

Family and Consumer Science



Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, Ginger Boutwell, tells the story of Sammy the Rabbit who says, "Saving is a great habit!"

During Ag Alley 781 first graders and 72 adults learned how to save for the future and how important it is to save.

Over 6,000 people attended Ag Expo. Children made a garden in a glove to take home when they stopped at the FCS booth.

Smart Bodies school assemblies were conducted at Gilbert, Baskin, Crowville, and Fort Necessity. Kindergarten through sixth grade students were introduced to the *OrganWise Guys* who taught them four rules to follow for a healthy body: Eat less fat, eat more fiber, drink water, and get plenty of exercise.

One child care provider class entitled "Room Arrangement as a Teaching Strategy" was attended by five providers.

Two parenting classes were conducted.

Orientation students at Northeast Louisiana Technical College learned about predatory

lending and also setting goals, making a spending plan and banking services.

The OrganWise Guys also visited the children at Head Start and talked about healthy living.

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Tensas Parish Garden Club

A presentation was given to the Tensas Parish Garden Club and the Garden Gate Study Club in Winnsboro on Mini Gardens and Container Gardening. Participants learned about choosing and planting vegetables and ornamentals in small garden spots and containers.



Tara Smith & Carol Pinnell-Alison presented information at the Sweet Potato Alley during Ag Adventures

Information on sweet potato production was presented to 4th and 5th graders at Ag Adventures at the Delhi Civic Center.

A presentation was given at the Northeast Louisiana Crops Forum on the Worker Protection Standard. Training was conducted for twenty-four agricultural workers to receive Worker Protection Standard certification.

Private Applicator Recertification training was conducted for seventeen parish private applicators. Recertification for certified applicators is required every three years.

A presentation was given at the Louisiana Agricultural Consultants Association meeting in Alexandria on a corn bagging system for storing grain.

A corn variety on-farm demonstration was planted with the cooperation of Ricky Campbell, Jr.

4-H Youth Development



Franklin Parish Area 4-H Cookery participants

Six Franklin Parish 4-Hers represented our 4-H program at the Area 4-H Cookery Contest held in February. The Cookery

categories were: Rice, Pecan, Sweet Potato, Egg, Chicken, Catfish, Beef and Corn. The Cookery Contest allows 4-Hers to display their cooking skills as well as learn about health and fitness topics.

4-H Agent Laura Bradley taught over 800 area fourth grade students and teachers attending Ag Alley in West Monroe about fruits and vegetables and their nutritional value and its importance to their health.

Eight Franklin Parish Youth learned to work in teams and a variety of life skills at TEAM Camp. Also participating were the 4-H Agent, four junior counselors, and one adult volunteer.



Sarah Ford and Claire Johnston with their rabbits

Fourteen Franklin Parish youth participated in the Delhi Livestock Show. The youth were able to show their animals and enter the Premier Exhibitor Contest. The Livestock Show gives youth the opportunity to learn the responsibility of caring for an animal.