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February

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 5 Jr. Leader Officer Meeting
- 6 Showing Character Meeting, 4-H Office
- 10-17 State Livestock Show, Baton Rouge
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day**
- 20 Mardi Gras Holiday, 4-H Office Closed**
- 23 Parish 4-H Record Books Due
- 23 Jr. Wildlife Tour Applications Due
- 23 4-H Camp Applications Due
- 23 4-H Night with the New Orleans Hornets, New Orleans, LA
- 26 Jr. Leader Meeting
- 26 Livestock Advisory Mtg., 4-H Office
- 27 4-H Agents' Quarterly Training, St. Gabriel

March

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 2 Challenge Camp Scorecards Due, 4-H Office
- 5 Horse Advisory Meeting, 4-H Office
- 5 Showing Character Meeting, 4-H Office
- 12 Clothing Garments Due, 4-H Office
- 12 National 4-H Conference Applications due, 4-H Office
- 12 Citizenship Washington Focus Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 12 4-H Scholarship Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 19-23 LEAP and IOWA Testing
- 26 Fashion Show, 4-H Office
- 27 Livestock Judging Contest Blackham Coliseum
- 28 1st Year Horse Exhibitor's Meeting, Blackham Coliseum
- 28 Grade Horse Clinic, Blackham Coliseum

4-H On the Web

Have you ever misplace a newsletter? Has there ever been a month where the mail delivery did not deliver a 4-H letter? Well, we are hoping to increase our communication efforts with members, parents, and volunteers through the use of this new website.

The Lafayette Parish staff has been working diligently to post content information on our web page. These efforts are being made to become more effective as well as efficient in out communication efforts.

You may access the new site by typing www.lsuagcenter.com then click on parishes on the right hand side of the page. Click on Lafayette and click on 4-H Youth Development. We have created a variety of channels that will be beneficial to clientele. These channels are: 4-H Camp, 4-H Challenge Camp, 4-H Hotline, 4-H University, Contest Rules and Forms, Contest Results, Events, Junior Leadership, Leader Update, Leader/Volunteer Development, Livestock Letters and Forms, Newslines, and Photo Gallery. We will continue our efforts to develop the site into a resource for all youth and adults alike. Let us know what you think.

Sausage Po-Boy Sale

Lafayette 4-H Junior Leaders are sponsoring a Sausage Po-Boy Sale on Thursday April 12th at the 4-H Office. A \$5.00 ticket will purchase a barbeque sausage po-boy, chips, and a soft drink. Tickets can be purchased from a Junior Leader member or at the 4-H Office. For more information, call the 4-H Office at 291-7090.

Sincerely,

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Records

How are those Record Books coming along? By now they should be close to completion. Here are a few things to remember:

- All records are due February 23rd.
- You must DO something in order to RECORD IT.
- The contests you entered and the awards you won from March, 2006 to today should be entered in your book.
- 7th -12th graders- Don't forget you are now using the new 4-H Portfolio. Follow the instructions carefully in completing this book.
- 5th-6th graders-Put the entire project book behind Section 2.
- 4th graders-Complete your entire booklet and turn it in to your leader.
- Also, ribbons will be given to those who place and \$10.00 will be given to 4-H'ers in each Division who have outstanding Record Books.

Character Corner

As we celebrate this month's pillar, Fairness, lets concentrate on the words of the week. Patience, Justice, Equality or Fair Play, are all associated with Fairness. A fair person is a just person; a person who treats others equally. We should make decisions without favoritism or prejudice.

A person who follows the pillars of character is an open-minded and impartial person. This is a person who does not take advantage of others or blames others unfairly. Lets all work hard to be fair in all we do. Be fair to ourselves and be fair to others. Together ,we can make a difference.

Candy Sale Update

Our 12th annual 4-H Foundation Candy Sale has been another success thanks to the hard work of so many of our leaders and 4-H members. Of our 50 clubs, 20 clubs took part in this fund-raiser. In some cases, if a club did not participate, individual members sold.

We do not have final numbers as some clubs have not yet turned in their money. We will give you the final results next month. Thanks to everyone for making this a success.

Livestock Time

Late January, early February is livestock time in Lafayette Parish. Many 4-H'ers have been working long and hard with their projects in preparation for the livestock shows. Let's recognize these members and congratulate them for their efforts.

Also, meetings will be conducted after all of the livestock shows are over to take recommendations for next year. Contact one of the members of the Livestock Advisory Board if you would like to make a recommendation about the 4-H Livestock Program.

Achievement Day

It is not too early to start making plans for the upcoming 4-H Achievement Day. Saturday, March 31, 2007 is the date set aside for our big contest day. All 4-H'ers should receive a copy of the rules this month and start preparing. Don't forget to get a copy of the Clothing Contest rules if you are interested in entering the Fashion Review. Extra copies were given to your leader.

We will once again emphasize Health and Fitness at Achievement Day and have designed many of the contests with that in mind.

