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## Upcoming Events

**These programs (unless otherwise noted) will be held at the Choctaw County Extension Office in the Courthouse Annex in Ackerman. All programs are free and open to the public. Feel free to bring your lunch to the noon programs.**

September 22 Stretching Dollars 12:00-1:00pm Susan Cosgrove will offer advice on how to hang on to more of your hard-earned money by using coupons, preparing for holiday spending, and general money tips for making your dollars go farther.

October 10 6:30-8:00pm Plarn Demonstration. Learn how to make yarn out of plastic bags (plarn) to make rugs, bags, decorative items and more. This is not only recycling, but doesn't cost anything to make the items.

October 18 Tobacco Cessation program 10:00am Want to stop smoking? Attend this program to find out how! No charge.

October 18 Health Fair 1:00-4:00pm at Community Center in Ackerman. Sponsored by Farm Bureau and Choctaw County Medical Center

October 20 Managing Diabetes 11:00-12:00 Door prizes will be given away.

October 20 Houseplants 12:00-1:00pm This program will discuss the basics of houseplants and their care. Presented by interactive video.

October 20 Scarecrow Trail – Groups and individuals are encouraged to make and enter a scarecrow which will be displayed at the Walking Track in Ackerman. Entries are due Oct. 20 and will be on display for 2 weeks. Awards will be given. This event is

sponsored by Choctaw County Master Gardeners. For information, call 285-6337.

October 27 Honey 12:00-1:00 Learn about cooking with honey, how to store it and more via interactive video.

November 10 Floral Design 12:00-1:00 Lynette McDougald of MSU's University Florist will present a workshop via interactive video.

November 17 Growing a Home Orchard 12:00-1:00 via interactive video

December 8 Holiday Open House & Santa Choctaw County Library Activities for the day include: Festival of Lights/Christmas trees, sample MSU ice cream, visit with Santa, children's crafts & activities, musical entertainment, educational displays & more.

Food Drive for Broken Wings Ministries – a food drive will be held later this fall to benefit Broken Wings Ministries. Information will be in the local newspaper and WTVA soon.

### 4-H Clubs

For information on 4-H club meetings and events, contact Traci Mongeon, 4-H Agent, at 285-6337 or [tracim@ext.msstate.edu](mailto:tracim@ext.msstate.edu).

## Dawg Bites!

The Extension office has put together a cookbook, *Dawg Bites*. Cookbooks are \$10 each and will make nice Christmas presents, shower gifts or “happys”. They have 200+ recipes, a cooking/nutrition section, Gifts from the Kitchen section and Kids’ Kitchen Crafts section. A limited number are available. To purchase a cookbook, stop by the Extension office in the Courthouse Annex or mail your order to: Choctaw County Extension Office, P.O. Box 370, Ackerman, MS 39735. (Note: Add \$3.50 shipping & handling if you would like your cookbook mailed to you.) Check/money order should be made payable to Choctaw County 4-H. Along with payment, please include your name, address, phone number and email address.

### Yarn Spinners Book Club

Location: Choctaw County Extension Office.  
Yarn Spinners Book Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM until 12:00. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call 285-6337.

**Yarn Drive** - A yarn drive to collect yarn for Full Circle Knitting/Crocheting group will be held November 3 - December 9. Yarn is used to make lap blankets for nursing home residents, Blair Batson children’s hospital in Jackson, scarves/hats for dialysis patients and more. Yarn may be dropped off at the Extension office in the Courthouse Annex.

### Full Circle Knitting/Crocheting Group

Location: Choctaw County Extension Office  
Full Circle Knitting/Crocheting group meets every Tuesday from 9:00 - 12:00. Beginners through experts are invited to attend. Bring your needles and yarn and work on your own project or work on one of our community service projects. Want to help out with a community service project, but can't attend? You can donate yarn or contact us for other ways you can help. For more information, call 285-6337.

New upcoming events are listed on our website and Facebook page when scheduled.  
Website: [http://msucares.com/cgi-bin/countypage.cgi?county\\_number=10](http://msucares.com/cgi-bin/countypage.cgi?county_number=10)

Check out and “like” these three Extension Facebook pages!

- Choctaw Extension  
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/profile.php?id=100002499362523&sk=wall>
- Choctaw County 4-H
- MEALionaire



If you have program ideas, let us know and we’ll see about getting them scheduled!

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Individuals who require special accommodations to participate should contact the Extension office to make their request known prior to the program.