June 12, 2020

RE: COVID-19 Update
Madison County Junior Fair Families,

Most of you have been eagerly waiting for answers as to what the 2020 Madison County Junior Fair will entail. After much discussion with all factors considered, some very tough decisions were made in order to keep the health and safety of our exhibitors and their families first and foremost:

- Face masks are strongly recommended.
- Social distancing will be enforced. Participants, spectators, and judges shall, when possible, maintain a distance of six feet between each other.
- Judges need to examine the animal and thus will be close to the participants, it is recommended that judges and participants wear masks at least during that part of the judging.
- COVID-19 self-checks will be required before entering the fairgrounds.
- Premiums paid to exhibitors for 2020 will be $3.00.
- There WILL be Showmanship, Market and Breed classes.
- It is optional to show off your trailer. Pen space will be available. Please email madisoncountyjfb@gmail.com if you are going to be showing off a trailer.
- Skill-a-thons are cancelled for 2020.
- There will NOT be a Grand Showman of Showmen, Premier Livestock Exhibitor Competition or Livestock Judging Competition for 2020.
- There will NOT be any Specie Memorial Awards for 2020. Memorial Scholarships will be awarded.
- Beef show will be Blow and Go (wash & blow dry only), no fitting on the fairgrounds.
- Madison County Born and Raised classes have been moved to Jr. Fair. For 2020, JFB will allow day of show sign ups for this class.
- There will NOT be any Open Class exhibits for 2020.
- There will be no Barn Decorating Contest or Flower Bed Contest. We appreciate any 4-H/FFA club that wishes to continue with upkeep of their flowerbeds.
- There will be NO Cloverbud Show-N-Tell during Fair. There will be another date and time set up for these exhibitors, more information to follow.
- Fashion Review will not take place for 2020.
● There will NOT be any Cake Decorating Contest, Creative Baking Contest or Auction, Ag Olympics, Outstanding Secretary Contest, or Outstanding News Reporter Contest.

● The Junior Fair Royalty/Ambassadors has been frozen for 2020. The current court will continue to reign until the 2021 fair.

● You will be able to take your animal home and still go through the premium sale. Swine Ractopamine Affidavits must still be signed if they are going to the packer. Grand & Reserve will still go to packer.

● We are researching live streaming of all livestock shows and are hopeful we might be able to afford to offer this.

● Special Interest Judging will occur on Saturday, July 11, 2020. More information to follow.

● There will be no Junior Fair Board Office hours for 2020. Please listen for important COVID-19 safety announcements throughout the fair. The JFB Coordinators will be in and out of the Junior Fair Board Office. We will have our phone numbers on the back door if you need it during fair week.

● Show schedule will be:
  ○ Saturday-Special Interest Judging (Non-Livestock) 8:30 AM- 12:30 PM
  ○ Sunday-Beef, Dairy, and Poultry
  ○ Monday-Sheep and Goat
  ○ Tuesday-Rabbit
  ○ Tuesday & Wednesday-Swine
  ○ Thursday-Alpaca and Small Animal
  ○ Friday-Dog
  ○ Equine is Monday-Friday
    ▪ Monday- All English Classes
    ▪ Tuesday- All Western Classes
    ▪ Wednesday- All Donkey Classes
    ▪ Thursday- Trail Classes
    ▪ Friday- Dressage & Mule Classes
    ▪ There will be NO Versatility, Costume, Egg & Spoon or Fun Show.

● Showtimes and specific show procedures will be announced soon.
We would like to thank you all for the patience and unwavering support that everyone has shown while we have been working to navigate this unusual fair year. Our main goal always has been and will continue to be, to provide our youth a positive experience while still complying with all of the mandated health and safety regulations. We want to thank everyone that has put in numerous hours of work and for coming together to develop information as rapidly as possible so that we may get it out to you! We will continue to post updates on both Facebook and Instagram as they become available. We know that not everyone will like all of the choices we have had to make but we ask that you be respectful and courteous to those involved. These were not easy decisions to make, but with the given circumstances, they are decisions we felt are necessary. Please understand the 2020 Junior Fair is optional and we do not want anyone to feel that participation is required. Thank you for your continued support and understanding and we are so proud to be a part of this community.

Sincerely,

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