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# MORRIS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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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!*

## Covid-19 Update

In regards to recent news about COVID-19, you should have received an email from the State 4-H office that was sent through 4-H Online and an email update from Shandi, Shannon, and Erica. Currently, K-State Research and Extension COVID-19 state-wide protocols include no face-to-face Extension programs through July 4. Since 4-H is an Extension program, this means Discovery Days has been cancelled and is being reformatted for a virtual opportunity, 4-H Camp and Campference have been cancelled. Campference has released the link for virtual participation. Look for camping at home participation opportunities to be shared through Facebook. These virtual opportunities can still be noted in for your permanent records and KAPS. This also means that 4-H meetings will need continue to be held in a virtual manner through zoom or other alternatives.

Thank you to those who joined us for our virtual 4-H Council meeting and Ambassador meeting through zoom. Our next meetings will be held on Zoom until we are released for Face-to-Face programming.

Monday, June 15 - 6 pm Snack Shack meeting to go over food safety, snack shack duties, and any concerns regarding snack shack. At least one adult from each club is required to attend.

Monday, June 15 - 7 pm 4-H Council

Monday, June 15 - 8 pm Ambassadors

## Fair Board Meeting

is scheduled for June 10.

**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.**

## Morris County Fair

### Hashtags

#MRCOFair2020

#MRCOFair

#bootsandroots



Please reach out if we can be of any assistance during this time. All of us at the office are telecommuting and working from home. We are available through email or phone.

# 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.

## Achievement Banquet

The date of the Achievement Banquet has been set for Saturday, November 14 from 6-8 pm. We will plan to begin with the meal, followed by the program.

## Tri-County Free Fair

At this time, the Tri-County Fair is still planning to hold the Fair. They will not have the PRCA Rodeo but at this time all other events will continue as planned.

## Morris County 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners! First year recipients are: \$500 scholarship to Sara Koepsel and Jayde Price; \$750 scholarship to Avery Lee and Dryden Powell. \$1000 scholarship to Jamie Beck and Hannah Stilwell as second year recipients.

Checks will be handed out at the Awards Presentation at the Fair. Please plan to attend.

## Campference

This year's virtual event is for 4-H youth ages 12-14, by January 1, 2020, who are ready to grow in their leadership and 4-H careers. This year Campference takes some of the fun aspects of 4-H camp and the learning components of a conference and combines them to create a fun educational opportunity for middle school 4-H youth. It will include some of our favorites in a new way, like a talent show, a campfire, camp groups and a camp craft. Delegates will also be a part of a community conversation and participate in a skill building workshop with the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Registered participants will receive a 4-H Campference packet in the mail, which will include craft supplies, a detailed schedule, a few camp type surprises and other items needed for most all activities. Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Members serve as counselors for this event.

Participation will require an internet connection and a device (computer, tablet or phone). For the sessions on Community Conversations and the closing (Wednesday sessions) a second device would be preferable, i.e., computer and phone or computer and tablet.

The fee for each 4-H Campference Delegate is \$20. Registration information can be found at [www.Kansas4-H.org](http://www.Kansas4-H.org) under the events registration tab. Online registration is required and open until all spots are filled or until June 12. Payment can be mailed to the Extension Office.



## 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.



# 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/](http://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/fair/)

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At this time, we are still planning to hold a Fair. The current hopes are that we will be able to hold a traditional fair with some modifications. Continue working on your projects to prepare for fair!!

The Fair schedule has been posted on the website. The Fair Board will meet on June 10 to determine a more definitive plan and needed modifications. Details will be released through email when they are available.

### T-Shirts

The Morris County Fair Board will have sponsors for 4-Hers to receive a free t-shirt again this year. These have been printed and will soon be ready for distribution. Look for an email soon with distribution details.

### 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. If you are a superintendent, please plan to attend.

### Fair Pre-Entry

Pre-entry deadline this year is July 3rd. Just a heads up that pre-entry for all animal exhibits and showmanship entries will be completed using an online Fair Entry system. Look for details in the Fair Book. There will still be pre-entry required for clothing, performing arts, and talent showcase with additional documents.

### Snack Shack

The snack shack times for Fair have been adjusted based on the feedback. Please be sure to check out the times 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 using Zoom on June 15 at 6pm to go over food safety, snack shack duties, and any concerns regarding snack shack.

## 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 24th. All livestock will be checked in and weighed.
- 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!

## 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).

## 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*

### **4-H and Fair**

As Extension Agents across the state have gathered over zoom to begin brainstorming and preparing for fair, it is evident that everyone has a different meaning of fair. Our County Fair has 4-H as its focus. It is an opportunity for 4-H members to showcase the work from this year's projects to others and receive feedback from a judge. It is also an opportunity to see friends from across the county and create new memories. No matter what Fair "looks" like this year, I want to encourage you to give it your best with a good attitude! There are many people who are working diligently so that we can have a safe environment and provide that opportunity to showcase exhibits and see friends at the Fair!

*Shandi*



## *Shannon's Tip of the Month*

### **Onions Developing**

This is the time of year that onions grow and develop rapidly. Regular watering (if the soil ever dries out) and a light fertilization are helpful to maximize growth. If your soil tends to be alkaline, use ammonium sulfate (21-0-0) at the rate of ½ cup per 10 feet of row. Or you can use a lawn fertilizer such as a 29-5-5, 27-3-3 or anything similar but only use 1/3 cup per 10 feet of row. Make sure the lawn fertilizer does not have a weed preventer or weed killer included. Sprinkle the fertilizer 2 to 3 inches alongside the row and water in. Do not fertilize after the onions start to bulb.

Onions develop so that as much as 2/3 of the bulb remains out of the soil. There is normal and there is no need to cover the bulb with soil. (Ward Upham, Horticulture Newsletter)

*Shannon*

# IMPORTANT DATES

## **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**

- June 6-7- **Wabaunsee Livestock Show- Alma, KS**
- June 7- **Osage County Spring Showdown- Osage City, KS**
- June 14 - **Scales Open at Fairgrounds**
- June 15th- **All other livestock nominations DUE (Swine, Goat, Lambs, Breeding/Comm Heifers etc.)**
- July 10-11- **Bob Hines Swine Classic**
- July 12 - **Scales Open at Fairgrounds**
- August 22-23- **Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes**