

Box Butte 4-H Fair Newsletter

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REMINDER THIS WHOLE LETTER IS *SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!* PLEASE WATCH FOR UPDATES!

Note to our 4-H families:

First off, I want to say thank you for all your patience as we have been waiting to make decisions about fair, and to avoid making any drastic ones on how to proceed with the 2020 Box Butte County Fair. The Box Butte County 4-H Council, Ag Society, Livestock & Small Animal Committees have been working diligently to determine the best actions to take regarding safety when it comes to our youth, parents, volunteers, 4-H & Extension staff, and our community members.

Good news! We are going to be having a fair, but with certain adjustments due to the guidelines that have been set forth by the Governors' task force and our local Panhandle Public Health Department (PPHD). Right now, we have come up with a **PLAN A** and **PLAN B** (*outlined below*) as to what fair will look like depending on if the guidelines and restrictions continue to be slowly lifted.

We know our youth have had a difficult spring and summer with not getting to finish their school semesters, missing out on athletic events, banquets, award ceremonies, State FFA and even graduation. Youth have also missed out on the comradery of being around family and friends, missing summer livestock shows and much more! So, we want to make this event something the youth can see as a highlight of their year!

Please know these plans are **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**, as the goal is to have fair as normal, if restrictions are lifted by fair time! We must always keep in our minds what the best and safest thing for our youth is! As of now, we will follow protocol for **PLAN A**, unless we hear different from our PPHD and Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA).

4-H volunteers will wear a mask/facial cover OR maintain a 6-foot physical distancing when in 4-H Space (this includes, 4-H building, 4-H office, livestock arena and alley ways).

Remember, these changes we have made to the fair are not directly from the University. We are following the Governor's guidelines, directive health measures, and following the direction from our Panhandle Public Health District. These guidelines are to help ensure safety to all!

PLAN A - LIVESTOCK

- Pigs **ONLY** will be entered on Wednesday, August 5 from 6:00-8:00 AM. Pictures will be taken Wednesday for pigs starting at 11:30 AM-1:00 PM.
- **Pig Show** will be Thursday, August 6 starting at 8:00 AM. You will need to maintain your 6-foot distance while getting your pig ready in the wash rack or cleaning your stall, etc. If this is not applicable, youth and volunteers will need to wear a mask.
- **Meat goats** will weigh-in from 10-11 AM on Thursday, August 6, and the show will start around 1:00 PM the same day. **Youth will need to get sale pictures taken prior to entering the arena.**
- **ALL NON-SALE PIGS AND GOATS WILL NEED TO BE TAKEN HOME AFTER THEIR RESPECTIVE SHOWS ON THURSDAY.**
- Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats will need to be brought to the fairgrounds, checked in and ready to show by 7:30 AM with the show beginning at 8:00 AM starting with Dairy Goats.
- **DAIRY GOATS AND DAIRY CATTLE WILL NEED TO GO HOME AFTER THEIR SHOW. (unless the animal is competing in Round Robin, then it will leave after that show).**
- Beef will weigh-in from 6:00-8:00 AM, on Friday, August 7 and the show will start at 9:30 AM. **Youth will need to get sale pictures taken prior to entering the arena.**
- **It is up to you if you want to completely fit your animal or if you just blow and go. Remember you will be required to take all your fitting equipment and extra animals home following the show.**
- Sheep will be weighed in from 10-11 AM, on Friday August 7 and then the show will begin at 1:30 PM. **Youth will need to get sale pictures taken prior to entering the arena.**
- **I understand some of these times might**

PLAN B - LIVESTOCK

- Weigh-in and livestock shows as usual

conflict, but please abide by the times set forth. If the youth is not able to weigh-in the animals please have a friend or family member weigh-in the animal.

