

Family and Consumer Science

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) agent conducted two child care provider classes this quarter. The classes were *SAIL: Saving and Investing for Life* and *Big Math for Little Kids*. Eighteen child care providers attended.

FCS agent presented two segments on KNOE-TV with information on how parents can teach their children about money.

Five parenting classes were conducted this quarter for parents in the Department of Social Services' STEP program. Parents attend 6 three-hour lessons on parenting and money management.

Eleven high school teachers from Northeast Louisiana attended an all-day workshop on the newly revised *High School Financial Planning Program*. The teachers learned how this curriculum could be used to teach students money management skills.

Disaster Recovery information was distributed to area residents via hardware stores, Wal-Mart, the Housing Authority, the FEMA site, news articles and individual contacts.

Elementary Teachers in the parish were trained in "Smart Bodies", a nutrition education program.

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Agriculture and Natural Resources-ANR



Hurricane Gustav dumped 19+ inches of rain on Franklin Parish with 15 inches coming in 24 hours. Homes, businesses and farm land flooded. Crop harvest was delayed due to unseasonable August rains which left area producers scrambling to get corn and early soybeans harvested before the hurricane. Early soybeans, cotton and sweet potatoes were affected by loss of yield and quality. Crops planted following wheat seem to be less effected. Some crop acreage in Franklin Parish will not be harvested due to weather damage.



Rob Ferguson, LSU AgCenter Extension Associate, Tommy and Daren Herrington, producer cooperators

The parish corn variety demonstration was harvested after Hurricane Gustav and the soybean variety demonstration was harvested after both hurricanes. Surprisingly the yields and grain quality remained good. The data from these demonstrations will aid producers in picking varieties for planting next year. An additional bit of information will be how these varieties survive storms.

4-H Youth Development

Over twenty 4th, 5th and 6th graders had a wonderful time during 4-H Camp this summer. They attended fun & educational sessions each morning and participated in numerous activities during the afternoons and evenings. We attended this week long adventure with 4-H'ers from Catahoula, Madison, Bienville, Lafayette, Iberia and LaSalle Parishes.



Camp Grant Walker



4-H Horse Show, Ike Hamilton Expo Center

Seven Franklin Parish youth participated in the District and State level horse shows at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center in West Monroe. These 4-H'ers received numerous awards with their 4-H horse projects.

The 17 organized 4-H Clubs began the 2008 - 09 club year in the parish schools in September.

Monthly meetings will be held at each club to distribute the 4-H newsletter and conduct educational programs focused on leadership.

Three Franklin Parish volunteers attended the Annual Leader Forum in Rayville. The training is a Professional Development day for volunteers in the Northeast Region.