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**September 2006**

4	<b>Labor Day Holiday, 4-H Office Closed</b>	9	Livestock Advisory Board Meeting, 4-H Office
4	MDA Telethon, Lafayette, LA	9	Possession Date for Rabbits
6	First Day of Club Meetings	9	Rabbit Entries Due, 4-H Office
8-10	Shooting Sports, Level 1 Training Meeting, 4-H Office	9	Rabbit Clinic, 4-H Office
20	<b>Enrollment Cards Due to Leaders</b>	13	Last Day to turn in Enrollment Cards to Leaders
22-23	Sugar Cane Festival, New Iberia	13-15	Advanced Wild Wood Wanderings
23	National Fishing & Hunting Day/ Louisiana Beach Sweep & Waterway Clean Up	19-20	Due Date for 4-H Dues, 4-H Office
25-27	<b>First Call - 4-H Enrollment Cards Due to 4-H Office</b>	19-20	<b>Final Call - Deadline for 4-H Enrollment Cards, 4-H Office</b>
26	Area Leader Training, LSU	19-20	National 4-H Week Applications Due, 4-H Office
26	Livestock Educational Committee Meeting, 4-H Office	19	4-H Officer Training, Lafayette Middle School
26	1st Year Livestock Exhibitors' Mtg.	19	4-H Parent/Volunteer "Get on Board Orientation Mtg." Lafayette Middle School
TBA	Dairy Selection Show, Baton Rouge	20	(tentative) Candy Sales Begin And Delivery Begins
TBA	Dairy Educational Trip, Memphis, TN	23-26	National 4-H Agents Convention, Milwaukee, WI
		25-Nov. 5	Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport

**October 2006**

1	Exhibition Poultry Possession Date
1-7	National 4-H Week
2	First Day of Club Meetings
5-8	4-H Volunteer Leader Forum, Rock Eagle, GA
6-8	Cattle Festival, Abbeville

Sincerely,

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**Welcome to 4-H**

Four-H is a fun organization for youth that offers over 45 projects in which club member can Learn By Doing.

Through demonstrations, activities, and contests, club members can gain knowledge of science, agriculture, home economics, personal development, community service, leadership and citizenship. Often this knowledge helps open the door to a future career. But the main purpose of 4-H is to HELP YOUTH BECOME EFFECTIVE CITIZENS.

This newsletter, the 4-H Hotline, will be given to you each month from September to May. 4-H'ers should take it home, read it, and share it with your parents. It will keep you posted on all 4-H events. If you have any questions concerning the 4-H program, call the 4-H Office at 291-7090.

**State 4-H Officers**

At this summer's 4-H University held at LSU, Lafayette 4-H was well represented. Joe Coussan, a recent graduate of Carencro High concluded his year as State 4-H President. He did an outstanding job. For the upcoming year, we are happy to announce that Eve Franchebois of Lafayette High is the newly elected State 4-H Secretary. Erik Malveaux of Northside High is a Southwest Regional Representative. Continuing on the Executive Committee is National Conference Delegate, Kathryn Barry of Teurlings Catholic High. Congratulations to ALL!!!

**National 4-H Week**

October 1-7 is NATIONAL 4-H WEEK. The purpose of National 4-H week is to tell everyone around you what 4-H is about. Your club can celebrate 4-H Week by: Providing refreshments for your teachers, having special programs at school, making and wearing 4-H name badges, attending church as a group, having cleanup the campus days, flag raising ceremonies, Green & White Day, or preparing a 4-H exhibit in your school or area library for EVERYONE to see.

This year each club participating will receive 10 points toward the Achievement Day Trophy. Your leaders will receive an application form. Help your leader by thinking of ways to publicize your club, taking part in activities and setting a good example for others. How many clubs will contact the local TV stations and be interviewed on TV concerning 4-H? This year we challenge EACH 4-H club to get some sort of TV coverage at least one time during the school year!



## Join 4-H Junior Leadership

The upcoming year will bring about many new and exciting things in 4-H. One way to be a part of everything that is going on is by joining the Lafayette 4-H Junior Leadership Club. This club is made up of older, more active 4-H'ers from across Lafayette Parish who are in grades 8 to 12. The first Junior Leadership meeting of the 2006-07 school year is scheduled for Monday, September 18, at 5:30 pm at the 4-H Office. All 4-H'ers in grades 8 to 12 are urged to attend. Parents are also welcome. **BE A JUNIOR LEADER.**

## 4-H'ers had the Time of their Lives!!!

Lafayette Parish 4-H members earned 34 blue ribbon awards, including 11 state winners, and 6 1st alternate winners at State 4-H University in June. 4-H University is the state version of our parish 4-H Achievement Day and is the highlight for senior 4-H club members. Thanks to all the leaders and 4-H members for contributing to our summer of success.

**State Winners**—Cody Turner, Compact Tractor; Renada Living, Chantelle George and Raven Prince, Consumer Decision Making; Kasie Dugas and Heather Lafleur, Environmental Threat; Joshua VanderMolen, Forestry; Travis Clark, Livestock Judging; Lexi Dickerson, Travis Clark and Ashley Johnson, Livestock Judging Team; **2nd Place Winners**—Clarissa Latour, Tonya Broussard and Eve Marie Franchebois, Consumer Foods; Joseph Guidroz, Sean Cormier and Angel Latiolais, Meat ID Team; **3rd Place Winners**—Brock Guidry and Joe Cousan, Sports Broadcasting; **4th Place Winners**—Roiterra Ryan and Amber Baudoin, Consumer Decision Making; Amanda Barry, Fashion Review—Casual; **5th Place Winners**—Angel Latiolais, Meat ID; Amanda Wawak, Breanne Hernandez and Patrice Wiltz, Plant Science; **Blue Ribbon Winners**—Terrell Benoit, ATV; Dustin Viviano, Dog Care; Kelli Saloom, Horticulture Demo.—General; Rachel Vander Molen, Insect ID; Ashley Johnson, Livestock Judging; Joseph Guidroz, Meat ID; Taylor Bourgeois, Wildlife Habitat Judging; Amanda Wawak, Plant Science Individual.

