LA PLATA COUNTY 4-H Friday Update

April 24, 2020

In response to all COVID-19 adjustments, I will be sending out weekly updates highlighting activities and project changes each Friday afternoon. I hope you find these weekly updates helpful. Please check your email and visit the @laplatacounty4h Facebook page often. I am updating information almost daily.
I will also start a weekly “check-in” zoom meeting each Tuesday at 5:30 pm. It will be an opportunity for virtual discussions and help with your projects.
Also, as a reminder, the Extension Office is closed to the public and the staff is working remotely. Email or my cell phone is the best way to contact me.

If you haven’t already done so, please complete this survey so I can learn how to better serve you while we are social distancing. Thank you! [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YSPS77J](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YSPS77J)

**Spring & Summer Programs:**
As you know, State 4-H has stated that we cannot have any 4-H face to face programing until May 15th. As of right now, they have not extended that date but they are talking about extending it until June 30. If they do extend the no face to face date, I will let you know as soon as I find out.
I understand this makes future planning difficult, so my advice is to plan future activities knowing that it is not likely we will be able to have face to face events before July. If things begin to change in a positive direction very quickly and the local orders/restrictions are starting to be lifted, then we will address those events on a case by case basis. **Of course, safety of you and our communities are our primary goals.**

**Upcoming Meetings:**
**Weekly Check-Ins** – Every Tuesday at 5:30 pm. I will be available to you on Zoom, in case you have questions, want to talk or need help with your project.
Please join me at: [https://zoom.us/s/98960223747](https://zoom.us/s/98960223747) Password: 3141592

**May County Council** Meeting is Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 pm
Join Zoom Meeting: [https://zoom.us/j/5014276566](https://zoom.us/j/5014276566) Password: 8675309

**La Plata County Fair**
I want to be clear that the Fair Board and I are planning the fair just like we normally would. However, we are aware of what is going on with COVID-19 so we are coming up with a plan B & C if we are unable to have our traditional fair. We will not make a decision on having a traditional fair or using plan B or C until it gets closer to August.
Upcoming Deadlines:

**Horse IDs & Horse Safety Tests** are due by May 1st – Please check your email for instructions for uploading the horse ID and the safety test.

**Dog IDs** are due by May 1st – Please check your email for instructions for uploading the dog ID.

**Higher Education Scholarships** are due May 1st – Please check your email for the application.

**Last day to add projects** is May 1st – If you need to add a project, you can go online to [www.colorado.4honline.com](http://www.colorado.4honline.com) or email Angela and I will update your projects.

**Meat Quality Assurance (M.Q.A)** is due by June 1st – Please check your email for PowerPoint and links for test.

**Last day to drop projects** is June 1st - If you need to drop a project, you can go online to [www.colorado.4honline.com](http://www.colorado.4honline.com) or email Angela and I will update your projects for you.

Canceled Events:

Spring Fling Horse Show & Gymkhana, May 16 & 17 – is canceled.
Friday Night Lights Gymkhana, June 12 – is canceled
State Conference, June 22-26 – is canceled

**Market Goat, Sheep & Swine Tag-in Changes:**

The Fair Board & I have decided to not do a face to face tag in for market goat, sheep & swine. Instead, we will be mailing you tags for your animals and asking for you to take pictures of your animals. We haven't worked out the details yet, but they have a meeting on May 7th where they will be discussing the logistics of getting all animals tagged and what information we need from you. I am hoping to send out an email on May 8th with all of the details.

If you have not responded to my email yet, please let me know:
1. How many market goats do you have?
2. How many market sheep do you have?
3. How many market swine do you have?
4. Do you have your own tagger to tag your animals?
5. Are you comfortable with tagging your own animals?
Answering these questions will help the Fair Board decide on the best way to get animals tagged.

State Fair Participants: I am waiting to hear back from the State Livestock Office to find out how they want us to nominate sheep & goats for State Fair since we won't be able to do retinal scans.
State Fair Swine members, your process will not change for nominating your pigs. You will fill out the nomination form with ear notches and email it back to me.

