

BAYOU GAZETTE

February 2023 7th – 12th Grade Edition

Clover Events Calendar

February

- 4 Super Saturday Contest Day (BBHS campus)
- 4 Rabbit and Poultry Show
- 11-18 State Livestock Show (Gonzales)
- 21 4-H Office Closed – Mardi Gras**
- 25 EBR Shooting Sports Match (Port Allen)
- 27 Junior Leader Meeting
- 28 4-H Junior Achievement Award applications due
- 28 4-H Scholarship Applications due
- 28 Outstanding Club Member Applications due
- 28 Portfolios picked up by 4-H Agent

March

- 4 State 4-H Rabbit Show (Alexandria)
- 10-19 Southern Regional Shooting Sports Match
- 20 4-H U Interest Meeting
- 20 Junior Leader Meeting
- 31 Achievement Day (BBHS)**

April

- 1 Ascension Shooting Sports Match (Sorrento)
- 1 Horse Possession Deadline
- 15-23 State Shooting Sports Match (DeSoto/Caddo)
- 24 Junior Leader Meeting Elections

May

- 1 Junior Leader Banquet Poche's Country Club

Save the Date

Achievement Day

March 31, 2023 (BBHS campus)

This year's 4-H Achievement Day will be held on Friday, March 31st at Breaux Bridge High School.

4-H Scholarship Applications

Due by February 28th

Scholarship applications were mailed to each senior 4-H member. Please contact the 4-H Office if you do not receive the packet. Scholarship Applications are due to the 4-H Office by February 28, 2023.

4-H PORTFOLIO Information

4-H Portfolios will be given to 4-H members at the January club meetings. The portfolio is a record of your 4-H participation this year. Your Portfolio and your project book(s) should be turned in if you want to attend Achievement Day. Achievement Day is a super fun event that is scheduled for March 31, 2023 at Breaux Bridge High School.

Why do a portfolio?

Writing things down helps us remember what's happening and what we need to do. 4-H portfolios are an important way to keep track of our 4-H experiences. Everyone feels good when portfolios are worked on throughout the year and completed by the deadline. It will be more fun and less frustrating if you spend some time each week on your portfolio. Records are a part of life. You'll have records related to your money, insurance, taxes, and property when you grow up. Pictures are fun records of what you've done. You'll enjoy your pictures much more if they are organized in a way that you can find them easily. Doing a 4-H portfolio is a part of 4-H life that helps in many ways.

Remember:

1: Competitive Deadline: 4-H members' portfolios are due on February 28, 2023, if the 4-H member wants their portfolio judged and to be considered for Outstanding Record Book Awards. (Agents will pick up these books at each school on February 28, 2023.) **4-H club leaders WILL ask for your portfolio prior to February 28th.** It is the responsibility of the 4-H club member to know when their school club leader wants the books!

2: Non-competitive deadline: Members who turn in portfolios after February 28th and on or before March 10th are eligible to attend Achievement Day, but their book will not be judged and they will not be considered for Outstanding Record Book awards.

Outstanding Club Member Applications

Have you participated in many 4-H activities this year? If so, you may want to consider completing an Outstanding Club Member application. The Outstanding Club Member applications are used to choose "outstanding club members" from the St. Martin Parish 4-H program who have been extremely active in the program. Outstanding Club Members are chosen based on their participation throughout the year in 4-H events, activities, and service projects. You must turn in a completed 4-H portfolio by February 28, 2023 to be considered for this award.

The applications are due to the 4-H Office by February 28, 2023 either by dropping it off at the 4-H Office, emailing completed forms to stmartin4h@yahoo.com, or faxing it to 337-332-2870. Members who turn in applications after February 28th will not be considered for outstanding member recognition.

Applications were given out at the January 2023 4-H club meetings. Outstanding club members are recognized at Honors Night in May. All who are invited will receive an invitation in the mail in late April.

Shooting Sports News

Shooting Sports is in full swing. Thanks to all of our coaches who volunteer their time at each practice.

Save the Dates:

February 26, 2023: EBR District Shoot (Port Allen)

March 10-19, 2023: Southern Regional SS Match

April 1, 2023: Ascension District Shoot (Sorrento)

April 15-23, 2023: State Shooting Sports Match (DeSoto & Caddo Parishes)

Additional information and registration forms for some of these events were emailed out in January!

Livestock News

Congratulations to all the Parish Livestock Show participants!

For a complete listing of winners from the parish livestock show, visit our Facebook page by using this QR Code



January Trivia Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following winners:

PM7/8: Kaydence Gautreaux & Landon Champagne

CJH7/8: Mia Latiolais, Perry Hernandez,
Xyailon Harmon, & Alyssa Vidrine

SBS7/8: Averi Theriot

CHS: Eric Pruitt

SMSH: Galaina Harris

At-Large: Brinton Clark

Outdoor Olympics

7th – 8th Grade Youth

Cost: \$60 for Campers Free for Junior Counselors

Deadline to register: **February 17, 2023**

Agricultural Career Day

March 23rd for 8th-12th Graders

- Limited to 8 students per parish
- 9:15am – 3pm
- Lunch provided
- Sugar Station
- AG career exhibits
- Soil & plant science
- Apparel & textile
- Animal science
- Interactive hand-on workshops

Seniors....

4-H Emerald Achievement Award Applications Due by February 28th

12th grade 4-H members will have the opportunity to apply for the 4-H Emerald Achievement Award. Applications will be mailed to each eligible 4-H senior soon. Please contact the 4-H Office if you do not receive the packet by the end of January. Applications are due to our office by February 28, 2023.

4-H Junior Achievement Award Applications (for 8th graders) Due by February 28th

Eighth grade 4-H members will have the opportunity to apply for the 4-H Junior Achievement Award. Applications will be mailed to each eligible 4-H member soon. Please contact the 4-H Office as soon as possible if you do not receive the packet by the end of January. Applications are due to our office by February 28, 2023.

Jr. Leader Club

The next meeting will take place on **Monday, February 27th at the 4-H Office from 5:00-6:30pm**. All 4-H'ers in 7th-12th grades are welcome. Dues for this club are \$10. If you haven't paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

The Jr. Leader Club is a group of St. Martin Parish 4-H members who gather once a month and do fun things. We also like to volunteer at different events, learn new things, help the community, and go on trips! We hope to see you at our next meeting!

Service Opportunity - Turn in Pull Tabs Today!

For over 10 years, we have collected pull tabs off the top of can drinks to help the Ronald McDonald house in Memphis, TN. This is a great service opportunity that is easy to complete.

What do you do?

Collect as many pull tabs as you can from now until February 28th. Collect them in a plastic Ziploc bag. Take the bag to school and give it to your school club leader. They will turn it into the 4-H Office.

What do we do with the tabs?

We recycle them and receive money!

What do we do with the money?

We send the money to the Ronald McDonald House in Memphis, TN.

To learn more about the Ronald McDonald House,

visit their website at:

<http://www.rmhc-memphis.org>

or scan the QR code:



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