



Our May **FCS After 5** program will be a floral design program with dinner provided.



**Date:** Tuesday, May 13

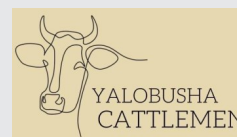
**Time:** 6-8 p.m.

**Cost:** \$35 per person (includes container, floral snips, flowers, instruction, and dinner).

**Presenter:** Kris McKey from MoonBee Flower Farm in Water Valley

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, May 6th

Space is limited. Registration begins April 1<sup>st</sup> you can register online at this link, <https://reg.extension.msstate.edu/> or at Extension office. If paying at the Extension office, please pay with check made out to MSU Extension. Must register and pay to be considered signed up for the class.



Yalobusha Cattlemen's Association

Meeting on **TUESDAY**, April 29, at 6:30. The topic for the night's program will be "Exactly What Are Buyers Looking For". BankFirst will be our sponsor. Please call the Extension Office at 662-675-2730 by noon on Monday, April 28.

## SERVSAFE ONLINE EXAM

ServSafe ONLINE EXAM will be offered at the Extension office On Thursday, May 29th

Two Time Slots Available:  
10am and 2pm

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:  
May 9th, 2025

For more information contact Pamela Redwine at 662.675-2730 or email [p.redwine@msstate.edu](mailto:p.redwine@msstate.edu)  
**Online pricing:**  
Book with proctor fee and seat code \$114 (must order via <https://www.fsnhp.msstate.edu/workshops/servsafe/registration.php>)



## MHV NEWS United Y.C. MHV

**Date:** Tuesday, April 15th

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Purpose:** Business Meeting

### North Central MHV Spring Area Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Calhoun County Extension Office

**Each county is asked to bring a brunch item and 2 door prizes**

### MHV State Council

**Dates:** Tuesday, May 20- Thursday, May 22, 2025

**Location:** Central MS Regional Extension Center and McKenzie Building in Raymond, MS

(new location this year due to Bost Building at MSU being renovated)

**Lodging:** Eagle Ridge Conference Center

**Registration Opens:** March 31<sup>st</sup>

**Registration Deadline:** April 25<sup>th</sup>

**Cultural Arts Deadline** is May 9<sup>th</sup> to Panola county

A conference agenda will be available soon.

## Office Closing

The Extension office will be closed on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> to observe Easter Holidays. We will reopen on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 8 a.m. Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Easter.



## ServSafe Food Safety Certification Course



**Date:** June 26, 2025

**Time:** 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Cost:** \$150

**Location:** Yalobusha County Extension Office

**Deadline to Register:** Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

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Living Well™

Healthy You Exercise  
**April Chair Exercise Class**  
 Every Wednesday  
 @ the MSU Extension office  
 9 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

The Stronger Seniors workout program which is designed to help seniors develop strength and enhance the ability to function in daily life.

Bring a 1-2 pound weight.  
 Wear cool comfortable clothes and bring water to drink.



MSU Extension will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities or special needs. Please contact our office prior to a program or event to request reasonable accommodations.



Healthy You Exercise  
**Indoor Walking Class**

Meets Every Friday in April at 9 a.m. at the Extension Office



Join us for up to 45 minutes of Physical Activity.

*Wear Comfortable clothes, good tennis shoes and bring water to drink.*



## CREATE MHV Club

**Date:** Wednesday, April 9th  
**Time:** 10 a.m. until noon  
**Location:** Extension Office located inside Multi-Purpose Building  
**Program:** Gourd Bird House  
**Program leader –** Jo Davis

All supplies will be provided for one birdhouse for \$4.00. Please Call the Extension office to reserve your spot by Monday, April 7th.



## Crochet

The Crochet Group will meet at the Extension Office this month from 10 a.m. until noon. You will need to bring the yarn of your choice and a crochet hook. This is a great opportunity for beginners to learn how to crochet, as well as, a good time for more experienced people to get ideas for new projects, or finish existing projects. We hope you will join us.

**April Dates:**  
**Thursday, 3**  
**Thursday, 24**



**SEED & PLANT SWAP**



**Thursday, April 10**  
**4:00 - 6:00 PM**  
**Coffeeville Public Library**  
**14432 Main St., Coffeeville, MS**  
**In case of rain: FBC Family Life Center**

**\*FREE Cooking with herbs class.**  
**\*Master Gardeners on site!**

**Sponsors:**  
**Friends of Coffeeville Library &**  
**Valobusha County Extension Service**



## Sewing for Service

The Sewing for Service Group will meet at 9 a.m. until noon on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at the Yalobusha County Extension Service located inside the Multi-Purpose Building in Coffeeville. We will begin sewing wheelchair and walker bags for the nursing home. This club is free and open to the public. We need participants to help cut out patterns, iron, and sew.

In 2025, **April** is designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness and promote efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.

**National Focus:**

April is the month when the nation focuses on child abuse prevention, emphasizing the importance of working together to create safe and nurturing environments for children

**Theme:**

The theme for the 2025 Child Abuse Prevention Month is "Powered By Hope, Strengthen By Prevention".

**Wear Blue:**

On Friday, **April 4, 2025**, post a photo of you and your colleagues, friends, or family wearing blue and share what prevention and/or child and family well-being means to you!

Many organizations encourage people to wear blue during Child Abuse Prevention Month to show support for preventing child abuse and neglect.

