



Upcoming Events

November

- 8 Deadline to call the Extension Office for Cloverbuds 4-H Fun Day
- 14 Deadline to submit Gingerbread House and ornament for 4-H Christmas Open House
- 16 Cloverbuds 4-H Fun Day, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Extension Auditorium
- 28-29 Extension Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- 29- Tractor Supply Company Paper Clovers Campaign
- Dec. 15



December

- 2 Ownership deadline/nomination forms due for new animals showing at District and Dixie National Jr. Round-Up Livestock Shows
Deadline for Livestock Ethics certification
- 3 Deadline for Sale of Junior Champions & Premier Exhibitor Scholarship application and Premier Exhibitor application
- 5 Pre-registration deadline for Holiday Cookery Contest
4-H Awards Program (by personal invitation only)
- 7 4-H Christmas Open House at 4-H Museum, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Jackson
- 9 Validation and classification for District & Dixie National, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Forrest County Multi-purpose Center, Hattiesburg
- 12 Holiday Cookery Contest, 6:00 p.m., Extension Auditorium
- 23- Extension Office closed for Winter Holiday
- Jan. 1



Greetings,

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well! Sadly, this will be my last newsletter as your 4-H agent. I have accepted the Extension agent position in Marion County beginning November 1st. I would like to thank you all for making these past eleven years very memorable. I have had the opportunity to work with so many great youth and adults here in Pearl River County and will always be proud of all the accomplishments achieved by our youth! I ask that you all extend some grace towards the 4-H office during this time of transition and that you extend to the new 4-H agent the same great courtesies that you have shown me and my family. I look forward to seeing you all at future district and state events and wish you all the best!

Sincerely, Alex Shook



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4-H CLUB NEWS



LUCKY 13 4-H CLUB

The Lucky 13 club held officer elections at their September meeting. Officers for the 2024-2025 year are (Top left photo: from left to right): Charlotte Wiltshire, President; Avery Grecho, Vice President; Annabelle O'Brien, Secretary; Carson Rector, Treasurer; Adelynn Burge, Photographer/Historian. Some of our upcoming activities include participating in the MSU Coastal Clean Up in Bay St. Louis, volunteering with the Pearl River County Animal Shelter, helping to clean up after local events, game days and crafts with local assisted living residents (Bingo has been popular!), window cleaning for local businesses, and more. These kids are ready to help out in their communities! The next club meeting will be Thursday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m. at the MSU Extension Auditorium.

- April Grecho

BLAZIN' SADDLES 4-H CLUB



Howdy from the Blazin' Saddles Horse Club. We had our fun Halloween Barrel Race on October 22. They always love this one because they get to dress up. Our next event will be November 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for our Veterans Day Flag Ceremony. Please come out and enjoy. The kids will be presenting all the flags on horseback with a pretty cool routine they made up. December will be pretty busy with Christmas parades. Stay tuned for more of the Blazin' Saddles.

-Brandi Kirkland



HOT SHOTS 4-H CLUB

Pearl River County Hot Shots Shooting Sports Club has started another fall season. Safety meetings were conducted last week. We look forward to another great season!

