



Neshoba County FALL NEWSLETTER



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4-H NEWSLETTER



Leadership Corner



County 4-H Council - Officers of 4-H clubs as well as all 4-H'ers are invited and encouraged to attend the October 14th and November 18th County 4-H Council meetings, which begin at 3:30 p.m. each month. Refreshments will be available. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. Don't miss these important meetings. **We really need everyone's input. Come and bring a friend.** The October meeting will be on animal science projects and some surprise experiments. November's meeting will be on the Child Development projects.

National 4-H Week - National 4-H Week is October 4-10 with MS 4-H Sunday being October 4. We hope to have our 4-H promotional page to be released that week. Think of ways you can promote 4-H on these special dates. When you see the sponsors of this page, please thank them. It's becoming an expensive undertaking.

4-H Awards Banquet - The annual 4-H Awards Banquet will be Monday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Neshoba Coliseum. 4-H'ers who have participated in out-of-county competition, the 4-H Fashion Show or served as an officer are invited. Look for your invitation in the mail soon.

Mississippi State Fair - Please note the dates for the Mississippi State Fair on the calendars. There are numerous activities going on during this twelve-day event; however, the last Saturday of the fair, October 17, is regarded as 4-H Day at the Fair. You should note there are even more 4-H related activities going on this particular Saturday, such as the State 4-H Fashion Show and the Modeling Squad Showdown. In fact, 4-H groups can get in free with a ticket on this day. We have 30 tickets in the county 4-H office. These are available until they run out.

Leadership Neshoba - Our eighth class for eleventh grade Neshoba County youth is being kicked off in October with a retreat to be held October 19 and 20 at Central Hills Baptist Retreat north of Kosciusko. This group will hold monthly meetings and conclude with a banquet in April.

This year 26 students have been selected for 2009-2010. I hope all 4-H'ers will aspire to be a part of this group when they become 11th graders in years to come.



Field & Stream Corner



4-H Youth Sportfishing - A catfish rodeo will be held Saturday, October 10, at Airpark Pond. This fall's Make-a-Difference Day Catfish Rodeo is just for nursing home residents. Teen leaders will be needed to assist with this special day for our senior citizens. If you would like to help, please give me a call.

Hunter Education - There is one remaining Hunter Ed class to be offered on October 24 at the Community Development Partnership Depot starting at 8 a.m. Call 601-656-4602 to register.

Wildlife Jamboree - The Wildlife Jamboree will be November 10 at the Neshoba Coliseum. There will be a youth archery and pellet gun competition starting at 3:30 p.m. in the following categories: 7-10, 11-14 & 15-18. The program starts at 5 p.m. Cost is now \$2 per person, age 6 and under admitted free. Educational booths, tasting buffet, big buck contest, gun raffles, entertaining speaker and many other activities are planned. Contribute a wild game dish and receive five tickets toward a gun raffle.

4-H Shooting Sports - We plan to kick off shooting sports earlier this coming season. Our re-organizational date is tentatively set for January 21. Until then you 4-H'ers and parents have a successful and safe hunting season.

Instructors, coaches and parents met September 29 and discussed a few things about the program. We approved a mission statement and set some program goals. One goal is to double the size of program in the next few years. They also noted that ammunition is in short supply this year and next, so you may want to get with your instructors in the next week or so and let them know how much ammunition you will need to meet your needs through next year. An order can then be placed.

Congratulations to Ben Cheatham who represented Neshoba County and Mississippi at the National 4-H Shooting Sports competition in Nebraska in the discipline of archery. The archery team placed fourth.



Animal Science Corner



Animal Science Club Meeting - The next Animal Science Club meeting will be November 3 at the Neshoba Coliseum. The time will be 6 p.m. Officers will be elected. Any 4-H'er who has an interest in the animal science projects is invited.

Livestock Show Planning Meeting - Livestock exhibitors will want to mark their calendars for the County Livestock Show planning meeting Thursday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Neshoba Coliseum. Final plans will be made for the county show, which has been set for January 16 in the Neshoba Coliseum.

4-H Calf Scramble has been changed. The county 4-H Calf Scramble program has been changed to the "4-H Calf Show Donor Program." Instead of conducting a calf scramble at the Neshoba Co. Fair, we are now accepting applications for show calves. A selection committee will determine up to four winners of show calves. Rules for the program are pretty much the same; however, we are now willing to permit dairy and beef show calves. In 2010 we plan to require applications be submitted to the county 4-H office by **April 1**. Look for more details in the winter newsletter. Congratulations to 2009 Calf Scramble winners: Kaitlin Miles, Cole Beason and Micaela Beason.

