



Upcoming Events



October

- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- 3-14 Mississippi State Fair
- 9 Shooting Sports Sign-up ends
- 11 Registration **deadline** for 4-H Youth Trapping School
- 12 4-H Day at the State Fair
- 14 Registration **deadline** for Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Summit
- 16 Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Summit, Starkville, MS
- 19 4-H Youth Trapping School, near Marks, MS
- 25 Pumpkin Decorating Contest entries due



November

- 8 Deadline to call the Extension Office for Cloverbuds 4-H Fun Day
- 16 Cloverbuds 4-H Fun Day, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Extension Auditorium
- 28-29 Extension Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday



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4-H CLUB NEWS



PEARL RIVER COUNTY 4-H JR. MASTER GARDENERS

Pearl River County 4-H Jr. Master Gardeners would love for you to join us for Community Garden Day on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 8:00-10:00 a.m., where we will lay a stone border around the Wildflower & Native Plant No-Dig Garden. We invite the community to come and be a part of the park gardens that day. If you can lend us a hand, we would greatly appreciate it.

- Roxann Gort



4-H Cloverbuds Fun Day (5-7 Year Olds as of January 1, 2024)



Cloverbuds (ages 5-7 as of January 1), come get a taste of what 4-H is! 4-H Cloverbuds Fun Day will be held on **Saturday, November 16, 2024, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Extension Auditorium**, located at 835 Highway 26 West in Poplarville. You will be able to go from station to station and complete hands-on activities that relate to 4-H projects. Come have fun with us! Call the Pearl River County Extension Service Office at 601-403-2280 by **Friday, November 8, 2024**, to let us know if you plan to attend. This will help us better prepare.

4-H Shooting Sports Registration Continues!

The Hot Shots 4-H Club is getting ready to start the new season for 4-H Shooting Sports! You **must be** registered by **October 9, 2024** to participate in fall practices. **You must submit all paperwork and attend a safety meeting before going to the range.** We will let you know once the safety meetings are scheduled. Call 601-403-2280 or come by the office at 835 Highway 26 West in Poplarville to get paperwork.



History of the Mississippi State Fair

The Mississippi State Fair was founded in 1858. At that time, the Capitol Green was the public entrance to the fairgrounds. Some of the contests were best cornbread, best livestock in show, best handmade dress and best works of art. In 1903 after the new capitol was built, the State Fair was held in the old State Capitol building until 1912. The fair then moved to smaller buildings behind the Old Capitol and extended across Jefferson Street. The only times the fair was not held was in 1917-18 and 1942-44, when the United States was engaged in World War I and World War II, respectively. In addition, crowd events were reduced in 1917-1918 because of the Spanish flu pandemic, which was estimated to have killed millions of people around the world. The fairgrounds is now over 100 acres in downtown Jackson and is one of the widest fairgrounds. The Mississippi Coliseum is part of the fairgrounds. If you get a chance, head up to Jackson during the first two weeks in October and take a look at all of the things happening at the Mississippi State Fair!

This is a picture of a first place premium prize ribbon from the 1915 Mississippi State Fair.



Talk Your Way to College

Do you think you can talk your way to college? Could you use extra money to help with college expenses? The American Legion Department of Mississippi is giving students in grades 9-12 an opportunity to earn scholarships of up to \$25,000 money through a constitutional speech contest. Go to www.legion.org/oratorical for more details.



**Look for Pearl River County 4-H on Facebook!
Like our pages to keep up with upcoming programs.**





Congressional Award Program

The United States Congress established The Congressional Award in 1979 to recognize initiative, service and achievement in young people. The program is open to all youth in the United States between the ages of 14 (you can register at 13-1/2 years old) and 24. You can earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates and Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals. For each level you will set goals in four program areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness and Expedition/Exploration. You are already doing these things in 4-H! It's just a matter of reporting them. If you are interested in this program, call the Pearl River County Extension Service Office at 601-403-2280, and we will get the information to you.

4-H Newsletter Online



If you would like, you can view the newsletter online at www.msucares.com. At the top of the page, put the cursor on "Offices" and click "County Extension Offices". Then click "Pearl River" and then click "County 4-H". Click the newsletter link, and the newsletter will open.