- Youth competing in Large Animal Round Robin will be responsible for bringing their animal back to the fairgrounds or using one that is present on the fairgrounds.
- Sale Animals **ONLY** will be allowed to be housed somewhere on the fairgrounds. If you have a retained ownership animal those will need to be taken home. Animals of similar species (excluding pigs) may also be housed together, if circumstances require. Please be flexible as we are doing our best to follow all health and safety guidelines. The Livestock Committee has implemented this rule to make sure purchased animals get to the correct packing plant if bought for that reason during the sale.
- Youth will still be allowed to sell 2 animals during the sale, knowing prices might be lower than normal due to the struggling economy. Buyers can also call in bids if they are not comfortable attending the sale. We will also try to livestream the sale.
- Youth will not take live animals into the arena for the sale. Youth will take the picture of the animal into the sale ring with them and buyers can walk around and look at the sale animals prior to the sale, if they wish. *(Make sure your pens are clean!!!!)*
- Extra animals will be exhibitor and family's responsibility.
- We are planning on having resale trucks available if your animal(s) don't get sent to the packers, due to limited space. However, this is not a guarantee. So be prepared to have to take your animals home *(we are really hoping that it doesn't come to that)*.

PLAN A – STATIC & CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION

Please continue reading for more information below

- Clothing Construction Items will be dropped off on Thursday, July 30 between 8 AM-10 AM depending on exhibitor last name. We will be sending out time slots as time gets closer. (this will exclude, exhibitors who are participating in the Fashion Show)
- Fashion Show will take place as usual. Please when changing make sure you use caution and maintain physical distancing while changing into your clothing item.
- Once you are finished modeling please make sure that you take your modeling items to the 4-H Building to be judged for construction.
- **THERE WILL BE NO INTERVIEW JUDGING IN 2020.** Youth have the option to fill out an optional sheet (along with the required paperwork that go with the project) that has some question that might help the judge while judging the projects.
- **This plan is set for the 2020 Fair, and will not change regardless of what restrictions are.**

Evening Public Fashion Show:

- We will still be holding the evening public fashion show, Thursday, July 30
- Each Model and Musician will get a pod of 6 chairs for their family that will be social distanced from others. We ask that you only use the 6 chairs provided for your family. We will encourage you to wear a mask if you cannot maintain your six-foot distance.
- Frequently touched items will be disinfected and we will not be handing out programs for the Fashion Show or Music Contest.
- Please if you do not feel comfortable attending, we would encourage you to stay home and watch the live stream on our Nebraska Extension Box Butte County 4-H Page.

PLAN A – STATIC EXHIBITS Tuesday, August 4

Please continue reading for more information below.

- Static Projects must be dropped off between 8 AM and 10 AM in the 4-H Building (Horticulture, Home Environment, Human Development/Heritage, Cookie Jar and Misc. Ag) or Multipurpose Hall (Foods & Photography), **depending on exhibitor last name.** We will be sending out time slots as time gets closer.
- **THERE WILL BE NO INTERVIEW JUDGING IN 2020.** Youth have the option to fill out an optional sheet that has some question that might help the judge while judging the projects.
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COOKIE JAR:

- Youth MUST complete and exhibit a foods project (Cooking 101, 201, 301 OR 401) to be eligible to enroll and sell their cookie jar. This is not a new requirement.
- Youth will not need to bring the cookies they normally sell with their cookie jars when they drop off the jar to be judged.
- **THERE WILL BE NO INTERVIEW JUDGING IN 2020.** Youth have the option to fill out an optional sheet that has some question that might help the judge while judging the projects.
- **During the auction youth will not sell cookies with their cookie jars. The Jar will ONLY be sold, as according to the Governors guidelines on food projects.**

Fair Registration Forms & Projects

Fair Registration forms not received on or before **July 1** will require the 4-H Council to decide on if they will allow youth to participate. Still turn them in ASAP even if they are late!!

The Fair Book is online <http://boxbutte.unl.edu/bbcfairbook>

There is a lot of important and **DIFFERENT** information included in this Newsletter that is important for an organized, fun and **SAFE** 2020 Fair.

Please sit down as a family, grab your **highlighter**, organize your calendar and figure out who's on first!! *None of us like surprises!*

Project Tips

- If you are entering a project in the **Special Garden Project**, don't forget to drop off your evaluation form which was enclosed with your seeds or, you can download it from the online fairbook.
- **Fashion Show narration cards and Shopping in Style form SF-184 sheets need completed and returned no later than July 15.** The templates are available at the office and online with the online fairbook.
- The Small Animal Committee is requiring Rabbit and Poultry exhibitors to turn in Pre-Entry forms to the Extension Office by **July 15** so the superintendent and junior superintendent(s) can enter these before fair weeks. **Exhibitors of both Rabbits and Poultry will be allowed to enter up to 12 birds or rabbits per exhibitor for the pre-entries, then will ONLY BE ALLOWED TO SHOW 6 birds or rabbits during fair week.**
- Members showing a **Dog** or **Cat** need to turn in a shot and health form with your fair registrations by **July 1**. If you have an appointment set for after that date, please communicate with me. If your record is not available at the fair, you won't be able to show your animal. Forms are available at the office or with the online fairbook. Check the fairbook or your small animal handbook to make sure you have vaccinated for all required vaccinations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BOX BUTTE COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRTS:

- The approved t-shirts will be official dress for all project areas, **except horse which requires a long sleeve white shirt with collar and a 4-H armband.**
 - Armbands are available from the office for \$5
- The 4-H Council will pay for a t-shirt for all **NEW** members including Clover Kids.
- You should have received a **YELLOW** order sheet to order your shirt. If not, we have extra copies

at the office. These forms are for new members as well as anyone who wishes to order additional t-shirts. They will be available at **\$10 per shirt** (both short sleeve and long sleeve).

- Please complete it and return it (with your money if applicable with your fair entries. T-shirts will be available to pick up at the office. An email will go out when they are ready for pick up.
- **WE MUST HAVE YOUR SHIRT SIZES AND MONEY FOR T-SHIRT ORDERS BY JULY 1 WITH YOUR FAIR ENTRIES!**
 - We will not be ordering extra t-shirts so be sure and take care of your needs so we order enough shirts.

County Fair Dress Code

- All information is in your small and large livestock handbooks and the 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide. Cookie jar/cake auction dress code is stated in the fairbook under that project.

Livestock Committee & Livestock Exhibitors:

- Will meet on **Thursday, July 9 at 7:00 PM** at the Box Butte Extension Office
 - Livestock Superintendents will meet after the meeting.
- Livestock Buyer Barbecue Invitations & Flyers will be available for pick up.
 - Nicely printed, blank invitations to the auction will be available at the meeting giving the livestock exhibitors the opportunity to personally invite their previous buyers as well as invite any prospective buyers.
- Buyer BBQ tickets will be mailed to the previous year's buyers so it is certain they receive them in a timely manner.
- If you have any question please come and hopefully we can get them answered. Or you can always call the Extension Office 308-762-5616 or email Ashley at astevens4@unl.edu

4-H Council Meeting:

- Scheduled for **Tuesday, July 21 at 5:30 PM** at the **Extension Office**.
- Everyone is welcome to attend this open meeting.
- Items of discussion need to be placed on the agenda by phoning the Extension Office by **NOON on Monday, July 13**.

Attention Horse Exhibitors:

- Anyone who has not completed Level I Testing needs to get that completed. Give Ashley a call or email me. The tests are online, and can be taken from your home. You are expected to have this completed by **July 1** (Fair Entry Deadline). *Don't let time get away from you.*
- Anyone who has not completed these requirements will not be eligible to show at the 2020 County Fair Horse Show.
- You will need to take the written test (now online), give your demonstration at a 4-H meeting or horse practice and do your skills test with Sally Bryner, Jenilee Woltman, Clint Kesterson, or Alexis Buskirk. If you don't have a project book, let me know right away and I will get you one.

Camper Spots

- **Prices for Camper spots:**
 - **30 AMP - \$100.00**
 - **50 AMP - \$100.00**
- Make your checks payable to **Box Butte County Ag Society** as all funds go to the Fair Board.
- If you had a camper spot last year you will have first chance at that spot this year. The \$100 fee will need to be paid and received by the Extension Office *no later than July 1*. If fee is **not** received in the office by that date, any spot that has not been paid for will go into a pool.
- The spots in the pool will be available the first business day following July 1 on a first come to the office, pick your spot and pay basis.
- The Extension Office handles the registration of 4-H families as a courtesy to the Fair Board.
 - If there are any issues with the campers you will need to contact a Fair Board member. Remember the Fair board does this as a courtesy to our 4-H Families! Please do your best to resolve issues on your own. We will have phone numbers posted for all camper spots. Try to resolve issues with that person before bringing in someone else.
- **NOTE: Only 1 vehicle** can be parked along with the camper in each spot. Both vehicle and camper **must be** out of the fire lane. If we continue to violate this, we may be restricted from parking in the camper area and will have to park outside. **FIRE LANES MUST BE OPEN**. It is unacceptable to park in your neighbor's parking space. *Please be courteous.*

