



# Kemper County 4-H

January/February

## The 4-H pledge

- I pledge my:
- head to clearer thinking,
- my heart to greater loyalty,
- my hands to larger service,
- my health to better living
- for my club, my community my country and my world.

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## Meetings

I hope everyone had awesome holidays and a great start to the new year.

I think our holiday meeting/party went really well. There seemed to be lots of fun going on! Lots of gingerbread and sugar cookies were decorated and eaten. Everyone made and created their own unique snowman to take home and give away or to keep and decorate their house with.

The next County 4-H club meetings will be: February meeting on Monday the 16th at 7 pm and the March meeting which

will be Monday the 16th at 7 pm.

For the rest of the year the newsletter will only be coming out bimonthly. Consequently, you are going to have to work a little harder to remember important dates since you won't be getting so many reminders. This letter is for January and February and you won't see another one until the end of March for both March and April.

If you are unsure about the date or time about something, always feel free to give me a call or send me an email about it.



## Dates To Know

### January

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## Shooting Sports

Now that we have some awesome, trained volunteers we are going to try and get a Shooting Sports Club going.

The first meeting will be held Wednesday, February 11 at 3:30pm at the Farmers market building. If you have an interest in participating in shooting sports activities, you need to attend this meeting. If you would like to participate but cannot attend, please let me know.

## 4-H Play

Auditions for the 2009 Mississippi 4-H play *Design a Dad* will be held in New Albany on Friday February 6th and Sunday February 8th. Rehearsals will start in March and continue through April with the first performance taking place May 8th.

Any 4-H'er, at least 13 years old, is invited to audition for the play. If you are interested let me know and I will get you the details.

## District Livestock Show and Dixie Nationals

The Southeast District Livestock Show takes place January 23rd through the 25th. 4-H'ers from the district will be there showing and competing with their lambs, meat goats, dairy goats, hogs, beef cattle and dairy cattle all weekend long.

In addition to the show the Junior Livestock Judging Contest will take place Saturday morning starting at 8 am. Wish Kemper County's team

luck as they head down to compete.

After competing at the district show many exhibitors and their livestock will go on to show at Dixie Nationals starting January 29th and continuing into February. If you have any interest in showing livestock next year, attending one of these shows would be an excellent way for you to see what you would be in for.

## Horse Judging

Now that livestock judging is out of the way, we can get down to business with the horses.

The contest is not until June which seems like a long time away, but we have a lot to cover. We will be finishing up halter and moving on to performance classes, then lots of practice giving reasons and judging.

Horse judging practices will be Friday afternoons, check the first page of your newsletters for which ones.

Also, is anyone interested in doing

Horse Bowl? It's a great way to learn tons of information about horses. A horse bowl contest consists of two teams of 4-H'ers. The teams are given questions pertaining to horses that they buzz in and answer. These questions cover everything about horses, from basic horse care to different breeds, feeding, first aid, and foaling.

So if anyone would like to try Horse Bowl, let's get a team together and have some fun!

**“no act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted”**

## 4-H Day at MSU Lady Basketball Game

Are they any basketball fans out there? If so let me know so we can get you a ticket to the Mississippi State University Lady Bulldogs basketball game.

Mississippi 4-H will be sponsoring the Lady Bulldogs basketball game on Sunday, February 8th, at 2:00pm. Come support the Lady Bulldogs as they take on the LSU Tigers! Tickets are \$7.00 and this includes a game day t-shirt.

If you would like to attend the game I MUST know BEFORE 5:00 pm on Friday, January 30th. I need to know so that I can turn the ticket request

in to the state 4-H office.



## Volunteer Leader Conference

The Mississippi Annual 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Conference will be held at Mississippi State University February 27-28. The theme this year is "4-H Volunteer: Celebrating the Green with the Blues."

The conference is a chance for 4-H volunteers and friends of 4-H to participate in 'funshops, workshops, great fellowship, entertainment and fun.' The

conference begins Friday evening with a general assembly to be followed by dinner and then concludes Saturday evening with a closing banquet.

Any adults (volunteers, parents, etc.) who would like to take part in all or part of the conference please let me know right away, so I can get the registration turned in.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Brooke Hailey and her prize winning entomology art work!

At the end of October Brooke submitted three separate works of art to the 4th Annual 4-H Entomological

Art Exhibition and Photo Salon.

Brooke's art was judged, awarded prizes, and then put on display at the Clay Lyle Entomology Building at Mississippi State University. Way to go Brooke!

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