COVID-19 Update

As our 4-H clubs, leaders and members face the challenges of maintaining health-oriented practices, social isolation, school closures and 4-H/Extension cancelations/postponements, we hope families choose to find hope and continue to look forward to summer activities.

As a reminder, 4-H events (meetings, workshops, project meetings, etc.) that are conducted by Extension employees or 4-H volunteers between March 15 and May 16 must be cancelled, postponed, or held via Zoom or other distance technology.

Christine and Elly will be working via telecommuting whenever possible. However, there are times we might be at the office, to complete tasks that must be done at the office. The Extension Council Executive Board is reassessing the need for telecommuting on a weekly basis as of this time. Please do not hesitate to call us if you need something or have questions! We are still working behind the scenes for you!

As we continue in these uncharted waters, we plan to continue with more of an online format to serve your needs. We also plan to train your club leaders to help move to this new format.

Please watch our Facebook page and for emails from the office for regular updates.

Blue and Gold Pick up Postponed

In response to the COVID-19 threat, Blue and Gold deliveries will be postponed until social distancing mandates are lifted. They will notify us as soon as possible to prepare us for delivery.

Please contact those you sold product to confirm if they still would like their order. We will hold onto checks until a delivery date is established.

Thank you for selling! You helped raise just over $1,200 for 4-H Council that will help support 4-H events including Club Day Expenses, Ear Tags for Livestock, 4HOnline, and more.
What about the County Fair?

Many of you have expressed your concerns for the county fair with me. Unfortunately, we do not have a crystal ball. For now, we should continue on like the county fair will happen. Everything we know to this point leads us to that assumption.

What we do know, that it is likely, many of your projects will not look or be completed in the manner they have been. Projects meetings teaching you skills have been put on hold. Spring events you were planning on are now canceled or postponed. But let’s not be deterred, but choose to see our situation in a new light, an opportunity to learn more than we would have in the ‘old’ way.

What skills can you gain this year, that were shadowed by other things in the past? I challenge you to find new ways to learn about your project or share with others what you know, discover new ways to find purpose with your projects, and different vision of what can be considered success.

I will end with a quote by E. H. Harriman, a railroad tycoon, “It is never safe to look into the future with eyes of fear.”

March Clover Buds

For the March Clover Buds meeting, the members made smoothies by riding a stationary bike! As they pedaled the bike, the blender would mix up their smoothie! Then they got to do one of the activities in their book and make an ant and learn about them.

Clover Buds pictured: Levi Ingram, Eli Boswell and Denton Harlow

Horse ID Papers – May 1st

Horse ID papers for all 4-H Horse Members need to be submitted to the office. We have a few options of getting this done this year.

- **Renewal:** Horses that have ID papers on file at the Extension Office will be rolled to 2020 automatically.
- **New Horses:** New horses will need photos and name of horse sent electronically to Elly.

ALL papers will be sent back as electronic file for you to sign and keep for your records!
Livestock Judging Team Competes with Success

Led by Barry Jones and Travis Fieser, the Livestock Judging Team had been putting hours of practice each Sunday afternoon. Many 4-Hers competed in competitions the past few months, and have even brought home some awards! Congratulations on all of your hard work, it is paying off!

Kansas Beef Expo, December 2019

1st Place Junior Team
Josie Fieser – 3rd Place Junior
Hannah Fieser – 8th Place Junior
Jamie Turner – 6th Place Intermediate

Regional Club Day Results

Congratulations to the seven 4-H members that traveled to Dodge City Middle School on March 7th to compete in Regionals.

Karay Henson – Reading, Purple
Kaylen Langhofer – Digital Presentation, Blue; Extemporaneous Speaking, Blue; Talk, Blue
Kellie Miller – Instrumental Solo, Purple
Laura Lynn – Dance, Purple
Vincent Lynn – Reading, Blue
Walker Koons – Reading, Blue

SCCC, March 2020

5th Place Junior Team
Hannah Fieser – 2nd Place Junior
Cole Langhofer – 4th Place Junior
Josie Fieser – 6th Place Junior
Konner Jones – 1st Place Senior
Jamie Turner – 5th Place Senior
Karsen Jones – 6th Place Senior

South Barber, March 2020

3rd Place Junior Team
Karay Henson – 3rd Place Junior
Natalie Ingram – 4th Place Junior
Savannah Ingram – 3rd Place Intermediate

Kellie Miller & Judge, Rosanne Price discuss her performance at Regionals in Dodge City.
LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Weigh Ins - Postponed

It is with great disappointment that small animal livestock weigh-in, originally scheduled for May 4, also be postponed (Large animal was also postponed). It has been recommended from K-State that we move this date after our restrictive deadline of May 16th. We hope that in late May or early June a weigh-in for ALL animals will be held. Please watch the May newsletter for more information.

