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4-H NEWSLETTER

Wild West District #18

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 				1	2	3 Seward Co. Club Day
4 Haskell Co. Shooting Sports	5 Haskell Co. Parent and Volunteer Leaders Meeting	6	7	8	9	10 Stevens Co. Senior Prom YQCA TRAINING DAY- ULYSSES
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25 Super Star Livestock Zoom meeting Haskell Co. Shooting Sports	26 Haskell Co. Spring show Committee Meeting	27	28	29 Stevens Co. Beef weigh in Stevens Co. Shooting Sports		

2/3..... Seward County Club Day at 9:00 am in the Activity Center
 2/5 Parent and Volunteer Leaders Meeting at Santana Community Building at 6 pm
 2/10.....YQCA Training Day in Ulysses at 10:00 am
 2/15Parent and Volunteer Leaders Meeting at Stevens County Extension at 6 pm
 2/17.....Steven County Club Day at 8:00 am at Hugoton Highschool
 2/18-19 Citizenship in Action
 2/19.....Seward County 4-H Council Meeting 6:00 pm
 2/19Gas Capital Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm
 2/25.....Superstar Livestock Zoom Meeting at 8:00 pm
 2/26Haskell Spring Show Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm
 2/29.....Beef Weigh In-Stevens County at 3:00 to 6:00 pm

Coming up in March 2024

3/2.....Wild West Shoot Out at Sublette
 3/2Beef Weigh In- Stevens 9:00 am-12:00 pm
 3/2..... K-State Junior Beef Production Day
 *3/16Pawnee County Shoot Out at Larned
 3/16..... K-State Junior Sheep Production
 3/18 Gas Capital Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm
 3/20.....Haskell County Cloverbuds
 3/20Seward County Cloverbuds
 3/23.....Beef Weigh In- Haskell 9:00 am-12:00 pm
 3/24Superstar Livestock Zoom Meeting at 8:00 pm
 3/25.....Haskell County Spring Show at 6:00 pm

Coming up in April 2024

4/6.....Beef Weigh In- Seward Co. 9:00 am-12:00 pm
 4/20Small Animal Weigh In- Haskell 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
 3/25 Small Animal Weigh In- Stevens 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 4/27Small Animal Weight In- Stevens 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

DISTRICT



Fundraising and Grants- What you need to know

*Treasurers, Club Leaders, and Project Leaders we would like to bring some rules and guidelines to your attention about raising money for your clubs or projects (not on an individual basis). First and foremost, if your club or project is planning a fundraiser or planning to apply for a grant you **MUST** inform the local extension office before making an announcement. This ensures that we do not have multiple fundraising events going on at the same time as well as, providing information as to what the money will be used for. If we become aware of the fundraiser or grant after the fact your club or project may have to forfeit that money. The Wild West District Board is accountable for all funds generated for Extension programs which include 4-H.*

Below are two links that will give you more guidance on raising funds for your club

1. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/clubs/strengthening-clubs-1/docs/fundraiser-guidelines.pdf>
2. https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/employee_resources/county_district_financial_resources/Principles%20of%20Managing%20Funds%20of%20Affiliated%20Groups%200723.pdf

If the club or project leaders have any further questions feel free to contact Kristin, Judy, or Jade.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship process has been modified. These changes will take effect for the 2024-25 scholarship application process. Scholarships are due March 1st, 2024 by 11:59PM CST

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

CONGRATULATIONS

The following District 4h'ers were selected to send their 4-H Project Applications to the State Selection Committee for State Projects winners.

Horse- Faith Beesley
Swine- Kendra Hermreck
Performing Arts- Tobias Grubb
Shooting Sports- Elisha Staggers
Reading - Lexi Wright
Congratulations and Good Luck!!!

YQCA TRAINING

If you're planning to participate in the county fair as a livestock exhibitor, it's mandatory to complete your YQCA certification. This applies to all market animals that you intend to sell including poultry & rabbits. Additionally, if you're planning to show livestock at the Kansas State Fair and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show, you must have completed the certification to be eligible to show.

YQCA Training Day at the **Grant County 4-H Building** on **February 10th** from **10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Lunch will be provided.

To register for the training go to www.yqcaprogram.org

- Log in or create an account.
- Choose instructor-led training certification, if you want to attend our in-person training.
 - Instructor-led training certification: \$3
 - Online certification training: \$12

WILD WEST SHOOT OUT

Wild West Shootout will be **Saturday, March 2nd** at the **Sublette High School**. First flight starts at 8am.
Registration information will be on the State website soon and are due February 23rd.

