



# FOCUS on 4-H!

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JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY

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**Welcome To All New 4-H Members. We are happy to have you as part of the Jefferson Davis County 4-H Club.**

## WELCOME



Congratulations to all those who received county recognition at the Awards and Recognition Virtual Program on September 21! Thanks to the Jefferson Davis County 4-H Advisory Council Members for their attendance and support. 4-H'ers Harmony McInnis, Denterrious McInnis, Tanylia Thompson, Tiona Fagan, Aiden Young, Kameron Brown, Kori Dotson, and

Chantasia Ross, please pick up your awards at the Extension office. Any unclaimed items must be picked up by December 20th. To arrange drop-off, contact the office.



Do you read our Newsletters from front to back? Reading is winning in 4-H. Read the newsletter, find and text the contest keywords and your name to 662-769-9943 to enter a drawing to win one of two \$10 gift cards.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
NOVEMBER MONTH  
4-H'ERS:**

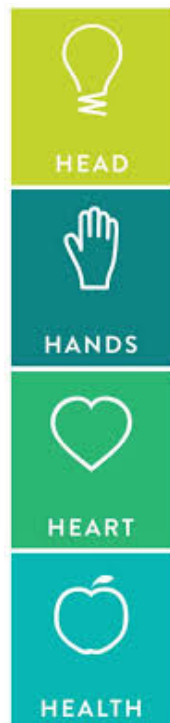
PENNELOPE PIERCE  
KATERRIAN MENENDEZ  
J'VONE PITTMAN  
JAYDON BOOTH  
LEMUEL BOWDEN  
ERIC BRIDGES  
TIONA FAGAN  
CHRYSTIONA MAGEE  
TYSON MCLAURIN



**HOLIDAY CLOSURE:** The Extension office will be closed on

Thanksgiving Day Thursday November 26, 2020

Following Day Friday November 27, 2020



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## Christmas Card Design Contest



