

# MORRIS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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## Covid-19 Updated Hours and Operations

As we are all aware Coronavirus COVID-19 is affecting all of us in some way and are in new territory. In order for K-State Research and Extension to be in alignment with the campus protocols, we will also be adjusting our office protocols:

All K-State Research and Extension face-to-face events (for example: workshops, club meetings, shows, etc) conducted by Extension employees or our volunteers between March 15 and May 16 must be cancelled, postponed, or held via Zoom or other distance technology.

For club leaders, project leaders, or committees needing a zoom meeting set up to have a virtual meeting, let Shandi or Shannon know and we would be happy to set one up for you.

Also, our office is temporarily closed and all staff are telecommuting and working from home. Please call or email for any office needs or questions. Email address are listed above.

Shandi cell (785) 204-1458  
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Please stay tuned for more information as it becomes available. As we have all seen and heard with COVID-19; things can change quickly.

## Small Animal Weigh In

With the growing concerns regarding COVID-19, we are doing everything we can to minimize face-to-face contact while still completing the tasks needed for our 4-Hers to have a successful fair. With that being said, at this time we still plan to have Small Animal Weigh-In on Sunday, May 3rd from 2-4 in the afternoon for market sheep, goats, and bucket calves.

Below is the link to a fillable google form with time slots for weigh-in. This will minimize contact while still getting all livestock weighed for the fair. Please choose the time that best suits your schedule. If time slots are all filled, we will add beyond 4:00. We understand some times may not work so if none of these times work for you, please let Shannon know and we will get something worked out. If you have market swine or are unable to attend weigh-in, and would like tags mailed to you please let Shannon know by April 17 and these will be mailed out to you. Remember to submit documentation that all animals have been tagged with an image that shows their tag number and proper breed by 10 PM the evening of May 3rd. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shannon at [spn@ksu.edu](mailto:spn@ksu.edu).

Sign up document:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GxwclRWRmgqO3AGpfbnXhyZhBpvelFa/view?usp=sharing>

## Big John Award 2020 Results

The Willing Workers 4-H Club is the winner of the Big John Award for the 2020 4-H Club Day. The recipient of the Big John Award is determined each year, based on a rubric, by the results of 4-H Club Day and the number of club members. A plaque is updated each year and displayed in the Extension Office with the name of the winning club. Congratulations again, Willing Workers!!

## April 2020

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Special points of interest  
attachments/enclosures:

- ◆ Camp Registration Form
- ◆ Calendar

*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

The next Fair Board meeting will be held through email communication.

## 4-H Council Meeting

Will be held in a Zoom meeting Wednesday, April 15 at 7pm. Look for details soon.

## Ambassadors Meeting

Will be held in a Zoom meeting Wednesday, April 15 at 8pm. Look for details soon.

## 4-H Club Day

Congratulations to all the 4-H'ers who participated in the Morris County 4-H Club Day! There were some fantastic entries. Thank you to the Club Day Committee and all who helped with setup, cleanup, room monitors, cookie donations, etc.

Congratulations to all who qualified for Regionals and State Fair!

# Activities and Project Meetings

## K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Kansas State University will host the K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy on **June 24-27, 2020**, for young livestock industry leaders. This four-day event will focus on increasing young leaders' knowledge of Kansas' diverse livestock industry as well as building participant's leadership skills. Students will stay in university housing with event staff for the duration of the event. The program's itinerary will feature interactive workshops, tours and faculty mentor time with animal sciences and industry professors. Industry leaders will also join the participants frequently to share their knowledge and expertise. Throughout the week, participants will work in teams to evaluate current events within the animal science industry and educate others. This experience will culminate with team presentations and a closing reception on Saturday morning. Twenty high school students (current 9th-12th graders) will be selected to participate. *The application deadline is April 15, 2020.* Application forms are available at [www.asi.k-state.edu/research-andextension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/](http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-andextension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/). For more information, please contact academy director, Sharon Breiner at [sbreiner@ksu.edu](mailto:sbreiner@ksu.edu).

