December 2023

4-H Enrollment Deadline
22- Jan. 1 Office Closed - Christmas Holiday
31 - Rock Springs 4-H Camp Early Bird Registration Deadline(10% discount)

January 2024

1  Happy New Year!
2  Registration for Horse Panorama
16  Project Records for Area Judging Due in Office
15  Martin Luther King, Jr Day - Office Closed
19  Area Project Award Judging
27  Horse Panorama

Contact Us!
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Sewing & Textiles Projects

The Pratt County 4-H Sewing and Textiles project is excited to add a new Janome Coverpro 2000cpx sewing machine to our collection of sewing machines and supplies through the generous support of the South Central Community Foundation. This new machine will help clothing and textiles project members add another level of sewing knowledge as well as make clothing items look more "ready made". This machine works especially well with knit fabrics and adding hems to clothing items as well as topstitching. We look forward to sharing more about this machine in the coming months by providing a t-shirt workshop giving 4-H members the opportunity to create a useful clothing item and learn how to use our new machine at the same time. Other sewing supplies have been replaced or updated such as scissors, pins, the addition of patterns, thread, and new fabric which will be used in our workshop. We are excited about this new addition to our clothing and textiles project.

If you are a first year or second year clothing and textiles project member there will be a get acquainted meeting on Monday, December 11 after school to learn about the sewing machine and make plans for future sewing meetings. On Thursday December 14 all third year and older clothing and textile members will meet to discuss our new machine and future plans for sewing projects starting in January. If you have questions or want to be included but are not able to attend please contact Sue 620-770-2899.

1st Year 4-H Families

Club Day

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, skits, music and dance are judged and awarded ribbons. Christmas break is fast approaching and would be a perfect opportunity to start working on those various things you will want to do for 4-H Club Day on March 2, 2024.

Record Books

Record books can be an overwhelming part of your 4-H Club work. If you keep track of your different activities throughout the year it will make record book time a breeze in August. You could write them on a calendar, print off a sample permanent record, or keep dates in a smart phone. The more information you have readily available during that time of putting your book together, the easier it will be.
TO SELL LIVESTOCK AT THE PRATT COUNTY FAIR

To be eligible to sell livestock at the Pratt County Fair Premium Auction, each 4-H member must attend a minimum of three (3) regularly scheduled 4-H Community Club meetings from October-July AND sell a minimum of five (5) Pratt County Fair Memberships. This will not prevent the participant from entering items in the fair.

*Jan. 26th-28th
Dog Judges Training @ Leavenworth County Fairgrounds

*March 2nd
Jr. Beef Producers Day

*March 16th
Jr. Sheep Producers Day

Please help us find a new county wide dog leader.
All inquires contact the Pratt County Extension Office @ 620-672-6121
NINNESCAH RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

IS AWARDING

4 – $1000 SCHOLARSHIPS

Ninnescah’s Board of Directors have decided to award 4 - $1000 scholarships in 2024 for high school juniors or seniors whose parents or guardians receive electric service from Ninnescah.

Applications are due in Ninnescah’s office by Monday, January 29, 2024. All applicants will receive a student packet to study for a written examination and interviews at Ninnescah’s office in February. Winners will be selected at that time and will be announced at our Annual Meeting on the evening of March 19, 2024 at the Pratt Municipal Building.

Please contact Nancy Aschenbrenner at 620-672-5538 or 1-800-828-5538 for more information.
Dear 4-H’ers and Families,

As our new 4-H year is going strong, we want to remind all of you that we are here to answer questions about the 4-H program in Pratt county. We want you to have a successful and very enjoyable year. You can always stop by or just send us an e-mail and we’ll be glad to help you any way we can.

We have lots of 4-H events and activities coming up in the next few months. Please look over this newsletter for details concerning these exciting events.

4-H Club Day is scheduled for March 2, 2024. The Christmas break would be an excellent time to start working on those talks and demonstrations.

The entire Extension Office staff wishes you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!

Jodi Drake
County Extension Agent,
4-H and Youth