



Upcoming Events

January

Dec. 23- Extension Office closed for Winter/Christmas Holiday

Jan. 1

- 11 4-H LEGO Spike Training, MSU
- 24 Recipe due for Dixie National Crepe Cook-Off
- 25 Release date for It's A Bug's Life 4-H Robotic Kick-Off kit
- 28 Junior Sheep Lead Class registration deadline (by 4:00 p.m. in the livestock office)
- TBA 4-H Shooting Sports Sign-up and Safety meetings (watch email and Pearl River County 4-H Facebook page)



February

- 8 Dixie National Crepe Cook-Off, 10:00 a.m. in the Trade Mart Building at the Mississippi Fairgrounds



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4-H CLUB NEWS



HOT SHOTS 4-H CLUB

Hot Shots are still busy practicing and sharpening their skills while working hard to complete their required hours on the range before competition season.

- Twila Hoover



Talk Your Way to College

Do you think you can talk your way to college? Could you use extra money to help with college expenses? The American Legion Department of Mississippi is giving students in grades 9-12 an opportunity to earn scholarships of up to \$25,000 through a constitutional speech contest. Go to www.legion.org/oratorical for more details.



Attention 4-H Cloverbuds (5-7 Year Olds as of January 1, 2025)



Cloverbuds (ages 5-7 as of January 1), do you like to do hands-on activities? Do you want to learn about 4-H projects? The 4-H Cloverbuds Club is designed to introduce you to the different projects 4-H has to offer and to what 4-H is. We are trying to get the Cloverbuds program started again but need to know when is a good time for you to meet. Call the Pearl River County Extension Service Office at 601-403-2280 to give us days of the week and times you are available to meet. You can email connie.williams@msstate.edu if you prefer.

4-H Newsletter Online



If you would like, you can view the newsletter online at www.msucare.com. At the top of the page, put the cursor on "Offices" and click "County Extension Offices". Then click "Pearl River" and then click "County 4-H". Click the newsletter link, and the newsletter will open.

Look for Pearl River County 4-H on Facebook!
Like our pages to keep up with upcoming programs.





Livestock Information

Southeast District Livestock Show, Hattiesburg
Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Shows, Jackson

January 15-18, 2025
January 27-February 5, 2025

Call the Pearl River County Extension Service Office at 601-403-2280 for more information about these shows.

Be sure to bring your original registration papers, original affidavit and a copy of the animal's registration certificate (for purebred dairy animals), and an Official health certificate with each animal identified to the shows.

Junior Sheep Lead Class

The Sheep Lead Class will be held on **Tuesday, January 28, 2025, starting at 6:00 p.m.** Registration forms should be postmarked to the Department of Animal and Dairy Science by **December 2, 2024 or brought to the livestock office by 4:00 p.m. on January 28, 2025.**

