



# Clover Chatter

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**The Clover Chatter is also posted on Face Book**

## Dates to Remember...

### January 2012

For JANUARY calendar, look in December, 2011, Clover Chatter

#### Reminders: (January)

- 4 - Penny Contest Begins. It ends on February 24<sup>th</sup>. (Contact the 4H Office if you have not gotten your set of rules)
- 6 - Deadline to enter Dairy Poster Contest
- 8 - Shooting Sports Field Day - Dry Creek Ranch 2:00 p.m.
- 15 - Shotgun League Competition : Sporting Clay - Dry Creek Ranch
- 16 - Executive Council Meeting - Fair Grounds 2:00 p.m.
- 16 - Junior Leader meeting at the Fair Board office 3:30 p.m.
- 19-21-Beauregard Expo

### February 2012

- 31-4 - SW District Livestock - Livestock Show - Burton Coliseum
- 6 - Jr. Leaders Meeting 7 p.m., WMCC (Officers meeting 6:00 p.m.)
- 9 - Executive Council Officers Meeting, 4:30 p.m., 4-H Office
- 11-18 - State Livestock Show - Gonzales
- 19 - Shooting Sports Activity @ Hyatt Community Center. 2:00; Registration at 1:30 p.m.
- 24 - Penny Contest Ends- All moneys due to the 4-H Office by 4:30 pm.

#### Checks and Money Orders only

### March, 2012

- 1 - Deadline to enter Beef Poster Contest
- 1-3- Southern Livestock Show
- 2-4 - 4-H Challenge Camp
- 9-11- Junior Leadership Conference
- 11 - Shooting Sports Activity @ Hyatt Community Center. 2:00; Registration at 1:30 p.m.
- 30-April 1 - Southern Regional Shooting Competition, Lake Charles. (State Shooting Contest will be held April 27-29<sup>th</sup>)



## 4-H Challenge Camp

Camp Grant Walker, March 2 - 4, 2012.  
Open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Cost per 4-H'er is \$50.00. Parish quota is approximately 10 4-H'ers. Great Fun and many challenging activities. Contact the 4-H Office (463-7006) by February 1, 2012 if you are interested. **Don't miss your chance for FUN!** More information will be distributed to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders during the January meetings

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## Southern Livestock Show

March 1 - 3, 2012

## Livestock Exhibitors

The Spring Livestock Shows are fast approaching. Remember that all animals must have current health papers in order to attend any livestock show. Health papers are good for 60 days, therefore you should get health papers written on your animals after January 3, 2012, in order to make it through the state show. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and parents to obtain health papers on your animals.

Those showing animals should be aware that we will write excuse letters requesting your school to allow you to miss the days that you will need to exhibit your animals. It will not entitle you the privilege to miss an entire week of school if you only need to be out of school for two days. This also does not exempt you from any class work you will miss while out of school. Please try to obtain class work you will miss prior to leaving for a show and turn in this work in a timely manner. It is important that you do not abuse this privilege; if abuses occur, this privilege may be taken away. **Please do not miss more school than necessary.**

The address for the web site with the Livestock Show Catalogues, forms, etc. is <http://www.lsuagcenter.com> Then under features on the right hand side of the screen click on Livestock Show - then under services on left hand side of screen click on catalogues or forms which ever one you need to get the 2012 Livestock Show Catalog and forms. If you know of someone planning to show who didn't receive a Livestock Show packet or tag their animals, please contact the 4-H Office at 463-7006.

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## SHOOTING SPORTS EVENTS

### February 4-H Shooting Sports Activity Set

The next 4-H Shooting Sports activity is set for Sunday, February 19, 2012. Registration to begin at 1:30 p.m.; Activity begins at 2:00 p.m. It will be held at Hyatt Community Center. We will conduct Shotgun, Air Pellets, Archery and Rifle activities that day.

