

Pratt County 4-H Focus



February 2016

Coming Soon: Pratt County 4-H Club Day!

Pratt County 4-H Club Day is an event which provides opportunities for 4-H members to develop their skills and self-confidence. It will be held on Saturday, March 12, at Skyline School. The registration deadline is Friday, March 4, at 5:00 pm. The talks, demonstrations and performances entered should be new this year and not have been given in a 4-H county contest in previous years. Presentations will be judged and awarded a blue, red or white rating. The Show and Tell category will not be judged; entrants will receive a participation ribbon.

4-H Deadline Policy

The Pratt County Extension Council 4-H Program Development Committee is the governing body that sets the policies of our 4-H program in Pratt county. According to the 4-H PDC the 4-H policy is: **The deadline is the deadline.** This means that if you miss the deadline, you will not be allowed to participate. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

| 2016 Club Meeting Evaluation Schedule | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Time | Room A | Room B |
| 8:00 a.m. | Pratt Pioneers | Lincoln Climbers |
| 9:00 a.m. | Glendale Reapers | Richland Rustlers |
| 10:00 a.m. | | Preston |
| 11:00 a.m. | Country Trailblazers | Golden Valley |

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14-15 *Citizenship in Action*

19-20 *Ambassador Training*

19 *AIR Applications Due*

March 2016

4 *Registration deadline for Club Day*

14 *4-H Council Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.*

Community Leaders:

Don't forget to check your club mail box at the Extension Office.

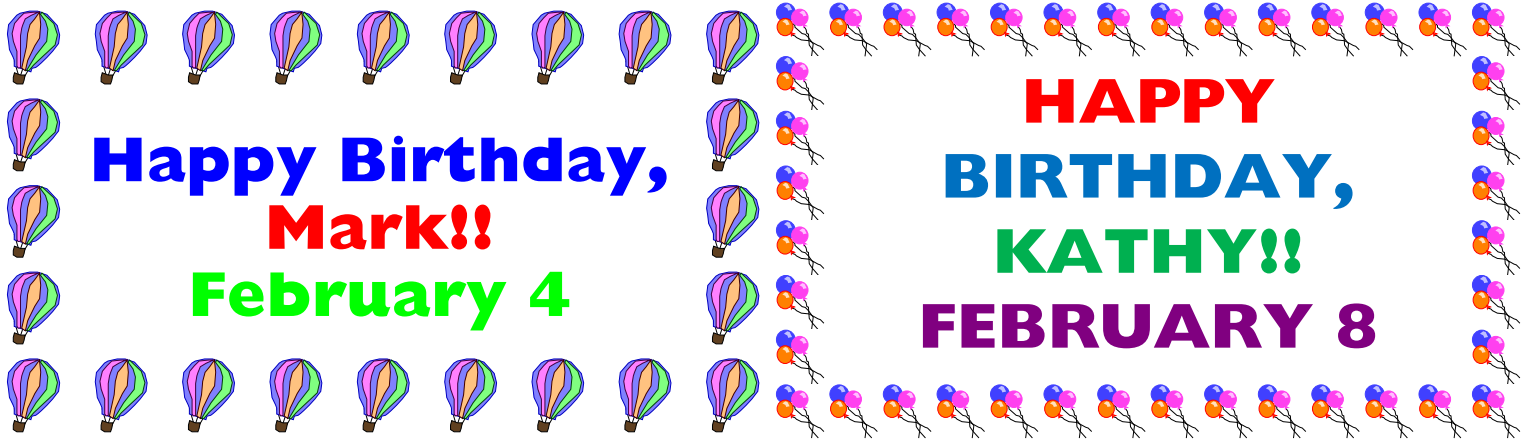
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**Happy Birthday,
Mark!!
February 4**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
KATHY!!
FEBRUARY 8**

Application, Interview, Resume (AIR)

High School 4-H members, don't forget that **the deadline to compete in the AIR contest at Club Day is February 19**. In addition to submitting your documents, you will also need to schedule a time for your interview. Participation in the AIR contest at Club Day counts as an alternative to Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking or a Demonstration at Club Day.

