

# YAZOO CO. 4-H

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## FALL INTO FALL

It's that time of year when the weather starts to change and we get excited for all the fall festivities. It's close to the time for cotton candy, fair rides, great music, football games, fair exhibits and livestock shows! Excitement fills the air. There are so many activities for the entire family coming up at the Yazoo County Fair, State Fair and Yazoo County 4-H.

Pay close attention to this newsletter, it's got opportunities for everyone. Not only are we gearing up for livestock shows, but we also have many contests at the Yazoo County Fair that everyone can be a part of. For instance, take advantage of the fair exhibits. This is an opportunity to make money for your hard work and talents. Join us for the pageants and fun nights with great food and entertainment.

Also we are having a chicken and rabbit show this year at

our 2009 Yazoo County Fair. This year, 4-H modeling squads will be performing at the Mississippi State Fair and the Yazoo County Fair. So watch for details in The Yazoo Herald and come out to support our youth. This is a great way to introduce others to different opportunities that 4-H has to offer.

For more information on any of the information and activities in this newsletter, please call the Extension Office at 662-746-2453.



## RECOGNITION BANQUET

And the award goes to... Yazoo County 4-H is having a recognition banquet for all who participated in 4-H last year and to recognize all the parents and volunteers for helping to make our 4-H program successful. Over the years 4-H has really blossomed and it's because of volunteers taking leadership and senior 4-H'ers giving back as mentors to the junior 4-H'ers. We are looking forward to a great afternoon, October 3, 2009 at the library annex. We will begin with finger foods and fellowship at 3:30 p.m. The program will start at 4:00 p.m. Please make arrangements to attend & bring a finger food of your choice. If you have questions, or would like to help setup, please give us a call. See you there!!!!

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## MODELING SQUADS

We are excited to have so many youth participating in this year's modeling squad competition at the MS State Fair coming up in October. The squads have met often and they have come up with the themes: "Athletics" and "The 80's". We cannot wait to see what the stage and outfits will look like on the day of the big event. Melissa Presley has even given the squads a shot at performing at the Yazoo County Fair as well, THANK YOU! The next practice will be September 13 at 3:00 p.m., call Kari Cotten for details or to make arrangements.

# LIVESTOCK SHOWS AND NEWS

Remember that all market animals and commercial heifers must be taken to Raymond, MS at CMREC (Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center) and retinal imaged on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. Hours for scanning will be from 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. The State Fair schedule can be found below.

Don't forget to bring the copies of your nominations, health records, and an official health certificate from your veterinarian and registration papers to MS State Fair.

Anyone interested in the Market Goat Princess or the Senior 4-H

Livestock Judging contest please let me know by Friday, Sept. 25.

State Fair passes for exhibitors and their families will be here soon and will be mailed out to the families participating in the show. When the premium books arrive I will notify each of you to come and pick them up. They can be found online at [http://msucare.com/4h\\_youth/4hlivestock/index.html](http://msucare.com/4h_youth/4hlivestock/index.html)

If you have any questions about the livestock shows or events held during the State Fair, please call.



Daniel Moore and Angelia Hogue with Gov. Barbour receiving Dixie National Scholar-

## 2009 MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR SCHEDULE

### Thursday, October 8th

1:00-6:00pm Stall and pen assignments for early arriving lambs, steers, and breeding cattle

### Friday, October 9th

8:00-12:00 noon Stall and pen assignments for lambs, steers, and breeding cattle & Deadline for arrival of animals (12:00 noon)

10:00-5:00pm Process breeding cattle entries (livestock office) & Deadline for Beef Showmanship corrections (5:00)

1:00-4:00pm Weigh and process market lambs & Deadline for Showmanship corrections (4:00)

1:00-3:00pm Weigh and process market steers

3:00-4:00pm Weight and process commercial heifers

### Saturday, October 10th

7:00-7:30am Check-in for Senior 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest

2:00pm Junior Market Lamb Show

3:00pm Slick Sheared Steer Show

### Sunday, October 11th

9:00am Devotional service- Sales Arena

1:00pm Beef Showmanship

### Monday, October 12th

8:30 Junior Beef Breeding Show (Comm. Heifer followed by Registered Breeds)

### Friday, October 16th

7:30-9:30am Weigh and process commercial meat goat does

9:00am Deadline for arrival of dairy goats, commercial meat goat does and market goats

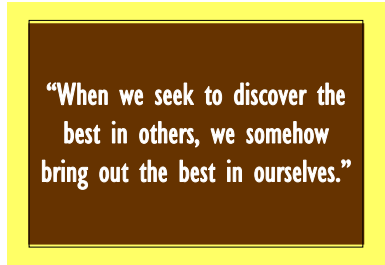
9:30-11:30am Weight and process junior market goats & Deadline for Showmanship corrections

10:00am 4-H Dairy Sweetheart and 4-H Market Goat Princess Contests-Expo Center

2:00pm Goat Showmanship (Market Goats and Commercial Meat Goat Does)

### Saturday, October 17th

9:00am Junior Market Goat Show



## 4-H & MSU ITS ALL ABOUT THE PIG SKIN

Mississippi State University and 4-H have teamed up again to offer an awesome opportunity.

This is the package. For \$15.00 you get a game ticket (MSU vs. Georgia Tech), 4-H football t-shirt and an invitation to join MSU in the Junction for the Pre-Game Tailgate.



The game is October 3, in Starkville with kickoff time To Be Announced. In order to take advantage of this opportunity and tailgating party, you must pre-register

by September 23, at the Yazoo County Extension Service. We would love to see Yazoo County have participation at this game and events to enjoy meeting with State 4-H staff and 4-H'ers from across the state.