Family Fair Clean-up

- Fair clean-up is Saturday July 25 **STARTING AT 8 AM!**
- **All 4-H families are encouraged to help ready the buildings and grounds for the Fair. Bring rags, buckets, shovels, rakes, hammers, weed eaters and any other cleaning supplies that you feel would help your work go faster.**
- The 4-H Council will be serving lunch at **NOON**.
- If your family is unable to attend, there may be other projects that need completed that could be done at another time. Please contact Ashley, a fair superintendent, 4-H Council or fair board member and find out how you can help!
- Remember we will need to practice safe physical distancing and good hygiene. Please try to not share equipment if possible and wash hands or use sanitizer frequently.

County Fair Stuff You Need to Know . . .

Phone Numbers at the Fairgrounds

- The number for the 4-H Office during fair is **487-5347**.
- The Fair Office number is **487-5223**.

Schedule

- I will e-mailed out the PLAN A 4-H Fair schedule after July 9th. We are following PLAN A schedule at this point, until further notice. If you need me to send them again, let me know. One of these

will be the **OFFICIAL 4-H FAIR SCHEDULE**. Sometimes the media provides different information so, always remember.....no matter what you see in the paper or hear on the radio, **this schedule is the correct one for 4-H.**

4-H Members Needed to Keep the 4-H Area Litter Free

- Keeping the 4-H area litter free is very important and a reflection of our organization.
- 4-H Clubs and Independent Members are asked to sign up for a day during the fair to help keep the area clean by picking up litter, dumping the trash cans and sweeping the 4-H “Breezeway”.
 - The sign-up sheet will be posted outside the 4-H Fair Office!
 - Leaders please let Ashley know a day during the week OR you will be assigned a day.
 - If you are an Independent you need to help clean up as well, you aren’t off the hook.
- Trash bags will be provided and available in the 4-H office.
- **4-Hers will need to wear gloves when cleaning the 4-H Space.**
- **WE WILL NEED TO TAKE EXTREME PRECAUTIONS WHEN CLEANING AND MAKE SURE TO DISINFECT FREQUENTLY TOUCHED ITEMS (picnic tables, hand railings, door knobs, livestock bleachers, gate knobs etc.)**
- Please contact the Extension Office before fair to be placed on the schedule or, sign up at the 4-H office when we get to the fair. Thank you!

DOGS ON THE FAIRGROUND PREMISES: There are **NO** dogs allowed on the fairgrounds except for service dogs. Dogs **ARE** allowed in the campground area if you are camping there and if your dog isn’t disturbing the peace of others. If your dog is barking or disturbing the peace of others you will be expected to take your dog home.

Box Butte County 4-H Shows

NEW IN 2020..... Youth will get 2 laminated back tags for fair week. If you lose or misplace your back tag and we have to re-print a back tag it will cost \$5. Please be responsible and keep track of these.

Clothing Construction & Quilt Quest Judging Day – Thursday, JULY 30

- All clothing, construction (pillows, etc.), knitting, crochet and Quilt Quest projects will be judged on Thursday, July 30.
- **Construction projects and quilts must be entered between 8 AM and 10 AM in the 4-H Building, depending on exhibitor last name. We will be sending out time slots as time gets closer** (this will exclude, exhibitors who are participating in the Fashion Show).
- **THERE WILL BE NO INTERVIEW JUDGING IN 2020.** Youth have the option to fill out an optional sheet (along with the required paperwork that go with the project) that has some question that might help the judge while judging the projects.
- The following project areas have information sheets that must be completed and **entered with your exhibit** at county fair: **Clothing and Quilt Quest**. These forms are available with the online fairbook.