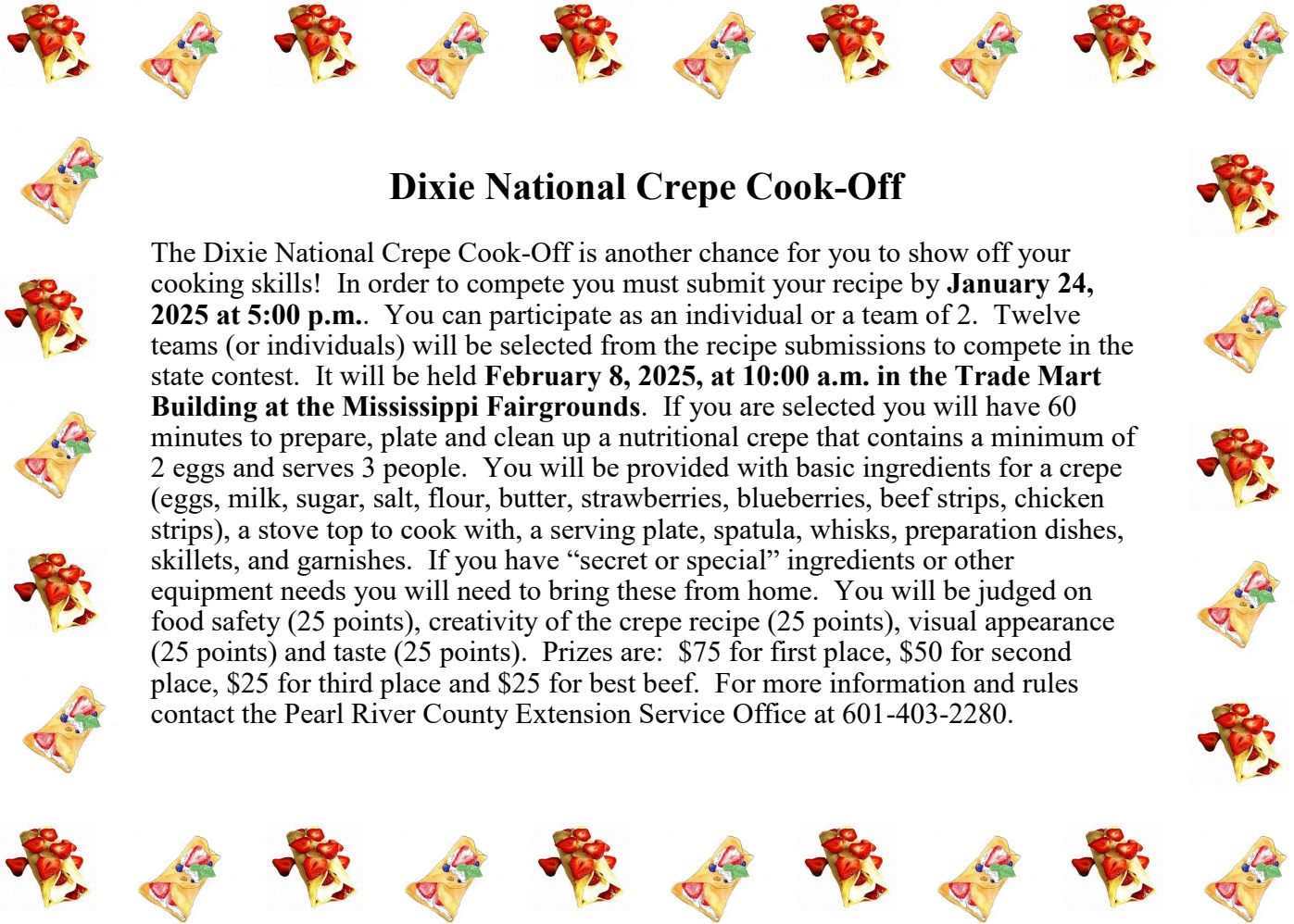
4-H Poultry Chain

You can increase your knowledge of poultry management practices and life skills in the 4-H Poultry Chain. You have the opportunity to raise birds to sexual maturity while keeping a record of their progress. At the end of the project you will choose your top 3 birds to compete at the Mississippi State Fair in the poultry show. If you are a Cloverbud (ages 5-7 as of January 1, 2025) you will be able to compete on a county level. 4-H'ers ages 8-18 will be able to compete on the county and state level. You can only show one breed (females only) and must order at least 6 chicks (It is recommended that you order 20). There are 2 categories for chicks: Meat Category and Layer Category (call the office for a list of breeds). You must order your chicks from a NPIP-certified hatchery or a commercial operation that is supplied by an NPIP hatchery. Do NOT order from a NPIP-backyard flock. Now is the time to order your chicks to be delivered the week of May 18-24, 2025. You will need to register between April 1 and June 15 by calling the county office. Call the Pearl River County Extension Service Office at 601-403-2280 for more information.

4-H Shooting Sports Begins!

If you are interested in the 4-H Shooting Sports program, be on the lookout in your email or on the Pearl River County 4-H Facebook page around the first part of January for upcoming spring sign-up dates.





Dixie National Crepe Cook-Off

The Dixie National Crepe Cook-Off is another chance for you to show off your cooking skills! In order to compete you must submit your recipe by **January 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** You can participate as an individual or a team of 2. Twelve teams (or individuals) will be selected from the recipe submissions to compete in the state contest. It will be held **February 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Trade Mart Building at the Mississippi Fairgrounds**. If you are selected you will have 60 minutes to prepare, plate and clean up a nutritional crepe that contains a minimum of 2 eggs and serves 3 people. You will be provided with basic ingredients for a crepe (eggs, milk, sugar, salt, flour, butter, strawberries, blueberries, beef strips, chicken strips), a stove top to cook with, a serving plate, spatula, whisks, preparation dishes, skillets, and garnishes. If you have “secret or special” ingredients or other equipment needs you will need to bring these from home. You will be judged on food safety (25 points), creativity of the crepe recipe (25 points), visual appearance (25 points) and taste (25 points). Prizes are: \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place, \$25 for third place and \$25 for best beef. For more information and rules contact the Pearl River County Extension Service Office at 601-403-2280.



