

JULY 2020

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*If you have items you would like in the monthly newsletters, please notify the Extension Office by the **20th of the month.***
Thank you!

Fair Board Meeting

is scheduled for July 8 at 7pm.

These meetings are always open for attendance. 4-H Council Fair Board Representatives give reports at each Council meeting. If you wish to see a copy of the minutes from meetings, please let Shandi or Shannon know.

4-H Council Meeting

Wed, July 22

Following set up at the Fair
In concession area

Morris County Fair

Hashtags

#MRCOFair2020

#MRCOFair

#bootsandroots

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MORRIS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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Covid-19 Update and Fair Modifications

Our Extension office is now open! We are open daily from 8-12 and 1-5 for anyone needing to stop by for photo mats for Fair or anything else you may need assistance with. We are closed over the lunch hour, but if you need to come during this time call in advance and arrangements can be made to meet you. The office will be closed on Friday, July 3 for the holiday.

The modifications guide for the Morris County Fair was emailed out and can be found on our website on the Fair page:

<https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/fair/>

Tri- County Free Fair has altered their schedule and is posted on the website on the Fair page.

District State and Horse Show

Our District Horse Show will be cancelled because the date is before the July 4th guideline. As of now, the state show will be an open show and entries are still due by August 1. Members will still need to have completed Level 1 testing before July 15th, if you have not done that yet. You should have received a full update from that State 4-H Office regarding the Horse update.



MORRIS COUNTY 4-H INFO, ACTIVITIES, AND PROJECT MEETINGS CONTINUED...

Project Meetings

If Project Leaders are interested in holding virtual project meetings, please let us know if you need a Zoom meeting scheduled for you.

2020 County Fair Judges

BEEF & BUCKET CALF	JOE LEIBBRANDT
DOGS	HELEN RAMSEY
CATS & HAND PETS	SUSAN MUELLER
HOGS	DEAN KLAR
HORSE	SHARON TELLIER
SHEEP & MEAT GOATS	PAYTON DAHMER
POULTRY & RABBITS	RANDY DICKERSON
DAIRY	MARGARET CHAMAS
ROUND ROBIN - HORSE	CAITLYN DREHER
ROUND ROBIN - SWINE AND BEEF	ALLISON FORSYTH
ROUND ROBIN - SHEEP AND GOATS	JASON PAINE
ROUND ROBIN - DAIRY	AMY SCHMITZ
LIVESTOCK JUDGING	CARA COMSTOCK
HERDSMANSHIP	TBD
CARCASS CONTEST - HOGS	KEAYLA HARR
CARCASS CONTEST - BEEF	KEAYLA HARR

DISPLAYS, NOTEBOOKS & POSTERS	SUSAN MUELLER
ELECTRICITY, ENTOMOLOGY, FORESTRY, GEOLOGY	SHAWN TURNER
CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION	BECKY DIBBEN
FASHION REVUE	AMY SCHMITZ
FIBER ARTS, OPEN CLASS CLOTHING, FCS	TBD
FOODS	LINDA PETERS LINDA BEECH SUE LAUBHAN
OPEN CLASS FOODS, BANNERS, DUCT TAPE, HOME ENVIRONMENT	BROOK WITTY
PHOTOGRAPHY	TBD TBD
PLANT SCIENCE	DARCIE GALLAGHER
SHOOTING SPORTS, WILDLIFE, WOODWORKING	CAIN FOUARD
VISUAL ARTS	ROSIE BOSSE KAREN ERICHSEN



Cowboy Boots & Country Roots

County Fair - July 19-27, 2020

Flint Hills District - Morris County Website:
www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/fair/

We are planning for a face-to-face Fair with some modifications. The modifications guide has been emailed out and is posted on the website.

The Fair schedule has been updated and is posted on the website.

With current guidelines for public events, please plan to bring your mask to wear on the fairgrounds.

T-Shirts

The Morris County Fair Board secured sponsors for 4-Hers to receive a free t-shirt again this year. The names are printed on the back, please take the time to tell the donors "THANK YOU!"

Fair Book

A great deal of time goes into the creation of the Fair Book. Please read all of the rules carefully as you prepare for Fair. If you have any questions, please ask so they may be addressed as soon as possible.

Fair Survey

Once again, there will be a Fair survey for 4-H families to complete as an opportunity to give their feedback and suggestions for the Fair. Look for the link that will be posted at the Fair.

Fair Superintendents Meeting

There will be a Fair Superintendents meeting the night of cleanup, Wednesday, July 22nd at 5:30 pm. We will plan to meet under the lean to on the North side of the fair building. If you are a superintendent, please plan to attend.