- **BARN QUILTS WILL NEED TO BE ENTERED ON CLOTHING DAY WITH THE QUILT QUEST PROJECTS!**

Fashion Show – Thursday, July 30

- **FASHION SHOW EXHIBITS WILL BE COMPLETED IN PERSON!** Please maintain a good physical distance from other competitors.
- The School Art Building will open at **8 AM** for you to begin dressing. Bring old sheets to lay on the floor, so garments will not get dirty when changing.
- Shopping in Style and Attention Shoppers will model and have the written aspects of the project (notebooks, posters, and video) judged also.
- Judging will be in the **Multipurpose Hall** beginning at **8:30 AM**, schedules will be posted in the School Art Building.

Shopping in Style Reminder.....

When shopping for your project, shop for the **entire outfit**. The score sheet is based on the entire outfit with all the parts purchased. Your accessories may be something you already have. You must complete the 4-H Shopping in Style Fashion Show Report form SF-184 and submit it to the office no later than **July 15** with the narrative cards. This form is available on the online fair book under Fashion Show. Half of your ribbon placing comes from the information on this form!

Public Fashion Review – Thursday, July 30

- ***The Public 4-H Fashion Show & Presentation of ALL Clothing Construction, Modeling & Quilt Quest Awards will be held on Thursday, August 1 at approximately 7 PM in the Multipurpose Hall at the fairgrounds.***
- **ALL MODELS AND MUSICIANS WILL GET A POD OF 6 CHAIRS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS. Please limit the number of people who attend if possible.**
 - We will also be livestreaming the Fashion Show & Music Contest on our Nebraska Extension Box Butte County 4-H Facebook Page. Search and like the page to view the live feed.
- The Clover Kids can participate in the public fashion show on Thursday, **July 30**. Clover Kids will need to be dressed and at the **Multipurpose Hall** by **6:45 PM**. They will sit in a reserved space and will be supervised.
- The 4-H building will be open at **6 PM** to begin changing.
- At **6:45 PM** models will be lined up in their modeling order *which will be different from Thursday morning*.
- The order of line-up will be posted in the building.
- THERE WILL BE NO MODELING PRACTICE THIS YEAR, TO LIMIT EXPOSURE TIME TOGETHER. If you have questions about modeling you can stop in at the Office or call Cathy or Crissy Kloch. The office will give you their contact info.
- **We want to start on time so, don't be late.**

4-H Horse Show – Saturday, August 1

- Check-in time for the Horse Show begins at **7 AM** on Saturday, August 1.

- Don't forget official dress which includes a long-sleeve white shirt and a 4-H armband which is available at the office at the cost of \$4. The complete dress code (hats, type of boots, etc.) is available in your 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide (available at the Extension Office).

Dog Show – Sunday, August 2

- Check-in time for the Dog show is **10:30 AM** with the show to begin at **11:00 AM** on Sunday, August 2.
- You must have turned in your vaccination record with your fair entries by **July 1**.
- Families be sure to space out in the bleachers to the best of your ability. We must follow guidelines set-forth by the Governor and PPHD.
- **Please do not bring dogs in the barn that are not apart of the show.**

Cat Show – Sunday, August 2

- Check-in time for the Cat show is **1:00 PM** with the show to begin at **1:30 PM** or following the Dog show on Sunday, August 2.
- **Remember**, your cat will be examined by the Vet on the premises at check-in. Wait for the vet to examine your cat before you make it comfy in a cage.
 - *The cat superintendent will provide the cage for cats.*
 - **Cat cages will be physically distanced. Please bring a cat cage just in case you will be required to house your cat in your own cage. We are working on details, please bring all normal supplies and be prepared for ANYTHING!**
- You must have turned in your vaccination record with your fair entries by **July 1**.
- Families be sure to space out in the bleachers to the best of your ability. We must follow guidelines set-forth by the Governor and PPHD.

