



4-H Newsletter

ALCORN COUNTY

FEBRUARY 2020

MVLA Annual Conference - February 21-22

The MVLA conference will be held at Mississippi State University **February 21 & 22, 2020**. **Registration is due in the county office by Friday, February 7.** For more information and a registration packet please contact the office.

4-H Volunteer Leaders' Meeting - February 10

The monthly 4-H Volunteer Leaders' meeting will be held **Monday, February 10, at 5:00 p.m.** at the MSU Extension office. We have some exciting things to share with you from a recent 4-H volunteer committee meeting. We will also plan for the annual Clausel Soup Lunch and discuss other upcoming 4-H events, including new 4-H contest opportunities. Please continue to encourage 4-H members to bring items for the youth care bags to your club meetings and county events.

4-H County Ambassadors

The 4-H Ambassadors will meet **Thursday, February 27, at 4:00 p.m.** in front of the courthouse to sell soup luncheon tickets to downtown businesses. Please contact the office if you plan to participate.

4-H Soup Luncheon Fundraiser - Fri., March 6

The annual soup fundraiser supports the funding for the Jesse Clausel Memorial Scholarship. Please contact the MSU Extension office if you are willing to: sell tickets, help prepare soup, work the day of the luncheon, or donate desserts.

The 4-H Advisory Council is giving two monetary awards to encourage youth to presell tickets. The 4-H member who sells the most tickets (must sell a minimum of 20 tickets to qualify) will win a \$50.00 cash prize. The same monetary award will be given to the club who sells the most tickets (must sell a minimum of 30 tickets to qualify). Many 4-H members have earned the Clausel scholarship over the past seventeen years. I encourage you to help if you can, especially if you will be applying for a scholarship this year or have a 4-H member in your club that has benefited from the event in the past. Let's work together to make this year's luncheon a success! It will be held **Friday, March 6, at the MSU Extension office**. Dine-in and delivery (for orders of five or more) are available.

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4-H Cloverbud & Cloverleaf Exhibit Contest - Saturday, March 7

Youth ages 5-9 will participate in the Cloverleaf Exhibit rather than the visual presentation contest. The Cloverleaf exhibit consists of an exhibit related to the 4-Her's project and an interview by the judges. The exhibit must be made or produced by the 4-H member and relate to his or her 4-H project. An exhibit should consist of a **title sign** displayed on the front of the table or set on the top of the table **along with materials related to the project**. You can bring a card table or use the 6 ft. tables in the exhibit hall. 4-H members should be knowledgeable about their 4-H project. The judges will visit with each member separately and ask questions about the project. **STORY BOARDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please do not use your reading or science fair project board.**

Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding the contest. A publication is available to explain the details. Please be sure to call the office at 286-7756 to sign up for the contest by **5:00 p.m., Friday, February 28**. Again, this is for youth ages 5-9. The contest will begin at 10:00 a.m.

4-H Visual Presentation Contest - Saturday, March 7

The 4-H visual presentation contest will be held **Saturday, March 7, at 10:30 a.m. in the Exhibit Hall**. This contest consists of a demonstrated talk. Therefore, you can dress the part and use visual aides. You **MUST** have at least one poster unless you are using power-point. You can **not** use live animals or firearms for your demonstration, but you can use a picture.

PowerPoint presentations are encouraged and can be used for junior and senior members, but you should have a back up just in case of technological difficulties. A five point penalty will be applied to any visual that is less than 3 minutes or exceeds 10 minutes. **Please call the office to sign up for the contest by 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 28.**

Age Categories:

- Junior I—Ages 10 & 11**
- Junior II—Ages 12 & 13**
- Senior—Ages 14-18**



4-H Saturday Workshop - Saturday, March 7

The 4-H Dog Club will host 4-H Saturday in March. A fun and educational workshop will be held following the Visual Presentation Contest. More information will be provided following the 4-H Volunteer meeting February 10.

NE 4-H S.A.F.E.T.Y. Invitational - Saturday, March 21

The NE 4-H S.A.F.E.T.Y. Invitational will be held **Saturday, March 21**, at CRSSA range in Glen. Registration information will be mailed to youth who have been participating in the program since January 2020. **The registration deadline is Friday, March 13.**

4-H Scholarship Opportunities

4-H members, who are currently active and have participated in the county program for at least two years, are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships. The scholarship packets are available in the county office. You must come by and sign for a packet. **All completed applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m., April 1, 2020.**

The following county 4-H scholarships applications will be accepted: Jesse Clausel Memorial (\$250.00), 4-H Volunteer Achievement (\$500.00), 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association (\$250.00), Annalisa Laudadio Love & Encouragement Scholarship (\$500.00), and Norbert Coleman Memorial 4-H Scholarship (\$500.00).

4-H CLUB MEETINGS

- **4-H S.A.F.E.T.Y./Shooting Sports:**
 - ⇒ **Air Rifle** - Sundays, February 9, 16, & 23
 - ⇒ **Air Pistol** - Wed., February 12; Mon., February 17; Wed., February 19; Mon., February 24; Wed., February 26; & Mon. March 2; 6:00—7:30 p.m.
 - ⇒ **Archery** - Saturday, February 15, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- **Crafty Critters** - Thursday, February 6, & Thursday, March 6, 5:00—6:00 p.m.
- **STEM/Robotics 4-H Club**—Tuesday, February 11, 5:30—7:00 p.m.
- **Shutterbugs Photography Club** - Saturday, February 15, 10:00 a.m.
- **4-H Dog Club** - Tuesday, February 18, 5:30—7:00 p.m.
- **4-H Modeling Squad**—Thursday, February 20, 5:00—6:00 p.m.
- **Cloverbud Club** - Monday, February 24, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. (ages 5-7)
- **Sewing Club** - Monday, February 24, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- **Eagle 4-H** - Tuesday, February 25, 4:00—6:00 p.m.
- **Clover Chefs Cooking Club** - Thursday, February 27, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Pathways to Art** - Monday, March 2, 5:00—6:00 p.m.



All meetings are held at the Extension office unless otherwise stated. For additional information about 4-H clubs please contact the Extension office at 286-7756.

Closing Thoughts . . .

I cannot express how thrilled and proud I am of the 22 youth who participated in the 4-H Public Speaking contest last Saturday. Every participant was prepared, and presented very well! I want to encourage all 4-H members to participate in the Visual Presentation Contest March 7. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and/or suggestions. Together we will continue to “Make the Best Better”!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Parker".

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