

# DECEMBER 2023

## 4-H NEWSLETTER

### Wild West District #18

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# DECEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Haskell Co. Shooting Sports	<b>4</b> Stevens Co. Cloverbuds HIPPOLOGY SUBLETTE	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>24</b> Haskell Co. Shooting Sports <b>31</b>	<b>25</b> O F F I C E S	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> C L O S E D	<b>29</b> SENIOR FOODS	<b>30</b>

## Coming up in January 2024!

- 1/2 .....Stevens County Shooting Sports
- 1/4 .....Stevens County Shooting Sports
- 1/9.....Calving School - Haskell
- 1/10 .....Haskell Cloverbuds 4:00-4:45 pm
- 1/10 .....Haskell 4-H Council 7:00 pm
- 1/15 .....Stevens Gas Capital Meeting 6:00 pm
- 1/15 .....Stevens 4-H Council 7:00 pm
- 1/15 .....Stevens Junior Leadership 7:45 pm
- 1/17 .....Seward Cloverbuds 4:00-4:45 pm
- 1/20 .....YQCA Training Day
- 1/21 .....Haskell Club Days
- 1/23 .....Stevens County Shooting Sports
- 1/25 .....Stevens County Shooting Sports
- 1/27 .....Horse Panorama (Salina Campus)
- 1/29 .....Haskell Spring Show Meeting 6:00 pm

## LEARN BY DOING



# DISTRICT



## 4-H ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Enrollment is open. Please be sure to **re-enroll by December 1st** so that you can participate in your county fair.

*New 4-H'ers are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible to meet fair requirements.*

**\*4-H'ers, Cloverbuds, volunteers, leaders, and parents who want to help with our programs must also enroll.**

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## CALVING SCHOOL

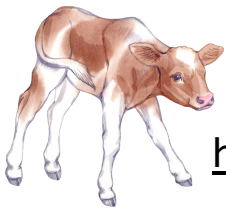
Join us on **January 9, 2024** at **Haskell County Fairgrounds** at **6:00 pm** to hear from Dr. AJ Tarpoff & Justin Waggoner about calving management and rebuilding the herd. Please RSVP before December 22nd by calling, sending an email or clicking on the provided link.

(620)544-4359

email [jsgreene@ksu.edu](mailto:jsgreene@ksu.edu)



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## HORSE BOWL/HIPPOLOGY

All Horse Bowl/Hippology meetings and practices are open to anyone in the District in any location. *Great way to learn about horses while preparing for the State Hippology Contest on January 21st at the K-State Salina Campus.*

If you have always wanted to learn more about horses join us at the following times & location

**Sundays** from **12:30 pm** at **First Christian Church in Hugoton** on **December 10th; December 17th**

**Mondays** at the **Haskell County Extension Office** at **5:00 pm** on **December 4th; December 18th**

To RSVP contact Judy Parsons at [judy78@ksu.edu](mailto:judy78@ksu.edu).



## SENIOR FOODS MEETING

It will be held on **Friday, December 29th at 10:00 am.**

We will be learning to make pie crusts and homemade fillings. \$10 per 4-H'er. Each 4-H'er will take home a handmade pie crust and taste-test different pies.

**Pre-register by calling the Stevens County Extension Office at (620)544-4359 before December 21st.**

*This senior foods meeting is for 4-H'ers who are 14 years old or older.*



## SENIOR RECORD BOOK COUNTY CHAMPIONS

All Senior County Champions wanting to take their record books to regionals are asked to return their record book to your local Extension Office by Friday, January 12, 2024.



*If you have any questions contact*

**Judy Parsons** at [judy78@ksu.edu](mailto:judy78@ksu.edu) or **Nancy Honig** at [nhonig@ksu.edu](mailto:nhonig@ksu.edu)



# DISTRICT

## YQCA TRAINING



All livestock exhibitors who intend to sell their market animals must have completed their YQCA certification by July 1, 2024. Additionally, those who wish to show their livestock at the Kansas State Fair and/or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show must have completed the certification to be eligible.

To register for the training go to [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org) Scroll down and choose instructor-led training certification, if you want to attend our in-person training. *There is a \$3 registration fee.*

**You can do the certification training online for a \$12 fee.**

All youth in the district are invited to attend **YQCA Training Day** at the **Stevens County 4-H Building** on **January 20th** from **10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Lunch will be provided. Training will include a presentation and hands on activities.



RSVP at [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cwh3tv0pv9rglj0](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cwh3tv0pv9rglj0)  
For questions contact Jade Greene at [jsgreene@ksu.edu](mailto:jsgreene@ksu.edu)



\*\*There will be a training available in Grant County on February 10, 2024 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm as an alternative.

