



# Clover Connection

## YOUth Succeeding

Leflore has had an exciting summer with all the workshops and contests. We have been very well represented by some of Mississippi's most talented youth.

Project Achievement Day highlights: **Shakeria Anderson** won 1<sup>st</sup> in Computer VP; **Demarcus Simpson** won 1<sup>st</sup> in Engineering VP; **Kieya Conner** won 1<sup>st</sup> in Health VP; **Kieya Conner, Oteka Warren, Christy Williams** won 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Consumer Judging Contest.

2009 4-H Congress delegates from Leflore included: **Maya Parker, Kiara Bass, Morgan Raspberry, Sydney Shelton, JaLysia Roberts, Jeanna McGee, Astreya Zachary**; third row: **Calvin Stokes, Patricia Stokes, DeAndrill Smith, Martha Clay, Samantha King, Danielle Harris, Darius Hearn, Cortesha Hughes, Sam Baker, Anika Watt, Jamal Perkins, Trevor Skelton, Boddrick Hudson, Joshua Simmons, Kyle Buford, George Alexander, Murry Adams, Matthew Waldrop, Carrie Brooke Canterbury, Jenni Brown, Volunteers Karen Moore, Jermaine McCaskill and Shirlette Moore.** **Astreya Zachary** won 1<sup>st</sup> in Health VP at Congress. **Anika Watts** won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Clothing Construction. **Jenni Brown, Cari Brooke Canterbury, DeAndrill Smith, and Sam Baker** won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Child Development. **George Alexander** won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Powerpoint VP. **Danielle Harris, Kyle Buford, and Joshua Simmons** were selected for the 2009-2010 State 4-H Leadership Team.

Grilling at the North Mississippi 4-H BBQ Contest was **Joshua Simmons**, 1st place Senior Prestigious

Steak; **Hayley Meriwether**, 5th place Junior Prestigious Steak; **Martha Clay**, 2nd Place Senior Poultry; **Reginald Hawkins**, 2nd Place Senior Hamburger. **Martha** also competed at the Mississippi State 4-H Poultry BBQ contest and won 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.

**Jacob Lindsey** received 3<sup>rd</sup> place; **Steele Henderson** placed 3<sup>rd</sup>; **Cody McBride** placed 3<sup>rd</sup>; **Joseph Tillman** placed 1<sup>st</sup>; **Mason Standrod, Craig James, Hunter Wall** participated in the Northwest Region Shooting Sports Match in Charleston, MS. Also making Shooting Sports news is **Carty Tillman**, 2010 National 4-H Shotgun competitor, 3<sup>rd</sup> place State Shotgun winner.

4-H Business Cooperative Conference delegates from Leflore were **Joshua Simmons and Kyle Buford**. There were over 90 delegates from across the state participating in the conference. **Sydney Shelton** received the 4-H Business Cooperative Scholarship.

### A Note from the Agent

Whew! We have made it through another summer of contests, horse shows, workshops, and shooting matches! All the hard work our 4-H'ers, parents and volunteers has paid off. As you can tell Leflore came out on top. I look forward to the new 4-H year and all of the new and exciting opportunities it has!

*Christina Meriwether*

**4-H Youth Agent**

### 4-H PRIDE

Leflore 4-H is sending applications to all Leflore County High Schools for the upcoming leadership



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program, **4-H P.R.I.D.E. (Potential Realized In Diverse Environments)**. 4-H P.R.I.D.E is an intense, eleven-month training for youth with very strict qualifications and interview process. Youth meet at least once a month during school hours at the Extension office and also during the summer. Participants learn teambuilding, communication, conflict resolution, community service, diversity and many other skills. **Deadline to submit applications is September 15, 2009. If you are interested in participating contact the 4-H office at (662) 453-6803.**

### 4-H Football Day

Last year approximately 1,000 4-H'ers, agents and volunteers enjoyed the tailgate party at the 4-H tent. This year we hope to surpass those numbers and let the state of Mississippi know what 4-H is and what it brings to each county!!! This is a great deal—you get a ticket to the game, t-shirt, and food at the 4-H Tailgating Tent all for \$15! If you already have a ticket to the game, you can still get the t-shirt and tailgate ticket for \$10. I have attached the ticket/t-shirt form to this letter. If you intend to go to the game, please return your ticket/t-shirt form and money to the Leflore Extension Office by Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

### State Fair 4-H Village

Have you made any cool crafts such as pottery, birdhouses, or home decorations? You know you can enter them in the Mississippi State Fair Exhibits in the 4-H Village. This is a great time to display your wonderful items you have made throughout the year! The 4-H village is located in the Trade Mart Building on the Fairgrounds. Each exhibit is awarded a ribbon in which each one will receive monetary awards. Also, a part of the 4-H Village, are the Entomology and Photography Exhibits. The second Saturday in October is declared as 4-H Day at the Mississippi State Fair and all 4-H members, leaders and agents are admitted free between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 noon. On this day, 4-H'ers from all across the state come to view the exhibits and take part in the many 4-H activities going on. Deadline to submit items for the 4-H village is October 2 to the Leflore Extension Office. For a Complete List of Exhibit go to <http://msucares.com/4h>Youth/4hfair/fairschedule.html> or contact the 4-H Office at 662-453-6803

