



Vermilion 4-H Cracklins



MARCH

- 6 **Horse Show Registration Forms Due, 4-H Office**
- 6-8 Challenge Camp, Camp Grant Walker, Pollack
- 9 **PARISH RECORD BOOKS DUE BY 4:30 P.M. AT THE 4-H OFFICE, ABBEVILLE**
- 12 Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Office
- 13-15 Jr. Leadership Conference, Camp Grant Walker
- 25 District Cookery Contest, Jeff Davis Extension Office, Jennings
- 26 Achievement Day Workshop, 6-12th grade, 4 - 6 p.m.
- 28 **ACHIEVEMENT DAY, KAPLAN HIGH**

APRIL

- 2 Garden Clinic, 6:00 p.m., 4-H Office, Abbeville
- 7 **4-H University Selection Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 4-H Office**
- 8 Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Office, Abbeville
- 8 **Outstanding Club Member Applications due by 4:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office in Abbeville!!!!**
- 10 4-H Office Closed—Good Friday
- 21 State Ambassador Contest, Baton Rouge
- 22 Horse Clinic, 6p.m.
- 29 ATV Safety Workshop, 6:00 p.m., 4-H Office, Abbeville

MAY

- 5 Outstanding Club Member Banquet, 7 p.m., American Legion Home, Kaplan
- 12 Horse Clinic, 6 p.m., Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg., Abbeville
- 14 Jr. Leader Mtg., 6:30 p.m., 4-H Office, Abbeville
- 24 Benefit Horse Show
- 23 & 25 Garden Contest Judging
- 25 Foods Workshop, 1 p.m., 4-H Office, Abbeville
- 29 Last Day of School
- 30 Daylily Festival, Magdalen Square, Abbeville



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GARDEN CONTEST APPLICATIONS

Now is the time to plant a garden! This contest is open to all 4-H'ers, regardless of projects. Only a small plot of land is needed, so 4-H'ers living in town with small backyard plots can still participate.

Anyone interested **must complete a garden form (given at March club meetings)**

and return to the office at 1105 W. Port St., Abbeville, La. 70510 by Monday, April 13th.

Prize money will be awarded in all divisions (4-6th, 7-8th, 9-12th). An Overall Best Garden and Reserve Overall Best Garden In Show will also be selected. The winners will be announced at the Daylily

Festival on Saturday, May 30, 2009 in Magdalen Square at noon.

A Gardening Clinic will be held Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building in Abbeville. The Garden Contest Judging has been tentatively set for May 23rd and 25th.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY STUDY WORKSHOP

Be prepared! Plan on attending the Achievement Day Study Workshop for 6-12th graders. The workshop

will be held on Thursday, March 26th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Achievement Day will be held on **SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009** at Kaplan High School beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Depending on your club's rules, Achievement Day is open to anyone. Most of the contests are 4-H University qualifying for 8-12th grade students. For everyone, Achievement Day is an opportunity to show off what you know and what you have made in your 4-H projects this

year. The key to doing well at Achievement Day is preparation. The guidelines in the Achievement Day Rules and Regulations, given out at this month's club meeting, will help you prepare, so read them. Copies of the rules will be given out at March club meetings and are also available on the website at

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/

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Also, our office has information on every contest. Call if you need help.

Don't let this opportunity to excel pass you by. Be the very best you can be by preparing for and participating in Achievement Day.



OUTSTANDING CLUB MEMBER BANQUET

4-H members interested in being named outstanding member of their club for the 2008-2009 school year, must complete a point sheet (given out at last month's club meetings and available on line at http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Vermilion/Features/4-H/) and return it to our office no later than **Wednesday, April 8, 2009!**



The following rules govern the selection of Outstanding Club Members:

1. The agents will review the applications and select the two most outstanding club members from each school club. Several outstanding club members-at-large will be chosen from those 4-H'ers with the highest points.
2. Only 4-H'ers who turned in a record book can compete for this award.
3. The most outstanding boy and the most outstanding girl in the parish will be chosen from the applications and named as overall parish winner.
4. A club member can re-

ceive the overall parish winner award only once in each division (4-6th, 7-8th, 9-12th).

5. The Charles & Elda Dill Memorial Outstanding Club Member Banquet honoring outstanding members will be held Tuesday, May 5th, at 7:00 p.m., at the American Legion Home in Kaplan.

6. **REMEMBER:** Parents who attend must pay for their supper, the honorees do not. The cost of the meal will be posted in the April newsletter.



