



Frog Crain of Dennis Crain Dodge talks to students during the “Welcome to the Real World” simulation about the costs of buying and maintaining a car.

The “Welcome to the Real World” event was a huge success again this year with 185 eighth graders from Baskin, Crowville, Fort Necessity and Gilbert participating. Franklin Parish FBLA members served as group leaders and local businesses and community volunteers manned the stations. Evaluations from the participants, volunteers and group leaders showed that students enjoyed the experience and learned several valuable lessons about the costs of the real world

Students attending Farm Safety Day learned how proper hand washing can prevent the spread of disease and they also learned ways to prevent food borne illness.

Grandparents at Head Start who are parenting their grandchildren engaged in a discussion of the good and bad issues of grandparenting. Many enjoyed being able to talk with others going through the same situation.

Sixteen child care providers earned necessary continuing education hours

through the 3 classes offered in Franklin parish by the AgCenter.

Students in grades K-5 at Baskin, Crowville, Fort Necessity and Gilbert enjoyed experiencing “The Body Walk” after participating in the Smart Bodies nutrition and health program which targets childhood obesity.

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James Norman, Pete Hollis and Chad Plater planted cotton demo on Jack Dailey's Gilbert farm.



Ronnie Price, Bill Anderson and J. D. Price planted soybean demo.

A cotton variety demonstration was planted on Jack Dailey's Farm in Gilbert and a soybean variety demonstration was planted on Bill Anderson's Farm in Liddieville. These on-farm demonstrations give producers and neighboring farmers a chance to view the performance of several varieties during the growing season and receive yield information after harvest.



LSU AgCenter Horticulture Display Franklin Parish Catfish Festival. Candy Sanders and Holly Haring, Master Gardeners

LSU AgCenter employees Carol Pinnell-Alison, County Agent and Tim Talbot, Research Associate and Master Gardeners Candy Sanders and Holly Haring helped answer horticulture questions during the Franklin Parish Catfish Festival in April. Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Haring graduated in March from the LSU AgCenter's Master Gardener Program. The Louisiana Master Gardener program is a service and educational activity designed to recruit and train volunteers to help meet the needs of home gardeners while providing an enjoyable and worthwhile service experience for volunteers.

4-H Youth Development

Two 4-Hers attended 4-H Day at the Capital on June 3rd in Baton Rouge. Sharice Denny and Kabria Morgan toured the state capital building, and met with Senator Neil Riser and Representative Noble Ellington. 4-H Day at the Capital is an annual event sponsored by LSU AgCenter 4-H Department.



Hudson Smith, Agent Laura Bradley at Awards Night

Home School graduating senior Hudson Smith received the 4-H Scott Scholarship for Franklin Parish as well as the Terril D. Faul Scholarship.

A total of 6 4-Hers attended 4-H University in June on the LSU Campus with one youth competing in the *4-H Has Talent* contest and another competing in the *Public Speaking, Cooperatives* contest. Two 4-Hers participated in UKREWE, the 4-H University Event Production Team, and two participated in Clover College.

Family and Consumer Science

Eight sessions of *Parents Preparing for Success* were taught this quarter with one participant graduating, and four others in attendance.

Fifteen senior citizens at the Council on Aging learned more about healthy aging.

Head Start Health Fair participants learned what their waist to hip ratio is and what that means for their health.