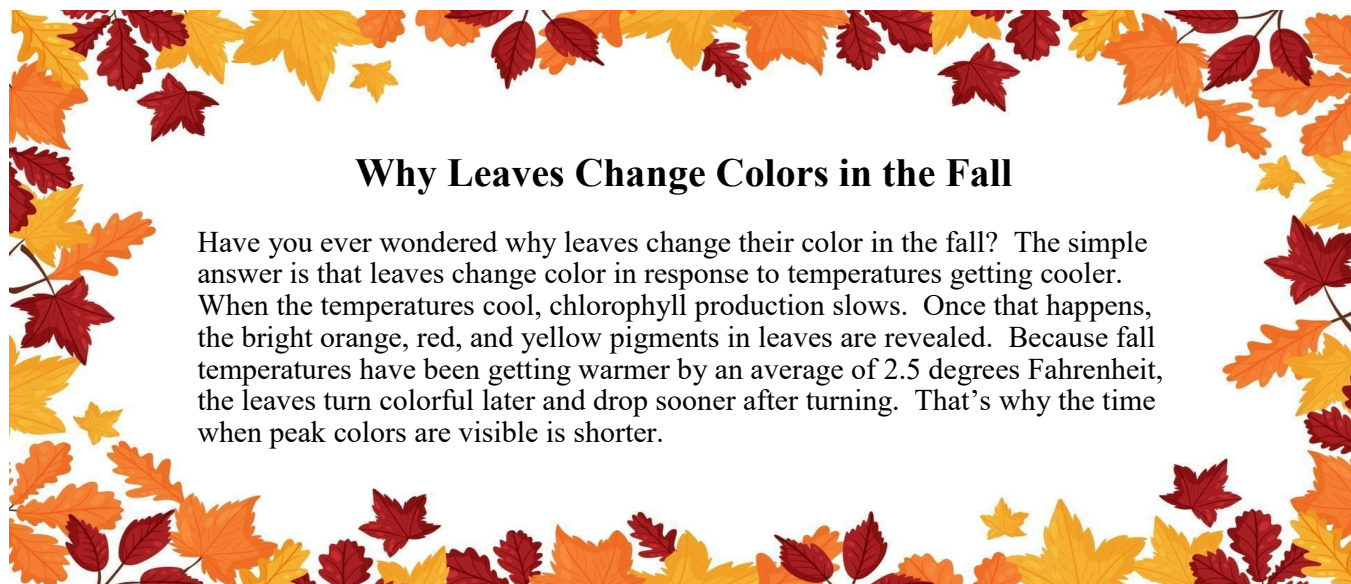
- Twila Hoover



4-H Cloverbuds Fun Day (5-7 Year Olds as of January 1, 2024)



Cloverbuds (ages 5-7 as of January 1), come get a taste of what 4-H is! 4-H Cloverbuds Fun Day will be held on **Saturday, November 16, 2024, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Extension Auditorium**, located at 835 Highway 26 West in Poplarville. You will be able to go from station to station and complete hands-on activities that relate to 4-H projects. Come have fun with us! Call the Pearl River County Extension Service Office at 601-403-2280 by **Friday, November 8, 2024**, to let us know if you plan to attend. This will help us better prepare.



Why Leaves Change Colors in the Fall

Have you ever wondered why leaves change their color in the fall? The simple answer is that leaves change color in response to temperatures getting cooler. When the temperatures cool, chlorophyll production slows. Once that happens, the bright orange, red, and yellow pigments in leaves are revealed. Because fall temperatures have been getting warmer by an average of 2.5 degrees Fahrenheit, the leaves turn colorful later and drop sooner after turning. That's why the time when peak colors are visible is shorter.



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 money through a constitutional speech contest. Go to www.legion.org/oratorical for more details.



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





Congressional Award Program

The United States Congress established The Congressional Award in 1979 to recognize initiative, service and achievement in young people. The program is open to all youth in the United States between the ages of 14 (you can register at 13-1/2 years old) and 24. You can earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates and Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals. For each level you will set goals in four program areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness and Expedition/Exploration. You are already doing these things in 4-H! It's just a matter of reporting them. If you are interested in this program, call the Pearl River County Extension Service Office at 601-403-2280, and we will get the information to you.

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.

Help Decorate the 4-H Museum for Christmas Open House

The State 4-H Office needs your help to decorate the 4-H Museum for the 4-H Christmas Open House. Gather your supplies and make a Gingerbread House and an ornament to enter the Gingerbread Contest and the Ornament Contest. The top 2 Gingerbread Houses and the best ornaments will be selected to take to Jackson for the open house. The deadline for submitting your Gingerbread House and ornament is **Thursday, November 14, 2024**. Call the Pearl River County Extension Office at 601-403-2280 for more information.

