June - - And Summer Begins!

**FairEntry Program** As some of you have heard, there is a new fair entry program that we will be using for the Edwards County Fair this year. As 4-H’ers, you will be making your project entries online. No more filling out all other entry tags!! 4-H families will receive an email with step-by-step directions. Families will enter through the 4HOnline program that you used to enroll in 4-H. Special note: Entries will open June 7th and close June 27th; meaning all your 4-H project need to be enter by June 27th. So error on the side of caution, entering more that you actually bring is not a problem. If you have questions, contact the Extension Office. The Fairbook is available online at: [https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/fair/docs/2021%204H%20Fair%20Book.pdf](https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/fair/docs/2021%204H%20Fair%20Book.pdf) The printed version will be available soon.

**Edwards County Fair Photography Contests** We have a new sponsor for the youth contest; thank you to Jody Wetzel of Jody Wetzel Rental Properties! The theme is “Every Day Miracles”. The theme for the Rural Life Photo Contest is “Weather”. Thank you to the Bank of Lewis for sponsoring that contest. Start snapping those photos! For more information, go to: [https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/fair/](https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/fair/)

**Edwards County Fair Special Contests** This year the Fair Board added a few new contests! The special contests for the Fair this year are: Cinnamon Roll Baking Contests, Jerky Contest, Salsa Contest along the favorites: Lego Building, Quilt Block, and Barn Quilt. For more information, go to: [https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/fair/](https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/fair/)

**EYE Trip** 4-H’ers interested in going on the Education Youth Extravaganza (EYE) Trip in 2022 are planning a trip to San Antonio, TX July 24-28, 2022. They will begin their fundraising efforts at the Edwards County Fair by conducting a 50/50 raffle and selling Red Wheel. Let’s all help them get to San Antonio!

**Youth Livestock Educational Resources** There are several youth livestock project resources available on the KSU Youth Livestock program website, including digital versions of the show guides, videos, and graphics. They may be found under the “Educational Resources” tab on the website. The 2020 junior sheep day videos, as well as the content from the 2021 virtual junior swine and meat goat producer weeks, are available to those who may find them useful. These materials are linked on the website, as well as other educational resources released in previous years; [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/)

**Applying for Youth Loans**
The Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is $5,000.

**Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:**
- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA’s general eligibility requirements
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the youth
loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision. For help preparing the application forms, contact your Edwards County USDA Service Center at 620-659-3142 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

* If you are a new family to 4-H, please go to: https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/4-h/ or feel free to contact your community club leaders or the Extension Office staff.

* Remember, we will have a closed Edwards County 4-H page on Facebook for only 4-H members. Families will be invited to join this page. We will post newsletters, and information about upcoming events on this page. If you have not been added, please contact the Extension Office.

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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