



Marshall Messages

Marshall County Extension Office

May-June 2024

Hey Marshall County!

It's spring time! We are gearing up for a busy summer and hope that you'll get involved with some of the things we have going on. There's lots of events coming up, take a look inside this newsletter for more information on them. Browse our Facebook page for frequent updates and happenings too!



Please follow us on Facebook at Marshall County Extension Office.

Like, share, and comment on our posts to get involved with us!

Below are the next set of cooking kits that are coming in June and July. Register by the 25th of each month to be on the next month's list. Call our office at 662-252-3541 to register. Each kit includes all the ingredients, recipes, and a kitchen tool.



120 South Spring Street
Holly Springs, MS
38635
662-252-3541



MOZZARELLA STICKS
\$30
deadline is 5/25
Call 662-252-3541 to sign up!

Marshall county 4-H
JUNE COOKING KIT

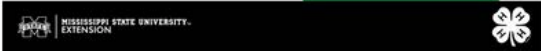


BERRY DUMP COBBLER
\$30
deadline is 6/25
Call 662-252-3541 to sign up!

Marshall county 4-H
JULY COOKING KIT

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MARSHALL COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

This portion of the newsletter will replace the Master Gardener's "Garden Hose" Newsletter



REPORT FOR DUTY!

FUN WITH FLORAL MARSHALL CO. JR. MASTER GARDENERS ARRANGING

MAY 28, 2024
4:00 PM

Marshall County Extension Office

- Growing Flowers
- Arranging Flowers
- Snacks will be provided

Calling all Marshall County Master Gardeners!! Setup and preparation for Plant Camp 2024 will be on June 25, 2024 at 10am. Meet at the Fairgrounds to help get ready for camp. Let Donna Kovach know if you can make it.

MCMGA President's Notes

Welcome Spring! The Marshall County Master Gardeners have been very busy these past few months starting with the development of a Junior Master Gardener's program. The focus of the program is to introduce 3rd through 5th graders to gardening. Currently, six children are busy growing their own tomato plants, learning about birds and their role in gardening, and taste testing a variety of vegetables.

The Annual MCMGA Plant Sale this month helps fund the Kid's Plant Camp to be held June 26th and 27th. "Who Grew My Lunch" is this year's theme focusing on growing vegetables.

MCMG's have also assisted in beautification projects around town in preparation for the annual Holly Springs Pilgrimage.

With all the work going on, we'll be taking a break to attend the MMGA Convention in Biloxi on May 1-3rd. This year's convention is open to the public and details for registration are available at www.digginitonthecoast.com. If you love getting dirty in the yard and garden, consider joining the Marshall County Master Gardeners. Information about joining can be obtained at the Marshall County Extension Office as well as a multitude of publications from Mississippi State University pertaining to gardening, forestry, animal husbandry, 4-H, Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers, quilting, and many, many more.

Getting dirt under my nails,

Sherri DeLashmit, PhD, MCMGA President

2024 PLANT CAMP

FARM TO TABLE:
WHO GREW YOUR LUNCH?

Marshall County Fairgrounds
June 26-27, 2024
8:30 am- 12:30 pm

Ages 8-12
space is limited,
registration is required by June 14th



CALL MARSHALL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT
662-252-3541 TO REGISTER



Marshall County Master Gardeners Association hosted a Kickoff Event in hopes of starting a Junior Master Gardener Program in Marshall County. They had 11 youth participate in the event where they painted birdhouses, made pinecone bird seed feeders, saw a nest collection, and learned about birds native to Mississippi. It was a great start to an educational program that will work to inform 3rd-5th graders on gardening and other related topics. Their next meeting will be on May 28, 2024, at 4:00 pm. Call the Marshall County Extension Office at 662-252-3541 for more information or to register a child.

Marshall County Master Gardeners hosted their Annual Plant Sale on April 13, 2024 in our side parking lot. They use this as a fundraiser to raise money to fund the projects they do around the county and for 2024's Plant Camp. This year they made over \$1000.00.

