

MARCH 2024

4-H NEWSLETTER

Wild West District #18

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- 3/2Wild West Shoot Out at Sublette High School at 8:00 am
- 3/2Beef Weigh-In- Stevens Co. Fairgrounds 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- 3/3.....Community Club Leader Meeting Zoom at 8:00 pm
- 3/4.....Seward County Livestock Project Meeting
- 3/4.....Haskell YQCA Training at 5:30 pm
- 3/5Stevens YQCA Training at 6:00pm
- 3/6.....Entomology Meeting in Stevens Extension office at 3:45 pm
- 3/16State Horse Judging Contest Saline at County Expo Center, Sina at 7:45 am
- *3/16 Pawnee County Shoot Out at Larned
- 3/16.....Rabbit Show at 309 Lake Ave, Garden City 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- 3/18..... Gas Capital Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 3/20.....Haskell County Cloverbuds at 4 pm
- 3/20Seward County CLOverbuds at 4 pm
- 3/23.....Beef Weigh-In-Haskell Fairgrounds 9:00 to 10:00 am
- 3/24Superstar Livestock Zoom Meeting at 8:00 pm
- 3/25 Haskell County Spring Show Meeting at 6:00 pm

Coming up in April 2024

- 4/1Sr. Scholarships are due for Steven and Seward
- 4/6Beef Weigh-In- Seward Co. 9:00 am-10:00 pm
- 4/7Community Club Leader Zoom at 8:00 pm
- 4/10Entomology Meeting in Stevens Extension office at 3:45 pm
- 4/13Jr Achievements Trip to Hutchinson
- 4/15 Sr. Scholarships are due for Haskell
- 4/15Gas Captial Livestock Show Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 4/15Stevens 4-H Council & Jr Leader Meeting
- 4/17Haskell Cloverbuds
- 4/17Seward Clover buds
- 4/18.....Record Book Training in Hugoton
- 4/20.....Last day to order Market Beef DNA envelopes for State Fair
- 4/20.....Small Animal Weigh-In-Haskell 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- 4/25..... Small Animal Weigh-In-Stevens 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- 4/27.....Small Animal Weight In-Stevens 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- 4/27Steven County Fair Set Up at 12:00 pm
- 4/28SuperStar Livestock Show Meeting at 8:00 pm
- 4/29Haskell County Spring Show Meeting at 6:00 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>

COUNTY SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS ARE DUE

Don't wait until they are due. County Senior Scholarships are almost due.
Apply now @

Haskell County: <https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/Haskell%20County%204-H.html>

Seward County: <https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>

Steven County: <https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/stevens%20county%204h.html>

The deadline for Seward and Stevens will be April 1, 2024
The Deadline for Haskell is April 15, 2024.

BEEF WEIGH IN

Stevens County Fairgrounds:

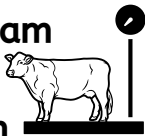
- February 29th from 3:00 - 6:00 pm
- March 2nd from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Haskell County Fairgrounds

- March 23rd from 9:00 - 10:00 am

Seward County Fairgrounds

- April 6th from 9:00 - 10:00 am
- *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

**** All Market Animals will need to be weighed and tagged on the appropriate day for your County. If you cannot make it that day please contact Jade Greene ASAP at jsgreene@ksu.edu ****

All tags must be **paid** for the day of tagging!

State Fair EID Tag \$5

Stevens County Ear Tag \$1.50

You must be an **approved 4-H Member** before tagging day and **entered** into the corresponding project

DISTRICT

STATE HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

March 14, 2024 Saline County Expo Center, 900 Greeley Ave, Salina, KS



Check-in is at 7:45 am.

Contest begins: 8:30 am

Contest awards are available to all Kansas 4-H members 9-18

Cost \$15 for 4-Her

\$25 per individual for open and 4-H contest

Registration Deadline is March 8 at 11:59 pm.

Register @ <https://www.equifestofks.com/horsejudgingentry>
for more information, you can visit

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html>

<https://kqha.com/equifest-youth-judging>



YOUTH RABBIT SHOW

Join us in Garden City on Saturday, March 16, 2024.

8:00 am to 6:00 pm Finney County Fairgrounds (309 Lake Ave, Garden City)

This would be a good place to pick up project animals for the year.



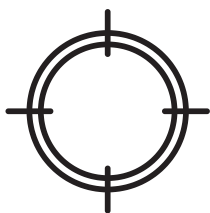
INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR?

We are looking for instructors for several disciplines including shotgun, archery, air pistol, etc. Certification training and recertification for all disciplines will be May 4-5 at Rock Spring Ranch. **The registration deadline will be April.**

For more information *please contact*

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

SHOOTING SPORTS LOCAL QUALIFIERS; AIR RIFLE, AIR PISTOL & BB GUN



SHOOTING SPORTS CONTEST DATES;

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*

WILD WEST SHOOT OUT

Wild West Shootout will be **Saturday, March 2nd** at the **Sublette High School**. First flight starts at **8:00 am**.



