



# 4-H Update



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 10 "6 Easy Bites" project workshop, after school, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church
- March 14 Spring Cookery contest, 10:30 am, St. Francisville UMC Fellowship Hall
- April 3 - 5 Co-op Conference for 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders
- April 8 Project Fun Day, after school at Bains Elementary school gym
- April 21 Camp registration deadline!!!
- April 21 & 22 Challenge Camp for 7<sup>th</sup> graders, Tickfaw State Park
- April 23 4-H Fashion Show, WF high school auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
- April 25 4-H Fishing Day, 8:00 am, Selby Pond (see flyer for details)

## WINNERS!

### LSU & SC District Livestock Show Results

#### Dairy

**Nancy Ann Bickham** – Overall Jr Champion & La Bred Jersey; Jr Champion & La Bred Jersey Calf; Best Fitted Jersey; 1<sup>st</sup> place in Showmanship at State. 1<sup>st</sup> place Premier Exhibitor; 1<sup>st</sup> place in Showmanship; Best Fitted Jersey; Reserve Jr Champion and La Bred Jersey Calf at District.

**Samantha Bickham** – Overall Reserve Jr Champion & La Bred Jersey; Reserve Jr Champion & La Bred Jersey Calf at State; 4<sup>th</sup> place Jersey cow. Grand Champion & La Bred Jersey; Senior Champion and La Bred Jersey; Junior Champion and La Bred Jersey; Overall Reserve Jr Champion and La Bred Jersey at District.

**Summer Alsadi** – Grand Champion AOB; Sr Champion AOB; 4<sup>th</sup> place in Showmanship at District, went on to State.

**Averi Young** – Reserve Grand Champion AOB; Jr Champion AOB; 1<sup>st</sup> place in Showmanship at District, went on to State.

#### Market Hogs

**Jolee Beauchamp** – 5<sup>th</sup> place market hog at State. Reserve Champion Lt Weight Barrow; 2<sup>nd</sup> place market hog; 5<sup>th</sup> place in Showmanship at District.

**Connor Dixon** – Reserve Champion Hampshire Hog at District, went on to State.

**Hunter Delaney** – 6<sup>th</sup> place & 7<sup>th</sup> place La Bred market hog at State. 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> place at District.

**Callie Beauchamp** - 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Showmanship and 2<sup>nd</sup> place market hog at District, went on to State.

**Lorna Klein** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Showmanship and 4<sup>th</sup> place market hog at District, went on to State.

**Jessie Loyd** – 4<sup>th</sup> place in Showmanship and 3<sup>rd</sup> place market hog at District, went on to State.

**Whit Vidrine** – 5<sup>th</sup> place in Showmanship and blue ribbon market hog at District, went on to State.

**Jeremy Dixon (FFA)** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place market hog at District, went on to State.

**Ty Beauchamp** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place market hog at District, went on to State.

**Anna Allen** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place market hog at District, went on to State.

**Toler Beauchamp** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place market hog at District, went on to State.

**Morgan Delaney** – 4<sup>th</sup> place market hog at District, went on to State.

**Lizzie Daniel** – 6<sup>th</sup> place market hog at District, went on to State.

**Emley Daniel** and **Tristen Depew** also exhibited market hogs at District which went on to compete at State.

#### Beef Breeding

**Samantha Bickham** - 4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> place Angus heifers, 6<sup>th</sup> place Angus Showmanship at State. Reserve Champion & 2<sup>nd</sup> place Angus heifers at District.

**Nancy Bickham** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> La Bred Angus heifer; Overall Champion Angus Showman at State. Reserve Champion La Bred Angus Heifer at District.

**Kelsey Fontenot** - 9<sup>th</sup> place, 8<sup>th</sup> La Bred Brahman bull; 8<sup>th</sup> place, 7<sup>th</sup> La Bred and 10<sup>th</sup> place, 9<sup>th</sup> La Bred Brahman heifers at State. Three 1<sup>st</sup> place and 1 2<sup>nd</sup> place Brahman heifers at District.

#### Goats

**Leah Ewing** – 5<sup>th</sup> place in Showmanship; 8<sup>th</sup> place percentage doe, 10<sup>th</sup> place commercial doe, and 10<sup>th</sup> place market goat at State; 4<sup>th</sup> place in Showmanship; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place market goats, 6<sup>th</sup> place commercial yearling and 5<sup>th</sup> place commercial doe at District.

#### Poultry (State Show only)

**Jeremy Dixon (FFA)** – Reserve Champion Asiatic; 3<sup>rd</sup> place Black Old English Game Bantam; 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Showmanship; 9<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> place pens of broiler pullets and cockerels, respectively.

**Connor Dixon** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Black Cochon Bantam Hen & 3<sup>rd</sup> place Black Cochon Bantam Cock; 14<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> place pen of pullets and cockerels, respectively.

**Kade DeLee** – Best of Breed and Best of Class Naked Neck pullet.

**Reed Sturgeon** – 4<sup>th</sup> place Japanese Black-Tailed White Bantam Cock & 4<sup>th</sup> place white Leghorn rooster.

**Hunter DeLee** – 8<sup>th</sup> place in Showmanship.

**Tyler Wiley (FFA)** also exhibited broilers.

#### **4-H TSHIRTS ON SALE**

All West Feliciana 4-H t-shirts are on sale at the reduced price of **\$8** (regularly \$12). The yellow shirts sold before 2008 and the green centennial t-shirts are available in most sizes at the 4-H office. These shirts can be worn at 4-H events like Awards & Activity Day.



Kenneth Spoto  
County Agent



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#### **4-H FACTS**

##### Agriculture in Louisiana's Coastal Wetlands

You might not think of wetlands as good places for agriculture, but raising cattle and aquaculture are both common along the Louisiana coast.

Raising cattle in the marsh! Who ever heard of such a thing? How can a cow live in a wet, hot, mosquito infested environment? Well, beef cattle have been raised in the marshes along the Louisiana coastline for hundreds of years. Generations of Louisiana cattle producers have followed in their family's footsteps raising cattle in this unique environment.

Most of the cattle raised in the marsh are Brahman or Brahman cross breeds such as Braford, Brangus or Beefmaster. Brahman cattle originated in India, where they were exposed to the inadequate food supplies, insects, parasites, diseases and extreme weather conditions of tropical India. Over hundreds of years the cattle developed adaptations that allow them to survive in our coastal marshes.

Aquaculture is one of the fastest growing forms of agriculture in the United States. Aquaculture is the growing or farming of plants and animals in an aquatic or water environment. The water may be fresh, brackish or salt water. Louisiana can be proud of its variety ranging from crawfish to crabs and catfish to oysters and from pet turtles to alligators.

Aquaculture is grown in a variety of ecosystems with the majority being ponds. Levee ponds are the most popular in Louisiana and are used mostly for crawfish and catfish. Levee ponds are built on flat land and are built in a variety of shapes and sizes. The depth of the pond varies depending on what is being raised.

#### **APRIL CLUB MEETINGS**

Bains Elementary clubs	Tues., April 21
Tunica Elementary	Thurs., April 23
WFHS & WFMS	TBA

April will be the last month for 4-H meetings. Elementary 4-H members who want to have their books judged for Awards & Activity Day must turn in the complete book(s) at the next meeting. See attached information. Any remaining pages in the Estuarians booklets will be checked in April.



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