## Discovery Days

**What:** Discovery Days offers classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! You can also share your talents in the Talent Show. Are you ready to dance? Are you ready for some Call Hall ice cream? Are you ready for some great speakers and Discovery Days Night Live and all the other possibilities in your future? Join us now to enjoy this event this summer!

**When:** May 27 - May 29, 2020

**Where:** Kansas State University, Manhattan

**Who:** Youth who are 13-18 years old as of January 1 of 2020.

**Registration:** Registration is now open! Follow this link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>

**Registration Fee:** \$195 (the 4-H Foundation will cover \$155 of the cost, leaving \$40 due from each participant) Extra fees apply for certain classes.

**Deadline:** April 15

In this time of uncertainty, Kansas 4-H Discovery Days registration has been opened with the understanding that at any point there may be a need to cancel this event. They will close registration and post information if and when that may be deemed necessary. If the event is cancelled, refunds will be processed. Thank you for understanding.

## Project Meetings

### Cloverbuds

The following Cloverbud meetings (first Saturday of the month) will be held at 9 am at the White City Community Building. If you have questions, please contact Amber Davis at 785-349-2448 or by e-mail at [amberfromoz@hotmail.com](mailto:amberfromoz@hotmail.com).

June 6  
July 11  
August 1  
September 12



### Dog Care & Training

The schedule for the County Dog Project meetings is listed below. Please contact Michelle Poole at 785-776-4699 (h) or 785-410-6971 or by e-mail at [michellerp1965@hotmail.com](mailto:michellerp1965@hotmail.com).

May 20 at 6 pm  
June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 6:30 pm on Mondays  
July 6, and 13 at 6:30 pm on Mondays

### Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports practices are every **Sunday** at 1 pm and will run through the Shooting Sports season. They are being held at the Recreation Center (Old Armory) located at 1020 East Main Street, Council Grove. For questions, please contact Tim King at 620-767-2133 or at [morriscountyssharpshooters@hotmail.com](mailto:morriscountyssharpshooters@hotmail.com).

Just a reminder, you must attend a minimum of 3 practices each year to stay current with your Safety Training



# Scholarships

# Fun Tournaments, Contests, and Events

## 2020 Morris County 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The Morris County 4-H Foundation Scholarship for 2020 is attached to this newsletter and can be found on our website at <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/scholarships/index.html>. The deadline to submit applications is **April 27, 2020**. Email completed applications to [mr@listserv.ksu.edu](mailto:mr@listserv.ksu.edu)

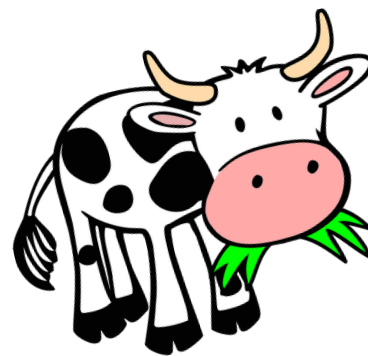
## Konley Harding Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for a \$1,000 academic scholarship in memory of Konley Harding. Applicants must be a current or former 4-H member and a graduating high school senior planning to pursue higher education at a four year college, community college, or vocational technical school. Preference will be given to applicants seeking an agricultural related field of study. Applications are due **May 8** and are available in the Extension Office or on the website at <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/scholarships/index.html>.

## Champions Livestock Judging Camp

A three day, intense judging camp designed for 4-H and FFA members (ages 14-18) who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary for this camp. Workouts will be conducted similar to those at a collegiate level. There will be three different sessions for the Champions Livestock Judging Camp, June 2-4, June 5-7, and June 14-16. Deadlines for registration and payment are **May 20**.

Register at: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/judging-camps.html>



### Why 4-H?

- 4-H is my past, present, and future. 4-H helped develop me into the person I am today. It has given me countless opportunities and allowed me to meet some of my closest friends. 4-H is an ever-open door full of possibility. My future is bright due to the skills and work ethic I have gained through my experience in 4-H. If you are someone who is sitting on the fence about joining, jump in feet first and never turn back. Let this wonderful organization work for you and prepare you for the future. You will never regret taking a chance on 4-H.
- -Makenzie Downes, was a 13 year member of the Flint Hills 4-H Club. Sophomore at HCC and with plans to transfer to KSU for Swine Nutrition and Reproduction.