Christmas Party/Christmas Parade

This year's **4-H Christmas Party** will be held December 15 at 6 p.m. at the Neshoba Coliseum. A home-made Christmas Ornament Contest will be held that night. Cash awards will be given to the top three winners. Bingo will be played with some really nice prizes going to the winners.

Finally, please bring one food item per family, such as chips/dips, cookies, cocktail wieners, crackers, cheese balls, sandwiches, etc. We'll furnish the ice and drinks

The **Christmas parade** will be Monday, December 7, at 6 p.m. We'll be popping popcorn on the corner of the square.

Hope to see you at both these events!!!

Reminders:

**Wildlife Jamboree,
Nov. 10, 5:00 p.m.,
Neshoba Coliseum**

**4-H Awards Banquet,
Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.,
Neshoba Coliseum
(Invitation only)**

4-H CONTESTS/RECORDS

4-H'ers need to be thinking about what their main project is and which contest(s) they plan to compete in next May and June. Contest pre-registration deadline is April 8 with county contest for visuals, clover leafs public speaking and share-the-fun to be held April 15. This also applies to working on a 4-H Record. Some of you have been given a record book to begin keeping up with your project activities. Get started and we will assist you further at a 4-H Record workshop on May 20 and/or 21. Records are due in June for senior 4-H'ers and July for junior and intermediate 4-H'ers.



As we approach the holiday season, I would like to wish each of you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Please make an effort to make 4-H a family affair even during the holidays.

Yours in 4-H!



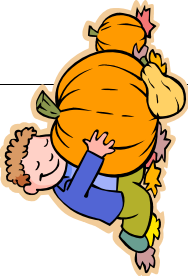

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October 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4</p> <p>National 4-H Week Begins</p> <p>Mississippi State Fair Begins</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Mississippi State Fair, October 4-18</p> <p>National 4-H Week, October 4-10</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Check in Beef by 11 a.m. deadline, State Fairgrounds</p> <p>10 Livestock Judging Contest, 8 a.m.</p> <p>Make-A-Difference Day Fishing Rodeo for Nursing Homes, Airpark Pond</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Beef Showmanship, 1 p.m., State Fairgrounds</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Beef Show, 8:30 a.m., State Fairgrounds</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>County 4-H Council, 3:30 p.m., Coliseum</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Arrival deadline for Dairy, 1 p.m., State Fairgrounds</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Open Dairy Show, 9 a.m., State Fairgrounds</p> <p>17 Junior Dairy Show, 8:30 a.m., State Fairgrounds</p> <p>State 4-H Fashion Show, Fairgrounds</p> <p>"4-H Day at the Fair"</p>	<p>24 Hunter Education, CDP Depot</p> <p>North Shooting Sports Volunteer Leader Training, Alcorn County High School</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Mississippi State Fair Ends</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Leadership Neshoba Retreat, Central Hills Baptist Retreat. Depart 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Leadership Neshoba Retreat, Central Hills Baptist Retreat. Return 3 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Fall Fun Day for Special Needs Children of Neshoba County Area, 9 a.m.-Noon, Coliseum</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>31</p> 
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Leadership Neshoba, 8 a.m., CDP Depot</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	



November 2009





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Daylight Savings Time Ends!	2	3 Animal Science Club Meeting, 6 p.m., Coliseum	4	5 Cattlemen's Assoc. Meeting, 6 p.m., Coliseum	6	7
8	9	10 Wildlife Jamboree. Youth Archery & Pellet Gun Competition starts @ 3:30 p.m., Coliseum	11	12	13	14
15	16 4-H Awards Banquet, "Invitation Only", 6:30 p.m., Coliseum	17	18 Leadership Neshoba, 8 a.m., CDP Depot County 4-H Council, 3:30 p.m., Coliseum	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  Thanksgiving (4-H Office Closed)	27 Thanksgiving Holiday (4-H Office Closed)	28
29	30					



December 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 	7 Christmas Parade, 4-H Popcorn Popping	1 Livestock Show Planning Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Coliseum	2	3	4	5
13	14	8 8 a.m., CDP Depot	9 Leadership Neshoba, 8 a.m., CDP Depot	10	11	12
20	21	15 4-H Christmas Party, 6 p.m., Coliseum	16	17	18 Last day of school!	19
27	28	22 County 4-H Office Closed	23	24	25  Christmas	26
	29	30	31	Jan. 1 New Year's Day	