## 2006 Records Only Results

The results of the Records Only Contest are as follows: **State Winner**—Joe Coussan for Leadership Records; and Lafayette Parish Jr. Leaders for the Jr. Leader Club Portfolio; **Blue Ribbon Winner**—Taylor Bourgeois for Special Achievement.

## 4-H Vegetable Garden Contest Results

The 4-H Garden Contest was held during the summer in the month of June. Listed below are the winners: **4-6 Grade Division**—1st, Michael Hilbun, Live Oak; 2nd, Chase Ables, CHEA; 3rd, John Gooding, CHEA; 4th, Emmaleigh Kerckmar, Milton; 5th, Andrew Simoneaux, St. Genevieve Elem.; 6th, Kaylon Benjamin, Sts. Leo-Seton. **7-8 Grade Division**—1st, Jasmine Latiolais, Judice; 2nd, Emily Desormeaux, Milton; 3rd, David Hilbun, Scott Middle; 4th, Ben Lewis, St. Pius. **High School Division**—1st, Esther Gooding, ACH.

Thanks to the Lafayette Master Gardeners for their sponsorship of the contest. Certificates and prize money were given out to the winners at a special awards ceremony in their honor. Be on the lookout in February for the start of the next 4-H Garden Contest. 4-H'ers who wish to grow a garden are urged to enroll in the Plant Science and/or Horticulture Projects.

## Rabbit Shows

Four-H'ers who enroll in the Rabbit Project will have two opportunities to exhibit their rabbits this Fall, but must hurry to get their rabbits entered properly.

Sugarcane Festival Rabbit Show will be held on September 23 in New Iberia. Entries must be received in New Iberia by September 13<sup>th</sup> - call Mrs. Angie at 291-7090 for an entry form.

LAFAYETTE PARISH 4-H RABBIT SHOW has been tentatively scheduled for November 11 as part of Lafayette 4-H Fall Fest.

Four-H'ers who plan to show rabbits at the 4-H Parish Show must:

1. Enroll in the Rabbit Project in September when they complete the 4-H Enrollment Card.
2. GET THEIR RABBIT(S) PRIOR TO OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>!
3. Ear tattoo or ear mark (with a marks-a-lot) their rabbits for proper identification. Tattooing can be done prior to the rabbit clinic on October 9 beginning at 4:45 PM.
4. Try to attend the 4-H Rabbit Clinic on October 9 to learn about raising and showing rabbits. The clinic will start at 5:30 PM at the Extension office at 1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325.
5. TURN IN THEIR LAFAYETTE PARISH RABBIT SHOW ENTRY FORMS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>.

Entry forms will be mailed to all 4-H members who enroll in the Rabbit Project. Contact Mrs. Angie at 291-7090 if you have not received your rabbit entry by October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Fall Livestock Shows

This fall, several fairs and festivals will include livestock shows as part of their festivities. These events may be of interest to 4-H'ers enrolling in one of the livestock projects. Dates are listed below. Entries for these fair and festival shows (except the Cajun Classic) should already have been made through the 4-H office. Contact Mrs. Angie or Mr. Charles as soon as possible for further details.

**September 22-23**  
**October 6-8**  
**October 25-Nov. 5**  
**TBA**

## Cattle Festival Foods Contest

Four-H'ers and leaders are eligible to participate in the Louisiana Cattle Festival Foods Contest on Friday, October 6. If interested, get a copy of the rules from your 4-H leader or refer to our website. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING YOUR ENTRIES TO ABBEVILLE.**

## Rice Festival Cooking Contest

The International Rice Festival will be held in Crowley on October 20. We encourage anyone who is a good cook to enter the Rice & Creole Cookery Contest. Get a copy of the rules from your leader or refer to our website if you are interested. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING YOUR ENTRIES TO CROWLEY FOR THE CONTEST!**

## Searching for Livestock Exhibitors

As our 4-H year begins, some members make plans to raise and show livestock projects. If you are one of these, there are several things you must do:

1. When completing the 4-H Enrollment Card, be sure to mark the appropriate livestock project (beef, sheep, horse, etc.). This will put you on the livestock mailing list.
2. Parents of new exhibitors must also contact Mr. Charles or Ms. Angie at the 4-H office (291-7090) to discuss the 4-H livestock program and must attend one of the meetings scheduled for new exhibitors.
3. First year exhibitor meeting for livestock is scheduled for September 26, 6:30 PM at the 4-H office (beef, dairy, sheep, goat, swine & poultry). Rabbit exhibitors do not attend this meeting, but should attend the 4-H Rabbit Clinic on October 9. First year horse exhibitors meeting will be held on March 28.

Sugarcane Festival, New Iberia  
Cattle Festival, Abbeville  
State Fair, Shreveport  
Cajun Classic Beef/Dairy Show, Blackham Coliseum