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2020 Fair Schedule

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

# MORRIS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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## 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. Both of these will offer virtual participation opportunities. These will be shared when they are available. We know that all of this is disappointing news, but is essential for the health and well-being of our communities across the state. 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 first virtual 4-H Council meeting and Ambassador meeting through zoom. Our next two meetings will be held on Zoom until we are released for Face-to-Face programming.

Monday, May 18 - 7 pm 4-H Council

Monday, May 18 - 8 pm Ambassadors

Monday, June 15 - 6 pm Snack Shack meeting

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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.

## May 1st Deadline

Fair Shirts - Member sizes for shirts need to be updated on 4-H Online by May 1st. Members each get one shirt paid for by the Morris County Fair Board. Anyone who wishes to order extra Fair shirts should enter those orders on the electronic form at the website below:

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3rB98cyvBCGdw4R](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3rB98cyvBCGdw4R)

May 1st is also the deadline to add or drop projects for the County Fair. Be sure project lists are updated in the 4-H Online system for each member. Reports will be run on May 2nd as we prepare for the 2020 Fair.

## Small Animal Weigh-In

**As you should have seen in a recent email, the in-person weigh-in has been cancelled and ALL small animal livestock tags will be mailed. This includes all swine, meat goat, sheep, and bucket calf tags.**

**Please be sure to review your enrollment in small animal projects. If you are no longer taking animals in which your child is enrolled in, please un-enroll from those projects or let us know so we can make sure all families have their necessary tags for animals.**

**All projects being dropped or added must be complete by**

**May 1.**

**Photos of animals with their tags should be emailed to Shannon at spn@ksu.edu by 10pm on May 3.**

# 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

One topic on the agenda at the last 4-H Council meeting was to set the date of the 2020 Achievement Banquet. After a great amount of discussion, it was decided to send a survey to the 4-H members for their input. Please take the time to input your preference for dates, day of the week, and time as we proceed in setting the date and time for the event. The survey is open until May 12 at 11pm.

Follow the survey link below.

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9XFZDgp7FMInZ8V](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9XFZDgp7FMInZ8V)

## 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.

## Horse ID's

For 4-Hers involved in the horse project, horse nominations are still due May 1. If you are wanting to renew horses that we already have on file in the office, please email Shannon the names of each horse you would like renewed and we will get them updated and signed. If you are nominating a new horse, please fill out a new Horse ID form and then scan and email it to Shannon (spn@ksu.edu) or mail it to the extension office.

## Congratulations 2020 Seniors!!!

Graduation for our seniors has been rescheduled to July 18th at 3:00 pm. Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes on your journey ahead!!!

Our 2019-2020 4-H members graduating this year are:

Colton Bacon

Brodey King

Sara Koepsel

Avery Lee

Dryden Powell



## 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.

# IMPORTANT DATES

## 4-H EVENTS

- May 8 - **Konley Harding Scholarship Deadline**
- 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

- June 14 - **Scales Open at Fairgrounds**
- June 24-27 - **Animal Sciences Leadership Academy; Application deadline April 15**
- July 12 - **Scales Open at Fairgrounds**

# 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 hopes are that we will be able to hold a traditional fair, and the back up plan will be to hold a virtual fair. Continue working on your projects, a more definitive plan should be available by June 1 when pre-entry opens. \*\*\*

### Fair Schedule

The Fair schedule, including Snack Shack, is attached to this newsletter. Please note, the Dog Show has been moved to Sunday, July 19th to accommodate graduation.

### 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.

### 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, 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).

## 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*

We are on an untraveled path this year. While you are home, I encourage you to spend time each day working on or with your 4-H projects. Sometimes it is overlooked on what activities we do that are related to our 4-H projects. Don't be afraid to record those daily events to track them. You might have calculated a new feed ration for your goats, rode your horse, walk animals, try a new Pinterest craft, made supper for your family, took pictures of your activities, watched a training that was online, etc. Or have you tried something new? Often your projects are incorporated into your daily life and become very routine. Don't overlook the amazing things you do!!! You can always begin putting this into a KAP so that it doesn't have to all be completed in September before record books are due. Or at a minimum make some notes on paper to help remind yourself later. As always, if you have questions, don't be afraid to reach out..

Stay Safe and Healthy—

*Shandi*



## *Shannon's Tip of the Month*

### Fruit Sprays and Spray Water pH

The most common fungicide used in fruit tree sprays is captan. Unfortunately, this product is subject to alkaline hydrolysis. Alkaline hydrolysis is a process whereby certain pesticides will break down when mixed with high pH water. So let's say you mix up your spray mixture by adding captan to 5 gallons of water. If that water has a pH of 7, the captan will break down so that only half of it will still be present in 8 hours. However, if the water you use has a pH of 10, half the captan will break down in 2 minutes.

Malathion used to be the most common insecticide used for fruit pest control by gardeners but is becoming more difficult to find. It isn't nearly as sensitive to alkaline hydrolysis as captan but still will break down under high pH conditions. Fortunately, it is stable at a pH between 5 and 7. Lambda-cyhalothrin, found in Bonide Fruit Tree & Plant Guard, is a relatively new product for home fruit pest control that also is stable between a pH of 5 to 7.

Note that alkaline hydrolysis does not affect all pesticides. Captan is the exception, not the rule. Cornell University has a listing of pesticides and their sensitivity to alkaline hydrolysis.

So, how do you bring down the pH of your spray water if it is high? Commercial people use buffering agents but that may be difficult for homeowners to find. Food grade citric acid can help. If you have a pH of 8.0, add 2 ounces of this citric acid per 100 gallons of water (1 and 1/4 teaspoons per 10 gallons) to bring the pH down to about 5.5. If you do not know what the pH of your water is, contact your local Extension office for instructions on how to test. Our K-State Research & Extension website has a map to help you locate your local county Extension office.

(Ward Upham, Horticulture Newsletter)

*Shannon*