



Covington County Clover Clips

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4~H Cooking Club

The 4-H cooking club will take a summer break and return in August. The August meeting will get us geared up for our culinary fair exhibits for the MS State Fair and South MS Fair. So look in next month's news letter for dates and times. Bring a friend and stop byits never too late to join.

Volunteer Leaders Forum

The annual Southeast District Volunteer Leaders Forum is quickly approaching. This is a fun filled day on the coast. It gives 4-H Volunteers an opportunity to network with other volunteers as well as learn a few new skills. This year's forum will be held August 15, 2009 at the Coastal Research & Extension Center in Biloxi. Please let me know if you are interested in attending this wonderful conference. There will be additional information on this conference coming soon.

Project Achievement Awards

Covington County 4-H junior members recently showed off their stuff during the 2009 Southeast District 4-H Project Achievement Day held in June on the campus of North Forrest High School. Covington 4-H members brought home loads of trophies and ribbons for their 2nd place poultry judging team, blue ribbon visual presentation and blue ribbon Cloverleaf Exhibitors. Members of the second place poultry judging team include: Todd Broadhead, Hunter Stapleton, Tucker Thrash and Kelsey Hand. Blue Ribbon winner for the Beef Visual Contest was Todd Broadhead and Blue Ribbon winners for the Cloverleaf Exhibits were Will Broadhead and Amelia Buckley. Way to go gang we are all proud of your great accomplishments!

Check out the 4-H newsletter online at
http://msucare.com/counties/covington_16/4h.htm



Club Congress Winners

More than 600 youth, their volunteer leaders and Mississippi State University Extension Service staff worked hard to make the 2009 4-H Congress successful. The event recently took place on the campus of MSU and was a wonderful experience for all who attended. Covington County was well represented as participants won numerous awards while at this state wide conference. This year's contest winners included third place State Meats Judging Team: Michael Buckley, Leeann Smith, Brandon Thrash and Erica Rigney and fifth place high scoring Poultry Judging individual: Lane Gandy. In addition to winning numerous contest local 4-H members also received other recognitions. Michael Buckley was selected for the 2009 State Leadership Team, an honor set aside for youth who excel in their project work and are interested in enhancing their leadership skills. Team members will be involved with not only promotional activities but will also provide programmatic input through committee and task force assignments for the State 4-H program. Michael was also elected as State 4-H Reporter where he will serve a one year term providing planning insight into the various Mississippi 4-H projects as well as representing the State 4-H program in various public appearances and speaking engagements across the state. Brandon Thrash was also recognized during a special ceremony on campus during the 2009 Club Congress. Brandon was inducted into the Mississippi 4-H Honor Club. The Mississippi 4-H Honor Club recognizes only the elite members who have been outstanding in 4-H project work, leadership, citizenship, and service to others. These 4-H members must show an outstanding dedication to their county and state 4-H programs as well as contribute back to their community through community service. Congratulations to you all for an outstanding job!

2009 4-H Shooting Sports South Volunteer Instructor Training

The Wayne County Vocational Center in Waynesboro, MS will be the meeting sites for the next 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Leader Training Workshop to be held August 29-30. Discipline training will take place inside the Vocational Center with all outdoor activities being held at a local gun range. Participants must be at least 21 years of age in order to become a certified volunteer. At this training session each person can complete certification in only one of the following disciplines: Pistol, Rifle, Muzzleloader, Archery, Shotgun, and Coordinator. This training requires your attendance and participation for the DURATION in order to receive certification for the discipline chosen. In order to cover all of the components during the limited Saturday/Sunday time period, we request that you pay close attention to the agenda that will be handed out during registration on Saturday morning. The registration cost is \$75.00 per person. This will cover the cost of Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and breakfast Sunday morning with snacks at break times on both days. This fee also covers workshop materials, training equipment, and ammunition. Registration forms should be filled out and returned with a \$75.00 check per person payable to Mississippi 4-H and noted for the 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Training. EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION WILL BE FROM JUNE 22TH-JULY 31ST. REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE 31ST WILL BE CHARGED AN ADDITIONAL \$10.00. ABSOLUTELY NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER NOON ON AUGUST 14TH. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER AUGUST 14TH. If you are interested in serving as a certified volunteer and coach for one of our shooting sports disciplines please contact the Extension Office for more information

FAIR EXHIBITS

The State Fair and the South MS Fairs are quickly approaching. All exhibits except baked good must be received in the Covington County Extension Office by September 14, 2009. An exhibit list for the State Fair can be found online at <http://msucares.com/4h>Youth/4hfair/fairschedule.html> or you may obtain a list for both fairs at the Extension Office.

Senior 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

The senior 4-H livestock-judging contest will be held in October during the 2009 State Fair. This contest will be held in conjunction with the FFA livestock-judging contest. The state winning senior 4-H Livestock Judging Team will represent Mississippi at the Western National 4-H Roundup in Denver, CO in January 2010. If you are interested in participating in this contest please let me know by August 10, 2009 so we may begin practicing.



Check Out The New 4-H Page on Facebook!

On March 31, with a goal to create a more prominent presence on Facebook, National 4-H Council created a 4-H page on Facebook. In four days, the 4-H page fan base increased to more than 5500 fans. Within a couple of weeks, the membership grew to more than 30,000 4-H fans! With significantly more fans than Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, BGCA, and FFA combined; 4-H is one of the top 130 non-profits on Facebook, based on fan size. Jess Falkenthal, Educational Technology Specialist at National 4-H Council, was able to secure a meeting with Andrew Bosworth, a Software Design Engineer at Facebook, who just happened to be a California 4-H alumni. He was also invented the News Feed feature in 2006. Through this partnership, the page was able to get a vanity URL, [facebook.com/4-h](https://www.facebook.com/4-h), making it even easier for fans to get to the page. So check out the page and become a fan of 4-H.

Livestock Project Reminders

Please remember that **September 1, 2009** is the ownership deadline for beef breeding, steer, dairy, hogs, commercial heifers, lambs and goats showing at the 2009 Mississippi State Fair. It is also the ownership deadline for steer, commercial heifers, market lambs, and market goats showing at the 2010 District and Dixie National Livestock Shows. ***All market steers, market sheep, market goats and commercial heifers planning to be entered in the State Fair, District Livestock and Dixie National Shows will be required to be retinal imaged. Please contact the extension office with the number of market animals and commercial heifers you plan to exhibit by August 1, 2009 so that I may order you an ear tag.*** The dates and locations of the statewide retinal imaging are listed below.

Retinal Imaging/Classification

Verona	September 14 (a.m.)
Senatobia	September 14 (p.m.)
Greenwood	September 15
Raymond	September 16
Hattiesburg	September 17
Hattiesburg	September 18 (until noon)

4-H Calendar of Events

July 14 Junior Record Books Due
July 24-31 Neshoba County Fair
July 27-29 State Livestock Judging Camp
July 28-Aug 2 Regional Horse Show
August 4-6 SE Livestock Judging Camp
August 15 SE Volunteer Leaders Forum
August 29 Pearl River County Show
September 14-18 Retinal Imaging
October 7-18 MS State Fair
October 23-31 South MS Fair