

Family and Consumer Sciences



West Carroll hosted the Rural Community College Initiative Summit at the parish office. Leaders from LA Community and Technical College System, LSU AgCenter, SU Ag Center, Southern Rural Development Center and other stakeholders met to share success stories and develop plans to provide collaborative efforts in the state. An “Educational Access Success Story” was presented by LSU AgCenter and Delta Community College on dual enrollment opportunities provided for high school students in West Carroll.

A presentation was given on the opportunity of a career in extension at the College Career Fair. Four hundred youth and parents who increased their knowledge about the worthiness of attending class, what is the importance of nutrition as it relates to learning, and tips to show love for the children also gained knowledge of career choices and education.

A community service Make A Difference Day Project was conducted in collaboration with other agencies to encourage living to 170 nursing home residents. A prior visit in which 80 of these residents were given a fruit and presentation gained knowledge of the benefits of an apple.

One hundred twenty-five people gained knowledge about the Nutrition Education programs conducted by the Southern University AgCenter at a Nutrition Summit.

4-H Youth Development



West Carroll 4-H welcomes **Amanda Calhoun** as Assistant Extension Agent (4-H) replacing R.L. Frazier who transferred to Madison Parish working in ANR full time. Amanda is a graduate of Oak Grove High School and LA Tech with a BS Degree in Animal Science. She was working as a vet assistant for a veterinary hospital in Bastrop. Her email address is acalhoun@agcenter.lsu.edu.

During the October meeting, ten Jr. Leaders learned that “experiential learning” takes place when you DO an activity, REFLECT on what you did, and then see how you can APPLY what you learned to real life situations. They then practiced this model by providing the registration, set-up, educational programs and awards ceremonies at the two 4-H Cookery Contests in November.

Principles of food preparation and food safety were practiced by 4-H’ers participating in cookery contests held in the parish. Twenty-six 4-H’ers entered 48 dishes at the two Commodity

Cookery Contests. The winners of the eight divisions will compete at the Area Commodity Cookery Contest in Delhi on January 30, 2008. The Parish Cookie and Candy Contest had 45 entries from 32 4-H’ers across the parish.

West Carroll 4-H celebrated National 4-H Week in October. Oak Grove Sr. 4-H had a proclamation signed by Oak Grove Mayor, Lavelle Brown. Other activities at the schools included daily announcements, refreshments for teachers, 4-H posters, and green & white days. Two local businesses posted “National 4-H Week” on their marquees and four 4-H’ers informed the KWCL radio listening area about 4-H on the morning talk show “The Mighty Mess” during a live interview.

Two livestock meetings with 4-H/FFA exhibitors and their families resulted in committees being formed to secure support and to conduct the parish livestock show in January. Discussion at these meetings also included ways to encourage other 4-H’ers to participate in the project. A total of 46 attended.



At the 4-H Photography Workshop, twenty 4-H’ers learned the basics of taking quality pictures. They then practiced using digital cameras and reviewed each other’s snapshots. Four adult volunteer leaders assisted.

Ag and Natural Resources

Two livestock distance education programs were hosted for local producers.

Ag agent worked with producers to harvest a cotton variety trial and a sweet potato advance seedling trial.

Ag agent presented Workers Protection Standards at the Northeast Sweet Potato meeting hosted in West Carroll Parish.

West Carroll Ag Advisory meeting was held with 10 attending.

Agent participated in State Sweet Potato Advisory Meeting.

An estate planning workshop was conducted for 17 farm families. These families learned the importance of estate plans and became familiar with the concepts of wealth.

A cooperative development workshop was conducted in partnership with the Federation of Southern Cooperatives. Representatives from 12 farms participated.

A presentation was given on fruit and nut productions. Participants gained knowledge of suitable fruit and nut varieties for north Louisiana. They were also made aware of specific cultural practices associated with different fruits and nuts.

A farm tour highlighting vegetable, poultry, beef cattle production and community garden was conducted. Participants exchanged information about marketing and production practices. Approximately 50 people participated.

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