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Dear Valued Community Member/Business,

The Okanogan County 4-H Program would like to cordially invite you to register and participate in the 2020 Okanogan County Virtual Livestock Auction on September 7-10, 2020. This year, the virtual livestock auction takes the place of the traditional live auction at the Okanogan County Fair, due to restrictions related to COVID-19. Our 4-H Youth are disappointed with the cancellation of Fair this year, but are looking forward to being back in person in 2021! In the meantime, we, as a community, need to come together to support our 4-H Livestock Youth during the virtual livestock auction. The 4-H Livestock Youth have worked hard all year to care for and prepare their animals for fair and are in need of buyers from the community to show their support for this hard work. In addition, many of our youth use the funds from the auction to pay for their next year's animal, so it is important these youth are able to sell their animals this year and continue in their chosen livestock projects.

The good news is, you don't have to take home an animal to support our youth! There are a few different options for supporting 4-H Livestock Youth this year:

- 1. Make the highest bid and purchase an animal to take home.**
 - a. Make the highest bid on the animal of choice.
 - b. Pick up the animal from the Okanogan Fairgrounds on September 12th OR arrange for your butcher/packer to pick the animal up to be processed.
 - c. You arrange with the butcher of your choice on processing the animal, this is not done as part of the auction. If you need help finding a butcher/processor, please ask the Fair Office for a list.
- 2. Purchase and "Turn" the animal you bid on.**
 - a. You do not take home the animal. You make the highest bid, but "Turn" the animal to be purchased by a packer at the floor price.
 - b. You only pay the difference between your purchase price bid and the packer floor price. The floor prices will be listed on the auction website so you can determine how much you would be paying.
 - i. Ex) Your bid is \$1600 for a steer and the floor price is \$1200, so you only pay \$400.
 - c. This option allows youth to get more than floor price, but you don't have to take home the animal.
- 3. Add support "add-ons" to an individual youth or group of youth.**
 - a. No bidding or purchasing animals.
 - b. You choose an amount to donate to an individual youth or group of youth (i.e. \$500 to be spread between all sheep youth).

- c. Fill out an “add-on” sheet with required information. This can be found on auction website or requested from the Fair Office.

To support our youth in any of the ways mentioned above, register as a bidder at bestbidonlineauctions.com and click on the Okanogan County Fair Online Market Sale 2020 option. Make sure to read the bios of the Youth and look for their mention being a 4-H member!

We understand that it is a difficult time for many businesses, so please do not feel pressured to donate if you do not currently have the ability to do so. If you want to find non-monetary ways to support Okanogan County 4-H, please do not hesitate to reach out to our program. Please let me or the Okanogan County Fair Office know if you have any questions about participating in the 2020 Okanogan County Virtual Livestock Auction.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natasha Moffitt-Hemmer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a mix of uppercase and lowercase letters.

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