



Vermilion 4-H Cracklins



DATES TO REMEMBER:

JANUARY

- 9 Key Club & Award of Excellence Applications due, 4:30 p.m., 4-H Office, Abbeville
- 15 **Martin Luther King Holiday, 4-H Office-CLOSED!!**
- 15 Parish Livestock & Poultry Judging Contest, 1:00 p.m., Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg., Abbeville
- 18 Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 19-20 Parish Livestock Show & Sale, Cecil McCrory Exhibit Bldg., Abbeville
- 27 Demonstration Day, F.I.-E.B. Elementary
- 27 Seafood and Sugar Cookery Contest, F.I.-E.B. Elementary
- 31-Feb. 3--Acadiana District Livestock Show, Blackham Coliseum, Lafayette

FEBRUARY

- 8 Jr. Leader Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 10-17 State Livestock Show-Gonzales
- 13 **Mardi Gras Holiday, 4-H Office Closed**
- 24 Junior Leader Steak Dinner

MARCH

- 2-4 Challenge Camp, Camp Grant Walker, Pollock
- 6 **PARISH PROJECT RECORD BOOKS AND PORTFOLIO DUE BY 4:30 P.M. AT THE 4-H OFFICE IN ABBEVILLE-401 S. St. Charles St.(Old Health Unit)**
- 8 Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 **ACHIEVEMENT DAY, KAPLAN HIGH**

APRIL

- 10 **Outstanding Club Member Award/ 4-H Camp Point Sheet Due, by 4:30 pm at 4-H Office, Abbeville**
- 19 Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Office

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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 22nd annual event was a great success, collecting 15,427.6 pounds of food! Local 4-H clubs dropped off items collected to their local "Food for Families" Food Drive location or to needy families in their area. The Jr. Leader Club would like to thank the clubs that participated. The top club, North Vermilion Middle School, will receive a pizza party. A donut party will be given to the 2nd place club, Meaux Elementary.

Clubs participating were:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Pounds Donated</u>
N. Vermilion Middle	4,635.0
Meaux Elem.	2,067.0
Kaplan Elem.	2,018.0
Dozier Elem.	1,884.0
Picard Elem.	1,535.0
Mt. Carmel Elem.	1,045.0
Jesse Owens Elem.	998.6
F.I.-E.B. Elem.	958.0
J.H. Williams Middle	150.0
7th Ward Elem.	150.0
<u>Maltrait Memorial</u>	<u>137.0</u>
TOTAL	15,577.6 lbs.

Parish Livestock and Poultry Judging Contest

There will be a Parish Livestock and Poultry Judging Contest on **Monday, January 15, at 1:00 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. See you there!

4-H Portfolios and Record Books

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 in the 6-12th grade 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 fabulous. Start working on your records today. Mrs. Shannan and Mr. Hilton will present information at the February Club meeting. **Record books are due at the 4-H Office, 401 S. St. Charles Street, Abbeville (Old Health Unit) by TUESDAY, MARCH 6th, at 4:30 p.m.**

Parish Livestock Show and Sale

The 44th Annual Vermilion Parish 4-H Junior Livestock Show will be held on January 19-20, at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building at 1105 W. Port Street in Abbeville. Sheep, swine, dairy and poultry 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 January 31 - February 3.

The State Livestock Show will be held in Gonzales at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, February 10-17.

Demonstration Day and Seafood and Sugar Cookery Contests

All members are encouraged to participate in Demonstration Day on Saturday, January 27. For 8-12th graders, most of the categories are 4-H University qualifying events.

The Seafood and Sugar Cookery Contest will be held on Saturday, January 27th, in conjunction with Demonstration Day, at F.I.-E.B. Elementary. Winning dishes qualify to compete at the District Cookery Contest in March.

The rules for Demonstration Day and the Cookery Contest are in a separate packet, handed out at December club meetings.

How to Give A Method Demonstration

Sample Demonstration Outline

Introduction

Greet your audience. Introduce yourself. Tell why you chose your topic, why you think your topic is important and why your topic is practical. A good introduction should be original and brief. If you use your own words, you will hold the attention of your audience.

- You can get the attention of your audience by using a personal incident
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| — a lively poster | — a dramatic or shocking statement |
| — a riddle | — a song or tape |
| — a question | — a gesture, poem or skit |
| — a completed product | |

Now, what about the procedure, the second part of the demonstration? The procedure is the “show and tell” part of the demonstration. You’ll have to decide what you’ll say and what you’ll do while using your visual aids and materials.

Procedure - What will you do? Say? Need?

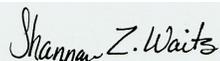
- Have you discussed the main points?
- Have you checked to see that all information helps to make the main points clear
- Have you explained each step?
- Are you using your own words?
- Do you use precise words that bring vivid pictures to mind? Or do you use imprecise words such as “things,” “stuff.”

So far we’ve covered the introduction and the procedure. Now, why do we need the last part—the summary? If you want the main points to stay with the audience, you have to restate what you have told them. The research you did on your subject is going to pay off during this time. The audience and judges can ask questions. If you don’t know the answers, admit it. Don’t fake it. If you can, tell the questioner where to find the answer to his or her question.

Summary

- Show the finished product, if there is one.
- Highlight the main points.
- Ask for questions Don’t answer with only a “yes” or “no.”
- Two reasons questions are asked: to clarify a point or to see how well you know your subject matter.
- Out of courtesy, repeat the question.
- Try to guess what questions will be asked so you can practice ahead of time.
- Tell where you found your information.

Sincerely,



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DEMONSTRATION DAY

DATE:

Saturday
January 27, 2018

PLACE:

F.I.-E.B. Elementary

REGISTRATION :

8:30-9:00 a.m.

DEMONSTRATIONS

9:00 a.m. - until

