Happy NEW YEAR, 4-H Families!!!

New Project Leaders  We are excited to announce some new project leaders! Addy Welsch is a new shotgun instructor. Hannah Brown has agreed to be a woodwork and foods leader. Kim Van Nahmen is working with 4-H’ers interested in crochet, knitting, and needle arts. You don’t have to be an expert to be a project leader, just interested. The Extension Office has lots 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: Leadership and Rocketry.

County 4-H Day Information  County 4-H Club Day has been set for Saturday, February 13, 2021 at Kinsley Jr.Sr. High School. The registration form is attached to this newsletter. This form is due to the Edwards County Extension Office by February 5th. There is a virtual option this year; just indicate that you will have a virtual presentation. Virtual presentations are Friday, February 12th. Remember, this is one of the pin requirements.

Extension District  We are excited about the upcoming formation of the Extension District of Edwards and Stafford Counties. This change will take effect on July 1, 2021. The Edwards County and Stafford County fairs will remain the same, as will the 4-H clubs in each county. However, there will be more opportunities to participate in 4-H activities between the two counties. Currently, both counties have 4-H’ers in the Macksville School system. Districting will allow the agents in the two counties to be more specialty in areas of interest and share resources between the counties. This will hopefully provide more programming opportunities in all areas (4-H, Community Vitality, Family & Consumer Science, and Agriculture & Natural Resources).

Kansas Junior Producer Days  The 2021 KSU Junior Producer Days will be hosted virtually as week-long educational events this year. Kansas Junior Swine Producer Week will be February 15-20, 2021, with Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Week being March 15-20. There will be a few presentations throughout the week, with each of the programs wrapping up on Saturday morning. All of the sessions will be recorded and shared with those who register, so families may participate at their own pace and as their schedule allows. The junior day events will be free this year, thanks to our gracious sponsors, but all participants will still need to register. This includes both youth and adults. Families also need to use an email address someone from the household checks on a regular basis, as that is the method of communication we will use to share links and specific details with attendees. Participants will need to register by February 8 and March 8, respectively, to receive the appropriate information. Here are the registration links:

2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarships will be due on February 1, 2021 to the State 4-H Office. All scholarships must be submitted in full and should be on the 2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application which can be found at 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, 2021. 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 packet 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 scholarship form is located at: https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/4-h/foundation.html

- 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.

If you have not already re-enrolled, please do so at: https://ks.4honline.com to re-enroll your 4-H’ers. We ask that you have done no later than Jan 15th. If you don’t remember your password, the site will send you a link to retrieve it. If you are needing help selecting projects, go to: https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/4-h/project-resources.html and look at the Project Selection Guide.

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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