

LIVESTOCK NEWS

THANK YOU LETTERS

Parish market animal sale checks **WILL NOT** be mailed to the exhibitor and will only be issued to the exhibitor when a thank you letter in a stamped envelope addressed to your buyer is delivered to the 4-H Office. **Thank you letters are now being accepted and sale checks will be issued beginning in April.**

ATTENTION HORSE EXHIBITORS

Possession deadline for your horse project is April 1. If you plan on showing a horse this summer, please call the 4-H office to let Mrs. Sheena know if you plan to show your horse this year.

HORSE SHOW DATES

May 6 - Acadia Parish Benefit Horse Show, Crowley
June 16- Acadia Parish Horse Show, Crowley
June -District Horse Show
July - State Horse Show, Monroe



Congratulations to all who participated in the Parish, District and State Livestock Shows.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY VOLUNTEERS

If you would be interested in assisting with achievement day, please feel free to contact the 4-H Office.

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Acadia Parish

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Dates to Remember:

March

- 5 Jr Leadership mtg
- 5 4-H U mtg
- 9 Record Books Due
- 9-11 Challenge Camp
- 20 Club Reporter Scrapbooks Due
- 2 4-H Scholarship Application Due
- 31 Achievement Day

April

- 2 Jr. Leadership Mtg
- 28 End of School Dance, 5-8 p.m.

May

- 10 Outstanding Member Reception
- TBA Jr. Leader Meeting

June

- 4-H University, Baton Rouge

ACHIEVEMENT DAY MARCH 31

Mark your calendars; Achievement Day will be Saturday, March 31, 2007 at Crowley High School. All 4-Hers and their parents are invited and encouraged to attend. The program starts at 8:15 a.m. with a general assembly, and then 4-Hers compete in various contests. The afternoon awards program should end at approximately 2:30 p.m.

2007 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Connect 4-H... Through Leadership is the theme for this year's State 4-H Junior Leadership Conference which will be held April 27-29, 2007 at Camp Grant Walker in Pollock, Louisiana. This year's conference will focus on helping teen leaders improve their skills in leadership, team building, communication and service. The training will be designed to help teens be better ambassadors for 4-H, to strengthen their local Junior Leader Clubs and better their communities. The conference is open to all Junior Leaders 14 years and older. The registration deadline is **March 26, 2007**. Total cost will be **\$45.00** per delegate.

OVERNIGHT CHAPERONE TRAINING

Attention all parents and leaders. If you plan on serving as an overnight chaperone for any school, parish, state or regional 4-H event you must take part in an overnight chaperone training in order to participate in the activity. A parish training will be taking place soon. If interested in attending, please contact the 4-H Office for dates and times.

ATTENTION SENIOR'S 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are a graduating senior and are interested in applying for a 4-H scholarship, please pick up scholarship forms at the 4-H Office. **All applications are due on April 2.** For more information, please call the 4-H Office.

JR LEADERSHIP OFFICER ELECTIONS

If you are interested in running for a 2007-2008 Junior Leadership Officer position, the April meeting is your chance. In March, we will be discussing the responsibilities of being an officer. We will be electing a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Parliamentarian. To be eligible to be an officer, a junior leader must be a current paid member and attend at least 4 meetings by April and must have turned in a completed 4-H Leadership Project Record Book. The Officers shall be elected by ballot. You must be present in order to run for an office. If interested, please contact the 4-H Office.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY CONTEST

CONTESTS OPEN TO ALL 4-H MEMBERS

Judging and Identification Contests —

These four contests are open to all 4th -12th grade club members regardless of the projects they are enrolled in. A study guide prepared by the 4-H agents can be obtained from your club leader.

*Insect Identification
*Wildlife Habitat Judging

* Horticulture Identification and Judging
*Forestry Judging

CONTESTS OPEN TO 4-H MEMBERS ENROLLED IN THE PROJECT

Written Tests — Test items will only come from the 4-H project booklet.

