



Rice County 4-H Newsletter

June 2020



Summer is here and **Fair time is right around the corner!**

I hope everyone has been diligently working on projects and keeping those animals watered with the high heat we have had already. Hopefully it means it will be cooler come July 9-16th.

It's almost Fair time!

The fair is happening! Many changes have been made:

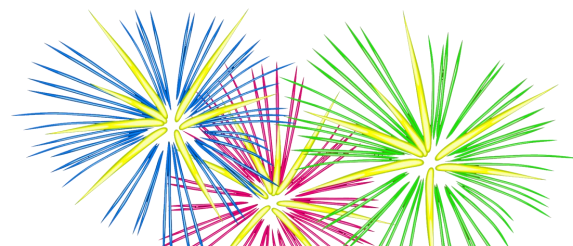
-Because of Covid-19, **4-H'ers will have the option to showcase projects through online videos.** If you or your family feels that it is not safe to attend functions at the fair, you can send or bring your items to the office or fair grounds before judging begins. We have a supply of face masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer. We will also have people cleaning throughout the day on Monday. The only doors that will be open at the Celebration Centre will be the front doors on the south side. While we wait to have projects judged, we must also practice social distancing. We expect older members and parents to please help us maintain a safe environment for all.

-Since we have been delayed on getting the schedule set up, we will also delay the due date for fair entries.

-We will capture a video of each youth that plans to sell their animal in the auction. We will also include a few still photos. These videos must be done before the animals leave the fair grounds.

-There will not be a foods sale after your items get judged this year, so plan on taking these items home or swap with another 4-H member that has something you like. Please note that **Champion items will be auctioned before the Livestock Sale.**

-Please read through the fairbook which has been attached to this e-mail. It is also posted to the Rice County KSRE web page; we will print ONE copy for each family. We hope to start printing them this week. We will not print extras this year as the fair will not be open to the public and we will have no open class entries.



Fair time cont'd...

-To **submit pre-entries for the fair**, visit the following web page:

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/3726>

Pre-entries are due June 26th.

-**There are specific instructions for how to enter fair exhibits into FairEntry.** Please read the instructions before attempting to enter projects.

Instructions: <https://fairentry.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360003360154-Managing-Entries-4HOnline-Login-2-30->

-You may notice that things look a little different than last year when you enter an animal online. This is because we have synced up with the Kansas State Fair. Please try to fill in the blanks for your animals to the best of your ability. If you are having trouble finding your class, check under **Static Exhibits.**

-There will be an option to upload a photo and to link a video url of your project if you choose to do so. For those entering animals in the auction, there will also be an option to write a brief intro or note about your animal that you would like to share. Please note that **you are not required to do these things, they are optional.**

-**RABBITS:** Due to the presence of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHDV2) in western Kansas and neighboring states, we may have to make the decision to exhibit rabbits virtually. We are carefully monitoring the situation as it develops and will update everyone if a decision is made to exhibit rabbits virtually.

-**POULTRY:** Due to continuation of the nationwide shortage of the antigen needed to conduct pul-lorum-typhoid testing in poultry, the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health is waiving certain poultry testing requirements for 2020. As a result, **Kansas poultry owners do not need to test their exhibition birds for the pullorum disease until January 1, 2021.**

-**DOG:** **There will be no dog show for the 2020 year.** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, dog project members have been unable to meet to practice. Dog project members may enter their dogs under



Fair time cont'd...

-SEWING LABELS: All exhibits must be labeled: The label must have the class, exhibitors name, address, and club WRITTEN IN INK OR TYPED, AND PINNED TO THE NECK OR TOP OF GARMENT FOR FASHION REVUE JUDGING DAY. Paper or fabric labels may be used; the Extension Office **does not** provide labels. Remember year is the years you have been enrolled in this project, not years in this phase or current year 2020.

-GEOLOGY: "The current year specimen number rule shall be modified for the 2020 4-H year for geology exhibit state fair classes 5200, 5201, 5202 and 5203, due to these extraordinary circumstances, to read: Five (5) (new) specimens must be collected during the current 4-H year."

-We will plan on showcasing our projects in local businesses for the public to view this year. I will send more information as I compile a list of those businesses that will allow us to do so. Lets plan on taking those items to these places on Wednesday, July 15th.

Fair T-Shirts

First Bank is kindly sponsoring our Fair T-Shirts! All 4-H'ers will receive a free fair t-shirt. If any parents would like a fair t-shirt, please let us know your size. Parents will have to pay for their own t-shirts, price to be decided.

Thank you, First Bank!

Livestock Nominations

The State livestock nomination deadline is less than a week away! Market swine, commercial gilt, market lamb, commercial ewe, ALL meat goat (market, registered does, commercial does), and commercial heifer nominations must be postmarked by Monday, June 15 to be accepted. This is a firm deadline. Market animals and commercial females must be nominated to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS. Please refer to the rules posted on each show's respective website for more details.

