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Showdeo 4-H Horse Show - Saturday, October 3 & 17

The Showdeo 4-H Club will host their monthly horse show Saturday, October 3 & 17, at Little Creek Ranch in Glen. The October 3 show is a make-up for September. Registration for classes will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the show will start at 5:00. Please contact Chad and Cathy Potts, club leaders, at 415-4545 for more information. New members are welcome to bring a horse and participate. All horses must have a negative coggins test. I would like to encourage parents of active members of the club to help with the show. There is a lot of work that must be done before, during and after each show. The youth are truly benefiting from the monthly horse shows. Our organizational leaders need your support. If you are not involved in this club and would like to attend a great family outing I hope you will make plans to attend one of the upcoming shows. They do have a concession stand available.

T-Shirt Design Contest - Entries Due Oct. 17

The Showdeo 4-H Horse Club is sponsoring a t-shirt design contest. They are looking for a design to be used for their 2010 horse club t-shirts. The contest is open to all Alcorn County 4-H members, you do not have to be a member of the Showdeo Club. All entries should be submitted on 8 x 11 inch sheet a plain white paper. I know many of you are creative and artistic. All entries must be turned in at the show October 17, or to the Extension office before this date. The winner will be announced at the club's year end banquet.



4-H Saturday - October 10, 10:00 a.m.—Noon

4-H Saturday will be held Saturday, October 10, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please be sure to update your 4-H calendar with this date change—it has been moved up one week. 4-H Saturday is a fun, educational opportunity for all 4-H members to come together to learn and meet new friends. The program is designed to offer workshops and activities in addition to your club meetings. This month we will focus on financial fitness. Ms. Mary Linda Moore, Area Agent, will conduct a workshop introducing the Consumer Judging contest. We will also have the Real World program. Parent and volunteers will be needed to help with this.

The agenda is as follows:

10:00 a.m.—10:45—Introduction of the Consumer Judging Contest

10:45 a.m.—11:15—4-H Officer Election

11:15 a.m.—12:00—The Real World

To have good friends is one of the highest delights of life; to be a good friend is one of the noblest undertakings.

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4-H Council Officer Election - Saturday, October 10, 2009

The council officer election is held each year during the month of October. The officers are installed in November and begin serving in January. The council officers are an important part of the county 4-H program. They have the responsibility of promoting the 4-H program, assisting new 4-H members during meetings, and planning and conducting the monthly council meetings. The meetings are held the third Saturday of each month in conjunction with the 4-H Saturday program. Following is a list of requirements for the election:

- You must be an active 4-H member for at least one year prior to the election
- Offices of President and Vice President must be filled with a senior 4-H member ages 14-18, (as of Jan. 1, 2010).
- Offices of secretary and treasurer must

be filled with a junior or senior member ages 10-18.

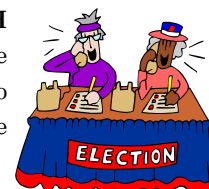
- The following offices may be filled with a 4-H member ages 8-18: reporter, historian, photographer, chaplain, parliamentarian, song leader, pledge leader, and recreation leader.
- Current 2009 officers can run for an office for 2010, however it can not be the same office that you are currently serving. For example, if you are the 2009 pledge leader you can not run for 2010 pledge leader, but you can run for any other office that you qualify for.
- You must give a 1-2 minute speech October 10, prior to the voting. You can video tape your speech if you are not able to attend the October meeting.
- The deadline to make nominations is

Saturday, **October 10, 10:30 a.m.**

Due to the fact that I had to move the meeting up one week I will accept nominations the morning of the election. You can nominate yourself. You can submit nominations prior to October 10. They must be in writing - you can come by the office and complete a nomination form or e-mail your nomination to alcorn@ext.msstate.edu.

- You can campaign by displaying a poster, passing out campaign goodies such as candy, etc.

All enrolled 4-H members will have an opportunity to vote following the campaign speeches.



4-H Fun Fall Cookout - Saturday, October 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



The fun fall family cookout will be held **Saturday, October 10, at the Hopper residence from 6:00—8:00 p.m.** Mr. Rodney and Mrs. Lisha Hopper have invited us back for another fun night.

Please call the 4-H office at 286-7756, if you plan to attend. There will be games, a haunted house, costume contest, story telling, games and food. **The directions are:** Travel north on hwy 45 take the Henson road exit, turn right at the VFW Club, travel approximately 2.5 miles, turn right at the 4-H sign, turn

right again on to CR 730. The Hopper residence is the second house on the right. Again, please be sure to call the office to let us know how many from your family will attend. Please keep in mind this is a 4-H event all costumes must be appropriate for youth. Remember to dress warm the cool nights have already

4-H Volunteer Leader Planning Meeting - October 12, 5:00 p.m.

The most important and most fun meeting for the 4-H volunteer leaders is just two weeks away. The annual planning meeting will be held **Monday, October 12, 5:00 p.m.** The meeting is an opportunity for you to share your ideas and thoughts for the upcoming 4-H year. What can we do to improve our programming efforts, how can we reach more youth in Alcorn

County, what workshops do you want offered in the upcoming year? These are the items we will discuss and put into action. We will plan dates and times of workshops, contests, and fun activities for the 2010 4-H year. It has become a tradition to include a potluck supper with this meeting. Please bring your favorite dish to the meeting—a casserole, dessert, ap-

petizer, ect. Please call the office by Friday, October 9, to say that you will attend and let us know what dish you plan to bring. We will begin with supper at 5:00 p.m. and move forward with our planning meeting at 5:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing everyone at this meeting. We have several new volunteers and I hope that you will plan to join us!

