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Handmade Holiday Ornament Contest

Lee County 4-H'ers may each enter one hand made holiday ornament. The ornaments will be judged. All ornaments meeting the judging criteria will be displayed on the 4-H Tree at the Tupelo Automobile Museum. Ornaments made from kits are discouraged.

Rules:

- * Participants may enter one ornament.
- * Ornaments should not be too large to hang on the tree.
- * Ornaments should be brought to the 4-H Office by Tuesday, December 1st.
- * Ornaments entered must be made by the individual entering it in the contest.
- * Each ornament must have its own hanger for the tree.
- * Ornaments will be judged on originality, sturdiness, and over-all appearance.

Prizes:

Cloverleaf (under 8) - \$5 cash award will be given to the top five 4-H ornaments selected

Ages 8-18 - \$10 cash award will be given to the top five 4-H ornaments selected

Canned Food Drive

Be part of the effort to make a difference in the lives of those who are hungry. Mississippi State University Extension Service and WTVA have joined together to collect canned food items that will be donated to local food banks. Please drop your donations off at our office. This is a great 4-H Club Service Project.



Holiday Workshop

Join the 4-H fun by learning to make holiday items. The workshop will be **Thursday, December 10, 2009**, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. for ages 8 to 18. If you plan to participate, please call 841-9000 by December 7th. The cost is \$2 for supplies and space is limited.

4-H Record Books

4-H'ers who completed Record Books in the summer may pick them up from the 4-H Office. Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00-Noon and 1:00-5:00.

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter! The user name is 4Hleecounty. There are other accounts with similar names so be sure to type it just as it is written above. We will be posting reminders and lots of good 4-H tips. Join the fun.

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Daffodil Project

Purpose: To Plant Pride in our City!

The City of Tupelo, the Quality of Life Committee and the Mayor's Committee to promote safe, strong and attractive neighborhoods and public spaces invite you to assist in planting **50,000** daffodil bulbs. The 2009 site is South Spring Street at Elizabeth. The planting date is Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 8:00 am to Noon and 1:00-4:00 pm. The Rain out date is Sunday, November 22nd. Youth under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please call Sherrie Cochran (662) 841-6510 to sign up.

Get Buzzing

Mississippi Bee Essays are due to MSU by January 15, 2010. For more information, call Beth at 841-9000.



The Tupelo Christmas parade will be held Saturday, December 5th.

Please let our office know if your 4-H club will have a float.

Holiday Schedule

The Lee County Extension Office will be closed November 26-27th for Thanksgiving.

The office will also be closed for Winter holidays from December 22, 2009 until January 4, 2010.



Volunteer Leader News

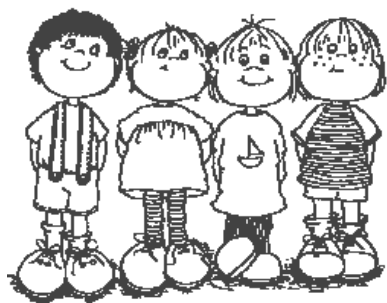
Outstanding Volunteers Nominations

The deadline for submitting applications for the **Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Leaders of the Year Award** is January 15, 2010. This year we will recognize two volunteers per Extension District. All recipients will receive their award at the Annual 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference Banquet, which will be held February 27, 2010, at Mississippi State University Bost Building B Conference Center.

MVLA Officer Nominations

Nominations for volunteers to run for **Officer of the Mississippi 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association** are due into the State 4-H Office January 15, 2010.. This year the following officers will be elected during the Annual 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference: President Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, and Parliamentarian. In order to run for one of the aforementioned offices, the candidate must be a current member of the MVLA. Candidates must also be prepared to make a three-minute campaign speech during the MVLA Annual Business Meeting on Friday night, February 26, 2010.

Contact Beth for the proper forms.



4-H Club Meetings

4-H Photography Club

The 4-H Photography Club will meet Thursday, November 12th at 6:15 at the 4-H Office. Bring your Photography Scavenger Hunt assignment. Lisa Browning is the Club Leader.

