Despite the cool temperature outside, Vermilion 4-H beef and dairy exhibitors and their families enjoyed the comfort and convenience of a closed in barn at the first Cattle Festival Livestock Show, held in Abbeville Saturday. Forty-eight exhibitors showed 68 animals, including Brahman, Simmentals, Shorthorns, Beefmaster, Charolais, Ankina, Black Maine, Brangus, Beefalo, Hereford, Holstein, Jersey and Guernsey.

Andrea Zaunbrecher, a Gueydan High 4-H’er, exhibited the Grand Champion Steer.

Quentin Winch of Abbeville High 4-H showed the Reserve Champion Steer.

Gordy Broussard of Maltrair placed first in 13-year-old and under showmanship, followed by his sister, Leslie Broussard, also of Maltrair. Other placings in the top ten, in order, were: Steve Dupleantis, Erath; Chip Langlinais, E. Broussard; James Hebert, Pecan Island; Paul Hulin, Mt. Carmel; John David Langlinais, Erath; Bernie David, Mt. Carmel; Luke Detraz, 7th Ward and Jim Domingue, Erath.

In beef showmanship, for 14-year-olds and over, the following were the placings: 1st, Al Lee, V.C.; 2nd, Sam Dupleantis, Erath; 3rd, Chad Goutierrez, Erath; 4th, Skipper Prejean, E. Broussard; 5th, Monique Goutierrez, Erath; 6th, Andrea Zaunbrecher, Gueydan.

Placings in dairy showmanship were as follows: 1st, Veronica Tetro, Indian Bayou; 2nd, Melissa Husband, Henry; 3rd, Patrick Husband, Henry; 4th, Druce’ Prejean, E. Broussard.

Exhibitors of beef breeding animals and placings were as follows: Simmental - Champion bull and heifer, Craig Langlinais, Erath; John David Langlinais, Erath; David Langlinais, Erath; 2 purple ribbons; Marty Broussard, purple ribbon; Shorthorn - Champion Bull, Donny Goutierrez, Erath; Sam Dupleantis, Jr., purple ribbon; Jim Domingue, Erath, purple ribbon; Champion Heifer - Monique Goutierrez; Reserve Champion Heifer - Ben Goutierrez, Erath; Errol Domingue, Erath.

Roy Lee Hebert, a 4-H’er from Pecan Island and Howard Cormier, 4-H agent for Vermilion Parish, examine the large trophy that will be presented to the 4-H club turning in the most contributions for St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital. Roy Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hebert, was a victim of Leukemia. Because of help he received at St. Jude’s Hospital, located in Memphis Tennessee, he is now in his seventh year of remission.

The Fund Drive is being conducted by Vermilion Parish 4-H members.

Vermilion 4-H horse exhibitors traveled far and wide to represent their parish and state.

Gordy Broussard of Maltrait, Sam Dupleantis, and Steve Dupleantis, brothers from Erath, represented Louisiana recently at the Ninth Annual South Regional 4-H Horse Championships in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Approximately 500 young equestrians and 350 horses from 13 southern states participated. Competition was held in method demonstrations, judging and speech contests and 35 show classes.

The top three winners in each class received ribbons and medals.

Gordy Broussard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Broussard of Kaplan placed third in cutting at the prestigious event.

Sam Dupleantis, Jr. was Louisiana’s contestant in showmanship, and Steve Dupleantis qualified in western horsemanship. Steve also placed ninth with his Quarter Horse gelding.

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