

# Clay County 4-H Newsletter

## 4-H Awards Banquet

The Clay County 4-H Awards Banquet will be **Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m.** It will be held at the West Point Recreation Building located at 1032 Wood St. The theme is: “Clay County 4-H: 100% Green for Our Club, Our Community, Our Country, and Our World!”

For the second year, we will participate in a community service project in conjunction with the banquet. Everyone who purchases a ticket is asked to donate a non-perishable can good. The can goods will be donated to the Clay County Food Pantry.

All 4-H members, parents, and volunteers are invited to attend the banquet. **Tickets are \$2.00 and will be on sale Wednesday, October 14th–Friday, October 23rd.** Let us know if you would like a hamburger or hotdog when you purchase your ticket.

Don't forget to bring a canned good when purchasing tickets.



## 2009 State Fair

The 2009 Mississippi State Fair will take place **October 7th-18th** in Jackson. **4-H Day will be October 17th.** Some events that will be taking place are the 4-H talent show, fashion revue, the modeling showdown and public speaking contest. The 4-H village will be in the Trade Mart Building. If you are planning on attending the fair, check out the 4-H village, there will be a lot of educational and exciting things to see. For more information give me a call.



## 4-H Night with the New Orleans Hornets

The 4-H Foundation is happy to announce the first “4-H Night with the New Orleans Hornets” Friday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. Come cheer on the Hornets as they play the Minnesota Timberwolves at the New Orleans Arena. Tickets for this event cost \$20.00 for upper corners and \$14.00 for upper ends. This price only include the ticket. If you would like to purchase tickets, please let me know by November 4th.



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## West Point in Focus

The West Point/Clay County Arts Council is sponsoring a photography competition for amateur photographers who live, work or attend school in West Point or Clay County.

There will be three age categories: youth to 12, teens 13-17 and adults, with a first and second prize of \$50.00 and \$25.00 in each category. A \$250.00 prize also will be given to the photo judged “Best of Show”.

All entries will be reviewed by a three-judge panel of area photographers. Winners will be announced on Sunday, November 15 at the Second Annual Artists and Authors Showcase.

Entry forms are available at the Extension Office. The deadline to enter is Friday, October 30, 2009.



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## Steak Sale

The Clay County Cattlemen Association will have their annual Steak and Sandwich Scholarship Fundraiser, Saturday, October 17th in the parking lot near Kroger in West Point. The event starts at 10:00 a.m. and continue throughout the day. This fundraiser supports the scholarship program for local youth who are attending school beyond the 12th grade. This scholarship has been awarded to several Clay County 4-H members, so let's continue to support this worthy cause.

## Mississippi State University

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### PUMPKIN POEM

One day I found two pumpkin seeds.  
I planted one and pulled the weeds.  
It sprouted roots and a big, long vine.  
A pumpkin grew; I called it mine.  
The pumpkin was quite round and fat.  
(I really am quite proud of that.)  
But there is something I'll admit  
That has me worried just a bit.  
I ate the other seed, you see.  
Now will it grow inside of me?

(I'm so relieved since I have found  
That pumpkins only grow in the ground!)

Anonymous

## Halloween Safety Tips

With witches, goblins, and super-heroes descending on neighborhoods across America, parents and children should follow some safety tips to help prepare them for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday.

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don't run
- Stay on sidewalks
- Obey traffic signals
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Don't cut across yards or driveways
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with the costume)
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape
- Approach only houses that are lit

