

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.



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January 2018

Canned Food Drive-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 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.

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. This event is open to ALL 4-H members. See you there!

Demonstration Day & Seafood and Sugar Cookery Contest

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.



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Make 4-H Meetings the Best They Can Be

The best 4-H meetings take place in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Each member feels responsibility for the club and feels valued as a club member. All members have opportunities to develop their life skills through their project work, learn how to work well with others through club activities and practice leadership by having some club responsibility during the year.

A lot of "behind the scenes" work is needed, especially for school 4-H clubs, for meetings to run efficiently. Meeting with your officers and committee chairs before the meeting can help a great deal.

The key to a successful club program is member participation. If the members are taking part, we know that the biggest obstacle, that of getting them interested, is overcome. Participation is also necessary for a democratic business meeting, for meaningful education and for satisfying recreation. When wholehearted participation is accomplished, you are on your way to a successful program.

Studies of group activities reveal two principles that seem to apply closely to the organization and operation of a club. They are:

1. People take part more wholeheartedly in an activity if they help to plan it. If a member originates the idea, participation is at its best.
2. People maintain interest in an activity if they are taking part in it.

Not all people like to talk. Those who do not must be given ample opportunity to take part in other ways. The chairman should encourage members to participate by creating a friendly atmosphere so that each person knows he or she is permitted to say what he or she thinks, no matter how drastic or different it may be from others' ideas. Another method of encouraging participation is to ask interesting questions that cannot be answered "yes" or "no" but will have to be discussed. A good chairman or discussion leader will avoid expressing his or her own opinions. It is better not to answer a question from a member, but rather to throw it back to other members for an answer.

One way of getting members to take part in the affairs of the club is to put them on committees. These committees, however, must have some definite purposes.

Attention to details during club meetings can make a big difference in the effectiveness of that meeting. Remember, members are learning life skills about working as a group and leadership skills throughout the club meeting experience. Let's all strive to make it the best it can be!

Sincerely,



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Cut and have 4-H'ers read at meeting. Only read those that concern your club.

OLD BUSINESS:

The parish Electric Clinic was held on Wednesday, December 20th. Those club members who participated please stand:

OLD BUSINESS

A Science Camp was held on December 16th. Chemistry professor, Dr. Ryan Simon and his students performed chemistry magic and members got to make snow and slime. Please stand if you attended.

NEW BUSINESS:

The parish 4-H Livestock Show will be held in Abbeville on January 19th-20th, followed by the District Show in Lafayette on January 31st-February 3rd. Come out and enjoy our livestock program.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be a parish 4-H Livestock and Poultry Judging Contest on January 15th, at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building at 1:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Parish Premier Exhibitor Contest will be held Monday, January 15th, at the Cecil McCrory Exhibit Building in Abbeville. Check your livestock newsletter for times.

NEW BUSINESS:

Demonstration Day is scheduled for January 27th, at F.I.-E.B. Elementary. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and judging begins at 9:00 a.m. Rules were given out at the last club meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be a parish Seafood & Sugar Cookery Contest on Saturday, January 27th, at F.I.E.B. Elementary School. Rules were given out at the last club meeting.

January

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
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| | 1 No School | 2 No School | 3 No School | 4 No School | 5 No School | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Hilton 2:20 Herod | 9 Hilton 9:10 Picard <u>1:30 Mt. Carmel</u> Natalie 10:00 JHW Special 1:20 FIEB 4-5 2:05 FIEB 6-8 | 10 Hilton 11:00 AHS 12:45 Lighthouse <u>2:10 7th Ward</u> Shannan 8:30 RRRMS 6-8 9:30 RRRMS 5 12:35 Maltrait 2:00 GHS 9-12 | 11 Hilton 11:15 EHS Fantastic 5 11:50 EHS 1:00 LeBlanc Special 1:30 LeBlanc Cloverbuds 2:00 LeBlanc 4-5 Natalie 12:55 JHW | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 No School MLK Day Livestock Judging | 16 Hilton 9:30 VC 2:00 Meaux Shannan 8:15 IBES 1:15 HTCA 2:30 KES | 17 Hilton 12:45 KHS 1:35 KHS Special 2:15 JOES Shannan 12:00 EMS 2:00 GHS 6-8 | 18 Hilton 12:15 NVHS Special 12:45 NVHS 2:00 ARCH Natalie 1:50 NVMS 6:30 Jr. Leader Mfg | 19 Parish Livestock Show | 20 Parish Livestock Show State Fashion Camp |
| 21 State Fashion Camp | 22 Shannan 1:45 Dozier | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Demonstration Day FIEB |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 District Livestock Show | | | |
| Club Meeting Lesson – Record Keeping/Portfolios & Team Building | | | | | | |

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