Extension Office Update

A lot of things are “new” this year and it feels like they are being done differently than in the past. Because of COVID-19 and the associated public health concerns there are a lot of things that are out of our control this year. We have had to take the lead on much of fair planning to determine the parameters that our programs and events must meet and work within. We are in constant contact with KSRE, Public Health and the KDA to outline these parameters. We thank you for your understanding and patience during these confusing, frustrating and difficult times.

We plan to re-open our office to the public on Tuesday, July 7. Please wear a mask if you need to come in, and when possible please call before you come so that we can gather your items and have them ready for you.

And remember, we are only a phone call or email away!

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Fair Pre-Entry Forms

Fair Pre-Entry Forms are DUE the second Tuesday of July. This year pre-entry forms are DUE July 14 by midnight. We are encouraging families to submit their forms electronically this year. The following projects must be pre-entered for the County Fair: beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry, rabbit, horse, hand pet, dog, clothing and table setting. All pre-entries and King & Queen items are due July 14. Late entries will not be accepted.

Wabaunsee County Fair Dates are July 24-28

July
7 Extension Office Open!
10 Pre-Fair Weigh-In & Final Tagging, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. @ Fair Grounds
14 Pre-Fair Entries Due to Extension Office
17 Clothing, Fashion Revue & Table Setting Pre-Fair Judging, Alma Elementary School
17 King & Queen Interviews, AES
19 Photography Pre-Fair Judging, Fairgrounds
19 Pre-Fair Clean-up/Set Up, Fairgrounds
20 Dog Show, Trinity Ministries, 6:00 p.m.
24-28 Wab. Co. Fair, Fairgrounds
29 Fairgrounds Clean Up, 7:30 a.m.
31 State Fair Entries Due

Exhibitor Cards

All exhibit cards will be completed using Google Forms and placed with your exhibit(s) at check in. Please use the 4-H Exhibit Card for all 4-H entries and the Open Class Exhibit Card for all open class entries. Exhibitors may only enter in the 4-H division for the projects in which they are enrolled. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Maike at (snmaike@ksu.edu) or 785-765-3821.

County Fair

We are diligently working to plan an in-person fair alongside KSRE, Public Health officials, Fair Board and KDA. The parameters set this year will not have an effect on how you do your project.

Pre-Fair judging will be split into two days. Friday evening starting at 5:00 p.m. with 4-H Clothing & Textiles Judging, followed by Fashion Revue & Table Setting judging and King & Queen interviews. Photography judging will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. For the full schedule, please look on the last page of the Fair Book.

Please watch your emails in the coming weeks for potential updates to location or judging information!
Photography Exhibitors
Photo mats needed for display at the fair are available in the Extension Office for $1. We also have plastic sleeves that are available for $0.25 each. These sleeves are used at the State Fair and look very nice. 2-gallon zip top bags may still be used if you prefer. The mounting instructions are described on page 18 of the Fair Book.

Club Assignments
Due to COVID-19 and the parameters set by KSRE, 4-H Council has decided to not have clubs donate cookies, brownies and pies to the concession stand this year. Please check out page 31 of the Fair Book for your club assignments (concession stand & fairground clean-up) for this year’s fair.

Fair Set Up/Clean Up
Pre-Fair Clean-up & Set-up is Sunday, July 19th starting at 5:00 p.m. We appreciate all of you that can help. Fair Board is still planning on having the Youth Swimming Party for those that participate at set up!

All exhibitors will be expected to help clean-up Tuesday night, July 28, and Wednesday, July 29, at 7:30 a.m.

State Fair Entries
If your project is eligible for State Fair, you must pre-enter at the Extension Office. Pre-entries are due by July 31. There will be a pre-entry process this year. Information will be posted at the Extension Booth and sent out prior to Fair.

Poultry Testing
NO PRE-FAIR TESTING for 2020. Due to a nationwide shortage of the agent necessary for testing, the KDA has again waived pullorum-typhoid testing for 2020 fairs. Although this disease remains important to the Kansas poultry industry, it is rare, and presents little risk at this time.

Vesicular Stomatitis
Virus (VSV)
VSV is a viral disease that primarily affects horses, also cattle and occasionally swine, goats, llamas, and alpacas. Cases have been confirmed in Butler, Cowley, Greenwood, Marion, Sedgwick, and Sumner counties. At this time there have been no reported cases in Wabaunsee County. We will continue to monitor the situation as Fair approaches and will follow the KDA VSV Guidelines for Shows and Fairs. For more information on VSV please visit the KDA website.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT
Graham Castillo
Hello, my name is Graham Castillo. I have been a member of Happy Valley 4-H club for 3 years. I joined 4-H because I wanted to show animals. This year’s projects I am enrolled in swine and market goats. I have served as a Jr. Secretary. My favorite memory is showing animals at the fair with my friends.

4-H Member Highlights
Enjoy the great article that was submitted by Happy Valley 4-H club! As a reminder, we have assigned months to each club. We will try to include the upcoming months each newsletter, please see below for your turn! Always reach out if we can help in any way! Please submit your article with a picture to snmaike@ksu.edu by the 15th of the month before your spotlight.

August – Flint Hills Jr. Shooters
Fair Tips & Updates

Health Plan Updates

• Photography, Foods & Nutrition and Pre-Fair Judging will be closed to the public during judging times.
• Families are ask to limit the number of people accompanying the exhibitor(s) at judging to aid in social distancing and are expected to practice social distancing at all times.
• Masks are required for consultative judging. Consultation with the judge will be optional.

Pre-Fair Judging (July 17, 2020)

• Check-in through the south doors at Alma Elementary School.
• Masks are required while in the school.
• Temperature checks administered to all upon arrival.

Photography (July 19, 2020)

• Exhibitors wanting to consultative judge will wait in the North Barn. Social distanced seating provided.

Foods & Nutrition (July 26, 2020)

• There will be NO Consultative Judging
• Members will drop-off foods items and they will be judged and comments will be recorded
• Members must pick up food items starting at 4:00 p.m.
• Please remember to use the following food safety practices when preparing food: wash all surfaces before beginning cooking or baking, wash hands with soap and warm water, and follow recipe for baking times and temperatures.

Geology

• Five (5) specimens must be collected during the current 4-H year instead of Fifteen (15)

Best-Dressed Mask Contest

• Let’s make the best out of a “mask” situation!
• Watch your emails and the Wab Co 4-H page next week for details about a fun new contest this year!

We are still finalizing the full 4-H Health Plan for the 2020 Fair. We realize Fair is right around the corner and are working quickly, but carefully to insure everyone’s safety. The safety parameters set this year will not have an effect on how you do your project. As soon as the plan is approved by the Extension Executive Council we will send it out via email. – Stephanie Melhus, County Extension Director