It's also important to communicate with your local extension office (or ag teacher if you are showing FFA) about getting your state livestock nominations completed. They can let you know the best process to get your forms signed, etc. If you haven't let them know you plan to state nominate animals – don't wait until the last minute! Call them today!

2020 Nomination Forms and Information: <http://bit.ly/ksunominations>

Fair time cont'd...



Volunteers Needed

We could use a few more volunteers for the fair as we have had a few key people say they cannot be there this year. We need 2-3 people per judge for Photos, Visual Arts, and Poster, Displays and Notebooks. Julie Peterman, Jennifer Herold, Lee Sankey, and Amy Ricker have said they can help, but we will need a few more on Monday.

SCHEDULE

The simple schedule is as follows. Please refer to the fairbook for the full schedule.

- July 9:** Set up in Bar K Bar Arena, set up tables in Celebration Centre, Check and weigh in sheep and goats after 7 pm.
- July 10:** Check and weigh in Sheep and Goats beginning @ 7am (those that did not get checked in Thurs. eve). Sheep show begins at 9am with goats following. All animals must go home after the show or to Cheryl Carey's house.
- July 11:** Clothing Construction, Buymanship, Style Review and Fiber Arts will be judged at the extension office. This will begin at 8:30 am.
- July 12:** Horse Show at the Bar K Bar Arena beginning at 12:00 PM.
- July 13:** Usual Schedule for the Celebration Centre (see fairbook for full schedule). Champion Foods will need to photos and video captured before they leave. Poultry, Rabbits, and Hand pets will be judged this day and taken home immediate following the show. There will be no pedal pull. Swine may arrive for weigh in after 7 pm.
- July 14:** Swine Show at 8 am. Swine to be loaded after the show and taken to Stroots (The Dolds will haul them) or home. Beef may begin weigh in at 12:00 PM. Beef show begins at 6:30 pm. All beef will be loaded for feedlot or taken home after show.
- July 15:** Video production will be finalized for auction. Clean up at BKB and CC begins at 9 am. No late night loader events.
- July 16:** All Day Video Auction of Livestock and Champion Foods.

In Other News

County Camp is next week. It is a virtual camp. I apologize for any confusion concerning the camp moving from Rock Springs Camp to being online. My biggest hope is that we will be able to return to Rock Springs next year. It is my favorite place to be on earth.

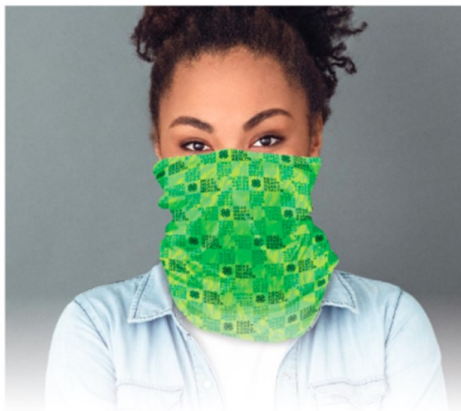
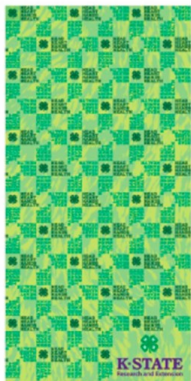


Day Camp: We hope to have a day camp offered again this year after the fair. Be looking for more information.

JR LEADERS: I have heard from the peach lady. She said there will be peaches, but there is a decrease in the number we can get. I have asked for the same amount (300 cases), but we will not know for sure until closer to harvest. If you have regular buyers, please contact them to get yours on the list first. We may have to say first come first served.

K-State & 4-H Neck Gaiters now available!

4-H NECK GAITER



Made of 100% Polyester

Wrap can be worn on the head or neck and comes in a tube shape for convenient sliding over the head

Above pattern printed on both sides of 19" W x 10" H tube

\$10.99 ea. Quantity
Total

Ship and bill to county office (shipping charges will apply).

Invoice to county. I will pick up from N Zone.

County: _____

Address: _____
EMAIL ORDERS TO ANNDEE@NZSW.COM
Orders must be placed by June 12th. Will ship week of July 6th.

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Upcoming Events

June

15, 17, 19 - VIRTUAL Insect Spectacular

16-18 - VIRTUAL "Oz"some Camp

22-26 - VIRTUAL Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

23-24 - VIRTUAL Campference

July

4 - Wear your 4-H shirts!

Happy Independence Day!

6 - Office closed

9-16 - Rice County 4-H Fair

August

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6 - KS 4-H Wheat Expo, Wichita

15 - Horticulture Judging Contest, KSU

22/23 - 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan

September

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7 - Office Closed, Labor Day

11-20 - KS State Fair, Hutchinson