4-H Christmas Open House Save the Date

The 4-H Christmas Open House will be held on **Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Museum**. The address for the museum is 1150 Lakeland Drive in Jackson, Mississippi.



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.

For the 2025 District/DNJR shows, all market hogs, beef breeding animals, commercial beef heifers, dairy cattle, wether dams, breeding hair sheep, commercial gilts, commercial meat goat does, registered Boer does, and dairy goats (registered and commercial) must be owned and entered by **December 2**.

All market hogs, commercial gilts, and MS Bred Barrows **MUST BE** validated. All market hogs and commercial gilts will be classified at the 2025 DNJR. For newly entered commercial beef heifers, wether dams, breeding hair sheep, and commercial meat goat does that were not processed in September, but were entered by December 2, these animals **MUST BE** validated, and the commercial beef heifers and breeding hair sheep will also be classified at the same time to show at the 2025 District and Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Shows. This validation and classification will be held on **Monday, December 9, 2024, at the Forrest County Multi-purpose Center in Hattiesburg from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

REMINDERS: An Official Health Certificate with each animal identified will be required on all livestock showing at the 2025 Southeast District and Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Shows. Registration papers on registered livestock must be in the exhibitor's name only. Farm names or joint ownership with adults are not acceptable. Papers may be in multiple siblings' names provided they are all 18 years of age or younger. Animals with pending registration numbers after January 5, 2025 will not be allowed to show at the District and Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Shows. Exhibitors are required to turn in a completed health record form for each animal to be shown that lists all medications and treatments received within 60 days prior to the show. This form is to be turned in online using the app located at <https://webapps.msucare.com/livestock>.

Livestock Ethics Certification

New exhibitors and those youth going from a junior (age 8-13) to a senior (age 14-18) must complete Mississippi Livestock Quality Assurance training by **December 2, 2024**.

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Livestock Information (Continued)

Junior Sheep Lead Class

The Sheep Lead classes 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.**

Sale of Junior Champions Scholarship Application

If you are applying for the Sale of Junior Champions scholarship, your application must be postmarked by **Tuesday, December 3, 2024**, and mailed to Dean Jousan in the Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences with supporting letters. If you are awarded one of these Scholarships, it will be payable to the university or college in which you are a full-time student (inside or outside of Mississippi).

Premier Exhibitor Application and Scholarship Application

If you are entering the Premier Exhibitor contest, your application must be postmarked by **Tuesday, December 3, 2024**. You must complete a separate entry form for each species in which you enter. Each entry form must reflect the work you completed for the past three years only in the species in which you enter. Call the Extension Office at 601-403-2280 to get a schedule of when each species will be held.

If you are applying for the Premier Exhibitor scholarship, your application must be postmarked by **Tuesday, December 3, 2024**, and mailed to Dean Jousan in the Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences with supporting letters. If you are awarded one of these scholarships, it will be payable to the university or college in which you are a full-time student (inside or outside of Mississippi).

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign

Tractor Supply Company will hold its annual Paper Clover Campaign from November 29 to December 15, 2024. Go to your local Tractor Supply and support 4-H!



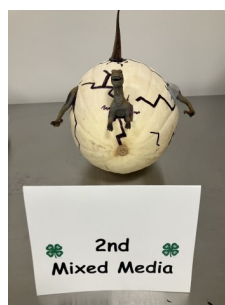


Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the Pumpkin Decorating Contest. You all did an outstanding job! The winners are:

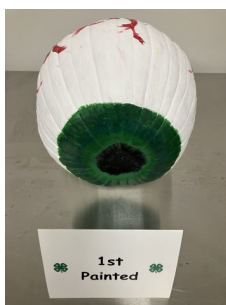
Mixed Media Pumpkins:

- 1st - Ethan Shook (Mr. Scarecrow)
- 2nd - Mavrick Smith (Dinosaur Egg)
- 3rd - Avery Grecho (Mario Bomb)



Painted Pumpkins:

- 1st - Rose Arenas (Eyeball)
- 2nd - Eric Camardelle (Iron Man)
- 3rd - Ady Dinecola (Louis Swan)



Mississippi State Fair Livestock Shows

Pearl River County 4-H'ers did an excellent job in the State Fair Livestock Shows! Karlee Carnes exhibited the Champion Red Brahman Heifer and was in the Top 10 in Beef Showmanship.