Poultry & Rabbit & Small Pets

- The Small Animal Committee is requiring Rabbit and Poultry exhibitors to turn in Pre-Entry forms to the Extension Office by **July 15** so the superintendent and junior superintendent(s) can enter these before fair week. **Exhibitors of both Rabbits and Poultry will be allowed to enter up to 12 birds or rabbits per exhibitor for the pre-entries, then will ONLY BE ALLOWED TO SHOW 6 birds or rabbits during fair week.**
- **The Small Animal Committee will discuss when Small Animals will be entered and if the Show will be a "Show & Go" Show at their meeting on July 7th. Please be flexible, and ready to take home any non-sale poultry or rabbits. More information to come.**
- All Rabbit exhibits need to enter at the south side of the Red Barn to be health checked by a superintendent before they may be entered.
- Anyone who will be selling rabbits or poultry at the livestock sale will have their **sale photos** taken the day of the show, Wednesday, August 5.
- **NOTE: Change of Show date: This year our Judge is only able to judge on Wednesday, August 5th so the Poultry Show will begin at 1:00 PM and the Rabbit Show will begin following the Poultry Show.**

Note from the Little Red Barn

Please do not use kitty litter for rabbit/poultry cages. Use the wood shavings provided. We seem to be running short of water/feed pans. If you have them, please bring your own feed pans and water pans or

bottles. Bringing your own pans will save lots of time at clean-up. No more scrubbing pans.....Yeah! If you do not have any pans, there will be a few pans available that will need to be cleaned up at check-out. Thanks for your cooperation.

Static Exhibit Drop Off

(Foods, Photography, Home Environment, Human Development, Wildlife, Horticulture, etc.)

- **Static Projects must be dropped off between 8 AM and 10 AM in the 4-H Building (Horticulture, Home Environment, Human Development/Heritage, Cookie Jar and Misc. Ag) or Multipurpose Hall (Foods & Photography), depending on exhibitor last name. We will be sending out time slots as time gets closer.**
- **THERE WILL BE NO INTERVIEW JUDGING IN 2020.** Youth have the option to fill out an optional sheet that has some question that might help the judge while judging the projects.
- The following project areas have information sheets that must be completed and entered with your exhibit at county fair: **Home Environment, Child Development, and Photography.** These forms are available with the online fairbook.
- **The judges will break for lunch at their own discretion.**

FOOD PRESERVATION REMINDER:

- On the label of your project, you need to state the source of your recipe. Sources include the **USDA Guide for Food Preservation, So Easy to Preserve, Ball Canning Guide** and Extension publications. Be sure you include the year of publication. Publications must be no earlier than 1994 when processing times made numerous changes. Recipes from a church cookbook or auntie's recipe box are **NOT** acceptable.

CLOVER KIDS

Public Style Review:

- We will **need a narrative** about your outfit to read while you model. If you need help writing a narrative, please contact the office or Cathy or Crissy Kloch. The outfit does not have to be sewn by the Clover Kid. Just pick an outfit from your closet or your favorite school or summer outfit.
- On Thursday, July 30, Clover Kids will need to be dressed and at the Multipurpose Hall by 6:45 PM. You will sit together spaced out in a reserved space and will be supervised

Project Entry Day:

- **NOTE TIME CHANGE!** Projects will be dropped on Tuesday, August 4 from **9:30-10 AM** in the Multipurpose Hall at the north-east door. *(Clover Kids can enter up to 3 projects)*
- **THERE WILL BE NO INTERVIEW JUDGING IN 2020.** Youth have the option to fill out an optional sheet that has some questions that might help the judge while judging the projects. Parents can help youth fill out the question sheet if they need help.

Pet Parade:

- **NOTE TIME CHANGE!** The Pet Parade is scheduled to begin at **10:30 AM** in the Livestock Barn.
- Please be sure to maintain a 6-foot distance between families and we will space out exhibitors 6 feet during the parade!
- **House pets** or **stuffed pets** are acceptable for the pet parade.

- Live Animal Examples: Poultry, Rabbit, Cat, Dog, Fish, Lizards, Hamsters, etc.
- Livestock projects are **not** acceptable (this includes lambs, bucket calves, feeder calves, goats, dairy animals, horses, swine etc.)

Fair Photo Schedule for Sale Animals

- Steph from Steph's Studio will be taking pictures of the sale animals again this year.
- Please dress in official show dress for your photos.