GARDENING TIPS

MAY

- Plant annuals and perennials early in the month, and keep well-watered.
- Take hydrangea cuttings and let root in coarse sand.
- Plant cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, squash, peas, beans, eggplant, corn, okra, parsley, watermelons, and cantaloupes. Fertilize warm-season turfgrass after it turns green and has been mown twice.
- Fertilize all ornamental shrubs.
- Scout for garden pests and diseases: red spiders, thrips, aphids, lacebugs, lacewings, mealy bugs, caterpillars, slugs, snails, mildew, fungus, and crown rot.
- Prune azaleas, camellias and gardenias after flowers drop and before new buds form.
- Cutting bouquets regularly will keep your plants pruned and prolong the blooming season. Cut in early morning or late afternoon and put into water immediately.

JUNE

- Plant warm-season grasses: Bermuda, centipede, zoysia, and St. Augustine (June to August).
- Replace turf in deep shade with ground cover: lirioppe, ajuga, vinca, or pachysandra are good options
- Plant tomatoes late this month to ensure harvest late into fall. Cherry tomatoes and Bella Rosa varieties are good choices for heat tolerance.
- Select daylilies in bloom for planting in your garden.
- Plant zinnias and marigolds now for a second crop of flowers.
- Gladiolus planted now will give lovely fall blooms.
- Fertilize all ornamental shrubs/trees and annuals/perennials with a slow-release fertilizer.
- Fertilize camellias with azalea-camellia fertilizer if not done earlier in the year.
- Fertilize tomatoes, cucumbers, and zucchini monthly with a 5-10-10 fertilizer.
- Scout the landscape/garden regularly for pests and treat as needed.
- Remove zinnias with powdery mildew and replant.

MARSHALL COUNTY HAPPY QUILTERS

FAT QUARTER TOTE BAG SEWING TUTORIALS



May 2, 2024 &
May 20, 2024
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

- \$10 COST FOR CLASS
- CALL OUR OFFICE FOR A MATERIALS LIST
 - SEWING MACHINES/SUPLLIES PROVIDED



Marshall County Happy Quilters groups presented a “Quilting Demonstration” in Benton County! They showed how to measure, cut & sew blocks to make quilts. They showed off the quilts they’ve been working on and gave insight on how get started sewing/quilting!



Pictured above are Marshall County Happy Quilters with their material boxes that they made at their March meeting.



HONEY BEE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

MARSHALL COUNTY HONEY BEE ASSOCIATION

MAY 7, 2024 6:00 PM JUNE 4, 2024 6:00 PM

MARSHALL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
120 SOUTH SPRING STREET
HOLLY SPRINGS, MS

MARSHALL COUNTY 4-H

BICYCLE RODEO

A rodeo is a bicycle skills event which provides an opportunity for bicyclists to practice and develop skills that will help them to become better bicyclists



May 6, 2024
4:30 pm
Ages 8-13

Call the Marshall County Extension Office at 662-252-3541 to let us know you're coming.

Bring your bike and join us to learn safety, hand motions, parts identification and proper technique.

We will also be riding through an obstacle course!

ACCOUNTABILITY LUNCHEON

MARSHALL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

"EXTENDING KNOWLEDGE, CHANGING LIVES"

Wednesday, February 28, 2024
12:00 pm



A THREE PRONGED RELATIONSHIP FOR THE BETTERMENT OF MARSHALL COUNTY

The Smith Lever Act of 1914 established Extension work, since that time legislation has allowed for a three pronged partnership between federal, state, and local (county) governments. The Marshall County Extension office along with the Marshall County Overall Advisory Committee hosted its 2024 Accountability Luncheon on February 28, 2024 at the Marshall County Extension Office in Holly Springs, MS. Marshall County Board of Supervisors and County Elected Officials play a major role in Marshall County Extension Office's success. They work with us to provide funding and support. We are grateful for their attendance to our accountability luncheon where they listened, provided insight, and gave suggestions as to how we can best serve Marshall County residents.

Overall Advisory Committee members were also present to advocate for our agents by showing their support, telling of their experience with Marshall County Extension, and by completing a needs assessment to give our agents a basis for program planning in 2024.

