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 July 4th, 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
There were a few more reports of stripe rust from Oklahoma this week and a twitter report of the disease in southeast Kansas bordering Missouri. Several colleagues made visits to research sites in south central Texas and reported severe leaf rust on varieties known to be susceptible to that disease.

**Key nutrients for soybean production in Kansas**

Compared to corn, wheat, and sorghum, soybeans remove significant amounts of nutrients per bushel of grain harvested. Nutrient uptake in soybeans early in the season is relatively small. However, as they grow and develop, the daily rate of nutrient uptake increases.

Find the rest of the articles here.
Bagworms, It's Still Too Early to Spray

Timing is critical in many things, including controlling bagworms. Though handpicking is effective through much of the year, often it is impractical because of the sheer number of bagworms.

Fertilize Irrigated Cool-Season Lawns in May

May is a good time to fertilize because the springtime flush of growth characteristic of these grasses has tapered off, so the fertilizer you apply will be less likely to cause excessive shoot growth than if you fertilized at a full rate in April.

Rickey Robert and Tony Whitehair got together and made a video on Wheat and the risk of freeze injury that your field might have had this spring.

Find the video at here.

Video of the Month:

Culinary and Medicinal Herbs
Suddenly In Charge

Has your Tween or Teen been left *suddenly in charge* of their younger siblings or family friend? K-State Research and Extension has developed a new Program to help address this concern and provide safe and engaging activities for young caregivers.

Each week we will release a new Tip Sheet that includes a safety piece, at least one activity, and a snack recipe.

- Babysitter Emergency Contact Sheet
- Home Safety Checklist
- Tip Sheet #1: Fire and Tornado Safety
- Tip Sheet #2: Mental Health

Check out the *Suddenly In Charge Webpage* for more information and resources.

Questions?
Email: tcope@ksu.edu
**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.

**May Newsletter**

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**Extension Cares**

Looking for some quick information for your family? Check out our YouTube Series, **Extension Cares!**

**Ingredient Substitutions**

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**As we transition to online and unique opportunities for learning, please check in with our Website, YouTube Channel, and Facebook Page.**
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.

Experiment with Extension

Looking for some fun activities for your children? Check out our YouTube Series, Experiment with Extension! Each Video highlights a 4-H Project to explore!

Check them out [here](#)!
Upcoming Events

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

COVID-19 Notice

The Marion County Extension office will open by appointment only until May 2nd. Please check out Website to see current updates after May 2nd.
Staff will be available to respond to emails at and phone calls. For general questions, or to request an appointment, please call Rickey Roberts 620-382-4215 or email rroberts@ksu.edu.

Be sure to check out the Marion County 4-H Update