4-H UNIVERSITY SELECTION MEETING

A mandatory 4-H University Selection Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 7, 2009** at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office for all 8-12th graders interested in participating in State competition this summer, June 23-26, 2009 on the LSU Campus in Baton Rouge. Over 2000 4-H club members from throughout the state will be in attendance and it is very important for Vermilion Parish to be well represented.

The things we consider when making contest selections include:

1. Placing in 4-H University qualifying contests (Personal Development, Coop Speaking, Demonstration Day, Tractor Driving, Livestock &

Poultry Judging, and some Record Book and Achievement Day contests).

2. Participation in 4-H University qualifying contests.
3. Turning in a record book.
4. Active member of the Jr. Leader Club

You should have done at least one of these things to be considered for 4-H University.

If you cannot attend this selection meeting and are interested in going to 4-H University, **You Must Let Us Know PRIOR To The Meeting**, or we will assume you do not wish to be considered.

Don't pass up this opportunity

to meet new people and show off what you can do. Make every effort to be a part of the Vermilion 4-H University team.



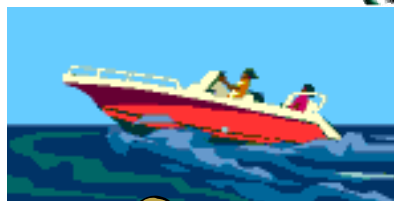


BOATING SAFETY

One thing that many people forget that is just as important as having a life jacket is that the life jacket must fit properly!! If you have a life jacket that doesn't fit well then it can't do its job properly.

A proper fit means once it's zipped and/or buckled, it should keep your head and up-

per shoulders above the water. If it fits too loose, the flotation will push the jacket up around your face. If your life jacket is too small, it won't keep your body afloat. A general rule is that the life jacket should not come up above 3 inches over your shoulder.



RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Most of the money raised is used to fund cancer research. A portion of the money does go to patient support such as transportation needs, supplies and educational efforts. This year, the Vermilion Parish Relay will be

held on Friday, April 24, 2009 at Kaplan High Stadium. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. with opening ceremonies and the first lap of the relay will be walked by all the cancer survivors in attendance. A special luminary ceremony will be held at 9:00 p.m. to honor all those who

have lost their battle with cancer and remember those survivors who are still fighting the disease. The public is invited to attend and participate in this worthwhile effort. Admission is free. Please come out and support our fight against cancer.

4-H HORSE SHOWS

Anyone planning to show a horse in 4-H shows this summer must contact Mr. Hilton **by March 6, 2009**. Forms were printed in the February *Vermilion 4-H Cracklins* (a downloadable copy of the newsletter is available at http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Vermilion/Features/4-H/). **Possession date for horses is April 1, 2009 - NO EXCEPTIONS!** **The horse must be in your possession and in your**

name or the name of a family member to be eligible to show in the 4-H Horse Shows.

By submitting this form, you let Mr. Hilton know that you are planning to show a horse in the 4-H Horse Shows this spring and summer. Once he receives the form, he will add your name to his mailing list of exhibitors who receive information on upcoming horse clinics and shows.



ATTENTION!!!

It is the policy of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, or disability.



REMINDER - Vermilion 4-H Magazine Fundraiser



This is a new fundraiser for VERMILION PARISH 4-H. For every magazine purchased or renewed, we receive 40 percent profit. Please visit the Vermilion 4-H homepage at http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Vermilion/Features/4-H/ and **CLICK on the picture to learn more or to purchase your magazines online.** It's simple and easy. **Make sure to use the VERMILION PARISH WEBCODE # WC3307.** Thank you for your support. Here is some information on the company that is on the website:

AMERICAN PUBLISHERS HEARST has over 700 maga-

zines to choose from, including many big-name titles. These magazines are at low, discounted prices compared to ordering directly from the publishers or newsstands. Look at these ways to support VERMILION PARISH 4-H.

1. Renew your current subscription though VERMILION PARISH 4-H. Just check the appropriate box on the order form and your new subscription will not begin until the old one runs out.
2. Purchase new magazines! Buy the magazines from VERMILION PARISH 4-H that you would normally buy at the grocery store. We receive 40 percent of the sales.
3. Purchase a gift subscription for your family members, friends or children. Makes fantastic gifts!

4. Purchase age-appropriate magazines for your other children. A selection is offered for all ages.

5. Buy online! Use your credit card. The magazines are delivered directly to your address.

6. Tell family, friends, relatives or business people about this. They can enjoy reading their same magazines while supporting 4-H.

To find out more or look at the more than 700 magazines offered, visit www.aphearst.com

Don't forget to use the VERMILION PARISH WEBCODE No. WC3307.

For more information, please email: hwaits@agcenter.lsu.edu or call our office at 337-898-4335. Thanks so much for your support.

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