DISTRICT

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR?

Are you interested in becoming a Shooting Sports Leader?

If so please contact

Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu or Ron Honig at rhonig@ksu.edu

COUNTY CLUB DAYS

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

Fill out the form & either email or drop it off to your local Extension Office by your county deadline. Check your county page for more information.

Guidelines and Scoresheets can be found at

<https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/general/General%20Wild%20West%20District.html>

***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.*

K-STATE JUNIOR BEEF PRODUCER DAY

Date – Saturday, March 2, 2024

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

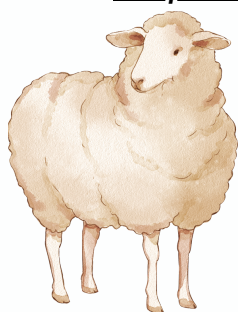
*Register by February 12 to receive a t-shirt

**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>

BEEF WEIGH IN

Stevens County Fairgrounds:

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

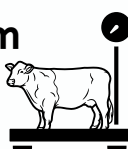
Haskell County Fairgrounds

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

Seward County Fairgrounds

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

**Breeding 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



SUPERSTAR LIVESTOCK ZOOM MEETING

If you are a 4-H member who is 14 years of age or older and 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. The planning meeting is scheduled for **February 25th at 8:00 pm.**

More information to come if you would like to apply to be a counselor for the SuperStar Livestock Show.



Zoom link will be available by Request.

For questions contact Jade Greene at jsgreene@ksu.edu

HASKELL COUNTY

SHOOTING SPORTS MEETING

Shooting Sports Practices will be held at the **Extension Office** on **Sundays.**

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

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

February 4th, February 11th, February 18th, February 25th

For more information feel free to contact **Judy Parsons** at judy78@ksu.edu or **Bethany Wood** at bwood2636@gmail.com

CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds is for kids who are 5-6 years old as of January 1, 2024.

*Meetings will be held every **2nd Wednesday of the Month** at the **Extension Office.***

Cloverbuds next meeting will be held on February 14th from 4:00-4:45 pm.

If you have any questions feel free to email:

Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu or Kristin Penner at pennerkr@ksu.edu

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H council's next meeting will be held on February 14th at 7 pm at the Haskell County Extension Office.

If you have any questions feel free to email:

Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu

SPRING SHOW MEETINGS

Join us at the Haskell County Extension Office at 605 Fairgrounds St. for our Spring show meetings on January 29th and March 25th at 6:00 pm.

For questions contact Jade Greene at jsgreene@ksu.edu

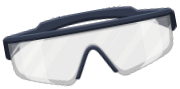
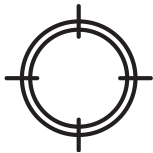
PARENT AND VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP MEETING

All new 4-H parents, seasoned parents, and leaders are encouraged to join us to learn about sparking your passion and capabilities within your 4-H experiences. We will have an overview of 4-H police requirements, responsibilities, and opportunities.

The meeting will be at the **Satanta Community Building on February 5th at 6:00 pm.**

If you have any questions feel free to email:

Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu





SEWARD COUNTY



PARENT AND VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP MEETING

All new 4-H parents, seasoned parents, and leaders are encouraged to join us to learn about sparking your passion and capabilities within your 4-H experiences. We will have an overview of 4-H police requirements, responsibilities, and opportunities.

The meeting will be at the Seward County 4-H Building on January 30 at 6:00 pm.

If you have any questions feel free to email:

Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu

CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds is for kids who are 5-6 years old as of January 1, 2024.

Meetings will be held every 3rd Wednesday of the Month at the 4-H Building.

Cloverbuds next meeting will be on February 21st from 4:00-4:45 pm.

Any questions feel free to email:

Jade Greene at jsgreene@ksu.edu or Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu

CLUB DAYS

Seward County Club Days will be held on **Saturday, February 3, 2024** at **Seward County Activities Center starting at 9:00 am.** Registration deadline is Friday, January 26th by dropping off your application to the Extension Office or emailing your application to Judy Parsons judy78@ksu.edu or Jade Greene jsgreene@ksu.edu

Follow the link for Guidelines & Application

<https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/general/General%20Wild%20West%20District.html>

STEVENS COUNTY



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
(1130 S. Trindle St.)