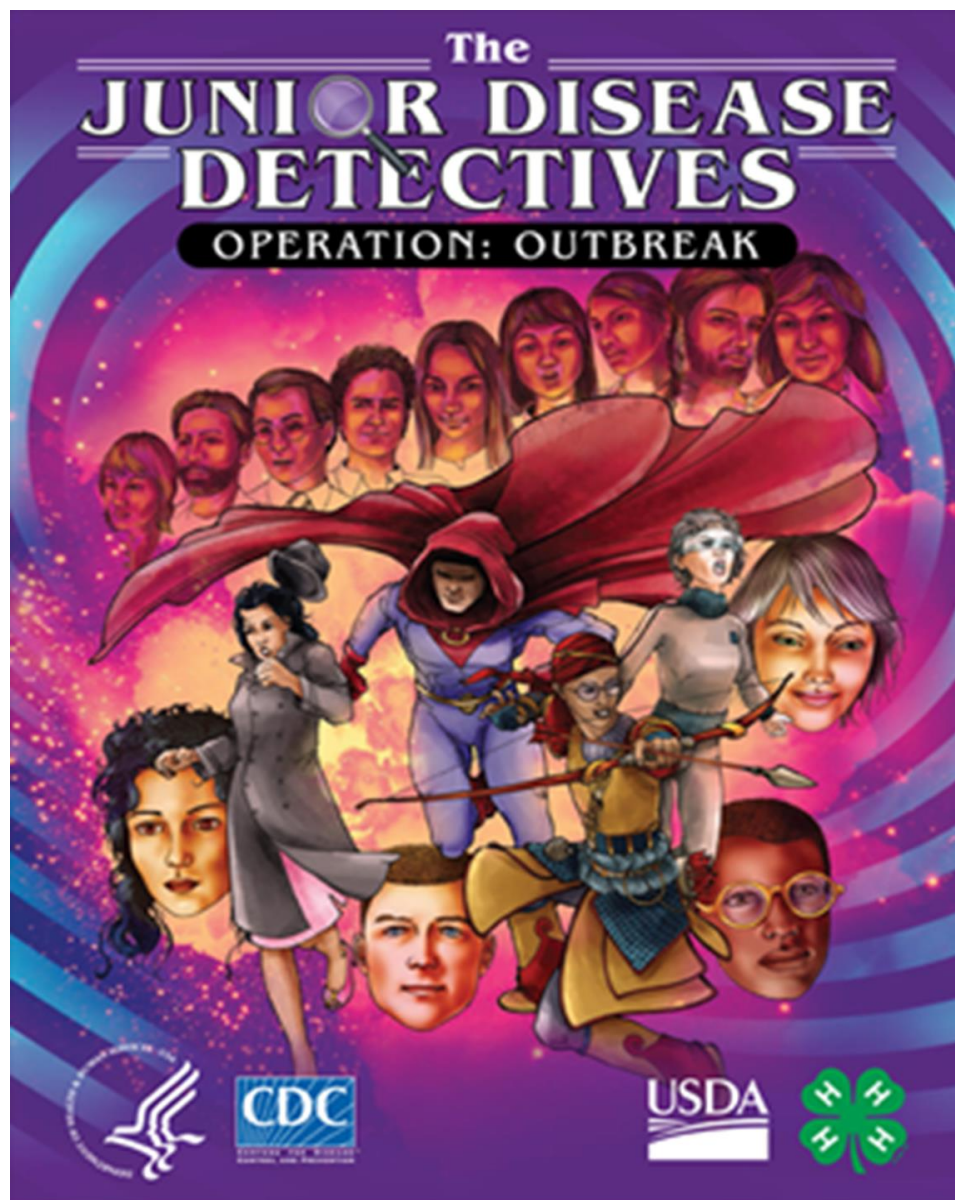
**Jefferson Davis  
County**

Submit your best MISSISSIPPI Christmas Design Annual 4-H Christmas Card Design Contest. The only rule to your design is that it has to be an original theme. You can design as many as you wish. You could be one of **THREE** members to win prizes. Winning designs will be produced for Christmas cards for the nursing home. Open to 4-H Members of all ages. If you need materials, please call to reserve free materials to make your cards. Deadline to submit your cards is December 1st!



Join us November 18th at 6:00 PM for a virtual demonstration focusing on simple and engaging Thanksgiving 4-H activities for all 4-H'ers. We'll be showcasing some great hands- on projects that are easy to implement and educational. Contact the office to register by November 17th. Join us for programs that will enhance your 4-H Record book. Contact the Extension Office to register and receive zoom link.





The 4-H Disease Detectives Project will help you learn about disease outbreaks, virus transmissions, public health investigations and how protective actions like hand washing, wearing masks, vaccinations, and herd immunity help manage negative public health outcomes. (Gift card Keyword: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This project is designed for youth that are at least 12 years old. The project will meet on-line. You can participate via phone or computer.

If you are interested in participating in this project, contact your local 4-H Community Education Specialist Latonya Ramsey at [latonya.ramsey@msstate.edu](mailto:latonya.ramsey@msstate.edu) or 601-792-5121/662-769-9943 by

**November 16** to get registered and receive the zoom link. FREE to participate and receive kit.

Intrigued by the microscopic viruses who have spread across our planet? Want to test your investigative skills? Interested in epidemiology (how we can track and prevent the spread of germs and diseases)? Join us for a virtual **Disease Detectives: Operation Outbreak** project! Anyone interested in medicine, health, veterinary sciences, communications, or marketing should join. Join from the comforts of your own home. Each person will receive a comic book kit with goodies such as items to make a model of a germ. So, sign up for yours as soon as you get this newsletter.



## FROM THE DESK OF THOMAS BREWER



Dear 4-H Livestock Exhibitor:

**Please note that plans for the 2020 MS State Fair are subject to change depending on the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Please be aware of the following deadlines if you plan on showing livestock through the Jefferson Davis County 4-H at the MS State Fair, S. E. District Livestock Show or the Dixie National Junior Round-up shows. Please call the Jefferson Davis County MSU-Extension Service Office in Prentiss on or before August 05, 2020. Call (601) 792-5121 to schedule an appointment to sign up for these livestock shows and complete the forms before the deadlines. Each 4-H livestock exhibitor will be required to complete a 4-H Livestock ethics training. The date for this training will be set after all livestock exhibitors confirm their intent to show in Jefferson Davis County.

There are a few rules I wanted to remind everyone about that are outlined below. For A. and B., these are updates to rules for the State Fair and Dixie National concerning eligibility of exhibitors and nominations of beef breeding animals with pending information.

- A. Only youth **physically** residing in Mississippi, ages 8 through 18, who are bona fide members of a 4-H club or FFA chapter within the state are eligible to show. Exhibitors must be at least 8 years old before January 1st of the current year and must not have passed his/her 18th birthday before January 1st of the current year. The only exception to the eligibility rule is for exhibitors who have not passed his/her 19th birthday before January 1st of the current year and are currently enrolled in high school are also eligible to show.

Exhibitor's age is

determined by the exhibitor's age on January 1st of the preceding calendar year in which the show is held (not necessarily age on show day.)