**Adventure Day Camp**

I have the Adventure Day Camp scheduled for 2 weeks in June but there is a chance we won’t be able to do group activities by that time. Because of this, I have been thinking it would be fun to still do a virtual activity every day. If you are interested in teaching a workshop virtually, please let me know.
It could be about anything 4-H related (baking, cake decorating, how to trim an animal, showmanship, model rocketry, etc.). If you workshop requires the kids to have something to work with, we could even send boxes of supplies to the members that want to participate. For example, if you wanted to do a painting class, we could send the canvas, paint and brush, and then you all could paint together. This will take some planning, but I think it could be really cool and a lot of fun for all of us.

**Record Books and Exhibit Requirements for General Projects:**

All record books & exhibit requirements for general projects are available on our website: [www.laplatacounty4h.org](http://www.laplatacounty4h.org) If you have any questions about your record books or projects please contact me at 970-749-8883 or [fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us)

**Virtual Opportunities:**

People from all over the State have been making fun videos and posting them to our CSU 4-H website. Some videos are project related and others are STEM related. [http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-online-virtual-engagement-resources/](http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-online-virtual-engagement-resources/)

Dog Trainings – Boulder County has been doing a lot of fun dog videos, trainings and virtual shows. You are more than welcome to join a virtual event or watch the trainings at your own time! [https://boulder.extension.colostate.edu/4h/dog-virtual-training/](https://boulder.extension.colostate.edu/4h/dog-virtual-training/)

**STEM activities -** [https://4-h.org/parents/stem-agriculture/youth-stem-activities/](https://4-h.org/parents/stem-agriculture/youth-stem-activities/)

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**Market Animal Nutrition**

**Pre- Registration Links by Species:** (registration will allow members to register for some or all of the workshops for the species.)

**Market Sheep:** [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlucOyqrJrHdHLXvagtv3sV1IRdF5-8rNZ](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlucOyqrJrHdHLXvagtv3sV1IRdF5-8rNZ)

**Market Goat:** [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUudeitqD8rHd1PzW04jlyDrDhZxArqvn9C](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUudeitqD8rHd1PzW04jlyDrDhZxArqvn9C)

**Market Beef:** [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcldeGrqD8oEtVamkmhO5MECkhDrqnKepAF](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcldeGrqD8oEtVamkmhO5MECkhDrqnKepAF)

**Market Swine:** [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUvduqrrTkiGd1yeAidvpzdCo2n3uSUluLL](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUvduqrrTkiGd1yeAidvpzdCo2n3uSUluLL)

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Virtual Showmanship Clinics:

North Dakota 4-H Virtual Showmanship Clinic

Beef Cattle Showmanship
Monday April 6, 2020
6:30 PM CST or 5:30 PM MST
https://ndsu.zoom.us/j/259754962

Sheep Showmanship
Monday April 13, 2020
6:30 PM CST or 5:30 PM MST
https://ndsu.zoom.us/j/259754962

Swine Showmanship
Monday April 27, 2020
6:30 PM CST or 5:30 PM MST
https://ndsu.zoom.us/j/259754962

Market & Dairy Goat Showmanship
Monday April 20, 2020
6:30 PM CST or 5:30 PM MST
https://ndsu.zoom.us/j/259754962

Poultry Showmanship
Monday May 11, 2020
6:30 PM CST or 5:30 PM MST
https://ndsu.zoom.us/j/259754962

Horse Showmanship
Monday May 4, 2020
6:30 PM CST or 5:30 PM MST
https://ndsu.zoom.us/j/259754962

Rabbit Showmanship
Monday May 25, 2020
6:30 PM CST or 5:30 PM MST
https://ndsu.zoom.us/j/259754962

Dairy Cattle Showmanship
Monday May 18, 2020
6:30 PM CST or 5:30 PM MST
https://ndsu.zoom.us/j/259754962

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