4-H Youth Trapping School

Do you want to learn from the best trappers in the state on managing predators? A 4-H Youth Trapping School will be held near Marks, MS on **Saturday, October 19, 2024**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. for youth ages 8-18. Registration is capped at 50 youth. Topics to be covered are types of traps for various predator and nuisance animal control, land & water management techniques, scents & lures for various applications and predator & nuisance animal management techniques. Youth must be accompanied by an adult the entire time. The deadline for registration is **Friday, October 11, 2024**. Call the Pearl River County Extension Office at 601-403-2280 for more information.

Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Summit

LEAD (Lead, Educate, Advocate, Develop) with Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation will be held on **October 18, 2024, in the Best Conference Center on the MSU Campus in Starkville, beginning at 12:30 p.m.** This summit is open to 9th-12th graders. There will be a panel discussion, professional development and Farm Bureau 101 trivia. The registration deadline is **October 14, 2024**. Call the Pearl River County Extension Office at 601-403-2280 for more information.



PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST



All submissions are due **October 25, 2024**

Rules:

- Contest open to all Pearl River County 4-H'ers ages 5-18
- Submissions **must be** the work of youth participants
- Only 1 entry per participant per category

Categories:

1. Painted: Decorated by painting (carving is not allowed)
2. Mixed Media: Decorated with paint and other media, such as glue, fabric, glitter, etc. (carving is not allowed)

Prizes will be awarded for the best submission from each category



For more information, call the Pearl River County
Extension Service Office at 601-403-2280.

MSU Extension will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities or special needs. Please contact our office at 601-403-2280 or alex.shook@msstate.edu prior to a program or event to request reasonable accommodation.



Livestock Information

State Fair, Jackson, MS
 South MS Fair Junior Livestock Show & Poultry Chain Show
 (entries due October 1, 2024 at midnight)

October 3-14, 2024
 October 18-26, 2024

Call the Pearl River County Extension Service Office at 601-403-2280 for more information about these shows.

All market steers, commercial beef heifers, market lambs, market hair sheep, commercial meat goat does, wether dams, breeding hair sheep, market hogs, and market goats **MUST BE** validated (DNA hair sample collected) to show at the 2024 Mississippi State Fair and 2025 District and Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Shows. During the validation period, steers, commercial beef heifers, market hair sheep, and breeding hair sheep will be classified as well. Validation and classification will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024, at the Forrest County Multi-purpose Center in Hattiesburg from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

All poultry testing will be conducted at the livestock validation site at the same times (see above paragraph). **REMINDER:** Testing is the entry to the State Fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

For the 2025 District/DNJR shows, all market hogs, commercial gilts, and MS Bred Barrows must be owned and entered by December 2 and **MUST BE** validated. All market hogs and commercial gilts will be classified at the 2025 DNJR. For newly entered commercial beef heifers, wether dams, breeding hair sheep, and commercial meat goat does that were not processed in September, but were entered by December 2, these animals **MUST BE** validated, and the commercial beef heifers and breeding hair sheep will also be classified at the same time to show at the 2025 District and Dixie National Junior Round-Up Livestock Shows. This validation and classification will be held on Monday, December 9, 2024, at the Forrest County Multi-purpose Center in Hattiesburg from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

REMINDER: An Official Health Certificate with each animal identified will be required on all livestock showing at the 2024 Mississippi State Fair.

If you are interested in showing livestock, call the Pearl River County Extension Office at 601-403-2280.



Club Meetings



Blazin' Saddles 4-H Club

Brandi Kirkland (601-303-0451)

Call Mrs. Brandi for information.

Cloverbuds 4-H Club

Connie Darden (601-463-0584)

Saturday, November 16 @ 1:00 p.m.

Extension Auditorium
835 Highway 26 West
Poplarville

Lucky 13 4-H Club

April Grecho (919-280-7411)

Call Mrs. April for information

Junior Master Gardeners

Roxann Gort (504-234-3579)

Saturday, October 5 @ 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Community Garden Day

Poplarville City Park
300 W. McClendon St.

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