### BEEF WEIGH IN

Stevens County Fairgrounds:

- February 29th from 3:00 - 6:00 pm
- March 2nd from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

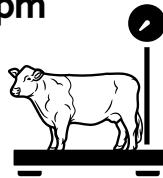
Haskell County Fairgrounds

- March 23rd from 9:00 - 12:00 pm

Seward County Fairgrounds

- April 6th from 9:00 - 12:00 pm

*\*Market Animals may be weighed if desired*



### SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH IN

**BUCKET CALF, GOAT, SHEEP & PIGS!!**

Stevens County Fairgrounds:

- April 25th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- April 27th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Haskell County Fairgrounds

- April 20th from 8:00 - 12:00 pm

Seward County Fairgrounds

- May 7th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm



### K-STATE JUNIOR BEEF PRODUCER DAY

**Date** - Saturday, March 2, 2024

**Cost** - \$20/person by February 12 (\$25/person after February 12)

\*Register by February 12 to receive a t-shirt

\*\*All youth & adults attending need to register

**\*\*\*No refunds**



**Online Registration**

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

### K-STATE JUNIOR SHEEP PRODUCER DAY

**Date** - Saturday, March 16, 2024

**Cost** - \$20/person by February 26 (\$25/person after February 26)

\*Register by February 26 to receive a t-shirt

\*\*All youth & adults attending need to register

**\*\*\*No refunds**

**Online Registration**

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

### COUNTY CLUB DAYS

Haskell County - January 21, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Seward County - February 3, 2024 at 9:00 am

Stevens County - February 17, 2024 at 9:00 am

Regional Club Days (Grant County) - February 24, 2024

**Guidelines and Scoresheets can be found at**

<https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/club%20day%20guidelines.pdf>



If you're looking for some help getting ready for club days like talks, demonstrations, or readings, don't hesitate to reach out to your local Extension Agents! They'll be more than happy to assist you in any way they can.



# HASKELL COUNTY



## SPRING SHOW MEETING

The meeting will be held at the Extension Office on Monday, January 29th at 6:00 pm

## ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

**Enrollment is open. Be sure to re-enroll by December 1st to be able to participate in the fair.**

Each 4-H will be responsible for the **\$15 state enrollment fee** when enrolling.

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>



## CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds is for kids who are 5-6 years old as of January 1, 2024. **Enrollment is open on October 1st.** Meetings will be held every **2nd Wednesday of the Month** at the **Extension Office**.

**Cloverbuds next meeting will be held on December 13th from 4:00-4:45 pm**

Any questions feel free to email:

Judy Parsons at [judy78@ksu.edu](mailto:judy78@ksu.edu) or Kristin Penner at [pennerkr@ksu.edu](mailto:pennerkr@ksu.edu)

## SHOOTING SPORTS MEETING



Shooting Sports Practices will be held at the Extension Office.

4-H'ers must be enrolled in discipline in order to participate.



**December 3rd**

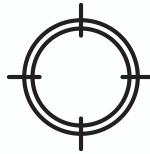
3:00 pm Air Pistol; 4:00 pm Air Rifle

**December 10th**

3:00 pm Air Pistol; 4:00 pm BB Gun

**December 17th**

3:00 pm Air Pistol; 4:00 pm Air Rifle



**December 31st**

TBD

For more information feel free to contact **Judy Parsons** at [judy78@ksu.edu](mailto:judy78@ksu.edu) or **Bethany Wood** at [bwood2636@gmail.com](mailto:bwood2636@gmail.com)



## HIPPOLOGY / HORSE BOWL

Horse Bowl Meetings are open to all District 4-H'ers.

**Mondays at 5:00 pm at the Haskell County Extension Office on December 4th & December 18th**



# SEWARD COUNTY

## ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

**Enrollment is open. Be sure to re-enroll by December 1st to be able to participate in the fair.**

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## CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds is for kids who are 5-6 years old as of January 1, 2024. **Enrollment is open on October 1st.** Meetings will be held every **3rd Wednesday of the Month** at the **4-H Building**.

**Cloverbuds next meeting will be on December 20th from 4:00-4:45 pm**

Any questions feel free to email:

Jade Greene at [jsgreene@ksu.edu](mailto:jsgreene@ksu.edu) or Judy Parsons at [judy78@ksu.edu](mailto:judy78@ksu.edu)



# STEVENS COUNTY



## ENROLLMENT

The enrollment deadline for past 4-H'ers is December 1st, if enrolled by the deadline Stevens County 4-H Council will cover enrollment costs.

New 4-H'ers are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible to meet fair requirements.

*\*Volunteers, leaders, and parents who want to help with our programs will also need to enroll.*

## JUNIOR LEADERSHIP; SENIOR PROM HELP NEEDED

Junior Leadership will host the Senior Citizens Prom on Saturday, February 10, 2024. Please call the Extension Office at (620)544-4359 to sign up for the refreshment, decorations, bingo or photography committee.



Junior Leadership is for any 4-H'ers that are 12 years or older.

## YOUTH LIVESTOCK FARM

The Stevens County Fair Board Youth Livestock Farm is open to any 4-H'ers needing to house their 4-H market or breeding animals.