### Volunteer Training

Alcorn Central High School in Corinth, MS will be the meeting sites for the next 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Leader Training Workshop to be held October 24-25, 2009. Discipline training will take place inside the Alcorn Central High School with all outdoor activities being held at a local range. Please consider the information contained in this memo carefully, and send one or more of your volunteers or county personnel to this training workshop. Participants must be at least 21 years of age in order to become a certified volunteer. To make better use of your resources, individual disciplines will only be offered if at least 5 participants are registered by the final deadline\*. Any discipline with insufficient registration will not be offered in the final program. Each county may bring one or more agents or volunteers in each of the six disciplines that will be offered; however, at this training session each person can complete certification in only one of the following disciplines\*: Pistol, Rifle, Muzzleloader, Archery, Shotgun, and Coordinator. **Deadline to register is September 20<sup>th</sup>. The prepaid registration cost is \$75.00 per person.** Registration information is available at the Extension Office.

In other Shooting Sports News, there will be a Fundraising Skeet Shoot in Marks, MS August 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information call the Quitman County Extension Office 662-326-8939. A flyer is attached.



**4-H Afterschool is offering a training Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 4pm.** This training is free to anyone participating and lunch will be provided. We

will be doing LOTS of fun, hands-on activities. Each child-care facility represented will also receive the 4-H Afterschool curriculum. For more information call 4-H Youth Agent, Christina Meriwether or Child Development and Family Area Agent, Jennifer Russell 662-453-6803.

### Leflore 4-H Online

Don't forget that you can find lots of information about our county 4-H program. You can go to:

[http://msucares.com/counties/lefllore\\_42/4h.html](http://msucares.com/counties/lefllore_42/4h.html)

### Congressional Award

If you are registered for the Congressional Award, the deadline is December 8 to have your record book completed and in Dr. Linda Mitchell's hands to receive your award Sunday, February 22. Do YOU want more

OPPORTUNITIES in LIFE? Are you age 14 to 23? Then, this is the Door to Opportunity for you! The Congressional Award Program is about challenge. The Award offers young people the opportunity to set a personal goal and achieve it. Along the way, you will learn about yourself and about qualities like responsibility, trust and the ability to plan and organize. There are six levels of Award -- Bronze, Silver, and Gold Certificates and Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medals. Each level is cumulative -- this means time spent on one award is carried with you to the next level. To get registered contact the 4-H Office at (662) 453-6803 or come by for more information. Get started today!

**Want to share something?**  
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**Fax us at (662) 455-1853**  
**Email us at [Leflore@ext.msstate.edu](mailto:Leflore@ext.msstate.edu)**  
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<b>4-H Calendar</b>	
<b>September</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Deadline: Community Pride Progress Reports</b>
	<b>Deadline: Ownership for beef breeding, commercial beef heifers, steers, hogs, lambs, market goats showing at Mississippi State Fair.</b>
	<b>Deadline: Ownership for steers, commercial beef heifers, market goats and lambs showing at 2010 District Shows and Dixie National Junior Round-Up</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Deadline: Nomination Forms and computer entries due on all livestock showing at the 2009 MS State Fair and for all market animals showing at the 2009 MS State Fair and 2010 District and Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Shows</b>
	<b>Deadline: Entries for breeding beef, commercial beef heifers, steers, hogs, lambs, market goats showing at 2009 MS State Fair</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Labor Day Holiday</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>4-H Afterschool Training</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Deadline: 4-H PRIDE Applications</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Delta District Classification and retinal imaging for Commercial Beef Heifers, Market Steers, Market Lambs, and Market Goats for 2010 District and Dixie National Junior Round-Up Shows</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>4-H Day at Mid-South Fair—Desoto County Civic Center</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Deadline: North MS Shooting Sports Volunteer Training Registration and Fees</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Clover Clues</b>
	<b>Virtual Club</b>
	<b>Campus Clover Connection</b>
	<b>Deadline: 4-H Football Game Day Ticket/T-Shirt Forms and Fees</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>State 4-H Horse Show Planning meeting—MSU</b>
<b>30-2</b>	<b>Southern Region Volunteer Leader Forum—Rock Eagle, GA</b>
<b>October</b>	
<b>30-2</b>	<b>Southern Region Volunteer Leader Forum—Rock Eagle, GA</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Deadline to Submit items for MS State Fair 4-H Village</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4-H Football Game Day—Starkville</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>4-H Sunday</b>
<b>4-10</b>	<b>Mississippi and National 4-H Week</b>
<b>7-18</b>	<b>Mississippi State Fair—Jackson</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>4-H Day at the State Fair</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Campus Clover Connection</b>
	<b>Virtual 4-H Club</b>
<b>24-25</b>	<b>North Mississippi Shooting Sports Volunteer Training—Corinth</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Supper Club 4-H Volunteers Leaders Training</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Lunch Bunch 4-H Volunteers Leaders Training</b>