



# Vermilion 4-H Cracklins



## DATES TO REMEMBER MARCH

- 1 Horse Show Exhibitor Registration Forms Due, 4-H Office
- 2-4 Challenge Camp, Camp Grant Walker, Pollock
- 6 **PARISH PROJECT BOOKS DUE BY 4:30 P.M. AT THE 4-H OFFICE, ABBEVILLE**
- 6 **James Baudoin and Cecil McCrory Award Applications due at 4-H Office, Abbeville**
- 8 Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 9-11 Junior Leadership Conference, Camp Grant Walker, Pollock
- 12 Vegetable Clinic, 6:00 p.m., Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building, Abbeville
- 16 Enter Exhibits and Food for Achievement Day, Kaplan High 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- 17 **ACHIEVEMENT DAY, 8:00 a.m., KAPLAN HIGH**
- 19 District Cookery Contest, Crowley
- 30 **4-H Office Closed for Good Friday**

## APRIL

- 1 Deadline for possession of horses!!!!!!
- 6 Deadline to turn in 4-H University Worksheets, 4:30 p.m., 4-H Office, Abbeville
- 6-8 Coop Conference, Camp Grant Walker, Pollock
- 9 Deadline for Garden Contest Entry, 4-H Office, Abbeville
- 10 **Outstanding Club Member Applications due— 4:30 p.m., 4-H Office, Abbeville!!**
- 11 State Ambassador Contest, Alexandria
- 19 Jr. Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Abbeville

## MAY

- 1 Outstanding Club Member Banquet, 7 p.m.,
- 10 Jr. Leader Mtg., 6:30 p.m. 4-H Office, Abbeville
- 25 Last Day of School
- 29 Garden Contest Judging
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## JUNE

- 2 Garden Contest Awards-given at Daylily Festival, Abbeville
- 19-22 4-H University, LSU Campus, Baton Rouge

## JULY

- 23-27 **4-H Camp, Camp Grant Walker, Pollock**

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### GARDEN CONTEST

Now is the time to plant a garden! This contest is open to all 4-H'ers, regardless of projects. Only a small plot of land is needed, so 4-H'ers living in town with small backyard plots can still participate.

Anyone interested **must complete a garden entry form** (*ask the agent at your club meeting for a copy*) and return to the office at 401 S.

St. Charles Street, Abbeville, La. 70510 by April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Prize money will be awarded in all divisions (4-5<sup>th</sup>, 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 9-12<sup>th</sup>). An Overall Best Garden and Reserve Overall Best Garden In Show will also be selected. The winners will be announced at the Daylily Festival on Saturday, June 2, in Magdalen Square at noon.

Garden Contest Judging has been set for **May 29<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>.**



### ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Achievement Day will be held on **SATURDAY, MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>** at Kaplan High School **beginning at 8:00 a.m.**

Achievement Day is open to anyone enrolled in 4-H. Most of the contests are 4-H University qualifying for 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

For everyone, Achievement Day is an opportunity to show off what you know and what you have made in your 4-H projects this year. The key

to doing well at Achievement Day is preparation. The guidelines in the Achievement Day Rules and Regulations, which were given out at club meetings, will help you prepare so read them carefully.

Also, our office has information on every contest. Call if you need help.

**REMINDER! All exhibits, including secretary, CRD and reporter books, must be turned in on Friday,**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> between 3:30-6:00 p.m.!** No exhibits are accepted on Saturday morning.

Don't let this opportunity to excel pass you by. Be the very best you can be by preparing for and participating in Achievement Day.

### OUTSTANDING CLUB MEMBER BANQUET- May 1, 2018

4-H members interested in being named outstanding member of their club for the 2017-2018 school year, must complete a point sheet (given out at March club meetings and available on line at [http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our\\_offices/parishes/Vermilion/Features/4-H/](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/our_offices/parishes/Vermilion/Features/4-H/) and return it to the 4-H Office no later than **APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>!!**

The following rules govern the selection of Outstanding Club Members:

1. The agents will review the applications and select the two most outstanding

club members from each school club. Several outstanding club members-at-large will be chosen from those 4-H'ers with the highest points.

2. Only 4-H'ers who turned in a record book are eligible to compete.

3. The most outstanding boy and the most outstanding girl in the parish will be chosen from the applications and named as overall parish winners.

4. A club member can receive the overall parish winner award only once in

each division (4-5<sup>th</sup>, 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 9-12<sup>th</sup>).

5. The Charles & Elda Dill Memorial Outstanding Club Member Banquet honoring outstanding members will be held Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

6. **REMEMBER: Parents who attend must pay for their supper,** the honorees do not. The cost of the meal will be given in the notification letter the child receives.



## 4-H UNIVERSITY - JUNE 19-22 AT LSU

4-H University is the premier 4-H event of the year for 4-H members, ages 13 and older.

This year marks the 104<sup>th</sup> annual celebration and will be host to both new and improved contests as well as the traditional contests, plus Clover College tracks, educational programs and campus tours.

Formerly called 4-H Short Course, 4-H University has expanded to offer both competitive and non-competitive activities along a range of interests from theater arts to technology.

There are over 40 contests offered in the competitive track providing individual and team competitions in demonstrations, interviews and project related examinations.

Again this year, we will **NOT** host a 4-H U Selection Meeting. Instead, we are asking all interested members to complete a worksheet (distributed at March club meetings). Members will have an opportunity to list their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> contest choices and will also list their placings in parish

events. **Worksheets are due in the 4-H office on April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

The things we consider when making contest selections include:

1. *Placing* in 4-H University qualifying contests (Personal Development, Coop Speaking, Demonstration Day, Tractor Driving, Livestock & Poultry Judging, and Achievement Day contests).
2. *Participation* in 4-H University qualifying contests.
3. Turning in a portfolio.
4. Participation in the Jr. Leader Club.

Members will be contacted mid-April by their contest coach to begin training for 4-H University.

## LOUISIANA 4-H HALL OF FAME

Vermilion Parish is honored to have a volunteer who will be inducted into the Louisiana 4-H Hall of Fame this year, Gwen Broussard.

Gwen's 4-H leadership experience began when her son Jared wanted to join 4-H. Since she was in 4-H, naturally she said yes. She knew from her own experiences that 4-H was a great program and wanted her children to get involved. She began as a parent volunteer in her child's local club and in the beef project because she wanted to make a difference. The beef project is closest to her heart because they are cattle producers. She has taken a leadership role on the Parish, District, State and National levels of the beef project. Gwen is also very involved in the Jr. Leader Club and can be found at monthly meetings, chaperoning educational trips, organizing community service activities, coordinating fundraisers, and guiding youth at the officer retreat. She is always present at all major 4-H events in the parish helping where needed. Gwen serves on our Parish 4-H Foundation and has accepted the challenge to develop a five year plan to ensure that the necessary funds are available to continue to run our parish program in the future. She is devoted to organizing successful fundraisers to enhance the Foundation accounts. It is safe to say that Gwen is passionate about volunteerism and agriculture.



## 4-H SUMMER CAMP DATES

The dates for our 2018 4-H Camp have been assigned and Vermilion Parish will be going the week of July 23-27. The camp is for 4-6th grade members and to qualify, you must turn in an "Application for Awards" by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be handed out at the March club meetings or may be picked up at the 4-H office.

Parish camping dates are assigned by our state office. Every effort is made to accommodate all parish schedules.

Sincerely,

Shannan Z. Waits  
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### ATTENTION:

*If you need an accommodation for a disability covered by the ADA, please notify Hilton or Shannan Waits at 337-898-4335 two weeks prior to the scheduled event.*

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