A Word From Your Agent...

Hello 4-H Families!

Summer is in full swing and entry forms should start hitting your mail box. If you do not have it by June 5th please call our office. **Fair Entries are due on June 26th.** If your entry is received after that date there is a $25 per entry late fee. If you have four photos to enter the late entry fee would be $100. No entries can be accepted after July 2nd. We would be happy to accept your entries now!

Because of all the changes that are going to have to happen for the 2020 Shawnee County Fair you did not get a fair book this year. It is available on the Shawnee County 4-H website under our Fair Info tab. There is also a addendum for the non animal divisions at that site. You should look at both documents before you fill out your entry form.

An Animal project addendum is being created right now. It should be out by June 10th.

Judging times and where you will have to drop off projects will change for most divisions. I am hopeful that schedule will be done by June 8th. We know you need these pieces to create your 4-H Fair schedule. I appreciate all the patience and flexibility our families have already shown! I really do appreciate all of your support as we figure out how to fair during a pandemic. It is not something I ever thought I would have to do.

Our office opened June 1st. Please see the article on page two about that process. We are more than happy to take your entry forms by mail, e-mail or you can drop them off in the office. You should wear a face covering if you are dropping off your form in person.

I’m getting used to wearing my mask and a fellow colleague said “I wear my mask to protect you, you wear your mask to protect me.” I thought that was a very touching way to put it.

I hope you know that K-State and 4-H is making all of the changes that they have for the health and safety of our customers, volunteers and staff. We care about you all and we want you to stay healthy and safe this summer!

~Candis

**Entry Form Tips**

**Dogs & Horses**---Write down the name of your animal on your fair entry on the Breed/Tag# line please.

**Rabbits**--- Your rabbit breeds and corresponding three digit ID can be found on the Shawnee County website: [www.shawnee.ksu.edu](http://www.shawnee.ksu.edu) Don’t forget to include your tattoo ID on your entry form.

**Chickens**---You will need to write down your band numbers please. Bands can be purchased at the 4-H office or at a farm and home store.

**All other Livestock**---Please remember to include your animal’s tag number or the information you id’d them with.
Shawnee County 4-H Chatterbox

Mark Your Calendar!

- Events Council Meeting, June 11th
- Camp Connection, June 16th-18th
- Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep and Meat Goat Nominations Due to State Office, June 15th
- Fair Entries Due June 26th
- LATE Fair Entries Due w/ Fee, July 2nd

Extension Office Doors Open June 1st

The office will open to the public on Monday June 1st. Here are a few things to note that will help you get the support you need as a 4-H member, parent or volunteer.

- We are limiting 4 patrons in our office at a time. Guests will enter the office then move closer to the front desk on numbered floor locations. It is our best attempt to guide our guests to maintain as much distance as possible. If you come to the office and see that 4 patrons are in the lobby, please wait outside or in your car.

-Not all agents will be in the office each day. If you are needing to visit with a particular agent, you may want to email the agent and schedule an appointment. Remember than we are able to answer many questions by phone or email.

- All patrons doing business in the Extension Office will be asked to wear a face mask. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you, but you must leave it to be sanitized when you leave.

- There are plexiglass barriers to protect our staff and patrons when we need to speak face to face. Masks will be worn by both parties, even behind the barriers. We do have a staff member who is unable to wear a mask and our office professionals answering phones may not be masked, so our patrons wearing masks and the barriers are especially important for those people.

- No face to face meetings in our conference or upstairs meeting rooms until further notice. If your group needs to meet, please contact Candis to discuss virtual or alternative meeting options.

Play With Flipgrid

You may have noticed that some divisions of the Shawnee County Fair are going virtual using Flipgrid. Some of those divisions include Cloverbuds, Fashion Revue and some Space Tech.

If you have never used Flipgrid before the Shawnee County Jr. Leaders are making a communications project Flipgrid that you can practice with. They will be leading communications project meetings on Flipgrid. They will ask youth to do an activity and then the youth will upload their responses to the activity.

We will send a 4-H online e-mail when our Flipgrid is ready. Should be before June 15th. It will be a great way to learn the new platform before you are using it for the fair!
Pollorum Testing

Pollorum testing is being cancelled for the 2020 Shawnee County Fair. There is a nationwide shortage of the antigen needed for testing, so the USDA has eliminated the requirement for this year.

We want to remind exhibitors that their birds must be examined before they can be shown. If they have illness or parasites, they will be sent home.

Livestock Corner

Livestock Buyer Form can be found on the Shawnee County 4-H Fair Information tab on the Shawnee County 4-H Website. [www.shawnee.ksu.edu/4-h](http://www.shawnee.ksu.edu/4-h) Buyer forms are due to the Office with Fair entry forms by June 26th, 2020 by 5:00pm. 4-hers need three (3) buyers, one (1) being new to the 4-Her.

YQCA Online training is required for all exhibitors 4-H age 8-18 planning on showing Beef & Dairy Cattle, Meat & Dairy Goat, Sheep, Swine, as well as Meat Rabbits and Broiler Meat chickens in order to go through the Fair Livestock Sale. You can find an easy help sheet on the 4-H Information tab under YQCA.

To those have ordered EID Livestock Tags, remember you need to send in 3 pictures of the animal; a close up of the tag in an animal’s ear, one side view of the animal (preferably the same side as the tag), and one photo of the animal with the exhibitor. Please send those photos with the animals breed and gender, as well as ear notch #s for swine and scrapies tag number (both flock # and individual#) for goat & sheep. Candis and Leroy need to see these photos before they will sign completed nomination papers. Completed nomination papers need to be sent to the State Office or postmarked by June 15th, 2020.

-Haley Kelley

4-H Program Assistant
4-H VIRTUAL Insect Spectacular

Submitted by Amy Sollock

We may not be able to hold the Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular like we would normally do, but we will still learn from each other and further our interest in all things entomology! Make plans to join us for virtual webinars on June 15, 17 and/or 19. Details and a link to register https://bit.ly/2TGxYw8. Registration closes on June 8th!

4-H Campference 2020

Submitted by Beth Hinshaw

While we are sad we will not be at Rock Springs for 4-H Campference this year, we will have an opportunity to be together digitally/virtually for an experience on June 23-24, 2020.

Tuesday, June 23 sessions:
1:30-3:00 p.m.
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24 sessions:
10:00 a.m. to Noon
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

It will include some of our favorites in a new way, like a talent show, a campfire, camp groups and a camp craft. Delegates will also take part in a 4-H Community Conversation and participate in a skill building workshop.

Campference is for Ages 12-14, before January 1, 2020. Registration will open soon and closes June 12, 2020. A notice will go out on the KSRE website and then those in the correct age group will get a direct email through 4-H Online. Participation will require an internet connection and a device (computer, tablet or phone).
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### June
- **11** Events Council Meets 7:00pm, Zoom
- **15** All other Livestock Nominations Due to the State Office for KSF and KJLS
- **25** Chatterbox Articles Due
- **26** Fair Entries due by 5:00 p.m.

### July
- **2** Last Day for Late Fair Entries w/fee
- **3** Office Closed/4th of July
- **9** Fair Superintendents Meeting 7:00pm, Zoom
- **27** Chatterbox Articles Due

*A Full 4-H/FFA Fair schedule will be posted on the 4-H Website under Fair Info when it is ready*

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All dates and activities are subject to change.