



February Clubs of the Month

- 1st CPJH 7-8
- 2nd CPHS
- 3rd OBCA 4-5
- 4th Union Central 4
- 5th Grayson 5

Communication and Career Contest

Twenty-nine members participated in this year's Communication and Career Contest held January 29 at Union Central Elementary School. This contest gives members the opportunity to showcase their skills in public speaking, interview and presenting a method demonstration. Participants in the Ambassador Talk Contest also learn about the production of, processing, marketing and nutritive value of Louisiana commodities including egg, chicken, turkey, seafood and sugar by preparing a presentation on one of these topics. Winners in the Ambassador Talk Contest are eligible to compete at the State Ambassador Talk contest to be held on April 11 in Alexandria. This contest was sponsored by State Farm and the Caldwell 4-H Foundation.

Demonstration: Grades 4-5

1st place Blayne Strong/Joseph Sutherlin 2nd place Kelly Jo Chapman 3rd place Mickey Foy/Rachel Cockrell
Blue ribbon: Avery Claire Dumas

Demonstration: Grades 6-8

1st place Graci Dunn 2nd place Savannah Hall/Hannah Hall 3rd place Ashton Hatfield/Rivers Strong
4th place Baylor Russell/Colden Russell 5th place Eli Head
Blue ribbon: Kathrine Broussard, Daisy Duke, Riley Hatten, Abigale Michaud, Logan Tarver

Demonstration: Grades 9-12

1st place Jackson McCann 2nd place Rowdy James Michaud 3rd place Abbie McCann
Blue ribbon: Leslee Bennett, Hadley Smith

Interview: Grades 4-5

1st place Blayne Strong 2nd place Michael Foy 3rd place Kelly Jo Chapman
Blue ribbon: Avery Claire Dumas, Daisy Temple

Interview: Grades 6-8

1st place Ashton Hatfield 2nd place Callie Barnhill 3rd place Graci Dunn
4th place Colden Russell 5th place Eli Head
Blue ribbon: Savannah Hall, Riley Hatten, Abigale Michaud, Baylor Russell, Rivers Strong
Red ribbon: Kathrine Broussard, Daisy Duke, Hannah Hall, Carter Rider, Logan Tarver

Interview: Grades 9-12

1st place Jackson McCann 2nd place Brady May 3rd place Hadley Smith
Blue ribbon: Addie Barnhill, Leslee Bennett, Abbie McCann, Rowdy James Michaud

Ambassador Talk – Chicken

Grades 4-6: 1st place Daisy Temple

Grades 7-9: 1st place Daisy Duke

Grades 10-12: 1st place Addie Barnhill

Ambassador Talk – Seafood

Ambassador Talk – Sugar

Ambassador Talk – Turkey

Grades 4-6: Avery Claire Dumas

Grades 7-9: Logan Tarver

Grades 10-12: Rowdy James Michaud

Caldwell 4-H Livestock Show Team

Caldwell 4-H Livestock Show team members Leslee Bennett, Daisy Duke, Andie Flint, Haleigh Lewellyan, Colten Rowland, Jacob Rowland and Hadley Smith recently competed at the 2018 Northeast District Livestock Show held February 1 – 3 in Delhi and the 83rd annual LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show held February 10 – 17 in Gonzales. OBCA 4-H'er Daisy Duke won Premier Exhibitor in the Intermediate Poultry division, 1st place in Champion Bantam Cockerel and 1st place in Champion Standard Cockerel at the District show and Champion Bantam at the State show. CPJH 4-H'er Andie Flint won Premier Exhibitor in the Intermediate Rabbit division at District. Columbia Elementary 4-H'er Colten Rowland won 1st place in the Exhibition Bird 9-11 age group at District.

Pet Show

The 4-H Pet Show will be held Monday, **March 19** at the Caldwell Parish High School tennis court. Registration will be at 2:00 p.m. with the pet show beginning at 2:30 p.m. Categories will be Dogs, Small Animals and Large Animals. Contestants will give a short speech about themselves and their pet which should include contestant's name, age, grade and school, pet's name and how name was chosen, where they got their pet and how long they have had it, care required for their pet, what their pet can do and a funny or interesting story about their pet. All animals must be in cages or on a leash. Participants may enter 1-3 categories but cannot enter 2 animals in the same category. As a community service activity, we will be collecting supplies to donate to a local animal shelter. If you would like to participate, please bring your donation of canned dog food (not dry), bleach, blue Dawn dish liquid, old blankets or towels, tarps, zip ties, Milk Bones dog treats, braided rope chew toys (no rawhide chews) or tennis balls to the Pet Show.

————— I pledge —————
my *head* to clearer thinking,
my *heart* to greater loyalty,
my *hands* to larger service,
my *health* to better living,
for my club, my community,
my county, and my world.