Clover Patch Friends 4-H Club

The Clover Patch Friends 4-H Club will meet Monday, November 9th at 5:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office. Charlotte West is the Club Leader.

St. John 4-H Club

A new club is being organized at the St. John MB Church in Shannon. The first meeting is Wednesday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. Homer Washington is the Club Leader.

Clover Crew 4-H Club

The Clover Crew 4-H Club under the leadership of Dana Roberts and Jennifer Bruce will meet in November. Call the 4-H Office at 841-9000 for meeting time and date.

The Cloverbud Club (ages 5-7) will meet Tuesday, November 17th at 4:00 p.m. The program will be on Health. Bring canned food items to donate. Please call 841-9000 if you plan to attend.



Congressional Awards News

The State Congressional Award Ceremony is tentatively scheduled for February 21, 2010, at the Capitol in Jackson, MS. The deadline for submitting a participant's record book will be November 30, 2009. If you need assistance with your record please call Beth at 841-9000 to make an appointment.

National Congressional Award Ceremony

If you plan to receive your bronze or silver medals in Washington, D.C., in the spring or the gold medal in the summer, please let me know so we can get you information on deadlines and deposits.

4-H Play and Southern Sounds Auditions

Auditions for the new 4-H Play and the 4-H performing group 4-H Southern Sounds will be held on Thursday, January 21st at the Lee County 4-H Office. Call 841-9000 for more information. To participate, you must be signed up for Congressional Awards.

Belvia's Blog

ROPES & REINS

Ropes and Reins will sponsor a NBHA Barrel Race on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at the Lee County Agri-Center. We will need everyone's help to make this a success.

The Lee County Agri-Center will be open Thursday, November 5, 2009 for Ropes and Reins members to ride their horses. The hours are 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This is free to Ropes and Reins members, all others will be charged \$5.

Please contact me if you are interested in learning more about barrel racing and other speed events. We have volunteers to assist 4-Hers wanting to learn more about the speed events.

If you are interested in Horse Bowl, Horse Judging or Hippology, please contact Belvia.



4-H Shooting Sports *Learn by Doing*

Sam Taylor of New Albany was the winner of the .22 Winchester Rifle given away Saturday, October 31st. The Shooting Sports Club was very successful with the Rifle Raffle.

Dan Dixon, Jeff Penney, and Ricky Davis just completed Shooting Sports volunteer training. I would like to thank all the volunteers for all they do to make our program successful.

The next Shooting Sports Safety meeting will be held at Whitetail Ridge on Thursday, November 12th at 6:00 pm.

If you are interested in the Shooting Sports Program, and are not yet enrolled, please contact the 4-H office as soon as possible.

AGGIES

The Aggies will meet on Monday, December 7th at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Office.

The deadline for ownership of dairy animals, hogs, beef breeding animals, and dairy goats is **December 1st**. If you are interested in showing at the District and Dixie National, you must contact me as soon as possible.

Livestock Judging teams are being formed. These teams will judge at the District Livestock Show in January. If you are a junior 4-Her (13 or younger) and want to judge, please let me know as soon as possible.

Congratulations

Lee County was well represented at the Mississippi State Fair in Jackson. All of our 4-Hers did a great job.! John Robert Bishop won 1st Place in Goat Showmanship, Taylor Scott exhibited the Grand Champion Market Hog, and Taylor Causey exhibited the Grand Champion Commercial Doe.



IMPORTANT LIVESTOCK DATES

2009

November 13 & 14 Attala County Livestock Show
December 1 **Deadline** - Ownership - swine, dairy, and beef breeding for Dixie National

2010

January 16 Junior Livestock Judging Clinic—Lee County Agri-Center
January 23 2nd Annual Lee County Livestock Show—Lee County Agri-Center
January 29-30 Northeast District Livestock Show —Lee County Agri-Center
January 30 Northeast District Junior Livestock Judging Contest—Lee County Agri-Center
February 4-11 Dixie National Junior Livestock Show—Jackson