4-H Project Books - Deadline to order October 16, 2009

The final order for project books for this year will be placed October 16. Alcorn County 4-H was awarded a grant from the CARE Foundation last year to provide 4-H members with project books. We are finalizing this grant and would like to provide you with the project books that you need to help you progress in your 4-H

projects. The books will be provided on a first come first serve basis with the exception of those who have already benefited from the grant. However, some of you who have project books may be looking into new areas of 4-H. I will accept your requests and they will be filled if the grant money is available. I welcome the oppor-

tunity to share with our new volunteers and members more information about project books. Please come by or call the office and I will show you what is available. Once the grant money is dispersed you will still be able to order project books, but at your expense. Please don't miss out on this great opportunity!

4-H Advisory Council Meeting - Weds. October 21, Noon

The quarterly 4-H Advisory Council meeting will be held **Wednesday, October 21, at noon** in the Extension

kitchen. Final plans for the annual awards banquet will be discussed. A light lunch will be served. I look forward

to meeting with you. Please contact the office if you will not be able to attend.

Mod Squad Recruiting Meeting - Mon., Oct. 26, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

The Alcorn County 4-H Mod Squad will host a new member recruiting meeting Monday, October 26, 5:30—7:00 p.m., in the Extension exhibit hall. We are looking for girls and boys who want to learn about self esteem,

public speaking, stage modeling, mannequin modeling, photography modeling, how to produce a fashion show, clothing selection and much, much more. We have an exciting year planned, which includes lots of fun

fashion shows at several local stores and would like to invite you to become a part of this fun club. For more information about the Alcorn County Mod Squad contact the Extension office for enrollment information.

4-H Shooting Sports Program - Join Now

The 4-H Shooting Sports program continues to grow each month. The club is meeting the third Monday of each month to promote safety training and proper shooting techniques. The meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. and conclude by 7:00 p.m. We will have a promotional meeting in January for anyone

who has not joined by this time. I will provide information about the shooting sports competitions for 2010. The program is more than competitions. It is a great educational opportunity for youth ages 8-18. For more information please contact the Extension office.

**Two things that
make you rich:
faithful friends
and dark-
chocolate truffles.**



Alcorn County 4-H Club Record Books

4-H clubs that would like to be considered for the outstanding club of the year award, must submit a club record book no later than **Monday, November 9**. The criteria for the award is based on club meetings, 4-H member participation, community service and

your club meeting reports. Please include this information in your record book. There is no set format for the record book. Record books can be decorated or you can simply submit the required information in a three ring binder. Keep in mind the book is

not judged by the cover it is the quality of information inside the book that determines the winner of the club award. We have several clubs that are very deserving of this award and recognition. Please take the time to submit your information.

Closing Thoughts . . .

I hope you will make plans to attend some of the fun and educational activities planned for this month. I want to thank all of the volunteers, parents and 4-H members who helped with the annual 4-H Promotion Day. Although we faced a few challenges with the weather conditions it turned out to be one of most productive events for Alcorn County 4-H. We had more than twenty youth to enroll and we continue to receive calls. Program promotion is ongoing through the media and your club activities. I do want to share a couple of opportunities with you:

- MVLA annual conference will be held at MSU February 26-27, 2010. Please contact me if you are interested in presenting a workshop for the conference.
- Wounded Warrior Program—Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Ramstein, Germany has requested donations of chocolate and movie DVD's for our military patients in the hospital. Let's show our support for these soldiers for fighting for our freedom! Please contact me for more information if you are interested in this program.

The annual awards banquet will be held **Monday, November 23, at 6:00 p.m.** You will receive an invitation next month requesting you to reserve your seats. The banquet is a great opportunity for new members to see the awards that are presented so you can make plans for what you want to do next year.



October 2009 4-H Club Meetings

- Clover Chefs—Saturday, October 3, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- Showdeo 4-H Horse Show—Saturday, Oct. 3 & 17, at Little Creek Ranch.
- Eagle 4-H Club—Tuesday, October 6, 4:00 p.m.
- Horse Lover's Club—Thursday, October 8, 5:30—6:30 p.m.
- Go, Go, Goers—Thursday, October 8, 4:30 p.m. Combs Court
- King & Queens of Fashion —Saturday, October 10, 12:00—1:00 p.m.
- Health & Fitness Club—Tuesday, October 13, 5:30—6:30 p.m.
- Craft & Sewing club—Thursday, October 15, 5:30 p.m.
- Congressional Award Club—Sunday, October 18, 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
- Shooting Sports—Monday, October 19, 5:30—7:00 p.m.
- Central Clovers Club—Weds., Oct. 21, 3:15—4:30 p.m. Alcorn Central High School
- Shooting Sports 3 P Air Rifle Participants Only —Friday, Oct. 24, 5:30—7:00 p.m.
- Clover bud Club—Monday, October 26, 5:30—6:30 p.m. (Ages 5-7)
- Mod Squad Promotion Meeting—Monday, Oct. 26, 5:30—7:00 p.m. (Exhibit Hall)
- Technology Club—Tuesday, October 27, 4:00—5:00 p.m.

Please note that all meetings are held at the Extension office unless otherwise stated.

As your 4-H Agent, if I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me.

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