September—the ending to a strange 4-H Year.....

- We want to remind you that we have a closed Edwards County 4-H page on Facebook for only 4-H members. Families have been invited to join this page. Be sure to check this Facebook page regularly to keep up on what’s happening! If you have not been added, please contact the Extension Office.

- 4-H Premium Checks The 4-H Premium checks were mailed out the 4-H families the last week of August. These checks are to be cashed or deposited within 90 days of the issue date. Please take care of them in a timely manner.

- 4-H Shooting Sports News There will be an instructor workshop for the Shooting Sports disciplines in November 7-8 in Cimarron this year. We really need an archery instructor, if you or someone you know would be interested, please have them contact the Extension Office immediately.

- Congratulations to those 4-H’ers who have qualified for the State 4-H Shoot: Matt Dockendorf, Carson Domme, Tysen Schmitt, Cole Katz, Konner Habiger, and Matthew Waters! Way to go!! And good luck at State!!

- 4-H Ambassadors - - Rylie Miller, McKenna Schaller, Rylee Peterson and Levi Taylor are looking for 4-H’ers interested in joining the 4-H Ambassador Team! If you are interested, please contact Rylie, McKenna, Rylee or Levi, or the Extension Office. Applications are available online at: https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/4-h/ambassadors.html Applications are due October 1st.

- Are YOU Working on your 4-H Record Book? All 4-Her’s (with the exception of Cloverbuds) must complete a 4-H Record book to sell in following years premium auction and to receive achievement pins. A complete 4-H record book, in this order, includes:
  - 4-H Story (Intermediates & Seniors only)
  - 4-H Permanent record (brought forward from previous year unless a 1st year 4-Her)
  - Project Records (One for each project enrolled, in alphabetical order)

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/
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

Record Book Covers – Covers (new style) are available at the Extension Office. If your record book is full, we encourage you to use a binder.

Record Book INCENTIVES $$$ - This year we are offering incentives for completing your record book early. By doing this we hope you get the bulk of the work done before your busy school schedule starts. We are happy to help 4-Her’s fill out their record books. Call the Extension Office to make an appointment and we will sit down with the 4-Her and help complete the record book.

- Due Dates
  - September 1 - $10 Chamber Bucks
  - September 15 - $5 Chamber Bucks
  - October 1 - $0

We understand these deadlines may hinder you from putting state fair records in your book. This will not be counted against you.

- Achievement Pin Applications These applications are also due with your Record Book. “Pin Apps” are an easy 1 or 2 page application for a 4-H’er to fill out each year as a member. The adjusted forms for the 2019-20 4-H year have been mailed out to families. They have been adapted due to COVID-19.
**Club Officer Notebooks** – Attention Club Secretaries and Reporters: did you know you can turn in your notebooks for county judging? Please turn them in by the date specified by your club leader.

**Edwards County 4-H Achievement Assembly** will be Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 4 p.m. at the Fair Building. Mark your calendar. Due to the circumstances, there will not be a meal this year.

**FSA Youth Loans** The Farm Service Agency makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Call the FSA county office in Kinsley for additional information: 620-659-3142.

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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