### Project Career Connections

Beef:

- Livestock appraisers: Determine market values of livestock being sold or insured and document loans, audits, and insurance claims.
- Livestock Judges: Provide fair evaluations of livestock and advocate for the industry.
- Meat Inspectors: Work at private commercial processing plants, inspecting livestock before and after processing.
- Animal Geneticists: Analyze animal genetics to discover which genes cause animals to act a certain way or be immune to disease.

# CURRENT EVENT RESULTS

## Horse Judging

Friday, March 6. Cooper Andres placed 5th in intermediate regions, 6 pm intermediate overall.

Mandy Wainwright was on the team that made 1st place in senior placings.



## Dog Project

The Dog Project Members donated dog food, treats, toys and paper towels to Council Grove Main Street Pantry and Riley County Humane Society.



# Club Days 2020



Seen pictured are:  
Gavin Carson and Zach Andres

Macey Hensley

Sierra Meade and Samuel Barr

Carissa Dalquest



# Other Tid-Bits

## KJLS & KSF Livestock Nomination Information

All nomination info has been updated on the Kansas Youth Livestock Page.

**May 1 - Market Beef nominations due (includes steers and market heifers)**

**June 15 – Commercial Heifer, Market Swine, Commercial Gilt, Market Lamb, Commercial Ewe, and \*ALL Meat Goat nominations due**

\*All meat goats that families would like to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or KJLS must be nominated. This includes market meat goats, commercial does, and registered does, because neither show has a registered breeding doe show.

**Livestock Quality Assurance Requirement (YQCA) Continues for ALL Exhibitors** ALL Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program to be eligible for either state show. This national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development. Youth 7 and older (as of 1/1/2020) will need to participate in YQCA training annually, either through an instructor-led training or the online course. Members who are 7 years old may only attend an instructor-led course using the junior only slide deck, and have a parent/guardian attend with them. Any youth age 7 are encouraged to go through the training, but it will not become a requirement for KJLS until 2021. **A copy of each child's YQCA certificate must be attached to the Declaration Form and submitted with their state nomination materials. Nominations received without a YQCA certificate will be considered incomplete.** More information may be found in the Rookie Guide, on the KSU Youth Livestock Program website, or through your local extension office. Please visit [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org) to register for training. \*Youth who have a valid Youth PQA+ number that is good through at least 10/4/2020 will not need to complete YQCA training this year. Their Youth PQA+ number will be accepted until it expires. Families will need to attach a copy of each child's Youth PQA+ card to their declaration form.

**Verbiage Updated on Forms** The Declaration and Nomination Forms have been updated to make the verbiage consistent across all paperwork. Forms should be read in their entirety before being signed by the appropriate parties. Reminder – if animals are not housed at the exhibitor's primary residence, this must be disclosed on the Declaration Form and explained in Section 2. Otherwise, the form will be returned for completion

The "extra" nomination forms for swine, sheep, and meat goats are available. Please keep in mind that this form is ONLY to be used in ADDITION to the regular swine, sheep, or meat goat form to nominate more animals than there is space (more than 4 swine or 5 sheep/meat goats). Therefore, if only the "extra" form is submitted, it will be returned to the family as incomplete. DO NOT turn in the extra forms alone!

### **Optional Additional Information on DNA Envelopes**

Families are encouraged to include the breed and a secondary form of identification, depending on the species, in the lower right hand corner of the front of their DNA envelopes. This could include tattoo, ear notches, and scrapie tag #s. DNA envelopes are available in the Extension Office.

### **Ear Notch and Scrapie Tag Requirement Continues**

Continuing in 2020, the ear notches for all swine nominated must be included in the swine nomination form. Exhibitors need to draw the ear notches exactly as they appear in the pig's ear for each animal nominated, in addition to writing the notch number in the field provided. Scrapie Tag #s are also required for all sheep and meat goats nominated. The full scrapie tag number, including Flock ID/Premise ID number and individual animal number, must be submitted.