## 4-H RECORD BOOKS RATING AND TIPS

In the past, we haven't had as many record books being completed. This can take away your chance to go to 4-H Camp. By the end of last month, all 4-H Members should have received their 4-H Project book(s). **Don't let these books go unopened!** 4-H projects and records are a very **Big** part of your 4-H Club work. The following tips should help you in your 4-H project work:

- (1) Keep 4-H materials in a special place: a box, drawer, etc.
- (2) Set aside sometime each month to work in your books and to make plans for the next month's activities.
- (3) Keep a notebook of all 4-H events you participate in. **Write down** anything you see/do that is related to 4-H.
- (4) Record all 4-H meetings you attend and programs you see, as well as other youth you have assisted.
- (5) Have someone take pictures of you when you do a 4-H activity. Keep the pictures with your project books.
- (6) Turn in your project books in the form of a record in March or when asked for by your leaders.

**More specific detailed rules to be distributed in February 2012.**

## Results of the Foods Field Day

### Poultry Cookery

#### Main Dish Meal

1<sup>st</sup> Place .....Geno Richmond

2<sup>nd</sup> Place .....Kelsey Johnson

#### Processed (Turkey) Dish Meal

1<sup>st</sup> Place .....Justin Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Place.....Caleb Elliott

### Seafood Cookery

#### Fish

1<sup>st</sup> Place -.....Kelsey Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Place-.....Justin Johnson

#### Shrimp

1<sup>st</sup> Place -.....Jesse Elliott

### Sweet Potato

#### Appetizer/Salad/Dessert

1<sup>st</sup> Place -.....Kelsey Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Place-.....Trinity Patton

3<sup>rd</sup> Place .....Brady Vige

#### Main Dish Meal

1<sup>st</sup> Place -.....Justin Johnson

### Rice

#### Appetizer/Salad/Dessert

1<sup>st</sup> Place -.....Brady Vige

#### Main Dish Meal

1<sup>st</sup> Place -.....Trinity Patton

### Egg

#### Appetizer/Salad/Dessert

1<sup>st</sup> Place -.....Darby Johnson

#### Main Dish Meal

1<sup>st</sup> Place -.....John Austin Ham

2<sup>nd</sup> Place .....Justin Johnson

### Pecan

#### Appetizer/Salad/Dessert

1<sup>st</sup> Place -.....John Austin Ham

2<sup>nd</sup> Place.....Susannah Parker

3<sup>rd</sup> Place.....Hayley Eddleman

### Candy

1<sup>st</sup> Place .....Darby Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Place .....Hayley Eddleman

All of the food dishes were delicious. All of the participants did a fantastic job.

## Graduating Seniors

Don't forget to begin working on the Scholarship forms. Forms available by visiting the [http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/4H/4h\\_foundation/scholarships/](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/4H/4h_foundation/scholarships/) website. Submitted applications must be typed. Applications can be saved and completed on your computer. If you need assistance, be sure to contact the 4-H office at 463-7006. **These applications are due to the 4-H Office by February 24<sup>th</sup>.**

### 2012 Achievement Day Theme "4-H, Take a Walk on the Wild Side"

**Achievement Day: April 23, 2012  
Beauregard Parish Fair Grounds**

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#### ATTENTION !!!!

#### 4-HERS, LEADERS AND PARENTS

Please submit any pictures taken at 4-H Field Days or Activities for the 2011-2012 4-H year to the 4-H Office to be used by the Parish 4-H Executive Council Officers. This will be greatly appreciated and will be included in an Achievement Day surprise for the 4-Hers.

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### HAVE YOU NOMINATED YOUR ACHIEVEMENT DAY HONOREE?

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#### JR. LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

**Date: March 9-11, 2012**

Will be held at Camp Grant Walker for 4-H'ers 14 years of age and older as of January 1, 2012. Beauregard Parish is allowed to send 2 boys and 2 girls. **Contact the Parish 4-H Office by January 13, 2012, if interested in attending.** The cost will be \$65.00.