Advisory Committees, Extension Agents, Board of Supervisors, and County Elected Officials all work together to serve YOU in Marshall County.

"Extending Knowledge, Changing Lives" is what we do, and we take what we do very seriously in order to provide you with research based information you can trust.

Extension in the C. T. E. Classroom

KEYS TO THE COMMUNITY SESSIONS 1 -2



Some Holly Springs High School students are learning more about Marshall County government. Jansen Pegues, business, marketing and finance instructor at the Career and Technical Center, hosted the first of a few sessions on Friday, April 5, entitled “The Keys to Community.” On hand to make the presentation were Lemon Phelps and Kelsey Martin with the Marshall County office of the Mississippi State University Extension Service and county administrator Tim Powell. The first session focused on things such as why local government is necessary, examples of county services, county elected officials’ duties, the board of supervisors and supervisor districts, open meetings of the board, and appointed officials. The students also participated in hands-on exercises to gain more knowledge about how county government operates. In one exercise, they matched the names of county officials with their titles and responsibilities. Additional sessions from “The Keys to Community” series will follow in coming weeks.

The second session on “The Keys to Community” was held Friday, April 12, at the Holly Springs School District’s Career and Technical Center. Tax assessor Barbara Belfoure and tax collector Rosalyn DeBerry were on hand to talk about their roles in Marshall County government. The high school students gained an understanding of why counties must collect taxes, the different types of taxes and how to calculate property taxes. They also learned about various terms such as millage rate, assessed value and ad valorem tax. The program is coordinated by the Marshall County office of the Mississippi State University Extension Service. Lemon Phelps and Kelsey Martin with the Extension Service were on hand to assist in the presentation, along with county administrator Tim Powell. Students also asked questions and participated in hands-on exercises to learn more about county government and taxes. “The Keys to Community” sessions will continue in the next few weeks in the classroom of business instructor Jansen Pegues.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

National Ag Day was created to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. Every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America join to recognize the contributions of agriculture. Lemon & Kelsey partnered with the Marshall County Master Gardeners to give a presentation on Mississippi’s Agricultural Commodities today to the students at the Eddie Dixon CTE Center. They learned about the importance of agriculture in MS & how it works to provide us with food, fibers & fuel! This event was sponsored by Marshall County Farm Bureau Federation.



MHV NORTHEAST SPRING REGIONAL MEETING

April 18, 2024 at 9:30 am

Marshall County Extension Office



The Northeast MHV Spring Regional Meeting was held on April 18, 2024, at the Marshall County Extension Office in Holly Springs. MHV stands for Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers and includes women volunteers interested in strengthening their communities through service.

Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers from the northeast region traveled to Marshall County to participate in the spring fashion show and meeting. The northeast region includes MHV members from Itawamba, Tishomingo, Prentiss, Pontotoc, Lafayette, Union counties.



Musical entertainment was provided by Mr. Glynn Faulkner from Holly Springs High School. He played his saxophone for the ladies. Educational content was provided by Lemon Phelps, Marshall County Extension Agent and Nancy Green, Marshall County Master Gardener. The topic was Container Gardening. Lance Newman, Northeast Regional Coordinator and Jennifer Russell of Washington County Extension were present to give updates from Mississippi State University.

Other agents from the Northeast region that were present to help with the event included Skip Glidewell (Prentiss County), Lacy Raines (Union County), Emily Vestal (Tishomingo County), Pat Neal (Lafayette County), Jan Garrett (Lafayette County), Amber Dauzat (Calhoun County.)

Thank you to Keith Taylor, Marshall County Board of Supervisor District 3, for donating water for this event. Thanks to Nicole Phelps, Marshall County Chancery Clerk, for donating the container gardening supplies for the event.



EXTENSION EDUCATION

Crape Myrtle Bark Scale

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EXTENSION



Scan the QR code above for publication information on Crape Myrtle Bark Scale.

