

4-H Newsletter

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Note from your 4-H Agent

Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers,

Spring is approaching and so is the opportunity to get out and enjoy activities in the outdoors. Shooting Sports, horticulture, forestry, and photography are some of the ways to learn about the outdoors through 4-H. I want to pass along some important dates for you to mark on your calendars.

Please call me (285-6337) or email, tracim@ext.msstate.edu if you have any questions about any of the events listed. I hope you take time to get involved in the wonderful opportunities available through 4-H!

Yours in 4-H,

Traci Mongeon, 4-H Youth Agent

Project Areas of Interest

The following are areas where you can learn more. We will meet after school as a group. Juniors (ages 10-13) may get to participate in Jr. Project Achievement. 4 or more Seniors may ad-

vance to State. Call if interested.

Horticulture- Learn to identify flowers, fruit, seeds & more. Ages 10-18

Interior Design- ages 10-18

Forestry- ages 10-18

Clothing Selection & Modeling- ages 14-18

Special points of interest:

- Poster contests
- Volunteer Notes
- Dr. Seuss Day

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**Head
Heart
Hands
Health**

Congratulations Corner

WES 4-H Environmental Club has started the recycling project and received the first cans for recycling from the County Supervisors. You are picking up trash, recycling, and making a difference!

Congratulations to the Cloverbuds and Lucky 13 members for a job well-done on making Valentines for the Nursing Home residents. It took all of you working together to make over 50 valentines.

Those of you who were able to make the deliveries to the residents really made lots of people smile that day. Thank YOU!

Club Meetings & Events

Lucky 13 Club Meetings. Lucky 13 is a general 4-H club that is for ages 8-18. They meet monthly and do a variety of projects from woodworking and painting to cooking and crafts. Meeting times vary. Contact Tony or Renee Steadman at 285-3445.

4-H Modeling Squad has regular scheduled meetings the 3rd Thurs. of each month at 4:00. This month, we meet March 5th to discuss next modeling routine.

Senior 4-H'ers 14-18 may participate in **Clothing Selection contest.**

Photography Contests are coming up in May. These are for all 4-H'ers 8-18!!

- Horse Photography
- Horticulture– flowers, plants
- General photography

Start taking pictures now! Call me for contest details.

4-H Poster Contests

Every 4-H member ages 8-18 may take part in the **4-H Dairy Month Poster Contest!!**

Three county winners will be selected (one for each age group). These three winning posters will be taken to Mississippi State University where they

will be judged for the state winners in each division.

This year's theme is **Fuel up with Milk.** County Contest will be in late April.

Please contact me for rules and scorecard **before beginning your poster!**

There will also be a **general 4-H poster contest.** Details to be announced later.

Get
INVOLVED!!

Have FUN!

Join other
4-H'ers!

The Volunteer Zone

Reminders for Volunteers:

- Jr. Project Achievement Day for ages 8-13 will be June 12th in Verona.
- Cloverbuds (ages 8-9) may do exhibit at Jr. Project Achievement Day. This is a display board on topic of choice. See me for more details.
- Club Congress for youth ages 14-18 will be May 27-29. Deadline is April 21.
- Volunteer Trainings are tentatively scheduled for April 27 & 28. You may choose either the Supper Club on the 27 from 6-7:00 p.m. or the Lunch Bunch from 12-1:00.
Topic will be announced at later date.

The Kids' Corner

☺ Join us the second Tuesday of every month at 3:30 at the Choctaw County Library for **Story Time**. On **March 10**, we will **celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday** with FUN stories by Dr. Seuss.

☺ Kids ages 5-8 can stay around after Story Time for **Cloverbuds**, the 4-H group for younger 4-H'ers! Each month has a different educational and FUN activity! We meet in the meeting room at the Choctaw Co. Library from 4:00-4:45.

Calendar at a Glance

- M 5- 4:30 Modeling Squad Meeting at Ackerman Library
- A 10- 3:30 Story Time at Choctaw County Library..... Dr. Seuss Celebration!
- R 10- 4:00 Cloverbuds Meeting (ages 5-8) at Choctaw Co. Library
- C 23- **4-H Scholarships due to County Extension Office**
- H 26- 4:00 Modeling Squad Meeting at Ackerman Library

- A 9- 4:00 Tentative Modeling Squad meeting- Please call before coming
- P 10- **Good Friday Holiday. Extension Office Closed. Happy Easter!**
- R 14- 3:30 Story Time & Cloverbuds (4:00) at Choctaw County Library
- I 21-**DEADLINE:** Club Congress Registration & money due
- L 23- 4:00 Tentative Modeling Squad Meeting -Please call before coming
- 27- Supper Club Volunteer Training @ Choctaw Co. Extension Office
- 28- Lunch Bunch Volunteer Training @ Choctaw Co. Extension Office (repeat of previous)