

Dates to Remember



January 2008

- 3 Broiler Pick Up, 4-H Office
- 4-5 State Executive Committee Meeting, Camp Grant Walker
- 7 Showing Character Meeting, 4-H Office
- 8 Horse Advisory Meeting, 4-H Office
- 9 First Day of Club Meetings
- 10-13 Mid-Winter Rodeo, Blackham Coliseum
- 14 Jr. Leader Meeting
- 17-19 Parish Livestock Show & Sale, Blackham Coliseum
- 18 Arbor Day in Louisiana
- 21 **M.L.K. Holiday, 4-H Office Closed**
- 23-26 Acadiana District Livestock Show Blackham Coliseum

February 2008

- 1 First Day of Club Meetings
- 5 **Mardi Gras Holiday, 4-H Office Closed**
- 7 Showing Character Meeting, 4-H Office
- 11 Challenge Camp Application Due, 4-H Office
- 9-16 State Livestock Show, Gonzales, LA
- 14 **Happy Valentine's Day**
- 18 Junior Leader Meeting
- 22 Parish 4-H Record Books Due, 4-H Office
- 22 Junior Wildlife Tour Applications Due, 4-H Office
- 22 4-H Night with the N.O. Hornets, New Orleans, LA
- 25 Livestock Advisory Mtg., 4-H Office
- 25 4-H Quarterly Training, St. Gabriel, LA
- TBA Junior Leader Officer Meeting

Sincerely,

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Mudbugs Centennial Celebration Game



Come join the fun at the Mudbugs/Mississippi Riverkings hockey game! You're invited to begin your fun filled evening with a tailgate party outside beginning at 4:30 p.m. where there will be prizes, games and food! The game will begin at 7:05 p.m. Throughout the game 4-H will be highlighted.

Ticket prices will be \$10.00 if tickets are ordered by Jan 30, 2008. If ticket orders are received between Jan 31, 2008 and Feb 28, 2008 the ticket price will be \$12.00. 4-H /Mudbugs t-shirts will be available for sale. All shirts will sell for \$7.00. Shirts must be ordered with your tickets and can be picked up in advance or picked up at the tail gate party. If your or your club is interested in getting tickets, you can may request more information from the 4-H Agents at 291-7090 or on our parish website.



Lafayette 4-H Hotline

4-H Centennial Celebration

Since 1908, Louisiana's youth have been given opportunities to become positive, productive, capable and compassionate citizens in their communities through the largest youth organization in the world known as 4-H. Louisiana 4-H is an educational program of the LSU AgCenter and is part of the National 4-H organization. Today, Louisiana is one of only a few states where 4-H is a co-curricular activity and is present in every parish.

During 2008, more than 218,000 Louisiana youth along with more than 9,000 volunteers will celebrate the 4-H Centennial Anniversary. As we look to the future, we see 4-H as an organization that seeks to provide individualism to Louisiana's youth as well as provide educational programs to teach life skills. These programs focus on the areas of science, engineering and technology, healthy lifestyles and citizenship.

As we celebrate 100 years, we will reflect on an eventful past and look forward to an even more eventful future. 2008 will be a year of recognition and celebrations, while staying true to our roots focusing on the development of youth.

4-H Centennial Buttons & Yard Signs

You can get involved with the year-long celebration of the 100th Birthday of Louisiana 4-H. One way to do that is by purchasing your own 4-H Centennial button or 4-H Centennial yard sign. The buttons may be pinned to or worn on your shirt, jacket, or book bag so you can promote 4-H around your school or community. The yard sign may be placed on your lawn or in your flower bed so you can promote 4-H in your neighborhood. Buttons are only \$1 each and the yard signs may be purchased for \$10. You may contact the 4-H Office or speak to your club leader if you'd like to order your own 4-H Centennial promotional items. The 100th Birthday of Louisiana 4-H will only happen once, and these are keepsakes which you keep as a memento that you were a 4-H member during the 2008 Louisiana 4-H Centennial.

4-H Centennial Facts

Do you know when and where the first 4-H Club in Louisiana was started?

The first club was started in 1908 in the town of Moreauville, which is in Avoyelles parish. This club was started when the school board superintendent, Mr. V.L. Roy contacted Dr. W.R. Dodson, who was the LSU Dean of the College of Agriculture, to start a club giving young people something fun and educational which they could enjoy.

Next month, find out what these early clubs were *really* called and how they got their names.



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Let's Go Fishing

We are very excited about our new 4-H Fishing Sports Program that began several years ago. Many agents and volunteers have learned lots of fun and exciting things about fishing, casting, water ecology, and tackle making. We are making plans to conduct another Fishing Clinic in March 2008 at a local pond. This will be an educational workshop for both the experienced and inexperienced fisher.



The number of members who can participate is limited. Only twenty-four, 4th-9th grade members will be able to participate in this intensive training program. Members who participated in the past are not eligible for this clinic. Members will be selected from a random drawing. Those who are selected will receive additional information through the mail.

If you are interested, please submit the following information: Name, Address, Phone Number, Grade and School. This information should be mailed to: Fishing Sports, Charles Hebert, 1010 Lafayette Street, Suite, 325, Lafayette, LA 70501, by February 25, 2008. An application form can be found on our website.

Records

How are those Record Books coming along? By now they should be close to completion. Here are a few things to remember:

- All records are due February 22.
- You must DO something in order to RECORD IT.
- The contests you entered and the awards you won from March, 2005 to today should be entered in your book.
- List in detail the work you did and the things you learned.
- 7th -12th graders- Don't forget to put the record sheets or book behind **Section 2**, the Project Summary.
- 5th -6th graders-Put the entire project book behind Section 2.
- 4th graders-Complete your entire booklet and turn it in to your leader.
- Also, ribbons will be given to those who place and \$10.00 will be given to 4-H'ers in each Division who have outstanding Record Books.

