



WILD WEST DISTRICT # 18 NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER

WILD WEST DISTRICT #18 OFFICES
K-STATE EXTENSION

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Liberal, KS 67901

Haskell Office
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503 S. Fairgrounds Rd.
Sublette, KS 67877

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



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

OCTOBER

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



1
4-H
Enrollment
begins



National 4-H Week



4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

48 hours
of 4-H

Stevens Co.
Work
and Play
Day

Office
Closed

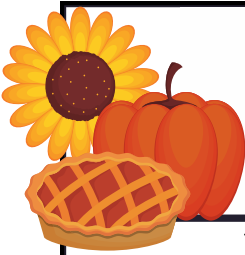
Stevens Co.
4-H
Achievement
Banquet

Seward Co.
4-H
Council

Kansas
Leadership
Weekend
Registration
Deadline

Stevens Co.
Community
Service
Opportunity

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 November 						
1 Ellsaesser Fund Applications due	2 Club Financials Due	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Office Closed	12	13	14 Haskell Co. Achievement Banquet
15 Seward Co. Achievement Banquet	16	17	18	19	20	21 Kansas Leadership Weekend
22 Kansas Leadership Weekend	23	24	25	26 THANKS GIVING DAY Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28
29	30					

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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.

RECORD BOOK HELP

Anyone needing help please contact Judy, Jade, or Nancy as soon as possible. Record Books (along with Achievement Trip applications) are due in your Extension Office by **Monday, September 28th**

For more record book information click [here](#).

For pin and achievement trip applications click [here](#).



4-H ONLINE

4-H Online will be closed starting September 21st and will reopen for enrollments on October 1st. Everyone, including volunteer leaders, is encouraged to re-enroll as soon as possible so that we can get numbers. Publicity release questions will go from 9 questions to 3 questions. If you decline any question, there will be information that we cannot release. Please contact Judy or Jade if you need more information about enrollment.



KANSAS LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Kansas Leadership Weekend at Rock Springs on November 21-22. Registrations will open soon and the deadline is October 15th.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum for youth 14-18 before 1/1/27. Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more.

Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum is an opportunity for volunteers from around the state to learn together while building a network of likeminded passionate adults. Participants will have the opportunity to dive into interactive content they can use to engage their youth members, connect with state and local extension staff to learn about new and exciting 4-H happenings, and engage with the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers as a support system for volunteering efforts throughout the year.

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

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Micah Wood

620-952-1600

Seward:

Archery

Rosa Conley

620-417-5206

Judy Parsons

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.

4'HERS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN (80'S THROWBACK)

This event has been postponed, a later date is to be announced.

OTHER 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

Ornery Otters- **Monday, October 12th @ 6:30 PM**

Heritage - **Wednesday, October 14th @ 2:00 PM**

4-COUNCIL MEETING

Scheduled for **Monday, October 26th at 6:30PM** at the 4-H Building.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Looking to visit schools and share about project and 4-H experiences? If you are interested, please let Jade know. Also doing Radio PSA's and presenting the 4-H Proclamation to the County Commissioners, be on the lookout for more information and those dates.



4-H BANQUET

Let's Taco'bout 4-H on **Sunday, November 15th at 5 pm.**

Reservations to the office by **Friday, Nov. 6th** with head count and toppings your family is bringing. Council will provide the meat, shells, drink and table service. 4-H families are to bring your favorite taco toppings and desserts. Bring enough for your family and our guests.



CLOVERBUDS

Scheduled for **November 18th at 4:00 PM**, in the 4-H Building.

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



STEVENS COUNTY



OTHER 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

Wranglers- **Monday, October 5th @ 7:00 PM**

Heartland- **Tuesday, October 20th @ 7:00PM**

Cloverleaf Cowboys- **Monday, October 26th @ 7:00 PM**

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

We will be presenting a slide presentation to youth about 4-H during National 4-H Week. If you are interested in being part of that presentation please contact Nancy Honig. We also encourage you as clubs and individuals to thank a 4-H supporter that week with a card or a baked good to let them know how much their support of our program is appreciated!

