

LEE COUNTY CLOVER

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January-February, 2018

Welcome to a new 4-H Year!

Your **4-H Age** is how old you were on January 1st. This age is important for contests and other 4-H events! **Juniors ages 8-13** **Seniors ages 14-18**

County Contests

Public Speaking contest will be held **Thursday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m.** at the 4-H Office.

Age Divisions (as of January 1, 2017):

Under 8 1-3 minute speech Ages 8-13 3-5 minute speech Ages 14-18 5-7 minute speech

You must call the 4-H office at 841-9000 by February 19 to sign-up. Please give your name, 4-H age and the speech topic. Speeches should be written by the 4-H'er about a subject he or she knows about. **No props, costumes or visual aids may be used.** The content should be appropriate for a 4-H audience. More

Senior Contests will be **February 27th** from **4:00-6:00 p.m.** at the 4-H Office. To qualify to participate at Club Congress, you MUST participate on the county level! Please call our office by **February 22nd** to pre-register in up to 3 contest areas. Call in advance if you would like to pick up study materials.

Contests will include:

Automotive Driving

Bicycle

Career Pursuit

(bring your resume)

Child Development

Citizenship Bowl

Clothing Construction

Clothing Selection

Compact Tractor

Computer

Consumer Judging*

Dairy Bowl*

Dairy Products Judging

Entomology/Insect ID

Forestry Judging*

Horticulture Judging

Interior Design

Livestock Bowl

Meats Judging*

Nutrition Extreme

Photography

Poultry Egg Prep*

Poultry Judging*

Seed ID

Small Engines

Tractor Driving

Wildlife Judging*

***Carries
National
Trip**

Visual Presentation/PowerPoint contest will be held **Thursday, March 8th at 6:00 p.m.** at the 4-H Office. Juniors and Seniors may participate this contest. A list of approved categories and presentation guidelines are available at our office or may be found at <http://extension.msstate.edu/msu-extension-lee-county/lee-county-4-h>.

Call to sign-up and give the topic of your presentation and the category it falls under, If you would like help with your PowerPoint, call our office to make an appointment.

The 4-H Cloverbud Club for ages 5-7 will meet at 4:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office on January 16 and February 20. Those interested in attending should call 841-9000.



Lee County Ambassador



The Lee County Ambassador Program is available for Senior 4-Her's who are interested in leadership opportunities. Guidelines and Applications may be picked up at the 4-H Office or accessed on line at <http://extension.msstate.edu/msu-extension-lee-county/lee-county-4-h>.

The deadline is **February 12th**. Applications that meet the requirements will be notified.

Scholarship Opportunities

Mississippi 4-H is again offering 4-H Scholarships. Applications may be picked up at the 4-H Office or may be found at: <http://extension.msstate.edu/scholarships-for-4-h>

All applications are due to the **State 4-H Office** by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30th**. (Note: This is NOT a postmark date).

Contest 101 - Senior Opportunities

There will be a **CONTEST 101** Workshop on **Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30 p.m.** at the 4-H Office. The meeting will provide information to Club Leaders and Senior 4-H'ers (ages 14-18) of contests and trip opportunities. All 4-H'ers will be required to participate in a county level contest to qualify for State 4-H Congress. Senior County contests will be **February 27th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.**



April 5	Junior Contests (4:00-6:00)
April 12	Cloverleaf Exhibits (5:30)
May 30-June 1	State Club Congress—MSU
June 15	DPAD—Verona

Judging of 2017 Club Record Books have been completed. Lee County 4-H will have two clubs receiving awards during the 4-H Legislative Luncheon February 7th in Jackson.

Consolidated will receive the **Congressional 1 Award**

County Line will receive the **Mr. Speaker Award**



There will be a very important Club Leader meeting on Tuesday, January 30th at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office. All Club Leaders are encouraged to attend and may also invite adult club volunteers. Following this meeting, Mr. Brandon will conduct a Contest 101-Senior Opportunities meeting for 4-H'ers ages 14-18.