### **KJLS Steer Breed Change**

All steers with papers issued by the Maine-Anjou association will show together in the Maine division at KJLS. Refer to the 2020 KJLS rules for details.

Nomination does NOT constitute an entry. They must officially ENTER each show in which they would like to participate, after they have completed the nomination process. Grand Drive entries for the Kansas State Fair are due by July 15th and KJLS entries are due August 15th.

## Sunny Hills Camp Registration

Camping creates memories of fun-filled days. Attending summer camp can be a time for experiencing nature and the outdoors, making new friends, and learning life skills. Summer camp is more than just a vacation. Campers learn self-confidence, cooperation with others, and how to live in different communities. Camping teaches life lessons that contribute to a child's interactions into their adult years.

Rock Springs 4-H camp is a natural extension of the classroom. Research indicates that by participating in strategically planned, structured summer experiences, children reduce summer learning loss. Rock Springs challenges children, keeps them engaged, develops creativity, and expands their horizons.

Rock Springs is part of the fabric of Kansas 4-H. When children go to Rock Springs, they'll likely return home excited to tell you of the life-long friends they've made, and the exciting adventures they experienced. What they probably won't tell you about are the many life lessons Rock Springs 4-H camp has given them; that will happen in later years as they reflect on fond memories.

Sunny Hills 4-H Camp will be held on June 7-10 this year. There is a registration form attached to this newsletter. The forms are also available in our office and on our website at: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/camp/index.html> Camp registrations are due in our office by 5 pm on May 1.

Please note that the cost to attend 4-H Camp is \$225. Because of the generosity of the Morris County 4-H Foundation, Morris County 4-Hers are able to attend camp for only \$45. Remember to bring your 'thank you' notes to the Morris County 4-H Foundation with you to camp check-in.

## Camp Counselor Applications

Don't wait! Get a head start! Get your camp counselor application completed and turned in now! Counselors will be notified May 15 if they are selected. Camp counselor training will be June 6-7. The Camp Counselor applications are available in our office and are also on our website: <https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/camp/index.html> If selected, there is no cost to attend camp as a counselor. Deadline for Camp Counselor applications is May 1, 2020 at 5 pm.

## Shandi's Tip of the Month



I hope that this unexpected time at home allows you the blessing of spending time together.

4-H is a family event that allows each of our youth to explore projects that interest them. If you haven't looked at a project selection guide recently, there is one posted on our website. Sometimes the process of choosing projects is more rushed than others. The drop/add deadline for projects to be entered into 4-H Online is May 1st. Don't be afraid to try something new.

This time at home is a great opportunity to work on 4-H projects. Remember that the Fair is a time to display your efforts through the year, but the journey of learning, growth and fun is now. If you are in the foods project, try out some new recipes to cook dinner for your family or a trial run for possible fair exhibits. If you are involved in sewing, offer to make masks for donations or try a new pattern. Spend a little extra time with your livestock, take some pictures, try a new art project, plan or plant your garden, research or brainstorm for your displays or posters among many other options. The opportunities are endless!

Take a little time to catch up on record keeping documents for projects, personal use, permanent records, or to start on KAP documents.

Most of all a wish you a safe and healthy start to your spring. Enjoy!

*Shandi*

## Shannon's Tip of the Month



### Don't Work Wet Soil

Resist the temptation to work any soil if it is wet. Doing so destroys the structure of the soil resulting in clods that may not break down all summer. To determine if a soil is too wet to work, grab a handful and squeeze. If water comes out, it is much too wet. Even if no water drips out, it still may not be dry enough to work. Push a finger into the soil you squeezed. If it crumbles, it is dry enough, but if your finger just leaves an indentation, more time is needed. Be sure to take your handfuls of soil from the depth you plan to work the soil because deeper soils may contain more moisture than the surface.

If there is a small area that you wish to plant in a few weeks and it much too wet to work, try tarping the area during wet weather and uncovering when it is dry. This will allow the soil to dry enough to work by the time you are ready to plant.