**Focus on Prevention:**

The focus is on preventing child abuse and neglect through safety, education, health, and advocacy.

**Ongoing Efforts:**

It's important to remember that raising awareness and preventing child abuse is a year-round effort, not just limited to April.

**Resources:** <https://www.childwelfare.gov/preventionmonth/>  
<https://preventchildabuse.org/>  
<https://www.allianceforchildren.org/child-abuse-prevention-month>



## 4-H News



### 4-H Cooking Kit for April

**What:** Monthly Cooking Kits

**Cost:** \$12 per month

**Kit Contains:** A recipe, all of the ingredients you will need to complete recipe, a kitchen tool, educational information about the featured food and an activity evaluation.

**Registration deadline:** Friday, April 11

Pickup date: Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (notice date change due to being closed on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> for Easter Holidays).

Participants are asked to send Mrs. Pamela a picture of child cooking the recipe and the completed evaluation by Friday, April 25th

Youth ages 5-18 (younger children can participate but may need more adult supervision).



### 4-H Shooting Sports

The Yalobusha 4-H County Competition will be held on Saturday, April 5, at 9:00. It will be held at the Shooting Range in Coffeerville.

The Northwest District 4-H Shooting Sports Competition will be held on Saturday, May 3, at the Fairgrounds in Charleston. Time to be announced later.

The **Junior** 4-H State Competition will be held at the Fairgrounds in Charleston on June 14.

The State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships will be held in the Jackson area July 18-19.

## PEEPS DIORAMA CONTEST



ENTER OUR 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL PEEPS DIORAMA CONTEST.

To enter please email [p.redwine@msstate.edu](mailto:p.redwine@msstate.edu) or call 662.675.2730

Prizes Will BE AWARDED for 4 Categories-Peeples Choice, Judge's Choice (local famous artist), Best Use of Peeps and Best Title

**DEADLINE to enter is April 14th.**

OPEN TO AGES 5-18

Dioramas MUST have a book theme and contain more than 1 Peep.

**Drop off is at The Extension Office**

Dioramas will be on display for voting April 14<sup>th</sup> –18<sup>th</sup> at the Coffeerville Public Library.

Pick up dioramas from the Library 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.

Peeps must be picked up by April 23rd or they will be repurposed.

### 4-H Homeschool Club Meeting:



If you are a homeschool family, we would love to have you join us. We meet twice a month and enjoy learning about a variety of topics. The meetings are held at the Yalobusha County Extension office from 1:30-3:30 p.m. We are continuing our "Becoming a Puppeteer" Series.

#### April Meetings:

**Monday, April 14** – Bring your completed Rod Puppet. We will create your puppet's characteristics and we will practice using our puppets.

**Monday, April 28** – We will begin planning our summer puppet shows!

If you're anything like me, I find any excuse to get outside. The warmer temperatures and colorful blooms are refreshing, especially after the cold winter we had! Working on outdoor chores is a great excuse to get some fresh air. Here are a few tasks you need to cross off your checklist during April:



Once your azaleas and other spring flowering shrubs have bloomed, give them a good pruning to encourage growth for next year. If you're looking to plant more azaleas in your yard, consider purchasing them this month to be sure you like the color.


Add a pop of color to your landscape by planting summer annuals. It's important to do research and planning before heading to the garden center. Plan your location and pick plants that do best with the lighting conditions in that area. The plant tags often contain lighting and watering requirements. Check out [Extension Publication 1826, "Annual & Perennial Flowers for Mississippi Gardens"](#) for a list of top performing annuals and perennials to consider planting.

It's time to start planting your summer garden! There's nothing like garden fresh veggies during the summer. I have fond memories of visiting my grandfather's garden and to pick cucumbers. Vegetables including okra, melons, peas, corn, beans, and cucumbers can be direct sowed. Transplants of eggplant, peppers and tomatoes can be purchased and planted throughout the month for enjoyment in the later months. Needing help on growing vegetables? Check out [this section](#) of the [Garden Tabloid!](#) If you want to plant summer and fall blooming bulbs into your landscape, now is a great time to get them planted.

Give shrubs like boxwood and holly a light shear to get them looking nice. For information on pruning formal shrubs and other landscape plants, check out [Extension Information Sheet 0204, "Pruning Landscape Plants."](#) Dividing summer flowering perennials helps you to keep your flower beds neat. Transplant the divisions in other parts of yard or share as pass-along plants with friends and family. Our [blog post](#) on how to divide perennials offers a handy tutorial.

If you haven't fertilized your shrubs yet, be sure to check that off your list this month as well.

## April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9-Exercise-Chair	3 10-Crochet 6pm FCS After 5	4 9-Exercise-Walk	5 <b>Shooting Sports County Shoot</b>
6	7 9-Sewing for Service	8 9:30 MHV Area meeting @Calhoun Ext	9 9-Exercise-Chair 10-Create	10 4pm-Plant Swap @Library 4:30 Cooking with herbs @Library	11 9-Exercise-Walk Cooking kit Deadline	12
13	14 1:30 4-H Home-school	15 9-MHV	16 9-Exercise-Chair Cooking Kit Pick up	17 7:30 am ServSafe Class	18 Good Friday <b>Office Closed</b>	19
20 	21 9-Sewing for Service	22	23 9-Exercise-Chair	24 10-Crochet	25 9-Exercise-Walk	26
27	28 1:30 4-H Home-school	29 6pm Cattleman's	30 9-Exercise-Chair			