Kaci Ladner showed the Champion Lightweight and MS Bred Champion in the Market Swine show. Ethan Shook exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion, MS Bred Reserve Grand Champion, Champion Middleweight and MS Bred Champion in the Market Swine show. Both Ethan and Kaci won first place in Swine Showmanship in their age group.

Henley Kate Anderson exhibited the Champion Commercial Dairy Heifer, and Haven Simon showed the Reserve Champion Commercial Dairy Cow. In Dairy Showmanship Haven Simon placed 2nd, Henley Kate Anderson, Saylem Simon and Kayley Herrin placed 3rd, Denna Jordan was in the Top 5 and Kinley Baudoin, Nora Haden and Maddie Haden placed in the Top 10. Haven and Saylem Simon won 1st place in the Pretty Cow Contest.



Club Meetings



Blazin' Saddles 4-H Club

Brandi Kirkland (601-303-0451)

Veterans Day Flag Ceremony
Tuesday, November 5 @ 7:00 p.m.

Fairgrounds Arena

Cloverbuds 4-H Club

Connie Darden (601-463-0584)

Saturday, November 16 @ 1:00 p.m.

Extension Auditorium
835 Highway 26 West
Poplarville

Lucky 13 4-H Club

April Grecho (919-280-7411)

Thursday, November 21 @ 6:00 p.m.

Extension Auditorium

Junior Master Gardeners

Roxann Gort (504-234-3579)

Saturday, November 16 @ 10:00-11:30 a.m. Extension Auditorium
About Pollinators! 10 Insect Heroes of Pollinators Q & A

Alex Shook
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Pearl River County
835 Highway 26 West
Poplarville, MS 39470
601-403-2280

Pearl River County 4-H COOKERY CONTEST

Holiday Edition (Thanksgiving Vs. Christmas)



Thursday, December 12, 2024 (Preregistration is required by December 5, 2024)

(6:00 p.m. registration of dishes; 6:15 p.m. judging begins)

Extension Auditorium, 835 Highway 26 West, Poplarville, MS 39470

COOKERY CONTEST BASIC RULES:



1. Contestants may enter one (1) dish in each commodity category (3 dishes total...
A contestant may enter a Holiday dessert, a Holiday side and/or Christmas Cookies)
2. The dish must be prepared the night before & chilled in refrigerator.
3. Dish must be transported to the contest on ice in an ice chest.
4. The contestant must be a Pearl River County 4-H club member. All contests are open to all age groups and all ages will compete together.
5. Contestants should bring a dish prepared by the contestant to the contest. A copy of the recipe must accompany the dish, and the recipe must be written or typed on an 8-1/2x11 sheet of paper. The recipe must make only one standard dish. The **ENTIRE** dish must be exhibited at the contest, i.e. if a recipe yields one cake then the entire cake must be entered and displayed. Anything used to enhance the appearance of the dish must be in or on the serving container.

****DISHES NOT CHILLED & TRANSPORTED ON ICE IN AN ICE CHEST
WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

Division Rules:

- You may enter 1 dish in each category (3 dishes total...one dish in Holiday Dessert, one dish in a Holiday Side and/or one dish in the Christmas Cookie category.

Holiday Dessert: Examples; Pecan pie, pumpkin pie, sweet potato pie, bread pudding, etc.

-Cloverbuds (5-7 year old Cloverbud members can enter a DESSERT in this division)

Holiday Side:

-Examples; Green bean casserole, cornbread dressing, sweet potato casserole, etc.

Christmas Cookie: All cookies are welcome; however, holiday themed cookies will be given extra points

-Cloverbuds (5-7 year old Cloverbud members can enter in this division)

*** In addition to the cookery contest we will also have an ugly sweater contest***

