

# LIVESTOCK CHATTER

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STATE HORSE SHOW EXHIBITORS

Natalie Phillips, Robbin LeJeune, Bethany Gilbert, Caroline Bellard. Keep up the good job.

### LIVESTOCK TAG-IN

Animals MUST be tagged before the Parish Livestock Show. If not tagged on the set dates, you will not be able to show. The Tag-In dates are tentatively set based on the issue by the state for the ear tags. Sheep & Goats Tag-In November 2-4, Hog Tag-In December 6-9. Look for more information in next months newsletter.

### LIVESTOCK POSSESSION DEADLINES

If you own livestock and intend to show it, you must have these animals under your supervision by the possession deadlines listed below. If your animals will not be housed at your home or on family property, you will need to apply for permission prior to the possession deadlines. Please contact Mrs. Sheena as soon as possible.

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| August 1   | Steers   |
| October 1  | Exhibition Poultry                                   |
| November 1 | Beef Breeding, Goats, Dairy, Market & Breeding Lambs |
| December 1 | Swine Breeding and Market Hogs                       |



### NEW LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

If this is your first year showing, you need to contact Mrs. Sheena to let her know what you are planning on showing and give contact information so you can receive show information.

### LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Those who are interested in showing your animals at some of the upcoming shows and would like more information about the shows please contact Mrs. Sheena and she can email you show information or come by the 4-H office to pick up information.

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| ***September 21-23 | SugarCane Livestock Show                     | New Iberia   |
| ***December 2      | Showing for Life Hurricane Relief Swine Show | Lake Charles |

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### Dates to Remember:

#### September

- 11 Jr. Leadership Mtg.
- 14 Ambassador Applications Due
- 18 Ambassador Interviews

#### October

- 2 Jr. Leader Mtg
- 1-7 National 4-H week
- 7 Circle of 4-H
- 7 4-H Dance
- 12 Achievement Day Themes Due
- 20 Rice Cookery
- 28 Halloween Dance

#### November

- 2-4 Sheep & Goat Tag-In

### 4-H IS FOR EVERYONE

4-H represents groups of young people in all parts of Acadia Parish having fun together and "Learning By Doing". 4-H Clubs offer a world of opportunities for boys and girls to learn new things, go new places and meet new people. A 4-H club is an organized group of boys and girls; the members elect their own officers and operate as a democracy in action. Most 4-H Clubs hold monthly meetings in their local school.

### WHO MAY JOIN?

Any boy or girl, who is 9 years old by January 1st of the current school year through the 12th grade, and is willing to follow the 4-H ideals and standards is eligible for membership.

### WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF 4-H?

4-H helps youth grow into: strong citizens through club and community activities; congenial neighbors through wholesome companionship in club and community; skilled and responsible adults through project work; well-trained individuals through wise guidance in varied experiences; and cooperative family members through 4-H family events.

### WHAT DOES IT COST TO JOIN?

You will pay \$2.00 for the entire year to the Acadia Parish 4-H Office. This is collected in your club by the treasurer and your local leaders. Some clubs choose to collect extra money for their own treasury. The dues you pay to the Parish 4-H Office assist with programs and awards and expenses for both Parish and State 4-H Programs. *Project instruction booklets are furnished free to members and leaders.*

### WHAT IS A 4-H PROJECT

It is a unit of 4-H work which is the basis of "Learning By Doing" experiences which involves skills such as: planting shade trees, repairing a bicycle, collecting insects, planting flowers, making a shirt, making projects for your home, sewing a pillow, taking pictures, baking a cake, wiring a lamp, cooking a meal, and fishing and hunting. The series of learning experiences built into every 4-H project are the tools used to help shape the character of 4-H youth. 4-H members may select one or two projects to work on and complete and are expected to submit their completed books in the records competition in the spring.



### 4-H IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

All family members can participate in many ways.

## VOLUNTEER 4-H LEADERS

Any parent, 4-H alumni member, or other adults interested in volunteering to help with local or parish wide 4-H projects or activities are asked to contact the organizational 4-H Leader at their school or the 4-H agents at 788-8821. No special talents, skills, or education are required — just an interest in working with children. Volunteers can serve as project or activity leaders.

### What Are Some Other 4-H Programs?

Camping, dress revues, recreation, demonstrations, trips, fairs, parish contests, 4-H University, club trips, project workshops. Achievement Day and many other programs are offered through 4-H. Going places and doing things in 4-H helps to teach boys and girls to enjoy working together. These programs add interest to the 4-H project by offering additional fun-type educational opportunities that promote the ideals of 4-H.

