



Rankin County 4-H Newsletter



August 2009

Dear 4-H'er

Summer is almost over and it is time for school to begin. Please keep 4-H in mind as you plan for your school year and after-school activities. Many wonderful activities have been planned just for you.

All youth ages 8-18 are invited to join 4-H. If you have any questions or if I can be of any help to you please call me at...

601-825-1462

Sincerely,

Doug Carter
4-H Youth Agent

Sharron Belew
Extension Agent

District & State 4-H Horse Show

We had 39 4-Her's participate in the District 4-H Horse Show. Many of these kids advanced on to the State 4-H Horse Show.

Each one of these kids did an outstanding job of representing our County.

They were: Brittany Baldree, Carson Banks, Sara Banks, Brandi Barber, Dillon Boleware, Lydia Buckner, Branven Cary, Justin Chalk, Victoria Chalk, Zane Cothorn, Colton Culpepper, Dalton Culpepper, Webb Harrison, Taylor Hollis, Katelin Ingram, Melissa Maily, Emma Grace Martin, Danielle Parkman, Cody Quarles, Peyton Rhodes, Meghan Shepherd, Fran Smith, Kellyn Smith, Heather Snyder, Katie Steen, Sara Steen, Kaylee Strawder, Morgan Thompson, Katie Townsend, Kalee Trinkner, Christine Ward, Diane Ward, Brooke Ware, Olivia Watkins, Elizabeth Williamson, Joshua Williamson, Jessica Wilson, Rachel Wilson, and William Yarbrough.

We also had 4-Her's participate in Horse Judging and the Individual Demonstration Contest.

Shooting Sports

Congratulations to Tyler Goodman who placed 3rd in the State 4-H Shotgun Competition.

Ownership Deadlines

The **ownership deadline is September 1st** for the MS State Fair for all animals.

The **ownership deadline for both MS Fair and Dixie National is September 1st** for Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Commercial Meat Goat Does, and Beef Commercial Heifers.

The **ownership deadline for Dixie National is December 1st** for Market Pigs, Beef Breeding, Dairy Cattle, and Dairy Goats.

If an exhibitor is under age (under 8 years old as of January 1, 2009), but will be eligible to show in January 2010, their names must be on the nomination forms and their animal must be classified, tagged, and go through the retinal imaging process if they are exhibiting steers, lambs, commercial heifers, market goats, and commercial meat goat does.

All livestock entries for the State Fair will be made on nomination forms. ***All nomination forms are due in the County Extension Office no later than August 26th.***

Also, a Health Record Form is required for each animal shown. These forms will be collected at the weigh-in or checking in of registered papers. On these forms you will need to list medications given to each animal 60 days prior to the State Fair.

Retinal Imaging/Classification

Retinal Imaging/ Classification have been scheduled for September 15th-19th. All market lambs, market steers, market goats, and commercial heifers will be retinal imaged and classified at this time.

The locations are:

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



The nearest location to Rankin County is Raymond at the Hinds Community College Bull Test Station on September 16th. However, you may choose any location you prefer. **The animals have to be Retinal Imaged this week.**

Quality Assurance Program/Ethics Certification

All Exhibitors and at least one parent must attend a Quality Assurance Training to be eligible to exhibit animals at the State Fair. This year, just new exhibitors, parents or guardians, will need to go through the Quality Assurance Program.

Exhibitors that are going from a Junior 4-H'er to a Senior 4-H'er also must go through the Quality Assurance Program. This is a 13 year old that will be a 14 year old next year. Remember 4-H age is determined by the age a child is on January 1st.

A Quality Assurance Program is planned for Monday, August 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the Rankin County Extension Conference Room.

Ear Tags

If you are exhibiting steers, lambs, goats, commercial meat goat does, commercial heifers, or pigs. **Please call our office by August 3rd** and let us know how many animals you will be exhibiting, so we will know how many ear tags to order.

4-H/ FFA Replacement Beef Heifer Development Contest

4-H and FFA Livestock Projects have been one of the most successful activities at teaching youth and their family about responsibility and care for their livestock. The objective of the

Replacement Heifer Development Contest is to recognize those young people that have a true passion for raising beef cattle. This is a twelve month contest where the contestant would be personally responsible for the daily management of their heifers. In establishing this contest it is anticipated that the participants and adults around the state will learn proper heifer development practices and procedures. The contest is designed to encourage young beef producers to participate in a practical beef heifer development program.

The contest consists of young people raising beef heifers (purebred or commercial) that are either born from the previous year or spring born of the current year the contest begins.

The 4-H/FFA Heifer Development Contest will be made up of three components: a visual appraisal of the heifers, a record keeping system, and an interview process.

This contest should provide an authentic experience for youth that choose to participate in the contest. Not only will youth learn valuable information they can use for a lifetime, but the cattle industry can benefit as young cattlemen and cattlemen will be educated producers in the future. These youth can be a positive influence on their own family's cattle production practices.

For more information or an entry form for the 4-H/FFA Replacement Beef Heifer Contest, contact the County Extension Office. The entry form for the 4-H/FFA Replacement Beef Heifer Contest is **due at MSU by August 31st**.

Senior Livestock Judging Contest

The Senior Livestock Judging Contest will be held Saturday, October 10th at the State Fairgrounds. If you are interested in participating in this contest please contact the Extension Office.

Virtual Club

The next Virtual Club Meeting will be held Monday, August 17th at 4:00 p.m.

Rankin County 4-H Scholarships

The Rules to be eligible for a Rankin County 4-H Scholarship have been set by the Scholarship committee. They are as follows:

1. Be a Rankin County 4-H Member
2. Complete a 4-H Record Book of Project Work for the last 3 years.

Graduating Seniors

3. Graduating Seniors must complete an application return it to the Extension Office in a timely manner.
4. First Semester College grades are due before money is awarded for the second semester.
5. Twelve college hours must be completed each semester.

College

6. Complete the College Scholarship Application each year. The application must be complete and returned to the Extension Office.
7. Each year 4-H Alumni must submit to the 4-H Office a letter of commitment to a 4-H service project.
8. Service projects must be completed before money can be received for the second year.

4-H Sewing

All 4-H Sewing groups will continue meeting together as we have done this summer. We will meet on the first Monday of each month from 6:00 -8:00 pm. However, the first Monday in September is a Holiday, so we will meet Thursday, September 3rd from 6:00-8:00 pm. We are working on pajama pants. If you are new to sewing and wish to join please call the Extension Office for more details.

Home School and Jr. Gourmet

Summer is at an end and we want to celebrate with one last treat. As a group you wanted to make Ice Cream. We will make at least 3 different kinds. If you have an ice cream freezer or one of the new automatic freezers let me know. The Home School Gourmet will meet at 10:00 am on August 17th and the Jr. Gourmet will meet at 4:00-6:00 pm on August 17th. Bring \$5.00 per family to cover the cost of the supplies- including toppings.