A new category has been added for those of you who have participated in the AIR contest before. It will be an application and interview process for becoming a 4-H Council Representative. There is an online application that must be filled out and submitted. You must also bring your resume to the Extension Office and schedule a time for your interview. The link for the online application is:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PgBcRk4zDfTdr5Dc7I3SwsKggmGhImGn21NOgEtM8CM/edit#usp=send_form

Pratt County 4-H Club Day Information

| <u>DIVISION</u> | <u>AGE</u> | <u>MAXIMUM TIME</u> |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| SHOW AND TELL | 1st year 4-H member 4 th grade or younger | 2 minutes |
| PROJECT TALKS | Junior Division (Age 7-12) | 7 minutes |
| DEMONSTRATIONS & ILLUSTRATED TALKS | Junior Division (Age 7-12) | 10 minutes |
| | Senior Division (Age 13 & up) | 15 minutes |
| PUBLIC SPEAKING | Senior Division (Age 13 & up) | 15 minutes |
| EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING | High School only | 7 minutes |
| MUSIC APPRECIATION* | | |
| Individual | Junior Division (Age 7-12) | 7 minutes |
| | Senior Division (Age 13 & up) | 10 minutes |
| Ensemble—Composed of more than one 4-Her | | 10 minutes |
| PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE CONTEST | Junior (7-10) | |
| | Intermediate (11-13) | |
| | Senior (14 and older) | |
| AIR contest | High School only | |

*4-Her must be enrolled in the Performing Arts project to enter the Music Appreciation category. Before playing or singing the musical selection, the 4-Her will present a talk which compliments the music and enhances the knowledge of the 4-Her and the audience about the number to be presented and about music. The maximum time listed includes the talk and the musical performance.

*In addition, please read the Performing Arts guidelines which are posted on the Pratt County website: www.pratt.ksu.edu.

Parliamentary Procedure Contest

This contest will consist of teams of four or five 4-Hers: president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer within each age group. Members may be from more than one club. Each level must go through the order of business. Use the gavel to: call to order, dispose of motions, approve minutes and treasurer's report, recess and adjourn.

Juniors will come into the contest already knowing their officer positions. Juniors will be allowed to use scripts, but will be given extra points if they perform without one. The judges will determine whether Intermediates draw for officers or not, and Intermediates will not be allowed to use scripts. Seniors must draw for officers at the beginning of the contest.

For Intermediate and Senior categories the following information sheets are the only notes that can be used during the presentation: general order of business in outline form (President only), secretary's letter of communication and minutes, treasurer's written report of club's financial state, report of standing or special committee: Junior—one page for each; Intermediate and Senior—only one page.

Juniors are required to do the first two problems on the following list. Intermediates are required to do the first six problems on the following list. Seniors are required to do the first nine problems plus three additional problems of their choice.

| | JUNIOR | INTERMEDIATE | SENIOR |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Ages 7-10 | Ages 11-13 | Age 14 & up |
| Put a motion before the house | X (2 times) | X | X |
| Amend a motion | X | X | X |
| Lay a motion on the table | | X | X |
| Call for a division of the house | | X | X |
| Rise to a point of order | | X | X |
| Take a motion from the table | | X | X |
| Amend an amendment | | | X |
| Withdraw a motion | | | X |
| Refer a motion to a committee | | | X |

Miller Hill Farms has several Market Wethers for sale. They are offering early sales with a deposit and the animal may be picked up on April 1st. They are disbudded and up to date on their shots.

For more information please contact Amy Swindler at 620-388-5869.

Farmers Spraying Service is celebrating 40 years of business!

Farmers Spraying Service will be having a celebratory dinner on Saturday, February 27th at the Pratt Area 4-H Center. They have requested the help from some 4-Hers to help set up (February 27th) and clean up (February 28th) tables and chairs for this event. The set up will need to be completed by 4:00 p.m. on February 27th.

If your club is interested in this please contact the Extension Office at 620-672-6121 by **Wednesday, February 10th**. A donation to your club will be made for your help!

Extemporaneous Speech Contest

The Extemporaneous Speech Contest is for all high school students. 4-Hers will select a topic by "drawing from a hat." They will be given 10 minutes to prepare a three to seven minute speech. Note cards may be used. There will be a timer in the room so that speech length will be known. The 4-Her will be judged on:

- Delivery
- Organization of talk
- Subject matter organization
- Originality
- Appearance

Important Dates for Youth Livestock Program 2016:

- * March 5 - Junior Beef Producer Day
- * March 19 - Junior Sheep Producer Day
- * May 1 - Market Beef Nominations Due
- * June 1 - Corrections to Market Beef Nominations Due
- * June 15 - Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat Nominations Due
- * July 15 - Corrections to Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat Nominations Due
- * August 20-21 - State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes
- * September 9-18 - Kansas State Fair
- * September 30 - October 2 - Kansas Junior Livestock Show