CLOVERBUDS

It is time to start Cloverbuds in Stevens County for youth ages 5-7 who are not yet old enough to join 4-H this fall. **Our first meeting dates will be from 4:00-4:45 pm on Oct 5th, November 2nd, and November 30th.** This is a great way to learn about 4-H, meet other kids, and have fun! Youth need to sign up as a Cloverbud on 4-H online.

48 HOURS OF 4-H WORK AND PLAY DAY

The 4-H Council voted to have a work day on **Sunday, October 11th at the 4-H fairgrounds, followed by a fun time at Frosty's Family Fun Center. We will begin at 1 p.m.** at the fairgrounds for a couple hours of clean up and work in the 4-H Building, Arts and Crafts Building and around the fairgrounds. There will be something for all ages to do! **At 3:00 p.m. we will adjourn to Frosty's where the Council will pick up the cost for skating, games and some snacks.** This is a great service project to improve our fairgrounds and then have some fun together. For all 4'her that come to the cleanup, we will pay! More details later, but mark your calendars now!



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

4-Hers will be providing activities for youth and adults at the Fall for Jesus Festival at the 4-H Building on **Saturday, October 24th from 10AM to 3PM.** We need 2 4-Hers to help per time slot (9:30AM-12:30 or 12:30PM to 3:30) for each area (crafts, pumpkin painting, snacks, indoor shooting gallery and face painting). Contact Nancy or Judy if you can help.

ELLSAESSER FUND APPLICATION

If you have any interest in attending some leadership opportunities this year and would like additional money to pay for it, please apply for the Ellsaesser Fund. You can receive money to attend Kansas Youth Leadership forum in December, Citizenship in Action in Topeka in February, Discovery Days in June, or apply to be a foreign exchange student next summer. **Applications are Due November 1st and are available on the Wild West Web site.**



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, October 4th @ 7:00 PM**

Victory- **Sunday, October 11th @ 6:00 PM**

CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds will meet on October 14th 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 (except November will be on Tuesday, 10th) through May 2027. Cloverbuds will need to enroll in 4-H Online after October 1 .

BB/AIR RIFLE/ AIR PISTOL PRACTICE

Dates:

November 1st
November 15th
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-ers enrolled in the specific disciplines are eligible to practice.

TOP 4-HER AWARD

Due Monday, November 2nd

Click [here](#) for the link

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

As part of our 4-H Community Service Project, we will be making thank-you cookie plates to show our appreciation to the individuals and businesses who generously support our 4-H program throughout the year.

Scheduled for November 8th at 4:00 PM at the Commercial Building

Each family is asked to bring 2 dozen cookies per 4-H'er to help us prepare the thank-you plates. After the plates are assembled, families will help deliver them to our community supporters.

Participation is required for each 4-H'er who wishes to be eligible to receive scholarships from the 4-H Council.

Thank you for helping us give back to our community and show our appreciation to those who generously support our 4-H members and programs!

ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

Join us on Saturday, November 14th at 6PM as we celebrate our achievements! Meat will be provided. All families are to bring a side dish. Please bring enough to feed your family and guests.

Cloverleaf- Setup

Victory- Decorations

SAVE THE DATE!

County Club Days - **Sunday, January 17th at 2PM**

4H-Council Dates- **3rd Wednesday of January, March, June, and August.**

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- ▶ Discuss State Laws
- ▶ Understand Missing Persons Alerts
- ▶ Learn Human Trafficking Indicators
- ▶ Learn Online Precautions
- ▶ Get Resources

**Wednesday,
October 14, 2026
6:30 PM
At the Seward County
Activity Center**

Keynote Speaker
Heidi Lynch- Missing Persons and
Unidentified Remains, Human
Trafficking/Human Smuggling Analyst
with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation

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