SCHEDULE

RABBIT/POULTRY: Wednesday, August 5 @ 11:00 AM

SWINE: Wednesday, August 5 @ 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

MEAT GOATS: Thursday, August 6 (sometime during show ring)

BEEF: Friday, August 7 (sometime during show ring)

SHEEP: Friday, August 7 (sometime during show ring)

I think everyone is aware of how much energy Steph puts into our fair. Please be courteous and be where you are supposed to when you are supposed to be there.

Herdsmanship

- There will be no herdsmanship this year under **PLAN A** as we will not have normal barn times. However, we will still have the public looking at sale animals that are still at the fairgrounds. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO KEEP YOUR AREA OR WHERE YOUR ANIMALS ARE STAYS CLEAN under circumstances that we are in.
- We will not be having posters presented this year.

4-H CULINARY CHALLENGE (formerly Tablesetting Contest)

- This contest is open to any 4-Her carrying and exhibiting a foods project. Be sure and pre-register for this contest by **July 1**.
- There will be two age divisions for Tablesetting. Junior (age 8 - 11 as of Jan 1) and Senior (age 12 - 18 as of Jan 1).
- To qualify to participate in the *State Fair Culinary Challenge Contest*, you must compete in a team of 2 youth. You may compete as an individual at the county fair.
- **POPCORN** is the **2020** challenge ingredient. **POPCORN** must be included in the dish you prepare and serve the judge.
- There will be NO tasting this year!
- The 2020 Contest will be held in the **Multipurpose Hall** on **Thursday, July 30** at the **conclusion the modeling judging**.

COOKIE JAR PROJECT:

Reminder: To be eligible for the Cake & Cookie Jar Auction, you must be enrolled in AND exhibit a foods project.

- Cookie Jars will be dropped off and judged on Tuesday, August 4.
- **THERE WILL BE NO INTERVIEW JUDGING IN 2020.** Youth have the option to fill out an optional sheet that has some question that might help the judge while judging the projects.
- Entries will be on display until the auction on **Friday, August 7 at 4 PM**

- Remember each 4-Her must present their own Cookie Jar/Cake in the auction ring Friday afternoon, Aug 7 for it to be sold. **No white ribbon projects will sell in the auction.** The Exhibitor must be able to carry their jar in the ring **without** assistance.
 - **Cookie Jars MUST be sold by the 4-H exhibitor that made the jar.**
- Please refer to the fairbook for complete details.
- **Due to the Governor's guidelines and the State recommendations, we will NOT allow youth to sell cookies with their cookie jars this year during the auction. They will just be allowed to sell the cookie jar. We understand this is a huge disappointment for our youth as cookie jars are very important, but we are doing our best to abide by guidelines.**
- **For the 2020 fair**, youth still MUST participate in a foods project, but youth won't be required to bring the cookies they planned to sell during the Cookie Jar Judging. Please call or email Ashley if you need further clarification on this.

Auction Cakes:

- **Auction Cakes will be entered on Friday, August 7 from 10 to 11 AM in the 4-H Building. THERE WILL BE NO INTERVIEW JUDGING IN 2020.** Youth have the option to fill out an optional sheet that has some question that might help the judge while judging the projects.
- **Auction Cakes will be sold for a premium sale only.** The buyer will not be able to take the cake home, due to guidelines. (If restrictions are lifted prior to the auction, we will revisit this).
- Checks will be prepared and signed at the August 4-H Council meeting for the cookie jars and cakes and will be mailed to you when the office has received a **written, addressed and stamped** thank you note to your buyer.

14th Annual Luke Jensen Memorial Shoot

- The 14th annual BB Gun and Air Rifle shoot will be held on **Sunday, July 26th** beginning at **8 AM** at the **Woolrich Building** in **Alliance**.
- Please consult the Fair Book under Shooting Sports for details.
- You need to register for this event with the rest of your fair registrations.
- If you attend this event, please maintain a 6-foot distance or wear a mask.

Trap Shoot

- The trap shoot will be held on **Monday, July 27** at the **Alliance Trap Club** beginning at **5 PM**.
- Please consult the Fair Book under Shooting Sports for details.
- You need to be sure to attend at least 1 practice to be able to shoot!
- You need to register for this event with the rest of your fair entries.
- Families will need to remain in their cars to watch the shoot or maintain a 6-foot distance from those not in the same house hold.
- We will also not have a meal.