Foods Project Members

We will have a Foods Auction—your boxes will need to be completely ready prior to entering the building; this includes your thank you note. We do not want boxes touched following check-in.

Whole food items will not be cut, judged, and then added to the auction box this year. This will require you to have one item for judging and one for your box.

Consultation will be limited to the 4-Her, judge, and food assistant to allow for social distancing. Judging stations will have hand sanitizer available.

Snack Shack

Once again the shifts will be beginning 30 minutes before the snack shack is scheduled to open. Club assignments were listed in the Fair Book. It is recommended that the snack shack have 6 people available to work to allow for sales, food prep, table cleaning, and trash and bathroom care. One adult be responsible for wiping tables and cleaning bathrooms to help meet our health safety guidelines.

Check-In and Check-Out

- Entries will not be accepted on Wednesday night following clean-up and set-up.
- Check in time was extended to 4pm-8pm to allow for greater staggering during check in.
- For building exhibits, a link will be sent out on July 6th to sign-up for judging times instead of doing this at check-in on Friday, July 24th.
- Saturday, July 25th- The ONLY exhibits allowed to be checked in at this time are foods and plant science (horticulture, floriculture, and field crops) because they are perishable.
- Release of exhibits will be at 8pm this year. If exhibits are taken early the Fair Board reserves the right to withhold ALL premium money from the exhibitor. Premium money includes ribbon premium, livestock sale premium, and foods auction premium. If you see another individual leaving before the 8pm time, do not assume it was approved. Please let a Fair Board member or Extension Agent know!

Photography & FCS Judging

These contests will be in a virtual format this year. Bring a smart phone to the display in the Fair Building to participate in the contests!

Sponsors

The Fair Board works year round to gain sponsors of awards and trophies. Thank you notes will be attached to awards at the fair. There will once again be a drop box at the 'Thank You Note' booth if you choose to turn these in while at the fair. Blank thank you's will be available if you wish to write additional notes. If we want supporters of 4-H to continue to sponsor awards and trophies, please make sure you are doing your part.

If you know someone who is interested in sponsoring for the Fair, please have them contact Laci by e-mail laci.lou.25@gmail.com.

Youth Led Church Service

NEW this year, we will have a Youth Led Church Service at the Fairgrounds during the Fair! This will be held at 9:30 am on Sunday, July 26th. If your youth is interested in participating in the service by leading a song, reading a verse, etc. please email Shandi so she can add you to the list.

Livestock

- The Morris County Born nomination forms will be submitted in paper form to the Extension office.
- Swine: There will not be a base bid for hogs again this year. If 4-Hers know that they will have hogs for sale, please let the Extension office know so that when community members call, we will know who to direct them to.



Shandi's Tip of the Month

I know that I have heard over and over again how different 2020 is compared to years past. It is different, but I want to challenge you to find a positive. What is something new that was tried because things were different but you like it well enough you would keep the product, event, or process. As you attend the fair this year, is there anything new that you like and would like to try that way again? If so, please let us know!

As you all know, the 4-H motto is to "Make the Best Better". I encourage us all to apply this each day, but specifically at the fair. Complaining doesn't usually help anyone but reflecting on what we liked or what improvements we would like to see help give vision to making improvements.

Bring your lawn chairs, shade tents, and masks with your fair supplies.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fair!!!

Shandi



Shannon's Tip of the Month

It's Entry Time!

A note from the K-State Youth Livestock Program now that your state livestock nominations are in, it's time to get entered for the State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show! Remember, your nomination is not an entry for either show. The Kansas State Fair The Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show systems are now live and accepting entries through ShoWorks. All of your entries must be submitted online by the deadline. You will need your KSUNomination number and YQCA numbers to enter. Try to get them entered before the deadline to avoid technical difficulties.

Kansas State Fair Grand Drive-Due by July 15th

<https://kansasfairwire.com/>

KJLS-Due by August 15th

<https://kansasjls.fairwire.com/>

Shannon

IMPORTANT DATES

Extension Office Closed: Friday, July 3rd (Independence Day)

4-H EVENTS

- July 9-11 - **Tri-County Fair**
- July 19-27 - **Morris County 4-H Fair**
- August 6 - **Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo - Wichita**
- August 15- **State Horticulture Contest**
- September 10-12 - **State 4-H Horse Show**
- September 11-20 - **Kansas State Fair**
- October 5- **KAPs, Pin Applications, Record Check Sheets, Club Record Books, Club Summaries DUE**
- November 14- **Morris County Achievement Banquet**
- November 21-22 - **KYLF (Kansas Youth Leadership Forum)**

LIVESTOCK EVENTS

- July 10-11- **Bob Hines Swine Classic**
- July 12 - **Scales Open at Fairgrounds**
- August 22-23- **Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes**