



"MAKING THE BEST BETTER!"

November 2016

Youth Successful in Numerous Ways at the 2016 Mississippi State Fair!

Rankin County 4-H youth were very busy participating in numerous events and activities during the 2016 Mississippi State Fair that ran from October 5th through the 16th.

Sixteen 4-H youth participated in the 4-H Village. The 4-H Village, located in the Trademark Building, is comprised of various store fronts which resembles a small village. In each of the stores, exhibits which are made by 4-H members from all counties, are displayed for the general public to view. Our youth made birdhouses, dream catchers, spent cartridge collections, paper weavings, drawings/paintings, dog breed information boards, sewed skirts, brought in crops and canned items and more to the 4-H Village. Congratulations to all of our participants in the 4-H Village: Bridget Aycock, Kelly Aycock, John Bailey, Abbye Buchanan, Dalton Buchanan, Ceilia Burkett, Jack Durr, Sean Fain, Olivia Freeny, Tyler Housley, Kamryn French, Conlan Leary, Margaret Malone, Samantha Neeley, Thomas Nutt and Dakota Redd. In the Public Speaking Contest, Ali Hammock won 1st Overall in the Junior Division while Mary Jo Benson and Anna Grace Carter, placed 2nd and 3rd, respectively in the Senior Division. Our own, Madison Sellers was also vested at the State Fair, as she became one of three 2016 – 2017 Mississippi 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors!

Our youth involved in our livestock projects have been working very hard throughout the summer in order to exhibit their animals at the Mississippi State Fair. In the lamb show, our very own Savannah, Dane and Vivien Stevens earned Reserve Champion Market Lamb and as well as many Division, Mississippi Bred and Showmanship awards! In the dairy goat show, Maggie Boswell and John Mark Huff won their showmanship classes. Tyler Herrington won Best Udder LaMancha Senior Doe, Brinkley Boswell received Reserve Champion LaMancha Senior Doe, John Mark Huff won Reserve Champion All Other Purebreds Senior Doe and Reserve Champion Grade Junior Doe, Bella Solano won Best in Show Senior Doe and Best Udder and Ceilia Burkett won Reserve Champion All Other Purebreds Junior Doe. Our dairy goat exhibitors also received the Clean Isle Award!

Our beef cattle exhibitors worked very hard on decorations and won the Clean Isle and Herdsmen Awards! Ann Cole Hammons won Reserve Champion Brahman Progress Steer, while John Bailey, Kyle Dillon, Mallery Lemoine, Courtney Lum, Jesse McLeod, Anna Claire Middleton, Carley Middleton, Trey Rhodes, Shelby Sledge, Payton Spears, Jaycie Welch, Molly Welch and Reece Welch placed in the top of their classes with their beef animals. In the goat barn, Carmen Hamilton was crowned the 2016 Mississippi State Fair Senior Meat Goat Princess and our goat exhibitors: Hayden, Holly and Hunter Banes, Carmen Hamilton, Ann Cole Hammons, Mallery and Payton Lemoine, Lydia, Madelin and Jimmy Wayne Wilson all placed towards the top of their classes with their goats.

In the Poultry Show, Tyler Housley won the Junior Layer Division, Kelsey Purvis won the Senior Showmanship Division and Cody Kinabrew, William Ryan Cook, Mallery Lemoine and Paxton Bullard all received Top 5 Honors for their poultry projects! Congratulations to all of our youth!



*Sr. Meat Goat Princess,
Carmen Hamilton*

*Tyler Housley,
Grand
Champion Jr.
Layers*



*Ann Cole
Hammons,
Reserve
Brahman Steer*



*Madison Sellers, vested as
a Mississippi 4-H Shooting
Sports Ambassador*



*Public Speaking Winners: Ali
Hammock, Mary Jo Benton
and Anna Grace Carter*

*Stevens Family
and their
Reserve
Champion
Lamb*



Scholarships

- **Dixie Sale of Champions Scholarship:** Graduating seniors in high school, exhibiting an animal (beef, dairy, sheep, swine or goat) at the 2017 Dixie National Round-Up Livestock Show. Awarded during Sale of Junior Champions, Feb. 9th
- **Mississippi 4-H Horse Club:** 2-\$500 scholarships awarded to high school seniors at the 2017 MS 4-H State Horse Show.

For more information or the scholarship application please contact Heather Jennings. Applications are due November 22nd at the Ext. Off.

