



Vermilion 4-H Cracklins



JANUARY

- 5 Key Club & Award of Excellence Applications due, 4:30 p.m., 4-H Office, Abbeville
- 8 Honey Bee Essay due, 4:30 p.m., 4-H Office
- 8 Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Office
- 19 **Martin Luther King Holiday, 4-H Office-CLOSED!!**
- 19 Swine Premier Exhibitor Contest, 9:30 a.m., Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg., Abbeville
- 19 Beef, Sheep & Goat Premier Exhibitor Contest, 1 p.m., Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg., Abbeville
- 22 Parish Livestock & Poultry Judging Contest, 6:00 p.m., Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg., Abbeville
- 23-24 Parish Livestock Show & Sale, Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg., Abbeville
- 31 Demonstration Day, Kaplan High School

FEBRUARY

- 4-7 Acadiana District Livestock Show, Blackham Coliseum, Lafayette
- 12 Jr. Leader Mtg., 6:30 p.m. 4-H Office
- 14-21 State Livestock Show-Gonzales
- 24 **Mardi Gras Holiday, 4-H Office Closed**
- 25 Beef Posters due at 4-H Office by 4:30 p.m.

MARCH

- 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**

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Canned Food Challenge - Huge Success!!!

Congratulations and a big thank you to all clubs that participated in the "Canned Food Challenge" Food Drive. This 14th annual event was a huge success. Local 4-H clubs collected food and dropped it off at their local "Food for Families" Food Drive location. The Jr. Leader Club would like to thank the 12 clubs that participated. The top club, Jesse Owens Elementary, will receive a pizza party. A donut party will be provided to the 2nd place club; F.I.-E.B. Elementary.

Clubs participating were:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Pounds Donated</u>
Jesse Owens	4,111
F.I.-E.B.	2,116.5
Gueydan High	1,824.5
Kaplan Elem.	1,572
St. Peters	1,530
Indian Bayou	1,225
J.H. Williams	970
Kaplan High	622
VCHS	494
Mt. Carmel	350
Herod	94
ARCH	23
TOTAL	14,932

Get Fired Up About Outdoor Cooking

When cooking outside, no matter what method you use, you need to follow some basic fire safety tips:

- 1.
2. Clear area of all debris/avoid area with overhanging branches
3. Have a bucket of water, shovel and a fire extinguisher nearby and ready to put out a fire
4. Never build a fire near tents or other flammable items
5. Never use flammable fluids to start a fire
6. Never leave fire unattended
7. Build a fire only as big as you need and surround with rocks
8. Make sure to completely extinguish fire by scattering ashes or embers, sprinkle with water, stir with a stick, drench charred logs, and repeat these steps until everything is cold.
9. Keep gas canisters upright at all times. Keep them outside in well ventilated areas. Check for leakage by putting soap liquid on all connections. Turn off when not in use. Never install or remove propane cylinders while stove is lit, near flames, pilot lights, other ignition sources or while stove is hot to the touch.
10. Do not operate a gas stove or store fuel containers around another heat source such as a campfire. Only operate the stove in open, well ventilated areas.
11. Never use a gas stove in a tent or confined areas.



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Parish Livestock Show and Sale

The 35th Annual Vermilion Parish 4-H Junior Livestock Show will be held on January 23-24, 2009 at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building at 1105 W. Port Street in Abbeville. Sheep and swine will be judged Friday and beef on Saturday morning.

The animals that qualify will go to the Acadiana District Livestock Show in Lafayette at

Blackham Coliseum on February 4 - 7th.

The State Livestock Show will be held in Gonzales at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, Feb. 14-17th for sheep, long-haired cattle, goats, commercial heifers, market steers and exhibition poultry and Feb. 18-21st for short-haired beef cattle, swine, dairy cattle, and broilers.



Parish Livestock Judging Contest

There will be a Parish Livestock Judging Contest on **Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building at 1105 W. Port Street in Abbeville. Come learn how to judge beef, sheep, swine, and poultry, while learning valuable decision making and communication skills. **This is a 4-H University qualifying contest for 9-12th graders.** See you there!



DEMONSTRATION DAY

DATE:

Saturday
January 31, 2009

PLACE:

Kaplan High School

REGISTRATION :

8:30-9:00 a.m.

DEMONSTRATIONS

9:00 a.m. - until

Demonstration Day

All members are encouraged to participate in Demonstration Day. For 8-12th graders, most of the categories are 4-H University qualifying events. The rules for Demonstration Day are in a separate packet,

handed out at club meetings. They may also be found online at http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Vermilion/Features/4-H/Contest_Rules/.





4-H Beef Poster Contest

The Louisiana Cattlemen's Association in cooperation with the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, is sponsoring the 18th Annual Beef Poster Contest in March.

WHO: Every 4-H club member.

WHEN: Turn in posters at February 4-H Club meetings or by Wednesday, Feb. 25th.

HOW: Make a poster telling a story of beef and/or beef products.

The finished poster should be appropriate for use on a bill board.

1. **Poster must be made on 11" x 14" WHITE poster board only! (other sizes and colored posters will be disqualified!!) You will have to cut a full size poster**

board to this size. Make sure to measure when cutting.

2. Do not attach anything to poster that is more than 1/2" thick.
3. Be sure to place your **name, address, grade and school on back of the poster in the upper right hand corner.**
4. **DO NOT** use copyrighted materials. Pictures, clip-art and materials (i.e. cartoon characters, advertisements, logos, etc.) that are copyrighted may not be used on the poster and the poster will be disqualified if copyrighted materials are used.
5. Computer generated clip-art may be used on the poster if it is not copy

6. Poster should generate positive images of beef and beef products.

HINTS: Get ideas from magazines, parents, friends, nutrition bulletins, meat publications and the internet.

AWARDS:

1. First through fifth placing and blue, red and white ribbon groupings will be awarded in 4-5th, 6th, 7-8th, 9-12th divisions.
2. Winning parish posters become the property of the La. Cattlemen's Association.

Check Us Out On the Web
at:

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Vermilion/Features/4-H/

4-H Portfolios

Filling out a 4-H Portfolio may not seem like fun, but if you do a good job you may win. Record keeping can be fun!

Portfolios are a very important part of 4-H work. By turning in a portfolio, you can consider your project complete and have a

record of everything you have done throughout the year. **Every 4-H member is expected to complete and submit a portfolio for the projects they are enrolled in.**

Record books do involve extra time and effort but, the records are fabu-

lous. Start working on your records today. Ms. Shannan and Mr. Hilton will present information at the February Club meeting. **Record books are due at the 4-H Office by MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.**

Completed Portfolios are due at the 4-H Office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9th!

4-H Marketing Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following clubs for entering our 4-H Marketing Contest:

- 1st Place – ARCH
- 2nd Place – Jesse Owens
- 3rd Place – Dozier Elementary
- 4th Place – Malory Savoie – Member At Large

The 4-H "Commercials" were all very well produced, informative and entertaining. Look for them to be shown at upcoming parish 4-H events.



Contest Results on the Web

All 4-H Contest results are posted, as soon as possible, on the Vermilion 4-H website. If you can't remember or don't know how you placed in a contest, just log on to our website at: [http://](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Vermilion/Features/4-H/)

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All results are posted in a PDF. format and you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to view them. If

you don't have Acrobat Reader on your computer, you can download it for free. Just click on the link on the web page and follow the directions.



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