A Note from the Livestock Sales Clerk

4-H Members won't receive a check from the sale of their livestock until the buyers pay for their purchase. Please turn in your thank you notes. We will take these Sunday August 9 in the 4-H Building or you can turn them into the Extension Office. The thank you note MUST BE written, addressed and stamped to your buyer(s). We will have addresses available on Sunday for those that need it.

Livestock Auction & Cookie Jar/Cake Auction

- Just a reminder there is a dress code to participate in the Livestock Auction as well as the Cookie Jar/Cake Auction. Check the fairbook or the livestock handbook if you are unsure what the dress code is.
- **Blank thank you notes for buyers of livestock and cookie jars will be distributed at the Fair. Checks will not be mailed to the exhibitors until a written, addressed and stamped thank you note has been submitted to the Extension Office. The thank you notes should not be sealed and may be randomly checked for content.**

Thank You Cards

- 4-H projects which receive awards will include a thank you note addressed to the sponsor of the award.
- **The awards are to be turned into the office after the contest is over and will be on display throughout the remainder of the fair.**
- The thank you card (**stamped**) must be turned into the 4-H Office when you pick up your awards on Sunday morning. If you forget your stamps, they will be \$.50 that day. I know you are exhausted by this time but, **thank you's are very important.** Take a few minutes and put some thought into your message. *A message of "Thanks" and signing your first name is not acceptable.* If you need help, come find Ashley or ask your parents or an older sibling.
- I also encourage you to write or personally thank all those who have helped you with your projects and all the volunteers at the Fair. Our Fair would not be possible if there were no volunteers. Those thank you's are their only payment for all the hard work they do and that is all they expect. Blank thank you cards are available at the office or any note card or paper will work perfectly.

Release of Exhibits

- Exhibitors must be present for post-fair clean-up by **8:00 AM on the last Sunday of the Fair to help clean up after their sale animals' area, help clean up the barn and tear down pens that were set up. Show equipment, tack, and animals should already be out of the livestock barn.**
- Livestock Exhibits will be released **Sunday August 9 from 8 AM to 10:30 AM. Resale animals ONLY may be released Saturday Evening for the resale buyers' convenience.**
- Static Exhibits will be released **Sunday August 9 from 8 AM to 10:30 AM.**
- Everyone is pooped out by Sunday, so please don't make people wait. If you will be out of town, ask a fellow club member to pick up your exhibits.

Problems?

- ✓ *There are quite a few changes this year to the fair. Please remember everyone, including, 4-H Families, Volunteers, Extension & 4-H staff, Fairboard members and many others are doing their best to abide by the guidelines set-forth by the governor, PPHD, & UNL, but also, to allow for as much fun as possible for the kids!*
- ✓ **First, please refer to your Large or Small Animal Handbooks, the Box Butte County General Rules or the Fairbook.**
- ✓ **Second, if you still have any specific problems or complaints, they should be directed *in writing* using the "Care to Share" forms and must be filled out to completion and given to the 4-H Coordinator or Extension Educators. These forms can be found at the 4-H Office at the fairgrounds. *Any suggestions for improvement, complaints or protest must be signed and submitted in writing on the NEW "Care to Share" Forms to be considered.***
- ✓ If the problem cannot be resolved by the FFA Advisors, Superintendents, 4-H Coordinator, or Extension Educators the matter will be taken to the 4-H Council.

- ✓ The Box Butte County 4-H Council will serve as the Fair 4-H Rules Committee, and reserves the right to change classes and requirements where necessary.
- ✓ Suggestions for improvement are always welcome. We are always looking for ways to make things better.
- ✓ Reminder: **ALL JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL!**

State Fair Stuff You Need to Know . . . will be provided later.

Some important Livestock deadline dates.

- State Fair Nominations on Show Stock Manager is due July 1 by 10:59 PM MT
- Show Entry Deadlines are August 10 by 7:00 PM MT

If you have questions about anything in this Fair Newsletter please call the Extension Office 762-5616 or you can email Ashley at astevens4@unl.edu, or visit with a 4-H Council Member.