### JOIN THE JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CLUB!

This club is open to all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members. Junior Leaders have fun helping younger 4-H'ers with their project work and assisting the less fortunate in their communities. This club also participates in numerous activities where our members meet and make friends with other teenagers from throughout the state. **This month's meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on Monday, September 11 at the 4-H Office. Dues are \$15.00 to become a Junior Leader!**

### JUNIOR AMBASSADORS NEEDED TO PROMOTE ACADIA PARISH 4-H

We are looking for dedicated 4-H'ers in grades 8th-12th to promote 4-H in Acadia Parish. The Ambassadors will be expected to promote 4-H through attending civic organization meetings, presenting radio spots, encouraging others to join 4-H and completing community service activities. To apply, you will need to fill out an application and complete an interview. Applications are available at the 4-H Office. **Applications are due on September 14— NO EXCEPTIONS! Interviews will be held at the 4-H office on September 18, starting at 5:30 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

### ACHIEVEMENT DAY THEMES DUE OCTOBER

Do you enjoy drawing and expressing yourself artistically? If yes, then the Achievement Day Theme contest is for you! All you need to do is come up with a catchy slogan and a colorful picture. Draw your creation on regular 8 1/2" X 11" typing paper and turn it in to your leader. Entries relating to the advertisement of cigarettes or alcohol will not be accepted. All entries must be turned in to the 4-H Office by 4:00 p.m. on October 12. **No computer generated themes will be accepted!** If you have any questions, please call the office.

### CLOVERS TO:

All 4-H'ers and Junior Leaders who attended 4-H Camp



Our new 4-H leaders and principals



**Jenora Phillips, Pauline Gilbert, Ella Thevis & Genny Coolman** for chaperoning



Those 4-H'ers who participated in Horse Shows



**Julie Hebert, Mary Duhon, J. Colligan & Michelle Puissegur** for chaperoning 4-H University.



All Junior Leaders who participated in the Junior Leadership trip

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK - OCTOBER 1-7

National 4-H Week has been set for October 1-7! We would like to see all clubs participate in activities such as making treats for teachers, hanging signs or banners around school or have green and white dress up day, etc.

### "CIRCLE OF 4-H"

The Circle of 4-H will be held during National 4-H week. This event is open to all youth. Some of the activities that will be going on will be Exploring 4-H, a Pet Show, and a Bicycle Rodeo. This event will be held at the Rice Arena located on Cherokee Road near the LSU AgCenter on Saturday, October 7 beginning at 9:00a.m.

### 4-H WEEK DANCE October 7

The Junior Leadership Club will be sponsoring a Dance at the 4-H Office, Saturday, October 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee. **Keep in mind that only 4-H members between the ages of 9 to 13 are able to attend.**

### RICE FESTIVAL TIME IS APPROACHING!

The 70<sup>th</sup> International Rice Festival will be held October 19-21, 2006. Entry forms for the Creole Rice Cookery contest are available at the 4-H office and also at the club meetings. The Creole Cookery will be held Friday, October 20 at the Acadia Parish 4-H Office.

### 4-H UNIVERSITY CONTESTANTS DO GREAT!

This past June, 32 senior 4-H members represented Acadia Parish at 4-H University in Baton Rouge. This year they did a super job bringing home many awards Public Speaking State Winner-**Justin Leger, Church Point High**, Public Speaking -**5th Sarah Landry, Notre Dame**; Insect ID- 3rd **Mary Kate Colligan, OMP**; Insect ID 5th **Haley Istre, Iota Jr**; Soybean Illustrated Talk-4th **Marjnee Bias, Iota Jr**; Poultry Individual -6th **Jordan Puissegur, Notre Dame**; Poultry Judging Team-7th **Jordan Puissegur, Notre Dame**; **Meagan LeBeouf, Notre Dame**; **Mark Herpin, Notre Dame**. Other participants were **Mallory Miller, Notre Dame**; **Barrett Allen, Iota Sr.**; **Jospeha Thevis, Iota Sr.**; **Shakiyla Smith, Lakewood**; **Chirstana Goff, Lakewood**; **Robbin LeJeune, St. Francis, Natilie Phillips, Church Point Sr.**, **Annie Simoneaux, Armstrong**; **Tyler Short, St. Francis**; **Kaleb Cart, Iota Sr.**, **Matthew Whitney, Iota Sr.**; **Toddy Guidry, Notre Dame**; **Megan Smith, Notre Dame**; **Lauren Amiot, Iota Sr.**; **Josh LeJeune, Iota Sr.**; **Trent McFarlain, Iota Sr.**; **Emily Landry, Notre** ; **Drake Blanchard, Iota Jr.**; **Sarah Landry, Iota Sr**; **Chelsea Simar, Iota Jr.**; **Kayla Gotte, Iota Jr**; **Samantha Clement, Iota Jr**; **Elizabeth Guidry, OMP**; **Brittany Darbonne, Iota Sr.** Congratulations to all 4-H University participants!