2017-2018 Records Due

4-H portfolios, including completed project books for grades 4-6 and 7-12, Club Secretary's Book, Club Reporter's Book, 4-Star applications and Caldwell 4-H scholarship applications are due to the 4-H office in Columbia on Monday, **April 9**. Entries and applications submitted after April 9 will not be eligible for awards.

Fishing Clinic

A 4-H Fishing Clinic will be held on **Saturday, April 14** from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. at a location to be announced. If you plan to participate in this event, you must call the 4-H office at 318-649-2663 to pre-register by Thursday, April 12. All supplies (poles, bait, etc.) will be provided. Members who participate in the clinic will be able to compete in the Most Fish Caught and Biggest Fish contests and learn about outdoor safety. This contest is open to all 4-H'ers.

4-H Camp 2018: Treasure Your Memories

The wait is over! It's time to register for 4-H Camp. Caldwell 4-H'ers will camp this year from **June 11-15**. To be eligible to attend, a 4-H'er must be in the 4th, 5th or 6th grade and be 12 years of age or younger on January 1, 2018.

Camp fee is \$200 and includes meals, lodging, a t-shirt, picture and transportation. A non-refundable \$75 deposit for summer camp must be paid by **Friday, April 20** to reserve your spot for camp. Payment is by check or

money order only, made payable to Caldwell 4-H. All remaining fees must be paid and camp forms completed and turned in to the 4-H office by Tuesday, May 29. To register, come by the LSU AgCenter office located at 106 Jackson Street in Columbia. Do not send money or forms to school. There will be a \$25 charge for returned checks.



4-H Camp is held at Camp Grant Walker, an 80-acre campsite located near Pollock, Louisiana about 15 miles northeast of Alexandria. Caldwell will camp this year with Bienville, Grant, Lincoln, Ouachita, Red River, St. Helena and Union parishes. Each parish is assigned its own cabins at camp with girls and boys bunking in separate cabins. While at camp, 4-H'ers have the opportunity to participate in activity tracks involving:

- water safety in which campers will learn the coolest way to explore Louisiana's waterways on a stand-up paddle board and how to stay safe in the water
- food and fitness where campers will learn what it takes to be healthy by participating in hands-on cooking activities, group fitness sessions and team challenges
- SET – science, engineering and technology where campers will explore the worlds of chemistry, computers, construction, rockets and have fun concocting crazy chemistry experiments
- outdoor adventures where campers will take part in hands-on activities in which they will learn techniques to shoot a bow, learn compass navigation, woodsmen and outdoor cooking skills
- explore Louisiana wetlands where campers will be introduced to what wetlands are, what they do and the animals and plants that live there by participating in activities and games
- the artist within where campers will take part in activities that encourages artistic expression, creativity and imagination
- Hunter Safety Certification where participants who are at least 10 years of age and wish to obtain a hunter safety card will have the opportunity and will also get to shoot .22 caliber rifles

Campers will also have free recreational time to swim, take part in archery, create handcrafted items, go canoeing or kayaking, play sand volleyball, kickball, board games, go tubing and more. Evening programs are fun and filled with skits, talent shows, vespers, dances and special guest speakers.

Camp week lasts four days, starting on Monday afternoon when the boys and girls arrive and ends on Friday morning after breakfast when campers return home. 4-H Camp is a learning experience that helps boys and girls appreciate the outdoors, live together as a group, get along with others and appreciate people with different interests and backgrounds. If you are interested in going to camp, please come by our office as soon as possible to sign-up. Our camp numbers are limited and registration is on a first-come, first-pay basis.

Upcoming Events

March 9 Registration deadline for Co-Op Conference
March 19 Pet Show, CPHS tennis court
March 21 Shooting Sports Regionals – Shotgun, Grand Cane
March 22 Shooting Sports Regionals – Rifle, Grand Cane
March 23 Shooting Sports Regionals – Archery, Grand Cane
March 29 Ag Safety Day, Community Center

April 9 4-H Records Due
April 11 State Ambassador Talk, Alexandria
April 12 Preregistration deadline for Fishing Clinic
April 14 Fishing Clinic
April 18 State Shooting Sports – Shotgun, Grand Cane
April 19 State Shooting Sports – Rifle, Grand Cane
April 20 State Shooting Sports – Archery, Grand Cane
April 20 Deadline for 4-H Camp deposits

Club Meeting Schedule for April		
April 2	Homeschool Club	2:00 – 2:45 p.m.
April 3	Columbia Cloverbuds	1:00 – 1:30 p.m.
	Columbia Elem	2:00 – 3:45 p.m.
April 4	CPHS	9:47 – 10:17 a.m.
	CPJHS	10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
	Junior Leader Club	4:15 – 5:15 p.m.
April 5	Grayson Elem	1:15 – 2:40 p.m.
	Union Central Cloverbuds	3:20 – 3:50 p.m.
April 6	Union Central	9:10 – 11:00 a.m.



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If you have a disability which requires assistance for your participation in a meeting, please contact Jana Bennett or Jim McCann at 318-649-2663.