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County fairs across Montana will look different in 2020

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For many youth across Montana, summer means school is out and it is time to work with those 4-H animals because the county fair will be fast approaching. Due to COVID-19 and the continual health concerns associated with its transfer, county fairs across Montana are going to look very different this year. Fair boards and individual county Extension agents have been forced to have some very difficult discussions these last few weeks as they decided exactly what to do.

“Two months ago we were wondering if we even could have any semblance of a fair,” expressed Todd Kesner, director of Montana 4-H.

These unprecedented times have left fair officials scrambling. Montana is opening up in phases, directed by the Governor, but there is not a timeline as to when these phases will occur. Dur-



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