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



SHOOTING SPORTS CONTEST DATES;

***February 24** - Gray County; Cimarron

March 2 - Wild West Shootout; Sublette High School

***March 16** - Pawnee County Shoot; Larned

April 20 - State Match BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol; Great Bend

**Proposed dates for Contests*



PERFORMING ARTS

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

**Performing Arts covers Speeches, Dances, Music, and Reading.
RSVP to Tobias Grubbs @ tobias.grubbs@usd210.org**



Friday, February 2nd - 9:00 AM
Sunday, February 4th - 3:30 PM
Thursday, February 8th - 9:00 AM
Sunday, February 11th - 3:00 PM
Friday, February 16th - 5:30 PM

If 4-H'ers need help with Club Day ideas or performances feel free to contact Tobias Grubbs.

First Christian Church- 600 S. Van Buren St. Hugoton

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.

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.



SEWING LESSONS - ONE ON ONE WITH NANCY HONIG

Are you new to sewing or interested in learning? We have sewing machines in the Extension Office and can teach you the basics of using a machine and using patterns.

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

Set up some lessons with Nancy Honig at the Extension Office (620)544-4359 or email nhonig@ksu.edu



COUNTY CLUB DAYS

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

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

Fill out the form & either **email to Nancy Honig at nhonig@ksu.edu or Evelyn Moran at morane@ksu.edu or drop it off to the Extension Office by February 9th.**

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.***

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 Tuesday, February 13th**

If you have any questions feel free to contact:

Andreia Moore @ andirosemoore@gmail.com or Kendra Hermreck @ khermreck07@gmail.com

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

GAS CAPITAL COMMITTEE

February 19th at 6:00 PM.

Gas Capital committee meeting at the Steven County Extension Office at 114 E 5th Street in Hugoton, Ks.
For questions contact Jade Greene at jsgreene@ksu.edu

PARENT AND VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP MEETING

All new 4-H parents, seasoned parents, and leaders are encouraged to join us to learn about sparking your passion and capabilities within your 4-H experiences. We will have an overview of 4-H police requirements, responsibilities, and opportunities.

The meeting will be at the Stevens County Extension Office on February 15 at 6:00 pm.

If you have any questions feel free to email:

Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu

GUN CLEANING *for* HEROES

FREE GUN CLEANING SERVICE FOR
VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD 2024

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**4-H BUILDING, 1130 S. TRINDLE
HUGOTON KS**



Feel free to call the Extension Office at
(620)544-4359 with any questions



HUGOTON

Congratulations

to everyone who participated in Haskell County Club Days!
Those 4-H'ers who receive a top blue qualify to move on to Regionals that will be held in Grant County on February 24th

Music Room			Placing
	Lexi Wright	Piano Solo	Top Blue
	Kamdyn Croft	Piano Solo	Top Blue
	Riley Rooney	Piano Solo	Blue
	Maleah Kraemer	Piano Solo	Top Blue
	Makennan Kraemer	Piano Solo	Top Blue
	Hailey Heatherman	Piano Solo	Blue
	Liam Hatcher	Musical Talent	Top Blue
	Liam Hatcher	Vocal Solo	Top Blue

Novelty, Show and Share, Reading, Int. and Sr. Illustrated Talk Room

	Victory	Novelty	Top Blue
	Shaelyn Crawford	Show and tell	Participation
	Leah Headlund	Show and Share	Participation
	Kyra Crawford	Illustrated Talk	Red
	Angellica Klingsick	Reading	Top Blue
	Trelawney Horinek	Reading	Top Blue
	Joshua Roe	Show and Share	Participation
	Makennan Kraemer	Illustrated Talk	Top Blue
	Harley Heatherman	Illustrated Talk	Blue
	Hailey Heatherman	Illustrated Talk	Top Blue
	Skyler Crawford	Illustrated Talk	Red
	Liam Hatcher	Illustrated Talk	Top Blue

Model Meeting, Public Speaking, Project talks, and Jr. Illustrated Talk Room

	Cloverleaf	Model Meeting	Top Blue
	Luke Headlund	Project Talk	Top Blue
	Kamdyn Croft	Project Talk	Top Blue
	Maleah Kraemer	Project Talk	Top Blue
	Zachary Delaplane	Project Talk	Red
	Riley Rooney	Project Talk	Red
	Tejan Delaplane	Project Talk	Top Blue
	Cora Hatcher	Illustrated Talk- Jr	Top Blue
	Shaelyn Crawford	Illustrated Talk- Jr	Red

Demonstration Room

	Julia Penner	Demonstration	Top Blue
	Kyra Crawford	Demonstration	Top Blue
	Aiden Roe	Demonstration	Red
	Skyler Crawford	Demonstration	Top Blue
	Trelawney Horinek	Demonstration	Top Blue
	Lexi Wright	Demonstration	Top Blue

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.

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