(Ward Upham, Horticulture Newsletter)

*Shannon*

# Cowboy Boots & Country Roots

## County Fair - July 18-27, 2020

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

## 2020 Morris County Fair Theme

The poll closed on March 2 and the winner was "Cowboy Boots & Country Roots" which beat out five other choices.

### Fair Schedule

The Fair schedule, including Snack Shack, is posted on our website listed above.

### T-Shirts

The Morris County Fair Board will have sponsors for 4-Hers to receive a free t-shirt again this year. Please make sure the t-shirt size(s) for your 4-H members are correct on 4-H Online. A report is run based off what is entered in 4-H Online for the shirt sizes of each member, and that is what is used to order the shirts each year. Please make sure you have updated sizes prior to May 1.

### 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. The Fair Books are scheduled to print on May 1.

### Fair Survey

There will be a Fair survey for 4-H families to complete for the 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, July 22 at 5:30 pm. If you are a superintendent, please plan to attend.

### Fair Pre-Entry

Pre-entry deadline this year is July 3rd. Pre-entry for all animal exhibits and showmanship entries will be completed using the Fair Entry system online. Look for details in the May newsletter and the Fair Book. There will still be pre-entry required for clothing, performing arts, and talent showcase.

### Snack Shack

The snack shack times for Fair have been posted on the schedule. Once again the shifts will be beginning 30 minutes before the snack shack is scheduled to open. Club assignments will be listed in the Fair Book like usual. 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. At least one adult from each club is asked to attend a Snack Shack meeting on June 15 at 6pm to go over food safety, snack shack duties, and any concerns regarding snack shack.

### Notebooks, Posters & Displays

Notebooks, Poster & Display classes have been added for each of the projects that were missing in our Fair Book. Hopefully this prevents everything being entered into a miscellaneous

category. Please be sure that you find the correct division and class when entering these for the Fair. Any notebook, poster or display that is related to a project being judged prior to check-in on Friday should be taken to be judged at the show and event.

### Check-In and Check-Out

- Entries will not be accepted on Wednesday night following clean-up and set-up.
- For building exhibits, please be sure to sign-up for judging times when you check your exhibit in Friday, July 24. All livestock will be checked in and weighed at this time.
- Saturday, July 25 - The ONLY exhibits allowed to be checked in at this time are foods, horticulture and floriculture, 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!

### Premium Money and Auction Fees

- Ribbon premium amounts will be listed in the Fair Book to help with completion of records for record books.
- Money is held from checks of 4-H members participating in the premium auction to help with costs of the auction.
- For livestock, this has been \$10 per animal and will continue at this rate.
- There will be \$5 withheld from each 4-H member participating in the 4-H foods auction.

### Sponsors

The Fair Board works year round to gain sponsors of awards and trophies. Each year, extension agents and Fair Board are reminded how many thank you notes are not being sent. There will once again be a 'Thank You Note' booth at the fair to help 4-Hers get their thank you notes sent! 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](mailto:laci.lou.25@gmail.com).

