

# Lee County Clover

January, 2016

## 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!

- 8-13 year olds are Junior 4-H members
- 14-18 year olds are Senior 4-H members

# 2016

## Public Speaking Contest

**February 23** at 6:00 p.m.

This is a good contest that 4-H'ers ages 5-18 can participate in. The winners receive monetary awards and may advance to district and state competitions. Call 841-9000 to sign up to declare your topic.

## County 4-H Club Meetings

- Cover Patch Friends Club for ages 8-13 will meet **January 11** at 5:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office.
- Cloverbud Club for ages 5-7 will meet **January 19** at 5:00 p.m. at the 4-H office. The program will be presented by the Robotics Club. Please call the 4-H office at 841-9000 if you plan to attend.

## Club Record Books Results

Judging of 2015 Club Record Books have been completed. Lee County 4-H will have two clubs receiving awards during the 4-H Legislative Luncheon February 9th in Jackson.



**Consolidated** will receive the **Mr. Speaker Award**

**Clover Patch Friends** will receive the **Congressional 1 Award**

Other results include:

**Blue Awards** for County Line and Starlight

**Red Awards** for Aggies, Robotics and Ropes & Reins

# Bee Essay Contest

You can download the Adobe PDF file that contains the complete announcement and rules at: [http://msucares.com/4h\\_Youth/4hentomology/bee\\_essay\\_contest.html](http://msucares.com/4h_Youth/4hentomology/bee_essay_contest.html)



Contestants are strongly encouraged to read the announcement and rules carefully before they begin working on their essay. Essays must be on the specified topic. **Submit Essays to:** Jeff Harris at [jharris@entomology.msstate.edu](mailto:jharris@entomology.msstate.edu). Write "4-H Beekeeping Essay" in the subject line. Be sure to include your biographical sketch. **Deadline: February 4 before 5:00 p.m.**

# Rural Medical Scholars

The Rural Medical Scholars Program is an opportunity for high school students between their **junior and senior years** to learn more about careers as Family Practice physicians. The Scholars participate in a 5-week summer program at Mississippi State University. They take two pre-med courses (Biology and Pre Calculus), spend a few afternoons "shadowing" a physician in a hospital or clinical setting, tour a major medical facility, and attend a lecture series relevant to the interests of an aspiring physician. To help launch their college career, a study skills workshop kicks-off the program.

The program will be May 29-June 30. Applications can be found at: [www.RMS.msucares.com](http://www.RMS.msucares.com)  
**Applications due to MSU by March 11th.**

# Volunteer News



## Volunteer Nominations

Nomination forms for Outstanding 4-H Volunteer and MVLA Officers can be picked up at the 4-H Office. The deadline to submit to the State 4-H Office is **January 15th.**

## MVLA Conference

The 2016 State Volunteer Leaders' Conference will be held **February 26-27**, at MSU in the Bost Extension Conference Center. If you are interested in attending, call the 4-H Office and a packet will be sent to you once available.

## Artwork Design Contest

The MVLA Board is hosting this contest. The theme is "**Green is the New Gold.**" 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 2016 State Volunteer Leaders' Conference. Entry deadline is **January 15th.**

*The Lee County 4-H/Extension office will be closed **Monday, January 18th** in observance of Martin Luther King Day.*

# LEE COUNTY

## 4-H AMBASSADOR TEAM

**2015 Lee County Ambassadors will continue to serve in 2016, along with 4-H'ers chosen from new application process.**

### **Objectives**

- Make 4-H more visible within the county
- Maintain and build relations with county 4-H alumni and supporters
- Increase 4-H membership in the county

### **Purpose**

MSU-ES County 4-H Ambassador Program's goal is to enhance the leadership, citizenship, and communication skills in youth. The program will provide opportunities for ambassadors to assist with programs and serve as role models to other 4-H'ers.

### **Requirements**

- Have actively participated in 4-H
- Be committed to the 4-H Program
- Must be 14 as of January 1, 2016
- Maintain positive communication with county extension agent with 4-H responsibilities

### **Duties**

- Attend scheduled MSU-ES County 4-H Ambassadors Trainings
- Be committed to the 4-H Program
- Participate in MSU-ES County 4-H Ambassadors planned events

### **Education and Training**

- Leadership
- Service Learning Projects
- Personal Development/Character Education
- Manners and Etiquette
- Parliamentary Procedure

### **Application Process (Due to Lee County 4-H by February 12, 2016)**

Part 1. Application (available for pick-up at the Lee County 4-H Office)

Part 2. Essay

### **Selection Process**

County Interview – February 16 or 18, 2016

***County decisions are final***

*Note: Applicants for 2017 State Ambassador program must have served on the Lee County 4-H Ambassador Team in 2016.*

# Belvia's Blog

I am so excited to start a New Year traveling with Dakota Belue, Tori Stroupe, Hunter Garrett, Hanna Hussey, Kayla Neal, Caitlin Hidalgo, Hunter Aldridge, Will Cornelius and Heather Snyder to Denver to represent Lee County and the State of Mississippi at the Western National 4-H Roundup. They will be competing in Hippology, Livestock Judging and Horse Public Individual Demonstration. Good Luck to everyone.... we are proud of you.

## Aggies

The Northeast District Livestock Show will be January 29-30 at the Lee County Ag Center in Verona. [Junior Livestock judging will be held in conjunction with Senior Livestock Judging in July.](#)

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee County Celebrity Livestock Show will be January 29 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please try to attend the January meeting on January 12 at 6:00 p.m. I have tried to contact everyone, but if I missed you or you need to nominate someone else for the Celebrity Show, call Belvia ASAP. We will match local politicians, business people, and community leaders with 4-Hers in an effort to educate them about the 4-H Livestock Program. The Celebrities should arrive prior to 7:00 p.m. We will host a reception in front of the main arena and start the show at 7:00. I know this will be a wonderful opportunity for the general public to learn more about the 4-H Livestock Program.

We made plans for the Steak Supper Fundraiser to be held January 19th at Driskell's in Plantersville. I will have tickets printed and ready at the January meeting. If you will be unable to attend the January 12th meeting, please come by and pick up fundraiser tickets after January 5.

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.

## Ropes and Reins

The January meeting will be **Tuesday, January 19** since Monday is a Federal Holiday and our office will be closed. Anyone interested in Horse Bowl and Hippology should contact Belvia at the Extension Office.

I hope we can put teams together for the **Dixie National Horse Bowl** in February. Also, a few years ago we all attended the Free Style Reining at Dixie. This would be a fun trip if ya'll decide to go. If you wish to participate in Horse Bowl, please attend the January 19th meeting.

The **Winter Classic Horse Show Series** will begin in January. For show dates/information and a copy of the show bill, please contact Belvia or go to the Winter Classic page on Facebook. Lee County will host the Winter Classic on Saturday, February 27th at the Lee County Agri-Center in Verona.

## Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports is underway, but it is not too late to participate. Anyone that would like to participate in Shooting Sports, please give me a call as soon as possible. There will be a Shooting Sports Safety Training on **Thursday, January 14th** at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. If a final training is necessary, we will schedule one. 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 Federal Youth Program is again offering Federal Top Gun 12 and 20 gauge shells for \$51.80 per case (250 rounds) and 12 gauge Estate Game and Target for \$49.90 per case (250 rounds). If you want to place an order, bring your money by the 4-H office. No ammunition will be ordered without payment. The final order will be placed on **January 15th.**

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Web Sites:  
<http://leecounty4h.com>  
<http://www.msucare.com>