Goal Setting



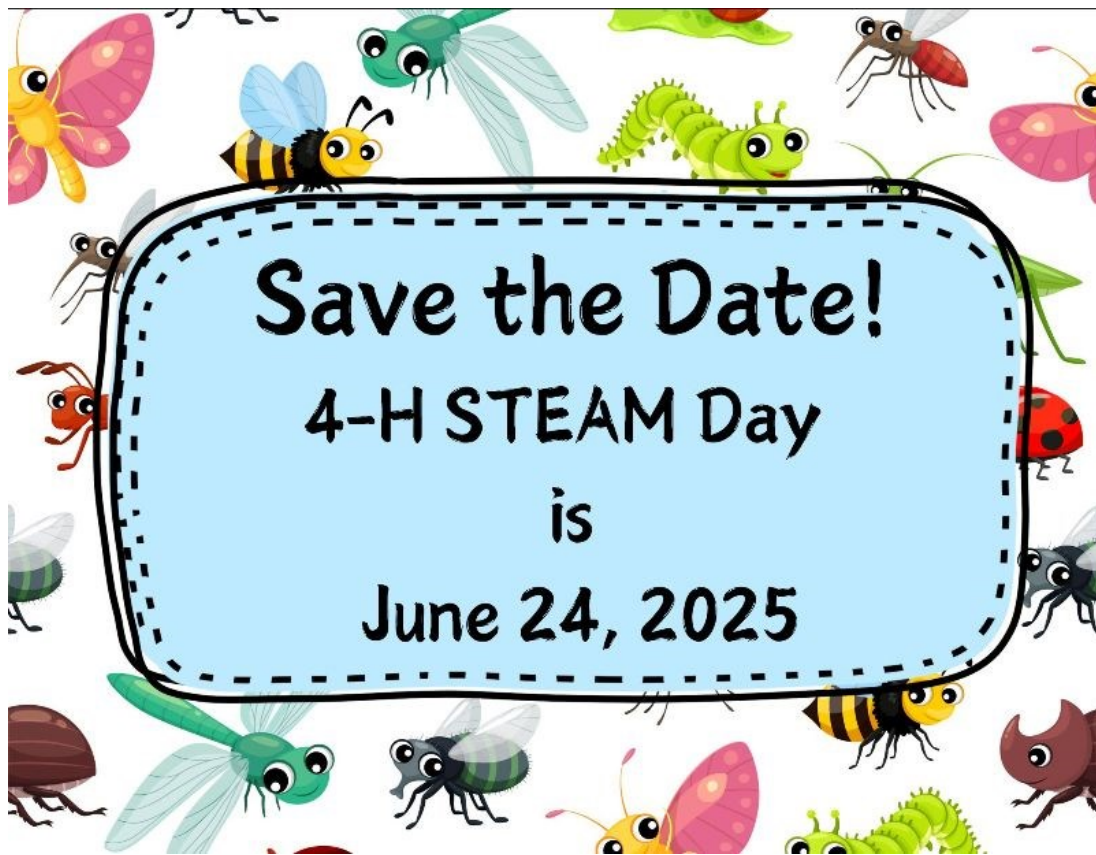
Do you make resolutions every year? If so, you aren't alone. A lot of times resolutions are forgotten before the end of January. Setting goals takes you a step further than resolutions. With goal setting, you aim for the end results and make plans to reach those goals.

The 4-H motto encourages you to make your best better. To do this you need to know yourself, your strengths and your weaknesses. This is a great way to start setting goals. A good way to set goals is to use the SMART method:

- ◆ **Specific:** Set goals that are specific and include details.
- ◆ **Measurable:** Set goals that you can monitor along the way to see your successes.
- ◆ **Achievable:** Set goals that you can reach.
- ◆ **Realistic and Relevant:** Set mini goals to help you reach your bigger goals.
- ◆ **Timely:** Make a timeline for reaching your goals. This way you can track if you are where you need to be to reach your goals.

These are just a few ideas for making goals that you will complete. Personal Development is just one of the many projects 4-H has to offer. For more information contact the Pearl River County Extension Service Office at 601-403-2280.

Fun With 4-H Robotics



\$10 **ROBOTS** **\$10**

4-H LEGO SPIKE TRAINING
 January 11, 2025
 Bost Building B
 Mississippi State University, MS



9:30am - 10:00am	Check-In
10:30am-11:00am	Team Building
11:00am-12:00pm	Overview of Online Robotics Training and Movement Commands
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:00pm-2:00pm	Turn Commands
2:00pm-3:00pm	Other commands and Robot Q&A
3:00pm-3:30pm	Plan Layout of 4-H STEAM Day for SPIKE Robotics contests (we were way to up close and personal last year!)