Livestock Exhibitors

District and Dixie Deadlines & Dates – only NEW animals

- **Tag Deadline: Nov. 7th** – if you are planning on showing Commercial Beef Heifers, Commercial Meat Goat Does or Market Hogs, please let me know by Nov. 7th so I can order tags.
- **Ethics Training: Nov. 16th 4 pm at Ext. Office** – Mandatory for NEW exhibitors or exhibitors that will turn 14 (as of Jan. 1st, 2017).
- **Tagging: Nov. 19th** – All newly nominated Commercial Beef Heifers, Commercial Meat Goat Does and Hogs will have to attend the tagging at the Livestock Barn in Brandon.
- **Nomination Forms: Nov. 21st** – Nomination forms are due for all NEW Commercial Beef Heifers, Commercial Meat Goat Does, Market Hogs, Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats by Nov. 21st.
- **Retinal Imaging:** Raymond – Dec. 14th, 8-1 pm
- **Upcoming Show Dates**
 - Rankin County Livestock Show: January 20-21st, 2017
 - SW District Livestock Show: January 29 – February 2nd, 2017
 - Dixie National Junior Roundup: February 2 – 9th, 2017

**More information regarding County, District & Dixie will be sent in a letter in a few weeks.*

Cloverbud Corner (5-7 year olds)

If you are new to 4-H and have a Cloverbud, then come to our next meeting and join the fun! We will be having our next meeting on **Monday, December 12th, 5:30 pm** at the Extension Office.

Please bring a quart-sized jar with a two piece-canning lid! We will be learning about measuring ingredients and more!

Deadlines & Upcoming Events

- Nov. 7:** Ear Tag Deadline for CBH, CMGD and Hogs
- Nov 14:** Premier Exhibitor Meeting, 6 pm, Ext. Office
- Nov. 16:** Livestock Ethics Training – **New Exhibitors**
- Nov. 19:** Livestock Tagging for New Animals
- Nov. 21:** Livestock Nomination Forms due
- Nov. 22:** Dixie Sale of Champ. Scholarship, Premier Exhibitor Application and 4-H Horse Club Scholarship due
- Nov. 23:** Senate Page Applications due
- Dec. 1:** Shooting Sports Enrollment Deadline
- Dec. 5:** Shooting Sports Sign-Up *Returning Shooters*
- Dec. 6:** Shooting Sports Sign-Up *New Shooters*
- Dec. 12:** Cloverbud Meeting, Ext. Office
- Dec. 14:** Retinal Imaging, 8-1 pm, Raymond

Shooting Sports Sign-Up

That time of the year is almost here, Shooting Sports season! But before we can get full swing into the season, we must have sign-up! Rankin County 4-H Shooting Sports sign-up will be held at the *Rankin County Extension Office, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.*

Monday, December 5th: Returning Shooters, meaning you participated last year.

Tuesday, December 6th: New Shooters.

We will need you all to abide by these times, as it is much easier for us to manage. Sign-up will close on Tuesday, Dec. 6th.

As you most of you all are aware, last season we had a record number of youth signing up for our shooting sports program. In order to try to streamline our program we have a couple of new rules and dates that all youth will have to abide by.

- Sign-up Is required for all youth, new and returning to attend, during the time frame only, no exceptions.
- All new shooters will be limited to one discipline for their first year.
- **Safety Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, January 2nd, 6 pm at the Extension Office. This is required for all new shooters. If you are a new shooter and unable to attend you will not be able to participate in the upcoming season. Also, the safety meeting will NOT count towards practice hours for any youth.
- **Age Requirements.** Most of you are aware 4-H goes by 4-H age (age of youth as of January 1st). Due to our earlier sign-up, if youth will be 8 years old as of January 1st, 2017, they will be able to attend sign-up, as the season will not officially start until 2017. Also, please remember that there are age requirements for the various disciplines.

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Min. Age. Req.</u>	<u>4-H Req. Age</u>
Air Pistol	8 years old	born before 1/1/2009
.22 Pistol	14 years old	born before 1/1/2003
Air Rifle	8 years old	born before 1/1/2009
.22 Rifle	10 years old	born before 1/1/2007
Shotgun	10 years old	born before 1/1/2007
Archery	8 years old	born before 1/1/2009

- There is an **enrollment deadline set for December 1st.** All youth that wish to participate in Shooting Sports will have to be enrolled in Rankin County 4-H by December 1st, 2016. Youth are still able to enroll in 4-H any time after the deadline and sign-up for our program but they will be put on the wait list and will be added to teams as openings arise. There is no annual enrollment for 4-H, once you are in the system and receiving mailings you do NOT have to re-enroll your youth in 4-H. Youth are only taken out of the system if they age-out (18 years 4-H age).
- **Activity Fee,** as most of you know our expenses are very large in the Shooting Sports Program. With this being said we are having to charge an activity fee to help cover costs of equipment, targets, etc. The activity fee will include \$1 insurance and a t-shirt. \$25 for one discipline (t-shirt sizes youth – adult XL). \$27 for one discipline (t-shirt size adult 2XL-4XL). \$15 each for second and third disciplines.

There is more information on changes to the insurance, t-shirt sales, dates, signup material, etc. If you would like more information please contact Heather Jennings