We will continue our community service efforts with the Coins for Cameron campaign. Please read the following article for details.

Make plans now to participate in Achievement Day..

Coins for Cameron

In an effort to help our fellow 4-H'ers from Cameron Parish recover from the hurricane damage they experienced, we will be conducting a fundraiser, titled "Coins for Cameron." We are asking 4-H clubs to conduct a drive at their school prior to Achievement Day. At Achievement Day we will collect all money raised and recognize the clubs who participated. The money collected will be used to sponsor Cameron Parish 4-H'ers to 4-H Camp and 4-H University.

Food & Fiber Program

We are continuing to focus our monthly lessons on Food & Fiber Phase 2 with this month's focus on dairy products. Each of the 7 lessons being taught this year will address specific Grade Level Expectations. This will be helpful on the LEAP and IOWA tests.

Here are a few facts about dairy products. The milk that we drink, be it whole, nonfat or skim is sweet milk (unfermented milk). Sweet milk contains the sugar lactose, As milk ages or is not refrigerated, fermentation occurs. The bacteria multiply in the warm atmosphere and causes the lactose to ferment. One of the products of the fermentation of lactose is lactic acid. Since acids taste sour, fermented milk is also called sour milk. Sour milk isn't all bad, it is what gives us yogurt and cheese.

Let's Go Fishing

We are very excited about our 4-H Fishing Sports Program that began several years ago. Many agents and volunteers have learned lots of fun and exciting things about fishing, casting, water ecology, and tackle making. We are making plans to conduct another Fishing Clinic in April 2007 at a local pond. This will be an educational workshop for both the experienced and inexperienced fisher.

The number of members who can participate is limited; only twenty-four, 4th-9th grade members will be able to participate in this intensive training program. Members who participated in the past are not eligible for this clinic. Members will be selected from a random drawing. Those who are selected will receive additional information through the mail.

If you are interested, please submit the following information: Name, Address, Phone Number, Grade and School. This information should be mailed to: Fishing Sports, Charles Hebert, 1010 Lafayette Street, Suite, 325, Lafayette, LA 70501, by March 3, 2006.

4-H Garden Contest

Attention all green thumbs! All Lafayette Parish 4-H Club members have the opportunity to participate in the annual 4-H Vegetable Garden Contest this Spring. This must be a vegetable garden grown primarily by the 4-H'er.

The contest is open to all 4-H'ers, regardless of the project you are in. All rules and entry forms were in the January Hotline. When you enter the contest, information will be sent to you to help you with your garden. 4-H'ers will be divided into two or three age divisions. Contact Ms. Angie if you have any questions.

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE: April 16, 2007

On a separate sheet of paper, draw a map showing where you live.

Club-Of-The-Month

Here are the Club of the Month winners for both December and January. Many clubs are doing and outstanding job conducting meetings. Congratulations to the following:

DECEMBER CLUB-OF-THE-MONTH

Elementary

Westside; Our Lady of Fatima; CHEA, Earnest Gallet Elementary, and Plantation

Junior

Carencro Catholic School; Edgar Martin Middle; C-HEY, Paul Breaux Middle, Scott Middle; and L.J. Alleman Middle;

High School

Comeaux High, Lafayette Christian Academy

Honorable Mention

Carencro High, Carencro Heights, and Immaculate Heart of Mary School

JANUARY CLUB-OF-THE-MONTH

Elementary

CHEA, G.T. Lindon, Live Oak. Fatima, Evangeline, St. Genevieve Elem., J. W. Faulk, E. Gallet, Myrtle Place, Ossun, C. Burke, IHM and Alice Boucher,

Junior

L.J. Alleman, Lafayette Middle, Milton, Carencro Middle, and C-HEY

High School

LCA, Carencro High, ACH and Northside High

Honorable Mention

Judice, Family Life, Acadian Middle, Paul Breaux Cathedral Carmel, Youngsville, Holy Family, Teurlings and Scott Middle

Congratulations to all clubs. Because there was so much rescheduling of meetings in the month of January, many clubs met on their own. If your club had an outstanding meeting, let us know.

News from MDA

Everyone should be getting ready for the upcoming Bowling Against Dystrophy. This event is a fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

This event will take place at Lafayette Lanes on Wednesday April 11th beginning at 12:30.

Packets will be given out during the March meetings. All 4-H'ers should plan to attend and participate.

Let's make this our best bowl ever.

Camp News

Attention all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, now is the time to start getting ready to go to Summer 4-H Camp. 4-H'ers from Lafayette Parish will be attending camp the week of July 30th to August 3rd. The theme for this year is **4-H Camp: Live It Now, Remember It Forever!**

If you are interested in going, get a copy of the camp letter and application. The application is due to your leaders who will turn them in to the 4-H Office by February 23rd. This is a change in how you applied for camp before. An explanation of all of the changes and in the camp letter.

We are looking forward to another fun week at 4-H Camp. We hope you will join us.