



# LEAKE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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## 2016 Mississippi State Fair Recap

### 4-H Village at the State Fair

Brandon McMurry, Anna Vowell, and Taylor Vowell entered items into the 4-H Village at the 2016 State Fair. Exhibits were awarded blue ribbons at the Leake County Exhibit day and were allowed to be entered into the fair. Brandon and Taylor each entered one item and both received blue ribbons at the fair. Anna entered 10 items and received 7 blue ribbons and 2 red ribbons. Monetary awards were given for each item entered. Congratulations to each of these 4-H members on their hard work!



### Livestock

Eight Leake County youth participated in the livestock shows that were held at the 2016 Mississippi State Fair. Anna Vowell, Taylor Vowell, Brandon McMurry, Austin Alford, Lizzie Alford, Kalyn Smith, Ty Reeves, and Mary-Kathryn Simmons exhibited beef breeding animals, commercial beef heifers, and market steers. Anna Vowell, Ty Reeves, and Mary-Kathryn Simmons exhibited market goats and commercial meat goat does.

Ty Reeves took top honors back home to Leake County with his Beefmaster Bull, TCR Headline News. Ty and TCR Headline News won their class of March 2015 bulls and then went on to be named Grand Champion Beefmaster bull. They also competed against all other breed champions and were named one of the top 5 bulls exhibited at the 2016 Mississippi State Fair. Congratulations to all of our state fair participants on a job well done!



## Leake County 4-H

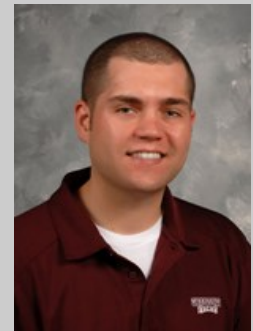
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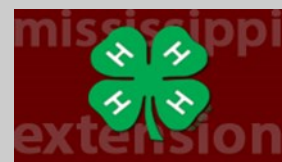
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4-H Motto:

“To Make the Best Better”



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### 2017 Leake County Livestock Show

The 2017 Leake County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Saturday, **January 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the Carthage Coliseum.** All goats, steers, and commercial heifers will be weighed on Friday, January 13. Animal ownership deadline is **December 1, 2016.** All information must be in the Leake County office by **November 30, 2016.**

**\*NEW THIS YEAR**– Several people have expressed interest in showing rabbits. There will be a rabbit show at the 2017 County Show. If you are interested in exhibiting rabbits, please let me know no later than **November 30** and I will get this information to you.

**Cake Auction**– The annual cake auction will be held during the 2017 Leake County Livestock Show. All proceeds will benefit our county 4-H program. Please begin rounding up items to be sold in this auction.

**Show Sponsors**– Please begin gathering sponsorships for our county show. If you need a letter to present to sponsors please let me know.

### SW District and DNJR Livestock Shows

The 2017 Southwest District Livestock Show will be held January 29-February 2 in Jackson. The 2017 Dixie National Jr. Round-Up will be held February 2-9. Schedules and rule books will be sent out at a later date. **Animal ownership deadline is December 1, 2016 and all nomination forms must be submitted to the Leake County office by November 30, 2016.** Please let me know if you are interested in participating in the SW District Beef Grooming contest. Contest date and information will be sent at a later date.

### Scholarships and Premier Exhibitor

Dixie National Sale of Champions Scholarship: Graduating seniors in high school may apply for this scholarship. Applications are due to the Leake County Extension office by December 1, 2016. Contact the office for more information.

Senior 4-H members (ages 14-18) may participate in the Premier Exhibitor contest at the DNJR. **Applications are due to the Leake County Extension office by December 1, 2016.** Study sessions will be conducted for youth interested in participating in this contest. Contact the office for more information.

### Livestock Judging

Are you interested in participating in livestock judging? We will have our first livestock judging practice on **Tuesday, December 13 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.** at the Leake County Extension Office. Please let me know if you are planning to participate. If you are interested but unable to attend practice, please let me know. I would like to establish a routine practice schedule at our first meeting on 12/13.

The junior livestock judging contest (ages 8-13) will be held at the Southwest District Show. Information will be sent out once it is received. The senior livestock judging contest (ages 14-18) will be held at a later date. Contest information will be sent out once it is received.



## Shooting Sports

Shooting sports season will be here before we know it! Information regarding sign-up will be sent out at a later date. Remember that 4-H age requirements apply and youth must be 8 years old as of January 1, 2017 to participate in shooting sports. See the information below for disciplines and age requirements.

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Min. Age Req.</u>
Air Pistol	8 years old
.22 Pistol	14 years old
Air Rifle	8 years old
.22 Rife	10 years old
Shotgun	10 years old
Archery	8 years old



Please keep this information in mind as you prepare for the upcoming shooting sports season. We look forward to kicking off the new year and will send detailed information at a later date.

## Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Nov. 16-18– National Poultry and Egg Conference, Louisville, KY
- Nov. 24-28– Leake County office closed for Thanksgiving
- Nov. 30– Livestock Nomination forms due to Leake County office
- Dec. 1– Animal ownership deadline for District and DNJR
- Dec. 1– Dixie National Scholarship and Premier Exhibitor applications due to Leake County office
- Dec. 13– Livestock Judging Practice, Leake County Extension office
- Dec. 14– Retinal Imaging, 8-1 pm, Raymond
- Jan. 14– Leake County Livestock Show, Carthage
- Jan. 29– Feb. 2– SW District Livestock Show, Jackson
- Feb. 2-9– Dixie National Jr. Round-Up

**Good luck to Anna Burns, Kalyrn Smith, Dylan Carpenter, and Chris Brown-Sharpe in the National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest in Louisville, KY November 15-18!**

