

Ag and Natural Resources

Parish row crop trials include 2 soybean group IV variety trials & 3 sweet potato seedling variety trials. A sweet potato insect study is also being conducted. Weekly crop monitoring includes soybean verification and corn bollworm moth monitoring.

A sweet potato educational display that was developed locally for Ag Expo in Monroe and Ag Adventures in Delhi was requested for Ag Magic in Baton Rouge. This display was viewed by 13840.



Area Agent helped local citizens by answering lawn and garden questions at Wal-Mart.

A board training was conducted for the Louisiana Association of Cooperatives. This association consists of 8 cooperatives throughout the state.

Approximately 30 youth increased their knowledge of what employers look for in employees. Youth attending participated in a local summer work program.

Sixteen members of the Tri-State Soybean Board Planning Committee met at the AgCenter to plan the 2009 Annual Tri-State meeting to be held in Oak Grove.

Approximately 25 citizens learned how to produce vegetables for home consumption using containers and other small spaces.

Family and Consumer Sciences



The 12th Annual Farm Safety Day Camp for all parish 5th graders resulted in 145 youth receiving safety training in electricity, environment, fire, first aid, gas, grain, power tools, stranger danger & tractors. Twenty 4-H Jr. Leaders and 65 adult volunteers helped conduct this school enrichment program.

Twenty-four Macon Economic Opportunity (MEO) summer youth workers received workforce training on working alone, working with groups and creating rules to work by. After the training these youth were placed in summer jobs around the parish. A follow-up program was conducted at the AgCenter at the end of their 4-week employment.



Collaborations with Delta Community College completed its second year of dual enrollment classes with high school juniors & seniors. As a result, 25 youth completed 50 college classes at the AgCenter while also receiving high school credit. These youth were enrolled in English 101 & 102, Biology 101 & 102, and Western Civilization 101. The seven graduating seniors involved in the program were recognized at the June 2008 School Board meeting.

Three meetings were conducted to train 21 youth in presenting GOT (Get Out There) information to Police Jurors. Fifteen youth participated and attended as Seth Posey illustrated to the jurors the GOT program to gain their support of GOT efforts in West Carroll Parish. GOT teaches youth how to reduce underage drinking and drug use and how to promote prevention in the parish.



Eleven local youth and adults participated in the Annual Southern University Family & Youth Expo. Two participants won 1st place in illustrated talk contest by portraying the importance of breakfast. By participating and attending educational seminars and workshops such as Financial Management, Juvenile Justice, Food Safety Tips, Using the Computer as a Tool, etc., the youth and adults increased their knowledge in life skills.

FCS agents distributed healthy living information at two local health fairs. Information on eating wisely and body fat percentages was distributed to approximately 50 adults at the parish health fair sponsored by the Council on Aging, White Oaks Apartments, Partners In Prevention & the AgCenter. Bicycle safety information was added at the second health fair sponsored by a local church.

4-H Youth Development



These West Carroll 7 & 8 grade 4-H'ers attended the Northeast Region TEAM Camp where they learned leadership and team building skills through fun, interactive activities. Three Jr. Leaders and an adult volunteer leader helped conduct the activities.

Parish 4-H youth were involved in several area & state educational opportunities: 2 attended the State Cooperative Youth Conference, 3 participated in 4-H Day at the Capitol, and one attended the Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, DC.

Thirty-five percent (164/474) of the parish 4-H'ers demonstrated project completion by either completing a 4-H portfolio or competing at 4-H Demonstration Day. These 4-H'ers attended 4-H Awards Day and celebrated Louisiana 4-H's 100th birthday. West Carroll 4-H Hall of Fame inductees Joanne Bolding & Mattie Rae Strong were also honored that day.



Thirty-five 4-H'ers participated in Young Eagles Day, a program which gives youth ages 8 thru 17 the opportunity to learn more about aviation and fly in a general aviation aircraft.

Eight 4-H'ers participated in the Regional Shotgun Shoot in Shreveport. Three senior club members qualified for the state shoot with one placing second in state.



State 4-H University was held on LSU's campus with eight 4-H'ers competing in various contests and seven attending Clover College educational workshops. Caroline Robinson placed first in the FNP Nutrition Illustrated Talk, Callie Bass won a blue ribbon in Career Preparation and two others became certified camp counselors.

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