ROOM MONITOR ASSIGNMENTS

Each Pratt County 4-H club will be in charge of monitoring a room at Club Day. The club will be responsible for having older 4-Hers or parents outside the room at all times. Please see that your club monitors your assigned room. The room assignments are as follows:

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|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Music Appreciation (Band Room) | Ambassadors |
| Music Appreciation (Novotny's Music Room) | Preston |
| Project Talks/Public Speaking (Wither's Room) | Richland Rustlers |
| Meeting Evaluations (Library) | Glendale Reapers |
| Meeting Evaluations () | Pratt Pioneers |
| Jr. Demonstrations (Stark's Room) | Golden Valley |
| Sr. Demonstrations/Show and Tell (Lee's Room) | Southwest |
| Extemporaneous Speaking (Riffey's Room) | Country Trailblazers |
| Parliamentary Procedure/AIR Contest (McPherson's Room) | Lincoln Climbers |

Room Monitors: A few guidelines for you to follow on 4-H Club Day...

1. Introduce yourself to the judge.
2. Assist the judge and presenters as needed. Part of your job is to help the presenter.
3. Introduce the presenter when the judge gives you a signal that he/she is ready to begin.
(It takes time to write comments after a presentation ends.)
4. Keep the room quiet and don't allow anyone to enter the room during a presentation.

SOUTH BARBER FFA
ANNUAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
SOUTH BARBER HIGH SCHOOL
KIOWA, KS
WEDNESDAY, February 24th

SCHEDULE:

8:00 - 8:45 AM - Registration
8:45 - 9:00 AM - Instructions and dividing into groups
9:00 AM - Contest begins
10:30 AM - Reasons begin in gym
12:00 Noon - Lunch
1:00 PM - Official placings
1:30 PM - Awards

Any questions may be directed to kylej@southbarber.com



Rock Springs 4-H Camp

Camp is scheduled for June 8-11, 2016. This year, there will be many changes. First off, you will not have to pay at rifles or trap shooting. The costs of crafts is also included in the price of camp. Parents, this means the only money your camper needs to take is for snacks and souvenirs.

The other big change is the camp will not be split into Elementary and Junior High. Instead, housing groups will be split into 3 groups based on age. This is a great thing because the older groups will get more advanced options. Many classes will be changing this year as Prairie Learning Center has totally been redesigned. The leadership adventure course is planned to have a climbing tower for the older campers and the robotics will range from introduction to drones. One more addition is all campers will receive a t-shirt. They were such a hit last year we just included them as a part of camp.

With all of these changes, also comes an increase in price. Camp will be \$175. Remember, the Pratt County 4-H Foundation offers camp scholarships! To apply, all you have to do is fill out a short application and answer 2 questions.

Camp forms will be sent out in the April newsletter. They are due into the office on May 2nd with 1/2 payment. The remaining payment will be due June 1.

Camp counselor applications are now available. They are also due on May 2nd. Counselors do not have to pay for camp, but they are getting an experience of a lifetime.

We wanted to share this information with you now so you could start saving and planning to have an amazing 4H Camp experience. If you have questions about camp, contact Jodi or Mark at the Extension Office at 672-6121.



Beef Weigh-In
Saturday, April 2, 2016
10:00 am until noon
@ Pratt Livestock

**Clothing & Textiles/Fiber Arts
 Project members:**

There will be weekly meetings on Thursday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. This is a great opportunity to come and get a start on your projects for the fair. Sue and Katie Buhler will be here to answer questions or give assistance.

Protecting Your Prized Livestock

With a rural heritage that spans more than 75 years, Farm Bureau Financial Services understands the livestock and operational needs of America’s farmers and ranchers. We can help you protect what’s important by providing products and services that can help safeguard your bottom line - even when that bottom line involves an investment in your children’s livestock.

Animal Mortality insurance is ideal for 4-H and FFA members who have short term livestock ownership needs. It helps protect your livestock investment by insuring each animal for its cost or value in the event of an unexpected or untimely death.

Contact Cheri Hitt at Farm Bureau for more information on this insurance.