- B. **No registered beef breeding animals will be allowed to be entered/nominated without a name and date of birth.** All registered beef and dairy breeding animals with pending registration information after September 15 will not be allowed to show at the Mississippi State Fair unless extenuating circumstances are presented in writing to the Rules Committee within 5 days of the above deadline. Animal registration information will be verified electronically before the Mississippi State Fair. Updated registration information for each pending animal must be submitted to the supervising Extension Agent/FFA Advisor by September 15.

Please note that there is only one nomination period to enter market steers, market lambs, market hair sheep, and market goats. If you will be too young to show at the 2020 Mississippi State Fair and plan to show a market steer, market lamb, market hair sheep, or market goat at the 2021 Dixie National Junior Round-Up, those animals MUST be owned and nominated by September 1, 2020.

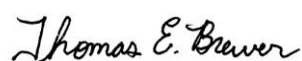
## 2020-2021 4-H/FFA Livestock Show Deadlines

	MS State Fair		District Shows / Dixie National Junior Round-Up	
	Ownership	Entry	Ownership	Entry
Market Steers	September 1	September 1	September 1	September 1
Market Lambs	September 1	September 1	September 1	September 1
Market Goats	September 1	September 1	September 1	September 1
Market Hair Sheep	September 1	September 1	September 1	September 1
Commercial Beef Heifers	September 1	September 1	December 1	December 1
Commercial Meat Goat Does	September 1	September 1	December 1	December 1
Wether Dams	September 1	September 1	December 1	December 1
Commercial Gilts	N/A	N/A	December 1	December 1
Market Hogs	September 1	September 1	December 1	December 1
Beef Breeding	September 1	September 1	December 1	December 1
Dairy Cattle (purebred and commercial heifers/cows)	September 1	September 1	December 1	December 1
Dairy Goats	September 1	September 1	December 1	December 1

### ► OFFICIAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE – REMINDER

An Official Health Certificate with each animal identified will be required on all livestock showing at the 2020 Mississippi State Fair. This includes all market animals, beef breeding cattle, commercial beef heifers, dairy cattle (purebred and commercial dairy heifers/cows), dairy goats, commercial breeding ewes, and commercial meat goat does.

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Brewer  
County Director/Agent  
Mississippi State University Extension Service  
Jefferson Davis County





The primary purposes of completing a record book are for a young person to develop the skills necessary to set goals, work toward achieving those goals, reflect on his/her experiences, and set new and higher goals for themselves. A secondary benefit is to prepare young people for the process of completing quality academic scholarship applications.



## What Do You Do With the 4-H Record Book?

- Expand your knowledge from year to year. Learn more about the project using other sources and organizations.
- Choose an activity that you would like to do that involves using the knowledge you have learned.
- Complete the activity.
- Document what you did and learned using the proper record book forms.

**VIRTUALLY JOIN EXTENSION AGENT, LATONYA RAMSEY ON DECEMBER 1, 2020 AT 6:00 PM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO SUBMIT A RECORD BOOK FOR 2020-2021 AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MANY AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS THAT COME FROM RECORD KEEPING. CONTACT US AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE TO REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 30TH, AND RECEIVE THE ZOOM LINK.**

## DIY GRATEFULNESS TREE TUTORIAL

Have you ever heard the saying, “take time to stop and smell the roses?” With the hustle and bustle of daily life, this can be easier said than done! However, according to several studies, being intentional about gratitude can benefit you both physically and mentally. A Gratitude Tree is a fun and creative way to help you be more intentional about the what you are grateful for.



and decorative seasonal napkins or florists’ moss to the base of the tree. The comings and goings of our daily lives can consume us at times. It can become easy to focus on the negatives or challenges we face because they cause of some sort of discomfort and forget to think of those things or people that bring joy and comfort to our lives. I hope this intentional project on gratitude helps us all to “smell the roses” more often.



The four H’s of 4-H, Head, Heart, Hands, and Health are incorporated into this project. Items needed for this project: Small branch(es) with leaves removed, vessel of choice (pot etc.) foam, sand, or soil to stabilize branches, pebbles for additional weight and stability, needle and thread to hang the leaves, leaf pattern (or draw your own) and colorful paper, or purchased leaves. You will also need a gel pen or superfine marker to write on leaves, rubber bands, tape,



1. Use tissue paper or florists’ foam to secure the branched in your decorative container.



2. Use decorative napkins, fabric, or even florists’ moss to cover the base of the tree.
3. Use a gel pen to write what you are thankful for on each leaf.
4. Use string and a whole punch to punch hole in leaf and tie onto the branches.
5. Enjoy or share your creation via Facebook, text, or email with us for an extra entry in the gift card giveaway.

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