CRAPE MYRTLE BARK SCALE

Crape myrtle bark scale (CMBS) is an insect pest that is a serious threat to southern crape myrtles. It threatens to turn what has historically been a beautiful, low-maintenance landscape tree into an unsightly, high-maintenance landscape tree.

How to identify CMBS:

It can appear as white or gray felt-like spots on the bark of crape myrtles. Heavy infestations involve tens of thousands of individual scales, covering large areas of bark on trunk, limbs, branches and twigs.

Underneath the felt-like covering, the scale appear to be pink. As they feed on the trees, CMBS exude mass quantities of excrement, called “honeydew” because of its high sugar content. This honeydew rains on everything below and is the food source for sooty mold.

Sooty mold, a type of fungus native to Mississippi, grows on the honeydew and turns everything black.

How to control CMBS:

The most effective defense against CMBS is to avoid buying and planting infested crape myrtles. Work closely with the nursery where plants are purchased to be sure plants are free of crape myrtle bark scale.

Control options for CMBS fall into four major categories: exclusion, plant selection, plant destruction, and insecticide treatment.

Trees that are already infested with CMBS can be treated successfully with systemic insecticides applied as soil injections or soil drenches.

For best results, apply treatments during the early portion of the growing season, late March through May, but treatments can be applied anytime an infestation is detected and trees are still actively growing. (Homeowners are encouraged to seek assistance from licensed commercial applicators to control CMBS.)

EXTENDING KNOWLEDGE. CHANGING LIVES.

MARSHALL COUNTY EXTENSION ASSOCIATIONS

Marshall County Cattlemen's Association (MCCA)

The Marshall County Cattlemen's Association is a county chapter of the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association. The MCA was established in 1946 and has since been dedicated to serving the members of the beef cattle industry.

Our quarterly meetings are designed to present a wide range of cattle related topics.

The association places an emphasis on education through

- field days
- outside speakers
- networking among members
- cattle exchange meetings
- short courses.

Marshall County Cattlemen's Association and you, as a member, are working hard to influence government issues, such as animal health issues, taxes, private property rights, and risk management.

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

MARSHALL COUNTY
**CATTLEMEN'S
ASSOCIATION**

\$
DUES
\$15 for County
\$40 for State

EDUCATION
Each quarter we present
a wide range of cattle
related topics.

NETWORK
Meet and learn from
other cattle producers in
Marshall County

Get involved by calling Marshall County Extension at 662-252-3541

Marshall County Forestry Association (MCFA)

The Marshall County Forestry Association is a county chapter of the Mississippi Forestry Association. It is a nonprofit organization, established to promote an understanding of and appreciation for the forest and forest-based industries in Mississippi.

Meetings are held quarterly and designed to present a wide range of forest-related topics.

The Association places an emphasis on education through field days, outside speakers, networking, and short courses..

Marshall County Forestry Association works hard to influence government issues, such as forestry policy, taxes, the environment, and private property rights.

Their next meeting is June 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Marshall County Extension Office.

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**FORESTRY
ASSOCIATION**

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\$15 for County

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GET INVOLVED WITH MARSHALL COUNTY EXTENSION

May 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 01 | 02 Happy Quilters 9-12 | 03 | 04 |
| 05 | 06 Bicycle Rodeo 4:30 pm | 07 MCCA @ 8am honeybees @ 6pm | 08 | 09 MCFA @ 8am Sporting Clay Tournament Mallard's Croft | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Happy Quilters 9-12 | 21 | 22 MHV @ 10am | 23 MCMGA @ 10am | 24 Cooking kit deadline | 25 |
| 26 | 27 <i>Sorry we're</i> CLOSED | 28 Jr. Master Gardeners 4pm | 29 | 30 4-H Club Congress | 31 | 01 |

June 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 01 |
| 02 | 03 | 04 MCCA @ 8am honeybees @ 6pm | 05 Adventures in the Library Potts Camp Library 2pm | 06 | 07 | 08 |
| 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 MCFA @ 8am | 14 PAD NE Community College | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 MHV @ 10am | 20 MCFA Quarterly at 6pm | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 STEAM Day @ MSU Cooking kit deadline | 26 PLANT CAMP | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 |