\$10 **It's a Bug's Life** **\$10**

4-H Robotic Kick-Off Kit

6 educational activities
to get you in gear
for the 4-H Robotics season!

You can register for this training by going to this link, https://reg.extension.msstate.edu/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0081-0004-315afb600c444ec798f84bb4e81d2647 or you can do an online training. Call the Pearl River County Extension Office at 601-403-2280 for more information.

You can register for the Bug's Life Kit by going to this link, https://reg.extension.msstate.edu/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0081-0004-0998a8abacf347539c20aea11ab76845. Instructional videos will be made available closer to the kit release date of January 22, 2025.

4-H Awards Qualifications

As we draw to the end of 2024 and prepare for 2025, I wanted to share information with you regarding the awards for Pearl River County 4-H. I have been asked how the awards are determined. Here is how that is done. The awards for next year will start with the Holiday Cookery Contest this month.

There are three tiers for the Pearl River County 4-H Awards Program: Gold Tier, Silver Tier and Bronze Tier. To be eligible for the Bronze Tier, a 4-H'er must participate in at least 3 contests or events on a county level or higher. For the Silver Tier, a 4-H'er must participate in 4-5 contests or events on a county level or higher. To receive the Gold Tier award, a 4-H'er must participate in 6 or more contests or events on a county level or higher.

The Outstanding Junior 4-H'er and Outstanding Senior 4-H'er are based on a points system. The more activities in which you participate, the more points you receive. The following is a list of activities in which you can participate throughout the year (more may be added):

Record Books/Resumes	County Contests Day	Horse Shows
Project Achievement Day	Dairy Poster	Horse Judging
State 4-H Congress	Poster Art	Horse Art
National 4-H Congress	State Fair Public Speaking	Horse Photography
Western National 4-H Round-Up	State Fair 4-H Village	Horse T-shirt
Land Judging	State Fair Rabbit Extravaganza	Horse Public Speaking
Livestock Shows	State Fair Fashion Revue	Horse Demonstration
Livestock Judging	State Fair Robotics	Horse Bowl
Dairy Judging	State Fair Modeling Squad	4-H/MQHA Shadow Program
Jr. Sheep Lead	State Fair Omelet Cook-Off	County Fair Indoor Exhibits
Replacement Beef Heifer Contest	State Fair Beef Cook-Out	County Fair Poultry/Rabbits in Pens
State Fair Pretty Cow Contest	State Fair Pork Cook-Out	County Fair Poultry Show
Premier Exhibitor	State Fair Poultry Cook-Out	County Fair Horse Show
Dairy Cattle Sweetheart Contest	State Fair Tractor Driving	County Fair Field Day Races
Stock Show Pro Contests	State Fair Photography	County Fair Pet Show
MS Bred Barrow Contest	Shooting Sports Competitions	Club Officer
Holiday Cookery Contest	4th of July Cookery Contest	Decorated Pumpkin Contest
Horticulture/Nature Art/Photography	Wildlife Art & Photography	

The County Fair High Point awards are figured on a points system based on the placings of indoor and livestock exhibits.

I would encourage you to strive this year to make this your best year yet in 4-H and work toward being the recipient of one of these awards!





Holiday Cookery Contest Results

We had outstanding participation in the Holiday Cookery Contest! Eighteen 4-Hers entered thirty-two dishes in the contest! Here are the winners:

Holiday Dessert Category—1st Place-**Ashlynn Guerra**; 2nd Place-**Dixie Lincoln**; 3rd Place-**Ethan Shook**

Holiday Side Category—1st Place-**Carson Rector**, 2nd Place-**Millie Stewart**; 3rd Place-**Grayson Lincoln**

Christmas Cookies Category—1st Place-**Elizabeth Ryals**; 2nd Place-**Carson Rector**; 3rd Place-**Kaci Ladner**

Cloverbuds Christmas Cookies Category—1st Place-**Luke Ryals** and **Evelyn Camardelle**

Elizabeth Ryals was the Champion with her Christmas Cookies. **Carson Rector** won Reserve Champion with his Holiday Side.

Poultry Chain

Congratulations to **Haven Simon** for winning Reserve Champion in the Meat Division in the Poultry Chain contest! Great job, Haven!



Club Meetings



Lucky 13 4-H Club
April Grecho (919-280-7411)

Thursday, January 23 @ 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 27 @ 5:30 p.m.

Extension Auditorium
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