincide with Walk Kansas 2026 and allows kids the chance to track activity and increase movement!
WIN PRIZES FOR BIG MILE GOALS!
 AGES: 4-12
 For More Information, Call: (620) 624-5604
 Scan the QR to join the challenge!

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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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