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National 4-H Week

October 7-13 is NATIONAL 4-H WEEK. The purpose of National 4-H week is to tell everyone around you what 4-H is about. Your club can celebrate 4-H Week by: Providing refreshments for your teachers, having special programs at school, making and wearing 4-H name badges, attending church as a group, having cleanup the campus days, flag raising ceremonies, Green & White Day, or preparing a 4-H exhibit in your school or area library for EVERYONE to see.

This year each club participating will receive 10 points toward the end of the year Achievement Trophy. Your leaders will receive an application form. Help your leader by thinking of ways to promote National 4-H Week. This year we challenge EACH 4-H club to get some sort of media coverage, such as radio, TV, or newspaper coverage at least one time during the school year!

4-H'ers on State

At this summer's 4-H University held at LSU, Lafayette 4-H was well represented. Several of our 4-H'ers applied for and were chosen to be on two 4-H State Boards. Returning to State 4-H Food and Fitness Board are Eve Franchebois and Renada Living of Lafayette High. Eve was elected president of this board. Emily Desormeaux, from Comeaux High was selected to the State 4-H Fashion Board. Congratulations to ALL!!!

Welcome to 4-H

Four-H is the largest youth organization in the world, and we are glad you have joined! Through your club meetings, project work, activities, and contests, club members can gain knowledge of science, healthy lifestyles, citizenship, and more. Often this knowledge helps open the door to a future career. But the main purpose of 4-H is to HELP YOUTH BECOME EFFECTIVE CITIZENS.

This newsletter, the 4-H Hotline, will be given to you each month from September to May. 4-H'ers should take it home, read it, and share it with your parents. It will keep you posted on all 4-H events. If you have any questions concerning the 4-H program, call the 4-H Office at 291-7090.

Farewell

As the new school year begins, some things come to an end. After 26+ years of working with wonderful 4-H'ers, teachers, leaders, and parents here in Lafayette, I am embarking on a new career. As my 4-H days come to an end, I begin a new role as the EFNEP Supervising Agent here in Lafayette Parish. In this new role I will be working with Nutrition Educators as they try to reach limited resource families and teach them nutrition. Thank you all for making my 4-H career here in Lafayette such a rewarding one. It has been a privilege to work with you all. I do hope we will stay in touch.

Efforts are being made to fill my position so it is our hope that a new 4-H Agent will be in place by mid-October.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jan



SEPTEMBER

3 **Labor Day Holiday, 4-H Office Closed**
3 MDA Telethon, Lafayette, LA
5 First Day of Club Meetings
8-9 Shooting Sports, Volunteer Training, Woodworth
17 Junior Leader Meeting, 6 pm
19 **Enrollment Cards Due to Leaders**
28-30 Sugar Cane Festival, New Iberia
24-26 **First Call** - 4-H Enrollment Cards Due to 4-H Office
25 Area Leader Training, LSU
25 Livestock Educational Committee Meeting, 4-H Office
25 1st Year Livestock Exhibitors' Mtg.
TBA Dairy Selection Show, Baton Rouge
TBA Dairy Educational Trip, Memphis, TN

OCTOBER

7-13 National 4-H Week
1 First Day of Club Meetings
4-7 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum, Rock Eagle, GA
5-6 Cattle Festival, Abbeville
9 Livestock Advisory Board Meeting, 4-H Office
9 Possession Date for Rabbits
9 Rabbit Entries Due, 4-H Office
9 Rabbit Clinic, 4-H Office
12 Last Day to turn in Enrollment Cards to Leaders
15 Junior Leader Meeting, 6 pm
16-17 Due Date for 4-H Dues, 4-H Office
16-17 **Final Call** - Deadline for 4-H Enrollment Cards, 4-H Office
16-17 National 4-H Week Applications Due, 4-H Office
16 4-H Officer Training, Lafayette Middle School
16 4-H Parent/Volunteer "Get on Board Orientation Mtg." Lafayette Middle School
19 (tentative) Candy Sales Begin And Delivery Begins
21-26 National 4-H Agents Convention, Atlanta, GA
23-Nov. 3 Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport

Sincerely,

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Join 4-H Junior Leadership

If you are in the 8th—12th grade, we want you to consider joining the Lafayette 4-H Junior Leadership Club. This club meets monthly and offers older youth opportunities to meet other 4-H'ers from across the parish and work together on community service-learning projects and develop leadership skills. The first Junior Leadership meeting of the 2007-08 school year is scheduled for Monday, September 17, at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Office. All 4-H'ers in grades 8 to 12 are invited to attend. Parents are welcome. **BE A JUNIOR LEADER.**

4-H U - Welcome to the Big Clover College Life

Lafayette 4-H members earned 34 blue ribbon awards, including 4 state winners, and 6 1st alternate winners at State 4-H University in June. This event is the largest state 4-H Competition of the year and is the highlight for senior 4-H club members. Thanks to all the leaders and 4-H members for contributing to our summer of success.