Contact Tony Martin for more information at (620)544-9342



## CLOVERBUDS

If you know any children 5-6 years old as of January 1, 2024, we invite them to join our Cloverbuds program. Meetings won't start until November, enrollment is open. Cloverbuds will meet at the **Extension Office from 4:00 - 4:45 pm on Monday, December 4th**

If you have any questions feel free to contact:

**Andreia Moore @ [andirosemoore@gmail.com](mailto:andirosemoore@gmail.com) or Kendra Hermreck @ [khermreck07@gmail.com](mailto:khermreck07@gmail.com)**

## HIPPOLOGY / HORSE BOWL

Horse Panorama will be held at the K-State Salina Campus on January 27th. Meetings are open to all District 4-H'ers.



**SUNDAYS at 12:30 pm, we will be meeting at First Christian Church.**

**December 10th; December 17th**

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## JUNIOR LEADERSHIP; SENIOR PROM BINGO PRIZES

Junior Leadership will host the Senior Citizens Prom on Saturday, February 10, 2024.

We ask that each 4-H'er bring 3 bingo prizes. Please drop them off to the Extension Office during normal business hours before February 9th.

(Home decor, small knick-knacks or items that senior adults would enjoy)

Junior Leadership is for any 4-H'ers that are 12 years or older.



# STEVENS COUNTY



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING COUNTY OFFICERS

### 4-H COUNCIL

**President** – Kendra Hermreck  
**Vice-President** – Elisha Staggers  
**Secretary** – Morgan Niehues  
**Treasurer** – Kamryn Kirkham

### JUNIOR LEADERSHIP

**President** – Cameron Persing  
**Vice-President** – Kendra Hermreck  
**Secretary** – Lindy McClure  
**Treasurer** – Natalia Moran

## SHOOTING SPORTS; AIR RIFLE, AIR PISTOL & BB GUN

**4-H'ERS MUST BE ENROLLED IN DISCIPLINE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.**



**Practices will be held at 4-H Building from 6:00-8:00 pm**



Tuesday, November 28th  
Thursday, November 30th

Tuesday, January 2, 2024  
Thursday, January 4, 2024  
Tuesday, January 23, 2024  
Thursday, January 25, 2024

Monday, February 12, 2024  
Tuesday, February 13, 2024  
Friday, February 23, 2024  
Thursday, February 29, 2024

For questions contact **Ron Honig** at [rhonig@ksu.edu](mailto:rhonig@ksu.edu)



## SEWING LESSONS

Are you interested in learning how to sew? Set up some lessons with Nancy Honig at the Extension office (620)544-4359. You will learn the basics about using a machine and using patterns. We have sewing machines in the office.

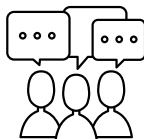
\*You will complete at least one item that can be entered into the fair.



## SARA LEE AND E. BUDD ANDERSON YOUTH GRANT

The Anderson Grant is available to the youth of Stevens County to support them in improving their community through leadership projects that can be completed individually, in small groups, or as a club. The grant amount can go up to \$1,000 and is intended to be used to fulfill a community need.

To apply, visit the Wild West website under 4-H/Steven Co, and submit the application form before the deadline in January. Last year, the grant was used to paint parking lot lines for several churches in the community. If you have any questions about the grant, please contact Nancy Honig at (620) 544-4359.



## GAS CAPITAL MEETING

The meeting will be held at the **Extension Office** on **Monday, January 15th at 6:00 pm**

## 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting will be held at the **Extension Office** on **Monday, January 15th at 7:00 pm**

## JUNIOR LEADERSHIP MEETING

Immediately following the 4-H Council meeting on **Monday, January 15th at 7:45 pm** for 4-H'ers that are 12 years or older.

# ROCK SPRINGS RANCH

The camp offers a variety of sessions including mini-camp, half-week and full-week sessions, teen leadership programs, and specialty camps.

Families and young people who are excited to attend the 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch this summer can start to secure their spots. Early bird registration rate (10% discount) ends on December 31, 2023.

*Transportation will be provided from Dodge City. There is a cost of \$25 per camper to use transportation. This includes transportation both ways, a meal upon arrival, and a meal prior to departure from camp.*



Find out more at  
<https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>

## Half-Week Sessions: (Rising 3rd-12th graders)

Session #1: June 2-5

Session #2: June 5-8

Session #4: June 16-19

Session #5: June 19-22

Session #7: June 30-July 3



## Week-long Sessions: (Rising 3rd-12th graders)

Session #3: June 9-14

Session #6: June 23-28

Session #8: July 7-12



## Mini Camp Session: (Rising 1st-3rd Graders)

July 14-16

## Leaders in Training (LIT): (Rising 10th-11th graders)

Session #1: June 9-14

Session #2: June 23-28



## Counselors in Training (CIT): (Rising 12th graders)

Session #1: June 9-14

Session #2: June 23-28

Session #3: July 7-12

## Specialty Camps: (Rising 6th to 9th graders)

Ranch Camp: June 9-14

Shooting Sports Camp: June 23-28

## Family Camp: (All ages are welcome!)

Session #1: May 17-19

Session #2: August 9-11

