



SAFETY PROGRAM (Shooting Sports) Hits the Target!



These Copiah County 4-H youth competed in the shotgun discipline at the County and District level. From left: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Thomas (Peewee) Johnson, Seth Hunt, Parker Johnson (2nd Sr. II County), Connor Edmonson (1st Sr. I County), Steven Matrick (1st Sr. II County), Peyton Warren (1st Jr. II County), Mackenzie Johnson (2nd Jr. III County) and 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Heather Johnson. Also competing but not pictured was Ayden Carraway (1st Jr. III County). Seth, Steven and Conner also went on to compete at the State Shooting Sports Invitational in July at the Starkville Gun Club.



Copiah County Extension Agent Melissa Morgan, Sam Carraway who competed in muzzleloader discipline and 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Ken Carraway. Sam won a blue ribbon at the County level for his shooting expertise. He did a great job in competitions at District and Nationals.



These 4-H'ers competed in the .22 rifle competitions at County and District levels. From left: Copiah County Extension Agent Melissa Morgan, Anna Carraway (1st Sr. II County, 2nd District), 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Ken Carraway and Mackenzie Johnson (1st Jr. III County). Not pictured Ayden Carraway (2nd Jr. III County). Way to go, girls!



Youth participated in archery competitions at the County, District and State level. From left: Copiah County Extension Agent Melissa Morgan, Emma Thaxton (1st Jr. III County, 2nd District), Sam Carraway (1st Sr. II County), Brooke Thaxton (1st Jr. I County & 2nd District), Taylor Papizan (2nd Jr. III County, 4th District), Sam Scopel (1st Jr. II County, 4th District), Parker Johnson (2nd Sr. II County), Allie Ryan (1st Jr. I County, 4th District), Mackenzie Johnson (3rd Jr. III County, 1st District), 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Scotty Thaxton. Youth participated in archery competition at the county and district level. Also not pictured, was Ricky Tebo who competed in Starkville at the State Shooting Sports Invitational in July in archery.

Shooting Sports teaches kids about the necessary responsibility and self-discipline needed to possess and own firearms and bows. In Copiah County, Shooting Sports is one of the more popular programs because so many youth and adults enjoy hunting and the outdoors. Congratulations to all our youth for their participation, determination and interest in shooting sports. Great job to all our youth at for their efforts at County, District and State Competitions!



Cloverbud participants competed in air rifle disciplines at County and District level as Junior I class shooters: Gracie Thompson (1st County, 1st District), Danny Thompson (1st County), Levi Lockhart (1st County, 2nd District), Allie Ryan (2nd County, 3rd District), Mason Warren (1st County), Dannie Ryan (1st County) and Harlen Warren (1st County). Not pictured, Lilly Durr.

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Project Achievement Day Success!

Copiah County 4-H'ers have been busy this summer working on their leadership and presentation skills. Youth traveled to Hinds Community College in July for the Southwest Regional Project Achievement Day and presented a variety of topics while highlighting their skills in front of judges from across the area. Contact Melissa Morgan at the Copiah County Extension Office to learn how your child be a part of 4-H.

From left: Brooke Thaxton, Copiah County Extension Agent Melissa Morgan, Makinlee Fallin, volunteer Cecile Foster and Madison (Maddi) Beard. Makinlee presented on Slime and Brooke presented about her bearded dragon. Both competed in the Cloverleaf Exhibits. Maddie competed in the 4-H Pet Care Visual Presentation and won a blue ribbon at the competition. Great job, girls!



Grillin' while Learning Cookout Safety



Back row: 4-H Volunteer Scotty Thaxton, Copiah County Extension Agent Melissa Morgan, Sam Scopel (2nd Jr. Beef Less Expensive Steak), Brooke Thaxton, Makinlee Fallin (2nd Jr. Specialty Kabobs), Miya Craft (3rd Place Jr. Hamburger), Ronnie Funchess, MSU Livestock Specialist Dr. Dean Jousan, 4-H Parent Matt Scopel. Front row: Eden Scopel (1st Jr. Hamburger), Maddie Beard, Alysha Edwards and Tre Edwards (1st Jr. Beef Less Expensive Steak). Congratulations for your hard work, participation and great tasting meats!

Copiah County 4-H'ers learned how to fire up their grills and cook a variety of meats for the annual 4-H Cookout this summer. A team of six traveled to Hattiesburg in June to compete in the Southwest Grilling Competition. We had two youth who placed first in in this regional event! This annual training and competition teaches youth how to start a fire with charcoal and properly grill meat to the appropriate temperature. Copiah County Extension Agent Melissa Morgan said, "This group of kids did great! They picked right up on the techniques and excelled during competition. This is an event that interests both boys and girls, because everybody loves to eat!" 4-H youth "learn by doing."

Copiah County Horse Club Riders are *Blazing Fast*

The Horse Club beat the heat this summer by saddling up and riding their horses. Josie Brunson and Kaylee Woodham were bending poles and racing around the barrels during the District and State 4-H Horse Show Competitions. These girls are practicing hard and getting ready for all the upcoming shows and rodeos. Great job, girls. Go hard and finish strong!!!

Big SHOUT OUT to all the help earlier this year at the Tri-State Rodeo here in Gallman. We couldn't do it without our fantastic volunteers! Y'all are the BEST!



4-H'ers Excel at Club Congress



Congratulations to our 4-H Club Congress participants. These Copiah County youth spent three days at Mississippi State University learning and interacting with students from across the state, and making presentations in front of their peers and judges. Patrick Tyson, 2nd from left presented on Nutrition; Thomas Ramsey presented on Civil War History; Seth Hunt presented on Conservation; and Parker Johnson presented on Health and Wellness. Joining the youth for Club Congress were Copiah County Extension Agents Melissa Morgan and Shelby Bearden. Great job, guys!



4-H has a Program for You!

4-H and Volunteer Recruitment

Do you know a young person between the ages of 8-18 who is interested in becoming a 4-H'er? Or do you know an adult who loves kids and would be a great mentor and volunteer for our programs? If so, please call Melissa Morgan at 601-892-1809.

Shout Out to our Volunteers!

Thanks so much to all our wonderful volunteers that help make our events possible and make our 4-H clubs successful. You work so hard, donate so much of your time and share your knowledge with our youth. Our programs could not be successful without your generous support of your time and talents. We truly value and appreciate all that you do!

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Mississippi State Fair Reminders!

Official Health Certificates & Health Records

An official Health Certificate and Health Record is required on all livestock showing at the 2019 Mississippi State Fair. This includes all market animals, beef breeding cattle, commercial beef heifers, dairy cattle (purebred and commercial dairy heifers), dairy goats, commercial breeding ewes and commercial meat goat does.

Come by the Copiah County Extension Office for Nomination forms, Ear Tags, Health Certificate forms, and Health Record forms.



A meeting is scheduled Tuesday, August 27 at 6PM at the Copiah County Extension Office to collect all forms for the State Fair.



Game Day Announced for 4-H Day! *Are You Ready for Some Football?!!*



4-H Game Day is set for Saturday, September 14. The MSU Bulldogs will host Kansas State at 11 A.M. Tickets are \$10 each. Order your tickets through the MSU Athletics webpage at <http://bit.ly/4-hgame> and use promo code **4HDAY19**. If you have any questions or need additional information, please email the MSU State 4-H office, Rachel Mosley at rlm186@msstate.edu. Hail State!

Mark your Calendars for these Upcoming Events

Date Event

- August 24..... South 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Forum for current and potential volunteers, Central R&E Center, Raymond, MS
- August 26..... Recommendations for rule changes for SAFETY Shooting Sports & IVC meeting at 6pm at the Copiah County Extension Office.
- August 27..... Copiah County Extension Office meeting at 6PM for 4-H'ers interested in showing livestock at the State Fair.
- August 30..... DEADLINE: Ownership/nomination forms due in the County Extension office for all animals showing at the Mississippi State Fair.
- August 30..... DEADLINE: Ownership/nomination forms due in the County Extension office for all market steers, lambs and goats showing at the 2020 District and Dixie National Jr. Round-Up Livestock Shows.
- September 14..... 4-H Game Day, MSU vs Kansas State at Davis Wade Stadium, Starkville. Tickets are \$10 each. Go to <http://bit.ly/4-hgame> and use promo code **4HDAY19** to purchase.
- September 26-29.... 4-H Volunteer Conference for Southern States, Eatonton, GA www.4hvcoss.com
- September 28..... State Training for 4-H SAFETY Instructors in Clay County
- October 1..... Mississippi State Fair 4-H Exhibits Check-in and Judging
- October 2-14 Mississippi State Fair
- October 11-12 Fall Flower & Garden Fest, Copiah County Truck Crop Branch Experiment Station
- October 15-16 Youth Fall Flower & Garden Fest, Copiah County Truck Crop Branch Experiment Station
- November 29..... DEADLINE: Ownership/nomination forms due in the County Extension office for all beef breeding, market hogs, commercial gilts, purebred dairy cattle, commercial dairy heifers, commercial beef heifers, wether dams, dairy goats and commercial meat goat does showing at the 2020 District and Dixie National Jr. Round-Up Livestock Shows.

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