Bicycle Test (4th – 6th)
Computer Test (4th – 12th)
Six Easy Bites (4th – 6th)

Discovering 4-H (4th – 6th)
Pet Identification (4th – 12th)
Food & Nutrition (7th & 8th)

OUTSTANDING MEMBER RECEPTION

The Outstanding Member reception has been scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office. The ceremony will include a meal and presentation of awards. The top ten percent of each club's membership is eligible. See your leader if you are interested in applying. Names of outstanding members **MUST BE** turned into the 4-H Office by **4:00 p.m. on April 23, 2007.**

4-H UNIVERSITY

It is time once again to start getting ready for 4-H University. 4-H U is a statewide 4-H activity held on LSU campus. It is scheduled in June. Four-H members from throughout the state compete against each other in over 30 contests. To be eligible to compete at 4-H U, 4-H'ers must have participated in a related parish contest. First preference is given to 9th - 12th grade club members, however, several contests are open to club members that have reached their 13th birthday as of January 1, 2007. Being selected to participate in this activity is a great honor, however, it will require you to make a commitment. Depending on the contest, you may be expected to participate in area training workshops, train with one of the agents or a parish-wide leader. Preparing for 4-H U is a lot of work, but state winners in each contest are awarded great prizes such as all expense paid educational trips to different parts of the United States. So start thinking about what contest you might want to compete in. There will be a 4-H U meeting March 5 at 4:30 p.m. prior to the Jr. Leadership club mtg. If you have any questions please contact the 4-H Office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Sarah Landry, Notre Dame 4-H, received the Certificate of Excellence Award from the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. This signifies that Sarah was among the top 10 percent of all applicant's from the state of Louisiana. Based on her volunteer hours, Sarah also received the Presidents Volunteer Service Award which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and country.

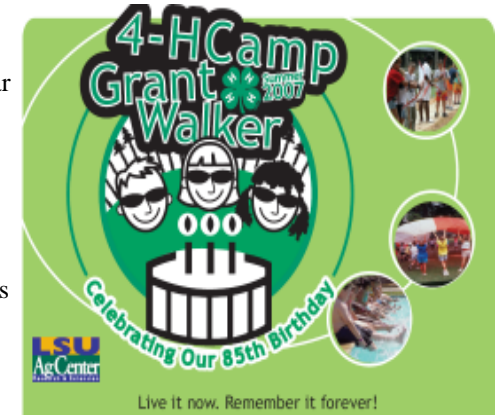
Bethany Gilbert, Homeschool, for receiving a blue ribbon for the Livestock Superintendent Award.

4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The third annual ***4-H Day at the Capitol*** will be held Wednesday, June 5, 2007. It will take place on the steps of the Capitol this year. Appointments should be made with legislators before attending the 4-H Day at the Capitol. These appointment times can be prior to the assembly of 10:00 a.m. or after 10:45 a.m., whatever is best for your legislator. Legislators truly enjoy this day and many have expressed their eagerness to meet 4-H members on June 7. Please feel free to bring a lunch and enjoy the Capitol grounds at noon. If you plan to attend 4-H Day at the Capitol you need to register with the 4-H office by April 7, 2007.

4-H CAMP

The dates for 4-H Camp have been set! Acadia Parish will camp from July 30-August 3. 4-H Camp Grant Walker is located in Pollock, Louisiana, just outside of Alexandria. The theme this year is "Live it now. Remember it Forever". The camp is open to 4th, 5th and 6th grade boys and girls who are 4-H members. The camp lasts four days and involves many activities such as canoeing, archery, recreation, swimming, dancing and lessons in several topics. Camp application can be found below. Deadline to submit application is April 24, 2007 with a \$50.00 deposit. Deposit will be nonrefundable after this date. Total Camp cost will be \$98 This cost includes all meals, transportation, lodging and a t-shirt. As always, we welcome adult volunteers - let us know if you are interested.



Camper's Name _____

Boy _____ Girl _____

Address _____

P.O. Box/Street City State ZIP

Phone _____ Age _____ DOB _____ Grade _____

School _____ 4-H Club _____

Yes ___ No ___ *If my child chooses to and has the opportunity to participate in the Outdoor Adventure Track, which includes the use of bows and air rifles, he/she has my permission to participate under the supervision of certified instructors.*

Yes ___ No ___ *My child has my permission to participate in a 4-H Camp Grant Walker survey. All survey information will be confidential, and no names will be associated with the information.*

T Shirt Size S M L XL XXL (adult sizes)

How many times have you been to 4-H Camp?

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Camper's Signature _____