Wildlife Trips Available

Any 4-H member 8th grade or younger, who is enrolled in any of the wildlife projects could win an all expense paid trip to one of the state's many Wildlife and Fisheries Management and Research areas. Crabbing, fishing, swimming, boat rides, and much more could be yours if you submit your wildlife record book to the 4-H office by February 22nd along with parish record books. 4-H members may need to do additional work to qualify for this contest; however, the parish record book may be enough to qualify. The top two parish books will be sent on to the state contest to compete for the trips.

The wildlife records include Wildlife activities in Discovering 4-H, You and Nature, You and Plants, Wildlife Pioneers, Aquaculture, Birds, Insects, Forestry, and Fur. Interested 4-H'ers MUST contact Ms. Angie at 291-7090 as soon as possible

Livestock Time

Late January, early February is livestock time in Lafayette Parish. Many 4-H'ers have been working long and hard with their projects in preparation for the livestock shows. Let's recognize these members and congratulate them for their efforts.

Also, meetings will be conducted after all of the livestock shows are over to take recommendations for next year. Contact one of the members of the Livestock Advisory Board if you would like to make a recommendation about the 4-H Livestock Program.

Character Corner

As we start the new year, let's start on the right foot. Let's make a promise to make the world a better place. One way to keep that promise is to practice the six pillars of character.

January is the month for Trustworthiness. A trustworthy person is a person of integrity. A person who stands up for his/her beliefs. If you are trustworthy you follow your conscience. Always have the courage to do what is right and to try new things even when it's hard.

Being trustworthy means always telling the truth and nothing but the truth. Be sincere. Don't lie, cheat, steal, or sneak. Just practice the pillars of character and start the year off right!



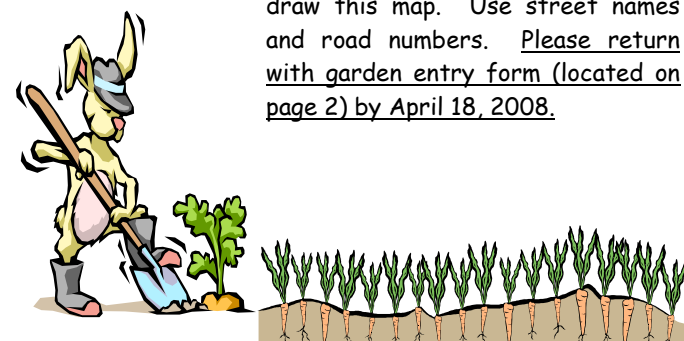
4-H Vegetable Garden Contest

Attention all green thumbs! All Lafayette Parish 4-H Club members have the opportunity to participate in the annual 4-H Vegetable Garden Contest this Spring. This must be a vegetable garden grown primarily by the 4-H'er. The contest is open to all 4-H'ers, regardless of the project you are in. When you enter the contest, information will be sent to you to help you with your garden. 4-H'ers will be divided into two or three age divisions. Contact Ms. Angie if you have any questions.

Rules for the 4-H Garden Contest:

1. Garden must be worked primarily by the 4-H member. Adults may help with:
 - a) heavy plowing or tilling; b) spading; c) pesticide spraying
2. Garden must include at 32 square feet. A 4 foot by 8 foot garden is 32 square feet.
3. Each 4-H member's garden must be an individual plot, marked off by rows or ditches from other plants, or from the main family garden. Family plots can not be judged.
4. Garden will be scored as follows: a) Garden display & Harvest record, 20 points; b) Variety of Vegetables, (9 or more types receive max. points), 20 points; c) Insect & Disease Control, 20 points; d) Weed Control, 20 points; e) Neatness, General Appearance, & Site Selection, 20 points; f) Response to questions, general knowledge about gardening, 50 points.
5. Judges will visit and judge you and your garden sometime during early June. Plan your garden to be at its peak at that time. You will be notified later of the exact date.
6. Entry deadline is April 18, 2008. An application form can be found on our website. Mail your entry form to: Angie Arnould; 4-H Garden Contest; 1010 Lafayette St., Ste 325; Lafayette, LA 70501

PLEASE include a map or Driving Directions, starting from school, of how to get to your home. Your parents can draw this map. Use street names and road numbers. Please return with garden entry form (located on page 2) by April 18, 2008.

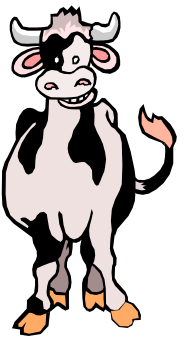


Coastal Creatures

Our educational program at the monthly club meetings will focus on wetlands and the creatures that live in them. Each lesson will address specific GLE's that will be hopefully be helpful in standardize testing.

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. In 2004, 1708 producers raised 94,378 cattle in our coastal parishes. Those cattle were valued at \$49,276,450.

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



Candy Sale Update

Our annual 4-H Foundation Candy Sale has been another success thanks to the hard work of so many of our leaders and 4-H members. Of our 50 clubs, 20 clubs took part in this fund-raiser. In some cases, if a club did not participate, individual members sold.

We do not have final numbers as some clubs have not yet turned in their money. We will give you the final results next month. Thanks to everyone for making this a success.

Club of the Month

To view a list of the winning clubs, go to: http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Lafayette/Features/4-H/Contest_Results/ and click on Club of the Month Results.