SUPER SATURDAY

Check out the website link below for information.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/tipsheet/announcement/?id=94623>

DISTRICT WEBSITE

Be sure to check out our District Website for up-to-date information.

<https://wildwest.k-state.edu/>



SUPERSTAR LIVESTOCK ZOOM MEETING

SuperStar live stock Zoom meeting on Sunday, February 25th, at 8:00 P.M.

Open to the whole district. Zoom link:

<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/97339099773pwd=UytoMWJNRWdlakcwUWLYVWQwNE9QQT09>

For questions contact Jade Greene at jsgreene@ksu.edu

The next SuperStar Livestock Show Zoom meeting will be on **March 24 at 8:00 P.M.**



SAVE THE DATE: RECORD BOOK TRAINING

Record training on April 18, at 6:00 p.m. in Hugoton.

ALL District Families are encouraged to attend.

Note: We ask if you could bring some kind of device such as a laptop, iPad, phone, etc

COMMUNITY CLUB LEADER ZOOM

If you are a Community Club Leader join the Zoom meeting on Sunday, March 3rd at 8:00 PM.

Judy Parsons will be giving all club leaders **Important information to help our 4-H Clubs**

THRIVE! Club leaders should have received an email with details or if not contact

Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu

INCOGNITO: INSECTS IN DISGUISE

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-H'ers, art students, and adults. This year's theme is "Incognito: Insects in Disguise," and encourages participants to explore how and why insects camouflage or imitate.

Participants are encouraged to submit a drawing, painting, or 3-D artwork (sculpture, stained glass, or other media) featuring a real-life insect that can camouflage. There are five age categories in which 1st - 3rd place will be awarded:

Kindergarten - 2nd grade

3rd grade - 5th grade

6th grade - 8th grade

High school

Adult

Entries must be postmarked before April 15, 2024.

To view flyers go to page 10



HASKELL COUNTY

CLOVERBUDS: NOTE THE CHANGE

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 **March 20th** 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

4H COUNCIL MEETING

4-H council's next meeting will be held on **May 8, 2024** at the Haskell County Extension Office.

If you have any questions feel free to email:

Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu

SPRING SHOW MEETING

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

For questions contact Jade Greene at jsgreene@ksu.edu





HASKELL 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 Satanta Community Building on March 4th at 5:30 pm.



SEWARD COUNTY

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 March 20th 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



4H COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting will be at the Seward County 4-H Building on May 20th at 6:00 pm.
If you have any questions feel free to email:
Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu

RADA FUNDRAISER COMING SOON

Start preparing for our Annual Rada Fundraiser. Be on the look out for more information to come in the following WEEKS!

STEVENS COUNTY



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

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, March 5th

If you have any questions feel free to contact:

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

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 4-H Building on March 5th at 6:00 pm.

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

March 18th at 6:00 PM.

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

ENTOMOLOGY MEETING

Are you interested in Bugs? If so join us at Steven Co. Extension Office on March 6, 2024, at 3:45 PM.

114 E 5th St, Hugoton



FAIR GROUND SET UP

Saturday, April 27nd at 12:00 pm, We will be setting up the Fairground Arena for the County Fair. We need lots of help(including adults) to get everything set up. We will begin at noon immediately following the small weigh-in. Please come and help,many hands make for quick and light work!

INCOGNITO: INSECTS IN DISGUISE 2024 INSECT ART CONTEST



The Kansas State Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting an insect-themed art contest!

This year's theme is "Incognito: Insects in Disguise." The goal is to explore how and why insects camouflage.

Participants of all ages are welcome to submit a work of art featuring an insect that can camouflage.

How to Enter: Fill out an entry form and send with your insect artwork by **April 15, 2024**

See full rules and details at:
<https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/>



CATEGORIES

- Illustrates a real life insect
- 3-D (sculpture, stained glass, or other media)

AGE GROUPS

- Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade - 5th Grade
- 6th Grade - 8th Grade
- High School
- Adults

Congratulations



to Stevens County 4-H'ers that participated in the Club Days



INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL MUSIC/TALENT

Micah Johnson	Piano	Blue
Gracelynn Johnson	Piano	Top Blue
Elodie Sullivan	Piano	Blue
Jack Sullivan	Piano	Top Blue
Jayce Heger	Piano	Top Blue
Ben Martin	Piano	Blue
Quentin Martin	Piano	Blue
Ben/Quentin Martin/Kyle Lamatsch	Int Instrumental Ensemble	Top Blue
Kendall Harper	Piano	Blue
Clara Morris	Sax	Red
Morgan Niehues	Piano	Top Blue
Madison Niehues	Piano	Top Blue
Alivia Grubbs	Musical Talent	Top Blue
Madison/Morgan Niehues	Musical Talent	Top Blue
Alivia Grubbs	Piano	Blue
Tobias Grubbs	Piano	Top Blue
Clayton Grubbs	Piano	Red
Tobias Grubbs	Musical Talent	Top Blue



