



4-H Update



November 2008

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ⇒ November 4 Junior Leader Club meeting, 6:00 p.m., St. Francisville Town Hall
- ⇒ November 10 Fashion Board meeting, 6:00 pm, 4-H office
- ⇒ November 11 Sweet potato pickup day, Livestock Barn
- ⇒ November 15 Rifle workshop, Independence Community Center
- ⇒ November 24 Regional Rabbit Show, Lafourche Parish Fairground
- ⇒ December 5 Market Hog validation, Ag Education Facility, WF Sports Park
- ⇒ December 13 4-H Contest Day and Birthday Celebration, St. Francisville UMC Fellowship Hall (see flyer for events and times)

WINNERS!

Louisiana State Fair

Kelsey Fontenot exhibited 1st and 3rd place Brahman heifers in the junior beef show and placed 5th in Brahman showmanship. In the open show, she showed 2nd place and 5th place Brahman heifers.

Samantha Bickham won a place on the Beef Educational Trip to Louisville, KY and exhibited a 2nd place Angus heifer.

Nancy Ann Bickham exhibited a 6th place Angus heifer.

Reed Sturgeon placed 3rd in the photo exhibit contest in the color animal photo division.

Greater Baton Rouge State Fair

Leah Ewing exhibited a 3rd place commercial doe and a 3rd place percentage doe in the Goat Show.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sweet Potato Sale Because of Hurricane Gustav there was a late start to 4-H enrollment and a short, limited sale of sweet potatoes. That means some members may not have had a chance to participate. The only delivery for this year will take place on November 11. Sweet potatoes will be available to be picked up at the old livestock barn on Wilcox St. behind Fred's. Volunteers are needed to help with pick-up days. Call the 4-H office at 635-3614 if you have questions or can volunteer some time.

Officer Training - Officers elected at November meetings of elementary clubs will be provided with training before the next meeting. They will meet during school time and get materials and lots of ideas for having good 4-H meetings.

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

Broiler Chick Orders - The Broiler Project is a six-week activity in which 4-H'ers raise day-old chicks to show at LSU in February. Delivery dates for the chicks will be early January. Broiler Chick orders will be taken **through November 8**. Chicks are 35 cents each, payable to Louisiana Poultry Federation, and parents must place the order with Mr. Ken at 683-3101.

Regional Rabbit Show, November 24 - All 4-H & FFA youth are invited to exhibit their rabbit projects at this annual event. Classes will include purebreds and mix breeds. Rabbits should be in exhibitor's possession 30 days before the show. Contact Mr. Ken at 683-3101 for an application. No preregistration is required. There will be a \$2 per rabbit entry fee.

Livestock Exhibits - 4-H'ers desiring to raise animals for shows must contact Mr. Ken (683-3101) for information & assistance before the following remaining "possession dates": **November 30** for all lambs, beef, goats, & dairy going to Southern University; one month before show for rabbits; **November 5** for fancy poultry; **November 8** for ordering broiler chicks; **December 1** for pigs going to LSU; **December 15** for pigs going to Southern University. Parish Show is held in late January; LSU District in early Feb.; LSU State, in mid-Feb.; & Southern Univ. in early March.



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FOUR-H FACTS

Wetlands can be found all over the United States and in every parish in Louisiana. But what exactly is a **wetland**? It is the area between open water and dry land that may be flooded year round or only sometimes flooded. Swamps and marshes comprise our state's wetlands.

Our coastal wetlands are so important because Louisiana has 40% of all coastal wetlands and 80% of the threatened coastal wetlands in the United States. Thousands of different kinds of plants and animals thrive there.

Wetlands serve as hurricane protection and a storm buffer to South Louisiana which helps reduce flooding. Wetlands absorb the higher tides and gulf surge waters that are pushed onto land during a hurricane or any tropical disturbance in the Gulf.

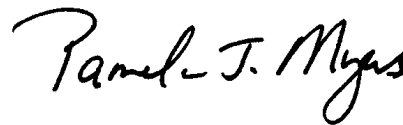
The nation's largest port system is along the Mississippi River in Louisiana. It is very important to the US economy and needs the protection of the coastal wetlands.

Our wetlands also provide recreational opportunities for hunting, fishing, nature trips, and tourism as well as commercial fisheries. We are in danger of losing all of this if we do nothing about it.

DECEMBER CLUB MEETINGS

WFMS	Wednesday, December 3
Bains Elementary	Tuesday, December 9
Tunica Elementary	Thursday, December 11
WFHS	TBA

Those in the "Discovering 4-H" project should do the section on "Agriculture in Louisiana", pages 4 - 7, to be checked at the next meeting.



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