



Clubs of the Month for April

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| 1st place CPJH 7-8 | 4th OBCA 4-6 |
| 2nd place UCES 4 | 5th OBCA 9-12 |
| 3rd place UCES 5 | |

Clubs of the Year for 2014 – 2015

Congratulations *OBCA 4-6 Grade Club* and *Union Central Elementary 4th Grade Club* for winning Clubs of the Year for 2014 – 2015! OBCA 4-6 won Club of the Year for Member Participation and Union Central 4 won Club of the Year for Monthly Program. Both clubs were recognized and received trophies during 4-H Awards Night held on Monday, April 27.

Area Commodity Cookery Contest

Six Caldwell Parish 4-H members participated in the Northeast Area 4-H Commodity Cookery Contest on March 24 at the Rayville Civic Center. These 4-H'ers became eligible to attend the Area Cookery by placing first in their division during the Fall Foods Festival held in November. While their dishes were being judged, 4-H'ers also participated in Healthy Living games and activities led by members of the Northeast Regional Leader Board. Caldwell 4-H Junior Leader Nealy McCoy helped lead the physical activity session and Leslee Bennett, Caldwell 4-H Junior Leader and Northeast Region Leader Board member helped lead the Knife Skills session. Abigale Michaud placed 1st in Rice Main Dish and competed for the Best of Show Award. Leslee Bennett placed 2nd in the Heart Healthy Ground Beef and blue ribboned in Rice Any Other. Nealy McCoy placed 3rd in Egg and blue ribboned in Pecan. Blue ribbon winners were Colden Russell in Quick-n-Easy Ground Beef, Baylor Russell in Chicken and Amber Burns in Sweet Potato. Congratulations on a great job!



Fishing Clinic

The 4-H Fishing Clinic was held on Saturday, April 18 at Frazier Pond in Grayson. Thirty-three 4-H'ers participating in this event learned about outdoor safety and competed in the Biggest Fish and Most Fish Caught contests. Fishing supplies were provided by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. This event was sponsored by Sheriff Steve May and the Frazier Family. Most Fish caught contest winners were 1st place Kylee Hillestead, 2nd place Ian Smith, 3rd place Kayleigh Arthurs, 3rd place Kade Hillestad, 4th place Justin Frazier. Biggest Fish contest winners were 1st place Daisy Duke, 2nd place Kayleigh Arthurs, 3rd place Kelly Phillips, 4th place Kylee Hillestad and 5th place Zack Crain.



Shooting Sports

Seven Caldwell 4-H Shooting Sports members participated in the Northern Regional Shooting Sports competition held April 9-11 in Grand Cane, La. Tyler Roberts and Logan Tarver compete in rifle. Tyler placed 3rd at the regional competition and qualified for state competition where he placed 1st. Leslee Bennett and Rowdy Michaud competed in Archery. Rowdy James qualified for state where he placed 8th. Shotgun competitors were Logan Tarver, Tracer Houston, Jacob Black and Eli Black.



Pet Show

Caldwell Parish 4-H held its annual Pet Show on Monday, March 30 at the Caldwell Parish High School tennis courts. Twenty-one 4-H'ers from schools across the parish came to the contest with pets that ranged from hermit crabs to horses. Contestants were able to enter three categories of competition: dogs, small animals and large animals. All contestants received ribbons with 4-H'ers who placed first in their division receiving cash prizes. Mixon and Carroll Law Office sponsored this year's pet show. 4-H'ers also participated in a service project by bringing pet supplies that were donated to Saving Paws of Caldwell.



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| Dogs 1 st place Kayleigh Arthurs | 3 rd place Maura Roberts | 5 th place Meredith Scroggs |
| 2 nd place Cari Scott | 4 th place Larrah Springer | |

Blue Ribbon group: Heidi Adams, Avery Bailey, Rhett George, McKenzie Hair, Rowdy J Michaud, Maci Scroggs, Taylor Snow, Logan Tarver

Small Animals

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| 1 st place Hadley Smith | 2 nd place Logan Tarver | 3 rd place Lane Linton |
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Blue Ribbon group: Lily Etheridge, Tracer Houston, Abigale Michaud

Red Ribbon group: Gabe Lavigne, Maci Scroggs

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| Large Animals 1 st place Hadley Smith | 2 nd place Maci Scroggs | 3 rd place Daisy Duke |
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Honey Bee Essay Contest

Three Caldwell 4-H entries were submitted to Baton Rouge in January for the state Honey Bee Essay Contest. The topic for the 2015 contest was Planting for Bees from Backyards and Up. Rikilyn Tassin, CPJH 6th grade club was a red ribbon winner. Colden Russell, Union Central 4th grade club and Brayden Tomlinson, OBCA 4th grade club were white ribbon winners.

Junior Leadership Conference

Caldwell Parish 4-H Junior Leaders Tracer Houston, Erin Finley, Leslee Bennett and Tyler Roberts attended the Junior Leadership Conference on March 13-15. 4-H JLC provides the opportunity for diverse groups of youth who are currently engaged in significant leadership and/or service learning activities to come together while further learning and developing their leadership and teamwork skills. The educational objective of the Junior Leadership Conference is to increase the leadership skills and knowledge of youth across Louisiana. JLC features a variety of workshops focused on leadership development, communication, teamwork, service learning and much more. Youth decide what's offered, preside over the sessions and teach all the educational workshops.



4-H Day at the Capitol

4-H Day at the Capitol will be held on Wednesday, June 3. Each year more than 1,500 4-H members from all 64 parishes participate in this event. 4-H Day at the Capitol begins with an assembly on the Capitol steps with legislators participating along with state 4-H officers and LSU Vice President for Agriculture Bill Richardson. After visiting with legislators, members will tour the state capitol and have lunch in Baton Rouge. Members will leave the 4-H office in Columbia at 6:00 a.m. to travel to Baton Rouge to attend this event and return later that evening. The cost of the trip is \$10 and is due to the 4-H office by May 27. This fee is non-refundable. If you would like to attend this event, come by the 4-H office in Columbia to sign-up.

4-H Camp – “Unbearably Fun!”

Caldwell 4-H'ers will camp this year from June 15-19. Camp fee is \$175 and includes meals, lodging, a t-shirt, a picture and transportation. All camp paperwork (health form, permission form, code of conduct) and remaining camp fees, including spending money for the camp store, are due to the 4-H office in Columbia by Monday, June 1.

4-H University / Clover College

4-H U and Clover College will be held from June 23-26 at LSU in Baton Rouge. 4-H University is the premier 4-H event of the year for 4-H members ages 13 and up. 4-H U and Clover College offer both competitive and non-competitive activities along a range of interests from technology to theatre arts. The registration fee for 4-H U / Clover College is \$40 and is due to the 4-H office by Monday, June 1. If you are interested in attending, come by the 4-H office in Columbia to sign-up. If you would like more information contact agents Jana Bennett or Jim McCann at (318) 649-2663.

LOST Camp

The Louisiana Outdoor Science and Technology Camp will be held August 3-7 at Camp Grant Walker in Pollock, La. To be eligible to attend, 4-H'ers must be in the 7th or 8th grade as of May 2015. Camp fee is \$175 and is due along with camp paperwork to the 4-H office by Monday, June 1. While at LOST Camp, campers will be able to participate in activity tracks in outdoor education, science, engineering and technology. Tracks from previous camp years have included forensic science, ATV, explosive chemistry, astronomy, biology, robotics, videography, super human senses, physics, engineering, Mythbusters and kitchen chemistry. LOST Camp is held at Camp Grant Walker, an 80-acre campsite located near Pollock, Louisiana about 15 miles north of Alexandria. If you are interested in going to LOST Camp, come by the 4-H office located at 106 Jackson Street in Columbia to sign-up.

Upcoming Events

- May 27* Deadline to sign-up for 4-H Day at Capitol
- June 1* All forms & fees due for 4-H Camp
All forms & fees due for 4-H U/Clover College
All forms & fees due for LOST Camp
- June 3* 4-H Day at the Capitol, Baton Rouge
- June 15-19* 4-H Camp, Camp Grant Walker
- June 23-26* 4-H U / Clover College, Baton Rouge
- June 30 – July 1* District Horse Show, West Monroe
- July 6-11* State Horse Show, Lake Charles
- August 3-7* LOST Camp, Camp Grant Walker



Rowdy J Michaud, Leslee Bennett and Tyler Roberts competing at Regional Shooting Sports.



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