### 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.

# Important Dates

**Extension Office Closed:** Friday, April 10 for Good Friday

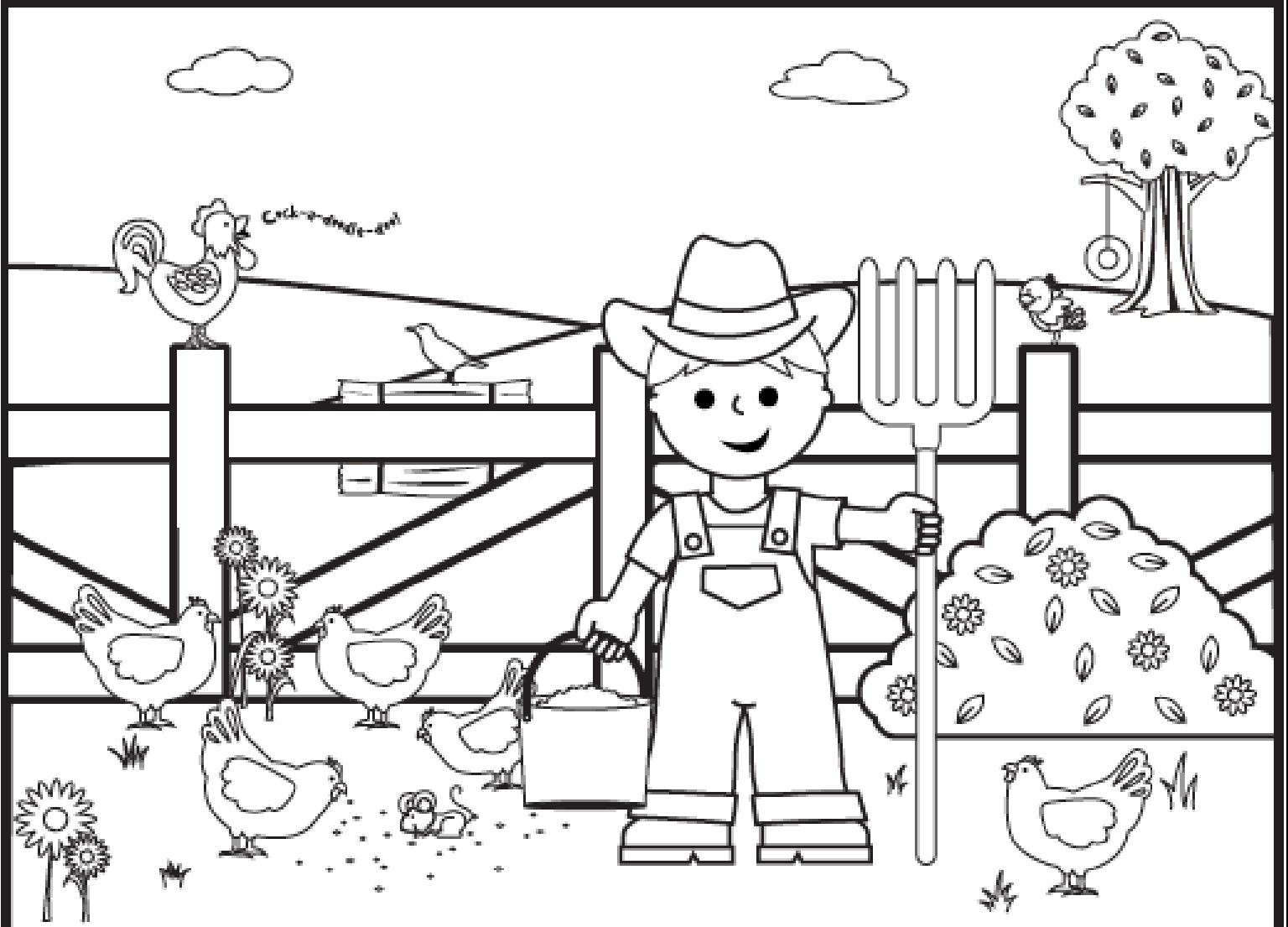
## 4-H EVENTS

April 27 - Morris County 4-H Foundation Scholarship **Deadline**  
May 8 - Konley Harding Scholarship **Deadline**  
May 27-29 - Discovery Days  
June 6-7 - Camp Counselor Training  
June 7-10 - Sunny Hills Camp  
June 22-25 - Campference  
July 9-11 - Tri-County Fair  
July 18-27 - Morris County 4-H Fair  
August 6 - Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo - Wichita  
Aug 15 - State 4-H Horticulture Judging; **Deadline Aug 9**  
September 10-12 - State 4-H Horse Show  
September 11-20 - Kansas State Fair  
November 21-22 - KYLF (Kansas Youth Leadership Forum)

## LIVESTOCK EVENTS

May 2 - Livestock Judging Clinic (**will likely be cancelled**)  
May 3 - Small Animal Weigh-In  
June 14 - Scales Open at Fairgrounds  
June 24-27 - Animal Sciences Leadership Academy; **Application deadline April 15**  
July 12 - Scales Open at Fairgrounds


Spring Livestock Shows: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/spring-shows/index.html>





# April 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
 Happy Easter					Office Closed	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	4-H Council Meeting 7pm Followed by Ambassador Meeting					
<b>NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK</b>						
26	27	28	29	30		
	4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Due					

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