Extension Friends,

In alignment with K-State Research and Extension recommendations, local and district programs, meetings, events, and activities regardless of group size cannot meet face-to-face between now and May 16, 2020. This includes but is not limited to 4-H club meetings, council meetings, and committee correspondence. This also includes project-based learning, shows, events, and activities directed toward 4-H youth development and other extension audiences.

Our team is committed to help you determine how to effectively conduct business through technology-based platforms or to reschedule programs to future dates. Please do not hesitate to contact our team if you have questions.

We appreciate your help with protecting the health, wellness and safety of our communities and families.
I will provide updates as recommendations change.
Please stay informed at the Marion County website at www.marion.k-state.edu or our Marion County K-State Research and Extension Facebook Page.

Thanks,
Rickey Roberts, Tristen Cope, Myrta Billings, Erin Page
Briggeman discusses effects of Federal Reserve rate cut in response to COVID-19 outbreak

“With this COVID-19 pandemic, we’re seeing a re-trenching – people pulling in and doing social distancing,” said Briggeman.

Continue reading the article [here](#).

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**Apple Tree Sprays**

Apples are the fruit most likely to be damaged by diseases and insects of any fruit grown in Kansas. Two common diseases on apple trees are cedar apple rust and apple scab. Though some apple varieties are resistant to these diseases — including Liberty, Jonafree, Redfree, Freedom and Williams Pride — most varieties are susceptible.

Learn more about Apple Tree Sprays [here](#).
Selection of the optimal planting date is one of the most critical factors in the decision-making process for farmers. In making this decision, producers should consider soil temperatures rather than just calendar dates. After a very mild start to March, air temperatures across Kansas cooled down this past week.

Continue reading the article here.

Video of the Month:

Spring Crabgrass Control
Meal Planning 101

As we navigate this new season of life, it is important to stick to consistent routines as well as healthy meals. This may get difficult as more family members are now home or working from home.

Stay ahead of the game by planning out your weekly meals. Visit USDA: ChooseMyPlate to download a weekly meal calendar and get recipe inspiration from the USDA Mixing Bowl.

Handwashing

This handwashing example comes from Goessel Elementary School.

Experiment:
- Top Left: Control
- Top Middle: “Rinse and Shake”
- Top Right: No Soap, 6 Seconds with Water
- Bottom Left: Soap 6 Seconds, No Dry
- Bottom Middle: Soap 15 Seconds, No Dry
- Bottom Right: Soap 30 Seconds, Dry

Visit the following for information on COVID-19 and other preventative measures:

https://www.k-state.edu/covid-19/
As we transition to online and unique opportunities for learning, please check in with our Website and Facebook Page.

Zoom 101

Facebook

Preserve It Fresh, Preserve It Safe

This newsletter is a bi-monthly publication of K-State Research and Extension and University of Missouri Extension to provide information on safe food preservation.

March/April Newsletter

You Asked It!

This is a monthly newsletter published by K-State Research and Extension's Rapid Response Center with news articles based on questions received, current food safety issues, or information based on the time of the year.

April Newsletter
Adding/Dropping Projects

All of your 4-H records will transfer from 4-H Online to Fair Entry with the push of a button. It is very important to have accurate information in 4-H Online.

Please double check the projects you are enrolled in by May 1. If you are not enrolled in the project you will NOT be able to enter that project at the fair. The community leaders and the Extension Office will not be able to make these changes. If you have not yet enrolled for this year, you must enroll in 4-H Online to be official.

Thank You!

The Extension Office would like to thank all of our Volunteers who help to make 4-H successful in Marion County! We appreciate you!

YQCA Training

‘Youth for Quality Care of Animals’

All youth 8 and older participating in livestock projects, will need to participate in YQCA Training annually online course.

Find a course online at

www.yqca.org
Livestock Tagging: A message from Rickey

Many of you have asked about tagging 4H livestock. Tagging is a method of proving ownership of an animal by a certain deadline. The reason why we do this the way we do is so I can say “I have seen the tag in the animal’s ear.” Because of that, performing the tagging of animals while I watch through a ZOOM conference isn’t feasible to achieve our goal of ensuring livestock ownership by a deadline. Currently, I am still trying to determine a responsible means of tagging all of our 4H animals. Once I have determined a plan and date for doing so, I will communicate with everyone.

As for state nominations, I have not been given any information that would indicate those deadlines have been extended. So for today, I am still working under the premise that May 1 and June 15 are still relevant.

If you have any questions or better yet, ideas, please give me a call.

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Camp Counselors 2020
Do you enjoy kids, have lots of energy, and like the outdoors?! Apply to be a camp counselor!
https://tinyurl.com/CampCo2020

Virtual Meetings
Style Revue Committee
Tuesday, April 7th
7:00 PM
Zoom Link will be emailed to you.

4-H Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 14th
7:00 PM
Zoom Link will be emailed to you.

High School Scholarship Watch
Marion County 4-H Development Fund
Vanier Family Scholarship
Check our website for more info!

Be sure to check out the Marion County 4-H Update
Click on the Multi-County Club Day Video to see the hard work our Marion County 4-Hers put into their Projects!

COVID-19 Notice

Effective March 18, 2020, Marion County departments will begin to enforce the following procedures, limiting face to face interactions to the extent possible. Our goal is to help prevent spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and keep residents and workers healthy and safe. Persons entering County buildings may be asked screening questions consistent with public health guidelines. Admission may be denied.

Public Health Officer Diedre Serene strongly recommends NO gatherings of more than 10 individuals. Please don’t allow your children to congregate in groups.

The Marion County Extension office will open by appointment only. Staff will be available to respond to emails at and phone calls. For general questions, or to request an appointment, please call 620-382-4215 or email rroberts@ksu.edu.