

Consider looking past the current situation, and imagine it is the morning of August 10th. It's opening day of the 2020 Holmes County Fair!

All the fun and excitement of the week is just starting. Exhibiting youth are nervous as they work to ready their hog, steer or lamb for the showing. Young 4H'ers anxiously await to see if their life skills project has a blue ribbon attached. Breakfast smells fill the air from "Eat at Joe's".

I am speaking on behalf of the entire Senior Fair Board when I say that we will work tirelessly to have the 2020 fair, with the hope that it can be as "normal" as possible. We will adapt as needed.

None of us know what "normal" will look like by June, let alone by August. With this in mind, we are looking at pre-fair activities that are scheduled between now and June 15th. The board is presently working with the various livestock committees in formulating a list of changes that will impact this time period, such as changes to scheduled tag-ins.

The board will conduct its regular meeting on April 9th in a "Zoom" format. Changes to the schedule thru June 15th will be adopted during this meeting, and the new information will be posted outlining them next Friday, April 10th.

Many questions have been asked in the last few weeks about purchasing animals for this year. Let me reemphasize that we plan to have the 2020 fair. That is not to say there could be changes, but just as we are all adapting to changes every day, we will do whatever possible to allow our 4H and FFA youth to fulfill their project.

Wishing each of you Blessings during this time.

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