State Winners—Tyler Dupuis and Evan Kuske, Computer Simulation, Kathryn Barry, Dog Care; Jeanne Deville, Cole Guidry and Dru Broussard, Livestock Judging team; **2nd Place Winners**—Kayala Baker, Kelli Saloom, and Elizabeth Mouton, Consumer Decision Making; Cody Turner, Forestry; Jeanne Deville, Livestock Judging (Individual); Zachary Guidry, Meat ID (Individual); Amanda Wawak, Breanne Hernandez and Patrice Wiltz, Plant Science Team; Kasie Dugas, Resource Management; **3rd Place Winners**—Travis Clark, Dairy Judging (Individual); Travis Clark, Ashley Johnson, and Lexi Dickerson, Dairy Judging Team; Dru Broussard, Livestock Judging (Individual); Zachary Guidry, Joe Guidroz, and Angel Latiolais, Meat ID Team; Derek Clavier, Kris Simon, and Karl Simon, Poultry Judging Team; **4th Place Winners**—Katie Domus and Ashley Stutes, FCS Demonstration; **Blue Ribbon Winners**—Rachel Vander Molen, 4-H Has Talent; Terrell Benoit, ATV; Erick Malveaux, Career Preparation Interview; Renada Living, Child Development; Andre Boudreaux, Compact Tractor; Taylor Williams, Symphony Malveaux and Essie King, Consumer Decision Making; Eve Marie Franchebois, Tonya Broussard and Natalie Latour, Consumer Foods; Ashley Johnson, Dairy Judging (individual); Emmy Guidry, Josh Landry and Blake McMillan, Dairy Judging Team; Emily Desormeaux, Creative Choice, Fashion Review; Joe Guidroz, and Angel Latiolais, Meat ID (Individual); Lauren Aucoin, Photography; Breanne Hernandez and Patrice Wiltz, Plant Science (individual); Kris Simon, Poultry Judging.

2007 Records Only Results

The results of the Records Only Contest are as follows: **State Winner**—Eve Franchebois for Leadership Records; and Lafayette Parish Jr. Leaders for the Jr. Leader Club Portfolio; **Blue Ribbon Winner**—Kasie Dugas, Environmental Records; Kris Simon, Poultry Records.

Festival Cookery Contests

Four-H'ers and leaders are eligible to participate in both the Louisiana Cattle Festival Foods Contest on Friday, October 6 and the Rice & Creole Cookery at the Rice Festival on October 20. If interested, get a copy of the rules from your 4-H leader or refer to our website. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING YOUR ENTRIES TO THESE CONTESTS.**

Rabbit Shows

Four-H'ers who enroll in the Rabbit Project have two opportunities to exhibit their rabbits this Fall, but must hurry to get their rabbits entered properly.

Sugarcane Festival Rabbit Show will be held on Saturday, September 29 in New Iberia. Entries must be received in New Iberia by September 12th - call Mrs. Angie at 291-7090 for an entry form.

LAFAYETTE 4-H RABBIT SHOW has been tentatively scheduled for November 3 as part of Lafayette 4-H Fall Fest. Entry forms may be found on the Lafayette parish site through www.lsuagcenter.com.

Four-H'ers who plan to show rabbits at the 4-H Parish Show must:

1. Enroll in the Rabbit Project in September when they complete the 4-H Enrollment Card.
2. GET THEIR RABBIT(S) PRIOR TO OCTOBER 9th!
3. Ear tattoo or ear mark (with a marks-a-lot) their rabbits for proper identification. Tattooing can be done prior to the rabbit clinic on October 9 beginning at 4:45 PM.
4. Try to attend the 4-H Rabbit Clinic on October 9 to learn about raising and showing rabbits. The clinic will start at 5:30 PM at the 4-H office at 1010 Lafayette St., Ste. 325.
5. **TURN IN THEIR LAFAYETTE PARISH RABBIT SHOW ENTRY FORMS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 9th.**

Entry forms will be mailed to all 4-H members who enroll in the Rabbit Project. Contact Mrs. Angie at 291-7090 if you have not received your rabbit entry by October 4th.

Fall Livestock Shows

This fall, several fairs and festivals will include livestock shows as part of their festivities. These events may be of interest to 4-H'ers enrolling in one of the livestock projects. Dates are listed below. Entries for these fair and festival shows (except the Cajun Classic) should already have been made through the 4-H office. Contact Mrs. Angie or Mr. Charles as soon as possible for further details.

September 27-29
October 5-6
October 25-Nov. 11
December 14-15

4-H Garden Contest Results

The 4-H Garden Contest was held during the summer. The names of all the winners may be found on the Lafayette Parish site through www.lsuagcenter.com. Congratulations to our 2 Overall Winners: Abigail Lewis, St. Pius, Champion & Emily Desormeaux, Comeaux, Reserve Champion..

Thanks to the Lafayette Master Gardeners for their sponsorship of the contest. Be on the lookout in February for the start of the next 4-H Garden Contest. 4-H'ers who wish to grow a garden are urged to enroll in the [Plant Science](#) and/or [Horticulture](#) Projects.

Camp Catch Phrase Contest

If you'd like to submit an entry in the Camp Catch Phrase Contest, refer to the website at www.lsuagcenter.com or see your leader for the rules.

This is to select the slogan for the Summer Camp t-shirts. Prizes will be awarded.

Searching for Livestock Exhibitors

As our 4-H year begins, some members make plans to raise and show livestock projects. If you are one of these, there are several things you must do:

1. When completing the 4-H Enrollment Card, be sure to mark the appropriate livestock project (beef, sheep, horse, etc.). This will put you on the livestock/horse mailing list.
2. Parents of new exhibitors must also contact Mr. Charles or Ms. Angie at the 4-H office (291-7090) to discuss the 4-H livestock program and must attend one of the meetings scheduled for new exhibitors.
3. First year exhibitor meeting for livestock is scheduled for September 25, 6:30 PM at the 4-H office (beef, dairy, sheep, goat, swine & poultry). Rabbit exhibitors do not attend this meeting, but should attend the 4-H Rabbit Clinic on October 9. First year horse exhibitors meeting will be held on March 26.

Sugarcane Festival, New Iberia
Cattle Festival, Abbeville
State Fair, Shreveport
Cajun Classic Beef Show, New Iberia