If you are interested in attending, please let me know by the deadline, September 23. Invite everyone to join you and cheer for the Bulldogs in Starkville!



The 17th Annual Classic Show Pig Sale will take place on Saturday, October 3, 2009 in Belzoni, MS. Judging will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by the sale at 1:00pm. If you have questions, please contact Eddie Harris. He will help you if you need more information.

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## YOUNG RIDERS

The next meeting for Young Riders is September 21, at 6:30 p. m. at Yazoo County Extension Service. This will be a great meeting to start preparing for the upcoming County Fair and other fall events such as community service projects, fundraisers and even planning for the Christmas Parade 4-H Float. For more information, please contact Fran Twiner or Katrina Owens.

## STATE 4-H VILLAGE AND 4-H DAY

On October 8—October 18, the 4-H village will be set up in the Mississippi Trade Mart on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds. The 4-H Village will house your projects, as well as, projects completed by 4-H members from across the state.

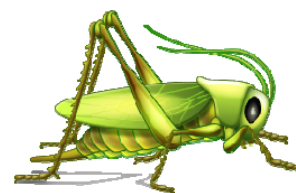
“4-H Day” will be Saturday, October 17, 2009 at the Mississippi State Fair. There will be lots of fun activities for your entertainment. 4-H'ers will perform acts, and talent such as our modeling squads.

Make plans to attend and join the excitement. Contact me for FREE tickets to get in October 17.

I look forward to seeing you there!

## STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

State Fair exhibits offer youth an opportunity to display the crafts, cloths, arts, and other projects they have worked on throughout the year. These exhibits are displayed during the State Fair for everyone to view and appreciate. What an excellent way to show off the work they complete! Youth are rewarded premiums for each exhibit. All completed work to be displayed at the State Fair must be at the Extension Office by September 21, to be judged. The shops/divisions for exhibits to be displayed are: Agribusiness, Bug Shop, Clover Shop, Creative Arts, Environmental Shop, Fashion Shop, Horticulture and Safety and Health. If you are interested in any of these, please contact me and come by our office to see what your options are, and how to display, or view the list online at: <http://msucares.com/4h.Youth/4hfair/fairschedule.html>





## YAZOO COUNTY FAIR “Go Green Everyday!”

**Creative Craft Contest:** Create an item of recyclable materials in a form art of your choice. The contest is for youth K3 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Display images created in abstract art, animals, bugs, robots, or home furnishings. Groups: Tots (3-7), Jr. Elementary (8-10), Sr. Elementary (11-13), and Sr. High (14-18). **Art Contest:** Drawings or paintings may be done in pencil, markers, crayons, chalks, or paints. Drawings or paintings done in pencil, markers, crayons, chalks, or paints. Feature ways to save the environment, i.e., art depicting recycling, or conservation of nature such as trees, water, and air. **Poster Contest:** SIZE “14 x 22” or ½ poster board. Grades K3 - 12<sup>th</sup>. Posters may be done in pencil, markers, crayons, chalks, or paints. **October 21, 2009 is deadline to submit art, creative crafts, & posters.** Entries require: exhibitor name, school, and grade printed on a 3x5 card attached to front bottom left corner. **Photography Contest:** This contest has two divisions: grades 1st through 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7th through 12th. Depict scenes of nature to be conserved, or action scenes depicting people performing acts to save our environment. Photos sizes are: 4”x6”, or 5”x7”, matted originals, and produced since 2008 county fair. List name, school, and grade on back of photo. Judging is based on theme, clarity, creativity, and appearance. Prizes are: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$10, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$5 in each division. **Youth Exhibit Booth:** Arts & crafts booth features handcrafted items by youth grades K3-12. Exhibits will be entered at the fairgrounds Friday, October 23, 2009, between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Arts & crafts must be original work created since last year’s fair. Seed id collections or leaf collections will be entered as arts/crafts. For information on seed identification or leaf collections, contact Yazoo County Extension Service. Exhibits will be awarded ribbons. Blue ribbons earn \$3, red ribbons earn \$2, and white ribbons receive \$1.

### CHICKEN & RABBIT SHOW

This year’s county fair will host its’ FIRST chicken and rabbit show. It’s a great time for anyone with animals to come join us to make this a big event. Entry deadline is October 19. Entry forms are due in the Extension Office by this date. There’s a \$5.00 charge per exhibitor. Free admission to the fair will be granted for exhibitors only. **The show date is October 24, check-in is 10:15 a.m., show starts 11:00 a.m.** Saturday’s fair matinee is 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. You must pre-register, and be a member of 4-H. If you know someone, not in 4-H, who wants to show, have them call Yazoo County Extension Office for an Enrollment Form before October 19. **Rabbits** will show by animal age groups, by weight, with Does and Bucks shown in sex groups. **Chickens** will be shown in animal age Senior; over 12 months, and Junior; under 12 months. For more details or entry forms call Katrina Owens 662-746-2453.

### FALL GARDEN DAYS

Youth Fall Garden Fest is an Extension 4H program that teaches horticulture through “hands-on” garden activities especially for third grade students. It is conducted at the Truck Crops Experiment Station in Crystal Springs during the “Fall Garden Fest”. Dates for this youth event are October 20-21. Deadline to register is Friday, September 25. Student tours are 9:00 am and 11:00 am both days. Activities will be taken from the Junior Master Gardener curriculum with activities that correlate to the subjects of science, mathematics, language arts and social studies for third graders. Contact Patrick Morgan @601-892-1809 at Copiah County Extension Service or contact me at Yazoo County Extension Service for more information.