KSF/KJLS State Nominations

Youth wishing to show any livestock animal at the State Fair (KSF, Sept. 11-13, 2020) or Junior Livestock Show (KJLS, Oct. 2-4, 2020) this fall will need to have their animals tagged with a EID tag by the respective deadline. This is a different process than local weigh in and rules have NOT been changed.

Market Beef will still need to be tagged, along with the proper paperwork submitted by May 1st.

Small Animals & Commercial Heifers still need to be tagged, along with the proper paperwork submitted by June 15th.

Registered breeding animals have different requirements, please call the office if you have questions.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is required to exhibit at these shows.

NEW – 2020 County Fair

Premium Auction Changes

New changes are coming to the 2020 County Fair regarding the livestock auction. The Livestock Sale Committee met and proposed the following changes that were approved by Fair Board.

Sold by the head, not by the pound—Example, A 300 lb. hog that used to sell for $2.70 brought a total of $750. Animals will now be sold like the cake and pie auction (i.e. 100, 200, 300).

Premium Sale ONLY- Animals run through the sale are sold on premium only, no rights to the animal are being forfeited. Buyers are no longer allowed to purchase the animal in the sale. Buyers must coordinate outside of the sale with individual animals. Example – In the past, the buyer had first refusal of the animal, and could take the animal if the paid the floor. Now, buyers will only be bidding on the premium.

Optional to sell at floor price – Youth will have the option to market their animal on their own (take home to butcher or sell to someone to butcher) or sell to the floor buyer at the fair. A floor buyer will still be provided for anyone not wishing to take animals home after the county fair.

Poultry Regulations

The Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health is waiving poultry testing requirements for 2020. As a result, Kansas poultry owners do not need to test their exhibition birds for the pullorum disease for the fair.
SUMMER CAMPING

Youth registering for summer camping events will be obligated to pay if the event is hosted. However, if any event is canceled, full refunds will be given. Payment will be due before departure.

*Ages on this page are as of Jan 1, 2020

Wild Horse Camp

June 8-10, 2020
Silver Maple – Kingman

Camper age: 7-12 yrs
Counselor Age: 15-18 yrs

Cost: $100.00
Registration Deadline: May 8, 2020

Wild Horse Camp will be held at a new location this year. Silver Maple Camp at Kingman, KS on June 8-10. Counselor Training will be hosted on June 7th. To register call the office.

Campference

June 22-25, 2020
Rock Springs 4-H Center

Ages: 12-14 yrs
Estimated Cost: $280

Registration Site & Deadline: May 15
https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html

Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program, becoming a leader and activities to energize youth while learning healthy living skills and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas. Register online by May 15 (or earlier it will close when it is full).

Heart of Kansas Camp

June 13-16, 2020
Rock Springs Ranch

Camper age: 10-12 yrs
or two years attending Wild Horse Camp
Counselor Age: 14-18 yrs

Cost: $185
Registration Deadline: May 1

Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp is for ages 9-13, with preferred two years at Wild Horse or prior camping experience. The camp will be at Rock Springs Ranch on June 13-16th. Counselor Training will take place June 12th. Please call the office to register. Forms will not be posted online this year. To register, call the office.

Discovery Days

May 27-29, 2020
K-State Campus

Ages: 4-Her’s graduated from 8th grade and up
Cost: $195 but only $95 after MKC Support

Registration Site & Deadline: April 15
https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html

Discovery Days offers classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! You can also share your talents in the Talent Show. Are you ready to dance? Are you ready for some Call Hall ice cream? Are you ready for some great speakers and Discovery Days Night Live and all the other possibilities in your future? Join us now to enjoy this event this summer!
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