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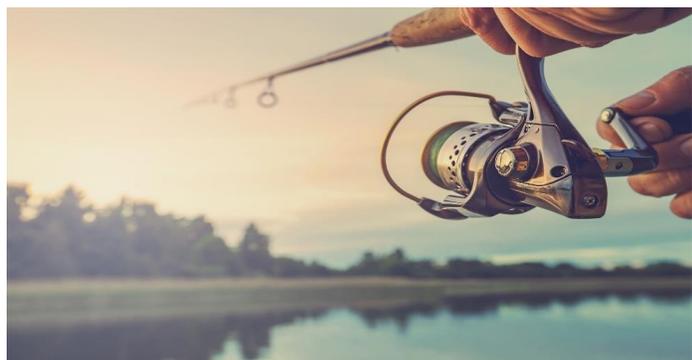
GRILLING



Enrollment for our 4-H Grilling program will be May 17-21. If you have enrolled in 4-H this year all you need to do is call us at 662.624-3070. If you haven't enrolled this year, you can pick up your enrollment packet any time before May 21st and return to us.

Our first meeting will be June 1st at 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

SPORT FISHING



We will have our first meeting June 2nd at 8:30 a.m. until...

Open Enrollment for this 4-H program will be held May 17th – 21st. If you have enrolled in 4H this year, all you need do is call us at 662.624.3070. If you are NOT a 4-H member please pick up an enrollment packet to complete. A supply list will be available with enrollment.

4-H RELATED SURVEY:

WE NEED YOUR OPINION:

Please take the following survey regarding 4-H:

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SEWING CAMP:



July 12-14 each day from 1:00 – 5:00. Ages 10-18. Participants will learn the basics of sewing machine operation. They will make different projects using the sewing machine. Seating is limited. If there is enough interest, we will have additional classes. Must register by July 1st.

ROBOTICS DAY CAMP:



July 19-21 each day from 9:00 – 11:00. **COST = \$10.00 per participant.** Ages 8-12. Date and/or time subject to change following enrollment.



FUN WITH FOOD



Choose which session works for you and call our office to register.

May 27-28 at 1:00 to 4:00

June 15-18 at 9:00 to 11:00

July (dates are open)

Depending upon the participation demand sessions may be added, removed, or changed.

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Try rosemary and thyme in home gardens, containers

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When looking at all the plants growing in landscapes, I'm reminded that each plant has a role in the story of that garden. And most garden stories have plants with sidekicks that you always find side by side.

A garden story that I recently enjoyed was the British TV show, "Rosemary & Thyme." Rosemary Boxer (a university lecturer) and Laura Thyme (a former police officer) were a dynamic duo in the garden. They solved mysteries -- mostly murders -- while working as gardeners in beautiful landscapes all across Europe.

And like the TV characters, the plants rosemary and thyme make a great duo in my home herb garden.

Rosemary has needle-like leaves that typically are a dark green with silvery undersides. The leaves are very aromatic. When used in a freshly prepared dinner, that sweet aroma warms the entire kitchen. Try adding fresh rosemary to hearty chicken and lamb recipes.

Rosemary can be finicky to grow in the garden, especially when given too much attention, such as watering and fertilizing. I've found that rosemary is one of those garden plants that thrives on neglect. This means I try not to even look at it as I walk by, but I can't help touching the plants and releasing their sweet scent.

Typically, rosemary has a more upright, spreading growth habit. I love the selection Prostrata, which is perfect for growing in hanging baskets. Rosemary was named a Mississippi Medallion winner in 2016.

Thyme is a great culinary herb that smells like summer to me.

Thyme has a low and spreading growth habit. The small, fragrant leaves are produced on thin, woody stems. There is a wide selection of aromas and flavors available, like lemon or variegated thyme, but my go-to favorite is the common green variety, English thyme.

It's amazing how the pollinators are attracted to the pinkish flowers when thyme begins to bloom. Be sure to encourage the plants to produce more growth by pruning the plants back by a third after flowering.

Thyme adds a savory flavor note to many dishes. For example, I love fresh thyme with my morning eggs. Use thyme to enhance pork, beef and fish dishes. It's also delicious to add to roasted root vegetables like turnips, rutabagas, and carrots.

Both rosemary and thyme thrive in similar growing conditions, beginning with full sun.