MS Volunteer Leader Association (MVLA) Conference

The 2018 MVLA Annual Conference will be **February 23-24**, at MSU in the Best Extension Conference Center. Registration deadline is **January 30**. If you are interested in attending, drop by the 4-H Office and pick up registration information. Remember, **in order to register for and attend the MVLA Conference, you must be a certified volunteer. To become a certified volunteer, you must submit and pass a background check and submit a completed Volunteer Application Packet for approval by MSU.**

MSU Policy for Certified Volunteers

Mississippi State University (MSU) and its affiliates are committed to providing and maintaining a safe and secure environment for all individuals. Because additional measures may be required to promote the safety of minors (4-H'ers), and because MSU sponsors and/or hosts numerous programs, camps, and activities involving minors (4-H'ers), the university has adopted a Minor Protection Policy. By developing and implementing this policy, MSU seeks to safeguard these minors (4-H'ers) and enhance educational opportunities for the entire university community.

Requirements for adults to serve as volunteers interacting with 4-H youth

- must have a background examination by true screen or an approved agency
- after approval, must complete a volunteer packet to become a registered volunteer
- must be entered in the 4-H county enrollment system
- must complete the Minor Protection Policy module and submit acknowledgement form.

EXCEPTIONS:

- Individuals with a Firearms Permit meets the requirements for the background check.
- Teachers who present a copy of their background check results will also meet the requirements of an official background check.

On-line instructions: Go to: <http://extension.msstate.edu/4-h/volunteers>

Tabs on right side: **Volunteer background check**

Go to <http://www.applicationstation.com>

Enter code: MSSTATEVOLUNTEER in the application station code field

Click the "SIGN UP NOW" button to create an account

Follow the instructions on the Application web site

Volunteer Application Packet

Volunteer Training Module (and acknowledgement form)

Note: Must be completed within 30 days of 4-H activity or event

Volunteer Nominations

Nominations for Outstanding 4-H Volunteer and MVLA Officers can be picked up at the 4-H Office. Nominations must be received to the State 4-H Office by January 30.

Artwork Design Contest

The MVLA Board is hosting this contest. The theme is "**Growing Mississippi 4-H Volunteers.**" Contest rules and conditions are available for pick-up at the 4-H Office. The **volunteer** who wins this contest will receive free registration for the 2018 MVLA Annual Conference. Entry deadline is January 15th.



Aggies

- ⇒ Northeast District Livestock Shows will be January 26-27 at the Agri Center in Verona
- ⇒ Dixie National Livestock Shows will be February 1-8 in Jackson

Make sure you have wormed and vaccinated your animals and that you have the health records necessary for Dixie National. Please contact Dr. David Hidalgo with animal information if you wish him to write your Health Papers. Make sure your calves have had their hoofs trimmed.

Good luck to all the 4-H'ers who will participating.

There will be no February meeting because of Dixie National. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m. (one week earlier due to Spring Break).

Ropes and Reins

Ropes & Reins will meet **January 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.** Dr. Clay Cavinder will be presenting the program.



They will also meet on **February 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.**

Winter Classic Horse Show Series

The Winter Classic Horse Shows are open to 4-H'ers ages 8-18 and are held January-April. For show dates/information and a copy of the show bill, please contact Brandon or go to *4-H Winter Classic Horse Show Series* on Facebook. Lee County will host the Winter Classic on **Saturday, February 24th** at the Agri-Center in Verona.

The 2018 schedule can be found at:

<http://extension.msstate.edu/msu-extension-lee-county/lee-county-4-h>

Shooting Sports



Shooting Sports is underway, but it is not too late to participate. You must call the extension office and sign up if you plan to participate and **have not completed** Safety Training. Please refer to the website <http://lee4hshootingsports.weebly.com/> for practice dates and times.

*The Lee County 4-H/Extension office will be closed **Monday, January 15th** in observance of Martin Luther King Day.*



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