4-H Ambassador Corner

The Pratt County 4-H Ambassadors are ready to take on the new year with two new members. Adrien McFarland and Kahrie Stegman are the two newest ambassadors to join our ranks and we are excited to have new faces bringing ideas to Pratt County 4-H! Returning Ambassadors include Katie Buhler, Klasee Crawford, Emma Fowler, Eadie Monghan, and Cassie Van Slyke.

We are excited to represent 4-H this coming year through many different opportunities. Our first event will be State Ambassador Training in mid February where we will gain ideas to bring back and implement in Pratt County! If you have any questions about 4-H events or other activities you would like to take part in please contact one of the Ambassadors and we will do our best to answer them!

Project Pigs For Sale

Cost: \$85 per pig *

*\$75 each, if first year in the market swine project. Must be verified in writing by 4-H agent or FFA instructor and sent with payment.

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Location: Kanza Coop Elevator, St. John, KS

Approx. 9:45 am-11:15am Drive-Thru Pig Load Out

Additional information will be emailed to participants prior to the pick-up date.

How this works:

1. **By March 1, 2016,** register **and pay** for the number of pigs you'd like to buy for \$85*. Contact us if you never get a payment confirmation email.
2. On April 9, 2016, arrive to the pick-up location and line up trailers to get your pigs loaded.
3. Participants will have their pigs computer randomly assigned prior to the pick-up date.
4. Those who have registered and paid early will have random pick from all pigs within the appropriate group, where as late registrants have random pick from the remaining pigs.
5. If you can't attend, ask someone else to pick up your pigs. *Sorry no exceptions can be made.*
6. All pigs must be picked up by 11:30 am on April 9, 2016. No extra pigs will be available for purchase that day.
7. Final details will be emailed in early April. Please make sure your email address is legible.

Registrations and payment are due by March 1. After March 1, call or email to see about availability.

Questions: Call Scott at 620-546-3947 or email: dunnswine@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to Dunn Swine, LLC and mail to: Leon Dunn, 863 NW 10th Ave., St. John, KS 67576.

Registration Form to send with payment

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Name _____ | Age _____ | Phone Number _____ |
| Address _____ | City, State, Zip _____ | County _____ Exact Date of County Fair _____ |
| Email Address _____ | Number of Pigs requesting: (please circle) 1 2 | |
| Number of Gilts _____ Barrows _____ or circle No Preference (Subject to availability—first come first served) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This is my first year in the swine project. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would like a swine project pig owner's manual. (Available by request only, Please limit 1 per family.) | | |

Tractor Safety Training

Saturday, April 30, 2016

7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(Training, Exam, and Driving Obstacle Course)

Pratt County Fairgrounds

Pratt, Kansas

The Law

- ♦ If you are 14 or 15 years old, planning on doing farmwork for someone other than a parent or legal guardian, you must take a Tractor Safety Course according to the U.S. Department of Labor requirements.

Requirements

- ♦ 14-15 years old (or 13, turning 14 this summer)
- ♦ Non Refundable Registration Fee (includes Saturday lunch on Site)
 - \$20.00 For Those In Sponsoring Counties Listed Below
 - \$30.00 For Those Outside Of Sponsoring Counties
 - \$40.00 If Completed Registration Is Turned In After The Registration Deadline, If Space Is Available

Pre-register by **April 15th** at one of the following locations:



Barber County Extension Office (620)886-3971
Pratt County Extension Office (620)672-6121
Stafford County Extension Office (620)549-3502
Kiowa County Extension Office (620)723-2156
Kingman County Extension Office (620)532-5132

SPACE IS LIMITED SO SIGN UP EARLY!

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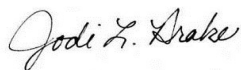
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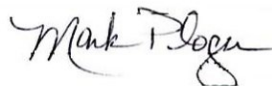
Dear 4-H families:

One of our first county-wide 4-H events is just around the corner, and that's County Club Day. 4-H Club Day is an event which gives participants an opportunity to tell others about their 4-H projects and demonstrate their talents and abilities. Presentations, such as talks, demonstrations, speeches, and music are judged and awarded ribbons. The public is invited to come, watch and learn more about our 4-H/Youth Program.

We encourage you to find some way, no matter how small or large, to take part in County Club Day. Need help finding an idea? Call our office today, and we'll be happy to help you. Speaking of calling the office, 4-H Families will need to call the office by March 4 to sign up for what they would like to do at Club Day. Have a great February and we look forward to seeing all of you at Club Day on March 12th!



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