They can be grown with the best success, in my opinion, in raised beds; even better, in containers. This ensures the proper drainage these plants need. Growing in droughty conditions -- the drier the better -- concentrates the aromatic essential oils.

Both rosemary and thyme can be grown from seed, but that requires real patience. For these herbs, I always suggest buying transplants from your favorite independent garden center or nursery.

Then you can create your own rosemary and thyme combinations.

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AG RELATED SURVEY:

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Provide programming to better meet your needs:

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Thomas Curcio – First Place Archery Discipline, Unlimited, Male/9-meters, Junior II (ages 10-11)

John Taylor – First Place Archery Discipline, Compound Bare Bow, Male/9-meters, Junior II (ages 10-11)

Kasey Taylor – First Place Archery Discipline, Compound Bare Bow, Female/9-meters, Junior III (ages 12-13)

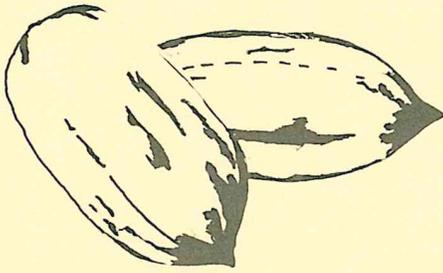
Quinton Byas – First Place Air Pistol Discipline, Sporter (2-handed), Junior II (ages 10-11)

Aoki Scott – Second Place Archery Discipline, Compound Bare Bow, Female/9-meters, Junior II (ages 10-11)

(Not in picture) Ella Burke – First Place Archery Discipline, Compound Bare Bow, Female/9-meters, Junior II (ages 10-11)

Top Picture: Lenox Kinder – First Place Shotgun Discipline, Senior II (ages 16-18)





Why Didn't My Pecan Trees Produce?

1) When did you last fertilize your pecan trees?

Pecan trees are like any other crop -- they respond to fertilization. The Soil Testing Laboratory at Mississippi State University will analyze your soil and make appropriate fertilizer recommendations.

2) Have pecan trees in your orchard or lawn been neglected for several years?

If so, even though you fertilize this year do not expect your trees to start producing immediately. It generally takes 3-5 years of spraying and fertilization to bring neglected trees back into production.

3) How old is your pecan tree?

Many varieties do not start producing nuts until they are 12-15 years of age. Your tree may not be old enough to bear yet. Generally speaking pecan trees do not get too old to produce a crop of nuts if they are properly cared for.

4) Did it rain during pollination?

You have heard the old saying "if it rains during the first week of May then the pecan crop will be short." This old adage does have some merit in that if it does rain during the time pecan trees are shedding pollen there is a good chance the pollen will be washed from the female flowers or even the pollen cannot be shed. In such cases there will be no pollination and thus no pecan crop.

5) Why your pecans weren't completely filled.

Have you parked your car under a pecan tree and noticed later a sticky substance was on your windshield? This sticky substance is sugar that aphids (small sucking insects) have sucked from the leaves. These sugars should be translocated to the nuts and there converted to fats and oils.

After the leaves become sticky with the sugar substances a black sooty mold will generally be found on the leaf. The leaves become non-functional and fall to the ground. Leaves on the ground cannot produce materials to fill nuts on the tree.

There are several fungus diseases that will also prematurely defoliate trees. We also know that at the same time the leaves are producing the necessary materials to fill the nuts they are also producing female hormones to induce next year's female flower crop. So you can easily see that if your trees are continually defoliated it is rather difficult for them to produce pecans.

By Dr. Richard Mullenax, Extension Horticulturist

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**MISSISSIPPI STATE
LIVESTOCK JUDGING
DAY CAMP
MAY 29**



ALL AGES Entries due: May 10th
Cost: \$40/person
Includes snacks



The day camp is open to youth AND adults. This camp will consist of live animal evaluation and hands on practice.

Check in at 7:30 AM. Camp will begin at 8 AM and end at 12 PM. T-shirts not included, but available for \$15.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE
LIVESTOCK JUDGING
THREE DAY CAMP
MAY 26 TO 28**



AGES 14 AND UP
Cost: \$175/person
Meals included Entries due: May 10th



Designed for older youth (ages 14 & up). Consists of a combination of classroom lectures, live animal evaluation, oral reasons, and lab exercises. Coaches and parents are welcome to participate with youth. Lodging is not included.

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ROW CROP Producer's Meeting

Look for more information coming soon
about a June meeting.