Happy Valentines Day, 4-H Families!!

**Congratulations to Trisha & Clark Greene!** Their son, Rush Alan, arrived on January 28th at 5:29 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs 7.8 oz and was 21" long. The new family is doing well. Trisha will be out of the office until sometime in March. Congratulations again!

We have a closed **Edwards County 4-H page on Facebook** for only 4-H members. Families have been invited to join this page. Trisha & Jean have added families; if we missed someone, please let us know. We will post newsletters, and information about upcoming events on this page. If you have not been added, please contact the Extension Office.

**County 4-H Day Information** County 4-H Club Day was successful; congratulations to all those who participated. If you received a Top Blue rating on your performance, you are eligible to participate at Regional 4-H Day on Saturday, March 21, 2020 in Pratt. You need to notify the Extension Office if you plan to go to Regionals so we can get you on the schedule. **If you are unable to participate on the 24th, you will have another opportunity.** You will be eligible to participate at the Stafford County 4-H Club Day on Saturday March 7th. Entries for Stafford County are due Feb 21. (This may help you meet your pin requirements, but you will not have a Regional 4-H Club Day option.)

**Southwest Youth Leadership Forum (SWYLF)** The 2020 SWYLF was held in Dodge City on January 18, 2020. Ask Courtney Arensman, Cassidy Ary, Caitlen Gleason, Carmen Holguin, Rylee Peterson, or Levi and Luke Taylor about it. It was a great workshop!

**NEW THIS YEAR** - - 4-H Record Books online. Edwards County is piloting a new recordkeeping program. The records are ones that you are familiar with, they are just online. Directions are:

To get your families started, direct parents to:

1. Visit [https://4h.zsuite.org/](https://4h.zsuite.org/)
2. Click on “Sign Up”
3. Complete the prompts to register new household
4. Once the household is established, then have them add each 4-H member profile

Please also remember that if a member or family has poor internet access, they may choose to complete the pdf report forms located here: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/record-keeping/pilot.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/record-keeping/pilot.html)

**Projectfest Week** We are working on activities for 4-H Projectfest week, March 16-20, 2020. A new project spotlighted this year will be Fashion Revue. **Fashion Revue Day** is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th. It will be a multi-county workshop and looks to be a great day to help those 4-H’ers in the Buymanship & Clothing Construction projects. We are also planning a 4-H Record Book Workshop on day to help 4-H’er get a start on their record books and work in the new online program. We will also have tips for writing 4-H stories. Jean has also offered to do a Barn Quilt Class for those interested. If you have an idea for a project area you’d like to explore, let us know so we can try to put something together.

**Livestock Weigh-In Dates** For those 4-H’ers with market livestock, we have set the dates. Big Beef (market steers, heifers, and 2nd Year bucket calves) weigh in will be Saturday, March 7th at 1:30 p.m. at the Fair Grounds in Kinsley. The weigh-in for Bucket Calves, Meat Goats, Sheep & Swine will be Wednesday, April 29th at 5:30 p.m. at the Fair Grounds. If you plan to show livestock at the Edwards County Fair, you must get your animals weighed and tagged at this time.

**Duck Salt Sales** Just a reminder, Duck Salt is available from the Extension Office. It is a GREAT seasoning. The cost is $8 a bottle and the proceeds go to the 4-H funds. It also makes a great gift for your chef or that hard-to-buy-for person.

**4-H Shooting Sports News** Paul Strong announced that Courtney & Taylor Arensman, Joey Prieto, Joshua Stuckey, and Kaden Zabel have completed their BB Gun instructions. And Abby Zabel has completed her Air Rifle instructions. These 4-H’ers are now ready for competition at 4-H Shoots.
**Consumer Judging Contest at County 4-H Club Day** Congratulations to all the 4-H’ers who took part in the Consumer Judging Contest at Club Day! Remember to write that down on your Permanent Record. Placings for the contest are: Juniors – 1st Joshua Stuckey; 2nd Lia Holguin & Colby Silva (tie); 3rd Callie Anderson. Intermediates – 1st Samantha Lampe; 2nd Joey Prieto, Carmen Holguin, Luke Taylor, & Beau Schaller (tie); 3rd Macy Anderson. Seniors – 1st McKenna Schaller; 2nd Cassidy Ary; 3rd Caitlen Gleason.

**Kansas Junior Producer Days** The Kansas Junior Producer Days will be hosted in February and March 2020 on the Kansas State University campus in Weber Hall. Since 2020 is an even year, we will host beef and sheep junior days. These events are one-day educational programs for youth, parents, project leaders and agents to learn about selecting and managing a youth livestock project. For both days, tentative topics include selection, nutrition, meat science, health and showmanship. There will also be an opportunity for youth to become certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), which is the new, national, multi-specie youth livestock quality assurance program. The YQCA session will take place at the conclusion of each junior producer day. Junior Beef Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 29, and Junior Sheep Producer Day will be hosted on Saturday, March 14. Registration information will be released later this fall, so watch the Kansas State Youth Livestock Program Facebook page and website ([www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs](http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs)) for further details!

**We are in desperate need of Project Leaders!!** You don’t have to be an expert to be a project leader, just interested. The Extension Office has lot of materials to help you get started as a project leader. If you are interested or know of someone who would be able to help, please contact the Extension Office. Our most popular projects in need of leaders are: Beef & Bucket Calf, Buymanship (Clothing/Fashion), Foods, Photography, Swine and Visual Arts (Crafts). Some other projects that have growing interest are: Meat Goats, Leadership, Sheep, Rocketry, and Woods.

**2020 Kansas 4-H Scholarships** will be due on February 1, 2020 to the State 4-H Office. All scholarships must be submitted in full and should be on the 2020 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application which can be found at [http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html). Scholarships must be received in the State 4-H Office by February 1, 2020. Please note that the mail system takes several extra days to get to our office on campus, please allow for that when you mail your package of scholarships.

**LOCAL 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS** Attention Seniors & College Students: Information and the applications for Edwards County scholarships for 4-H’ers and former 4-H’ers is available from the Extension Office. The Steven A Hornung Memorial Scholarship is for 1st and 2nd year college students. The Burr Memorial Scholarship is for any college student; even post-graduate study. The Rocky Snyder Memorial is for any student pursuing a career in agriculture. The Alex Gleason Memorial is for any student, but those pursuing a degree in agriculture or aviation will be given priority.

Please share this information along to those who you think might be interested. Scholarship applications are due March 1st. If you have questions, please contact the Edwards County Extension Office at 620-659-2149.

As always, if you have questions or need more information, please don’t hesitate to contact the Edwards County Extension Office, 620-659-2149. We are here to help!

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