READINGS/NOVELTY

Clara Morris	Reading	Blue
Morgan Niehues	Reading	Blue
Madison Niehues	Reading	Top Blue
Gracelyn Johnson	Reading	Blue
Alivia Grubbs	Reading	Top Blue
Baylor Hinds	Reading	Top Blue
Madilyn Martin	Dance	Blue
Guadalupe Moran	Reading	Top Blue
Emmy Harr	Reading	Blue
Aubrey Harr	Reading	Red
Tobias Grubbs	Reading	Top Blue
Alivia Grubbs & MaddieNeihues	Dance	Top Blue
Elisha Staggers	Reading	Top Blue

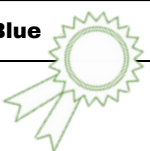


PUBLIC SPEAKING/ILLUSTRATED TALKS

Jaycee Burrows	Illustrated Talk	Blue
Joshua Burrows	Public Speaking	Red
Jayden Burrows	Illustrated Talk	Top Blue
Kori/Kole Kirkham	Illustrated Talk	Top Blue
Kassidy/Kamryn Kirkham	Illustrated Talk	Blue
Aneta Morris	Illustrated Talk	Blue
Grant Niehues	Illustrated Talk	Top Blue
Morgan Niehues	Illustrated Talk	Top Blue
Maddie Niehues	Illustrated Talk	Top Blue
Kendra Hermreck	Illustrated Talk	Blue

Project Talks/ Demonstrations - Home Ec. Room

Natalia Moran	Project talk	Blue
Guadalupe Moran	Project talk	Blue
Emmy Haar	Project talk	Blue
Aubrey Harr	Project talk	Top Blue
Clara Morris	Project talk	Top Blue
Micah Johnson	Project talk	Top Blue
Natalia Moran	Demonstration	Red
Guadalupe Moran	Demonstration	Top Blue
Aneta Morris	Demonstration	Blue



Congratulations

2024 Stevens County Clube Days Judging Kits Results



Livestock		
Senior	Intermediate	Junior
Jayden - 139	Jaycee - 128	Guadalupe - 134
Tobias - 136	Alivia - 121	Kole - 112
Kendra - 132	Josh B - 94	Kori - 95
Elisha - 120	Natalia - 90	Jack - 90
Morgan - 113	Elodie - 83	Gracelynn - 83
Kassidy - 96	Madison - 78	
Grant - 77		

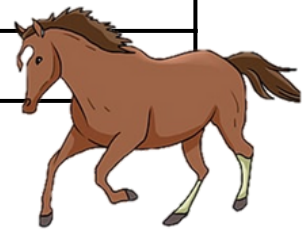


Photography		
Senior	Intermediate	Junior
Morgan - 183	Natalia - 176	Guadalupe - 176
Jayden - 183	Madison - 154	Gracelynn - 156
Elisha - 182	Alivia - 153	Kori - 153
Grant - 173	Elodia - 144	Jack - 145
Kassidy - 163	Jaycee - 141	Kole - 140
Kendra - 159	Micah - 117	
Tobias - 158		
Kamdyn - 151		



FACS		
Senior	Intermediate	Junior
Elisha - 127	Micah - 100	Gracelynn - 130
Kendra - 115	Natalia - 80	Guadalupe - 122
Tobias - 92	Alivia - 75	Jack - 111
Grant - 68	Clara - 65	Madilyn - 35
Clayton - 67	Elodie - 45	
Morgan - 50	Ben - 40	
Aneta - 14	Madison - 40	
	Quinlee - 30	

Hippology		
Senior	Intermediate	Junior
Kamdyn - 10	Madison - 9	Guadalupe - 5
Kassidy - 96	Alivia - 8	
Tobias - 7	Natalia - 2	
Kendra - 6		
Elisha - 5		



Congratulations

to Seward County 4-H'ers that participated in the Club Days

Project Talks/ Demonstrations		
Alexis Hernandez	Sr. Illustrated Talk	Top Blue
Farrah Rose	Int. Illustrated Talk	Top Blue
Julian Saenz	Int. Illustrated Talk	Top Blue
Caitlyn Taylor	Jr. Illustrated Talk	Top Blue
Rouxlen Nickson	Jr. Illustrated Talk	Top Blue
Axl Rose	Jr. Illustrated Talk	Top Blue

Skits		
Ornery Otters	Skit	Top Blue
Show and Tell		
Ronin Nickson	Show and Tell	Participation
Wyatt Nickson	Show and Tell	Participation

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

