



4-H Update



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- ▶ January 13 Junior Leader Club meeting, 6:00 pm, 4-H office
- ▶ January 14 Key Club and Jr. Award of Excellence applications due
- ▶ January 17 -18 Capitol Area Horse Show
- ▶ January 23 Feliciana 4-H/FFA minifarm, 8:30 am, Ag Education Barn at WF Sports Park
- ▶ January 24 Feliciana 4-H/FFA junior livestock show, 9:00 am, Ag Education Barn at WF Sports Park
- ▶ February 5 - 7 SC District Livestock Show, Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, Gonzales
- ▶ February 14-21 LSU State Livestock Show, Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, Gonzales

WELCOME TO 2009

Why not start off 2009 by becoming more involved in 4-H? That means doing more than just going to the monthly meetings, such as:

Project books - For Discovering 4-H, it's easy; do a section each month and bring your book to meetings to be checked. At the end of the year books will be judged for awards. For 4-Hers in individual projects, it takes more initiative. Each book explains what to do to complete the project. Work on them a little at a time. There is state competition in records starting in 6th grade. Call the 4-H office if you need help.

Contests - There are lots of contests during the 4-H year - poster contests & more.

Workshops - These give you a chance for "hands-on" learning, actually making or doing something instead of watching.

Community Service - Participating in activities like the projects to help our community are important parts of 4-H.

Your regular 4-H meetings are important, but that is not all there is to 4-H. Put more of yourself into 4-H, and you will get more out of it.

WINNERS!

Livestock Show Poster Contest

Luke Vo – 1st place

Jordan Percy – 2nd place

Camryn Holub – 3rd place

4-H Contest Day

Photography

Jolee Beauchamp – 1st place, Other subjects;
2nd place, Animals; honorable mention.

Timothy Devers – 1st place, People; 3rd place,
Other subjects; honorable mention

Michael Delatte and **Kelsey Fontenot** – 1st
place, Animals (tie)

Ellen Hopkins – 2nd place, Animals

Emma Hopkins – 2nd place, Other subjects

Reed Sturgeon – 3rd place, Animals

4-H Birthday Cake Decorating (4th – 6th grade)

Emma Hopkins – 1st place

Claire Leming – 2nd place

Michael Delatte – 3rd place

Katie Thompson and **Claudia Posey** –
Honorable mentions

Dominique Dorsey – Most Traditional

Shaleen Hunt – Most Creative

Caroline & Hunter Fudge - Most Colorful

Bailey Vandergrift – Most Chocolatey

4-H Birthday Cake Decorating (7th – 12th grade)

Ellen Hopkins – 1st place

Kelsey Fontenot – 2nd place

Lily Barber – 3rd place

Reed Sturgeon and **Alex Badon** – Honorable
mentions

Seafood Cookery

Claire Leming – 1st place, Shrimp, and Best
Overall Seafood Dish

Kelsey Fontenot – 1st place, Crab

Reed Sturgeon – 1st place, Crawfish

Katie Thompson – 2nd place, Crab

Riley Trisler – 2nd place, Crawfish

Hunter DeLee – 3rd place, Crab

Kade DeLee – 3rd place, Crawfish

Beef Cookery

Brandon Oliveaux – 1st place, One Dish Meal,
and Best Overall Beef Dish

Jordan Semplonius – 1st place, Quick & Easy

Carlton Vessel – 2nd place, One Dish Meal

Michael Delatte – 2nd place, Quick & Easy



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FELICIANA MINIFARM AND LIVESTOCK SHOW, January 23rd & 24th

Members interested in exhibiting rabbit or
poultry projects in the livestock show need to
let Mr. Ken Spoto know they desire to do so by
January 14. Phone Mr. Ken at 683-3101 or
610-2219 cell for more info.

The public is invited to visit the minifarm on
Friday, January 23rd from 8:30 am to 6 pm,
and watch the rabbit show which will follow at
6:00 pm. They are invited back to watch the
livestock show on Saturday the 24th, beginning
at 9 am.

4-H FACTS

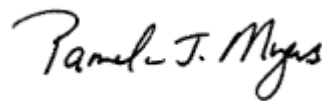
Louisiana Birds and Their Habitat - A habitat is
the place where particular species live and grow.
Habitat destruction is a major factor causing a
species population to decrease, which can lead
to it becoming endangered, or even extinct.

Here in Louisiana there are a wide range of
distinctive habitats such as marsh, swamp,
bottomland, hardwood forest, mixed pine forest,
coast, rice and crawfish fields that provide
nesting sites for native and migratory birds.
These areas may seem plentiful, but they may
not be for long. Coastal erosion is slowly
eating away Louisiana's coast line. Louisiana
has 15,000 miles of shoreline and 40% of the
nation's wetland; however Louisiana loses on
average over a football field every 38 minutes.

FEBRUARY CLUB MEETINGS

Bains Elementary	Tuesday, February 3
WFMS	Wednesday, February 4
Tunica Elementary	Thursday, February 5

Those who have the Discovering 4-H project
book should do the section, "Animals and Us".
pages 47 – 55.



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