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#### BEEF POSTER CONTEST

Design a poster on white poster board (11" x 14") encouraging the use of beef and/or beef products. The finished poster must not have anything attached that is more than 1/8<sup>th</sup> thick. The finished poster should be appropriate for use in a calendar. Ideas and information can be obtained from magazines, news articles, and other publications or from friends, ranchers, butchers, and supermarkets. This contest is open to all 4-H'ers. There are three divisions, 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. All participants receive a ribbon. Your name, address, grade, phone number, and name of 4-H Club must be on the back of the poster. Posters are due to the 4-H Office no later than March 1, 2012.

### 2012 4-H Camp Date

For 4-6<sup>th</sup> graders – July 2-6, 2012. 4-H Camp Grant Walker, Pollock, La. Make your plans now to attend for a great camping experience

#### RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH TOUR

**June 15-22, 2012 – Washington, DC**

(This date does conflict with 4-H University to be held on June 21 – 24) **Application and letter must be in the Beauregard Parish 4-H Office by February 1, 2012.** To apply for this expense paid trip to Washington, DC, 4-H'ers must be 16 years of age or older (including 12<sup>th</sup> graders), complete an application (**available from the 4-H Office**) and turn in to the 4-H Office, along with a letter you have written to your elected officials voicing your opinions (positive or negative) on any issue, problem, situation, or successes, by **February 1<sup>st</sup>**. In the letter the topic of concern should be stated and thoroughly discussed.

The letter should be addressed to the respective local, state or federal official and should be in the format of a formal letter at least one page long. The letter will become the property of Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, Inc. and may be published at the discretion of ALEC. The Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives will sponsor two 4-H members from the state to participate in this event. Winners will be notified by February 25, 2012. **Scorecard used for selection:**

**Application form – 170 points; Essay – 80 points;  
Quality of work – 50 points; Total points – 300 points.**

The dates for the Youth Leadership Conference (this is a pre-conference for the winners to attend before going to Washington, DC – used for orientation and

educational purposes) will be held on March 28-30, 2012 in Baton Rouge and will be paid for by the Electric Cooperatives. If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, contact the 4-H Office (463-7006) for an application and more information.

## HOOPS & CLOVERS

**Date:** Friday, February 10, 2012  
**Location:** New Orleans Hornets Arena,  
New Orleans, LA - \$25.00 per ticket

#### Purpose of Event:

- ♣ To provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to experience an event outside of their home base.
- ♣ To provide 4-H'ers the opportunity to interact with others from around the state.
- ♣ To increase recognition of the 4-H program within the state.

For more information check out the Beauregard Parish 4-H Web Page or Beauregard Parish 4-H Facebook

## HELP US RECOGNIZE OUR FORMER 4-Hers WHO ARE IN THE MILITARY

We your assistance in honoring our former 4-Hers who are serving in our United States Military. We have developed a display at the 4-H Office where we want to post a picture of those serving. Please send us a picture of any former 4-H member (including their name, what branch of the service, the location where they are stationed and the country or parish where they were a 4-H member). These pictures will be posted in the display at our office and hopefully on our Facebook page. Send us an electronic picture, if possible.

#### Clovers to:

All who participated in the Foods Field Day.

John M. Poe, who was named as a Central Region Shooting Sports Ambassador.

Our 4-H Jr. Leader Club Officers

Austin Gaspard, Devon Hebert and Kayleigh Switzer for representing Beauregard Parish at the NAILE in Louisville, Kentucky.

Kirsten Midkiff for being selected as the Beauregard Parish Cattleman's Queen.

Please go to our Beauregard Parish 4-H Facebook or Beauregard Parish Web Page to print the registration form pertaining to the below events:

February 19, 2012 Shooting Sports  
March 2-4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Challenge Camp (Open to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)

If you are having problems getting the registration form, please see your 4-H Leader.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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