HELLO 4-H Families!!!

Important 4-H information is included in this newsletter. If you need more information, please contact the Extension Office, 620-659-2149.

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Edwards County and Stafford County have become an Extension District. We are the 21st Extension District, and it’s happening in 2021….thus the name of our Extension District is 21 Central. Look for new and fun things to happen with Stafford County. And to put your mind at ease, there will still be an Edwards County Fair and a Stafford County Fair.

Fair Book are in! You can pick one up at the Extension Office or one of the banks in the County.

Entries for the Edwards County Fair for all 4-H’ers are due June 27th.

Kitchen Clean-up will be Thursday, July 1st at 5 p.m. We will do this during Fair Set-up. Parents are welcome too!

Fair Set-up: Thursday, July 1  5:00 p.m. at the Fairbuilding. We will be setting up the fair building and cleaning up the barns in preparation for the Fair. All 4-H families are encourage to help. Also, the Fair Board with be supplying supper for those helping.

Special Contests at the Fair: Lego Building, Cinnamon Roll, “Everyday Miracles” Youth Photo Contest, Barn Quilt Contest, Quilt Block Contest, Salsa Contest, Jerky Contest, and the Rural Life Photo Contest.

Fair Presentation Contest – If you are unable to give a demonstration, project talk, or illustrated talk at County 4-H Day in February, here is your chance to qualify for a project pin. Contact the Extension Office to schedule a time for your presentation at the Fair.

Attention New 4-H Families - - Fair time had be hectic and unnerving. Please don’t hesitate to ask your Community Club leaders or the Extension Office staff for help or to answer questions, there is no such thing as a dumb question, especially at Fair time.

Attention Livestock Members - - PLEASE do NOT unload your animals at the Fair until they have been checked by the veterinarian. Dr. Amanda May, DVM will be on hand to look the livestock over BEFORE unloading. We cannot take any chances of spreading diseases to other 4-H animals. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Livestock 4-H’ers - - there will be a mandatory meeting for 4-H’ers enrolled in livestock projects at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7th. There are important matters in which you need to know. Please make every effort to be at this meeting.

One more thing for the Livestock 4-H’ers - - you must be present for Fair clean-up on Saturday, July 10 or you may not receive your 4-H Premium money.

New this year - - Purple Ribbon placing 4-H foods may be sold at the Premium Auction. If you received a purple ribbon food, you will need to let the fair office know, and you will make a new product for the auction. Also, if the Grand Champion and/or Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Foods winner(s) also have livestock and choose to sell their livestock at the 4-H Premium Auction, they may also sell their food item but the money will go to either 4-H Council, the Edwards County 4-H Foundation, or the Fair Improvement Fund. The choice is up to the 4-H’er.
Be sure to get the 4-H Auction Buyers invitations out to potential buyers. The invitations are available at [https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/fair/](https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/fair/) or contact the Extension Office to have some printed for you.

Photo mount board and bags are available at the Extension Office. The boards are $1 each; no charge for the bags.

If your family brings a camper to the fair, please turn in a Camper Reservation Form located at: [https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/fair/](https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/fair/)

If your 4-H’ers plan to spend the night on the fairground during the fair, please complete and turn in the “Overnight Camping Form”. The forms are available at: [https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/fair/](https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/fair/)

The full fair schedule is available at our website: [https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/fair/](https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/fair/)

Kansas State Fair Info: We have deadlines approaching fast for the Kansas State Fair. 4-H’ers 9 and over may exhibit at the Kansas State Fair. If you receive a purple ribbon at the Edwards County Fair, your exhibit (other than livestock) is eligible to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair. You need to let the Extension Office know what project items you will be sending on to the State Fair by August 1st. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office for more information.

The KSF is also looking for volunteers. If you are interested, contact the Extension Office.

We have some great items for the 4-H Scholarship Silent Auction this year! Your club should be preparing items for the silent auction. Please help us advertise this event. Thank you in advance.

If you need more information, contact the Extension Office, 620-659-2149, stop by 212 East 6th Street in Kinsley, or check out our webpage at: [https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/](https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/)

4-H and County Fair Objectives: Participation in County Fairs is an opportunity and privilege for 4-H members. If they choose to participate, they are in effect asking for an adult to give his or her opinion regarding the quality of their exhibit or participation. Having asked for this opinion, they should accept it gracefully and learn from it.

**County Fairs provide opportunities for 4-H’ers to:**

Show what they have learned and accomplished in 4-H to the public.

Develop project skills.

Develop responsibility and self-confidence.

Gain knowledge, counsel, and encouragement from judges and others.

Develop leadership skills by assuming fair responsibilities and working together with others.

Learn new and better methods.

Compare their work with against a >standard.<

Receive recognition and learn the importance of being both a good winner and a good loser.

Share ideas and make friends with other 4-H members.

**4-H Member Objectives:**

Provide opportunities for self-growth.

Develop interpersonal communication and cooperation skills.

Encourage creativity.

Develop reasoning skills.

Become sensitive to one’s environment.

Encourage participation in community service activities.

Make learning fun.

**DATES to REMEMBER:**

July 1 – Fair Kitchen Clean up, 5 p.m.

July 1 – Fair Set-up 5:00 p.m. followed by supper sponsored by the Fair Board.

July 5 – 10 – Edwards County Fair

July 11 – Edwards County Fair Horse Show

July 12 – Edwards County Fair 4-H Dog Show

August 1 – Kansas State Fair Entry Notification (let the Extension Office what you are planning to send to the Fair as we have to pre-enter them)