

Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR)

Glen Daniels, County Agent



◆ “Extension on Display” was held at Wal-Mart in Vidalia to showcase all program areas of Concordia Extension. The ANR program was a hands on clinic to identify and address problems with insects, plants, weeds and grasses brought in. Home owners and gardeners also received information on horticultural topics and growing vegetables.

- ◆ Crop Production was held in Monterey on January 29, 2009 for updates and the latest LSU AgCenter recommendations on soybeans, feed grains and rice with 95 in attendance. This meeting also provided an opportunity for Private Pesticide Applicator recertification to meet EPA guidelines.
- ◆ Worker Protection Standards (WPS) meetings were held in Ferriday and Monterey to certify farm workers in pesticide safety.
- ◆ Presented program to Clayton Town Council, Concordia Police Jury and Concordia School Board concerning the Lead Louisiana class to be held in Concordia.
- ◆ Established the following demonstration plots in Concordia which are monitored and checked weekly. Crop Data from these plots will be made available after harvest is complete.

Soybeans: 4 Variety plots; 1 Fungicide demo; 1 Core Block; 2 Verification plots; 1 Sentinel plot.

Cotton: 1 Variety demo

Corn: 1 Core Block

4-H Youth Development

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- ◆ Forty 4-H youth participated in 4-H University state competition held in Baton Rouge on the LSU campus. Concordia 4-H achieved the honor of receiving twenty-one Blue Ribbons by placing in the top level of their contest. Youth gained knowledge and skills through training for their contest that will benefit them for the workforce in the future.
- ◆ Parish 4-H Achievement Days involved over 350 youth participating in hands-on communication activities. Elementary 4-H Achievement Day was held at Monterey High School and Junior High/Senior High 4-H Day at the Concordia Parish Community Room in Ferriday. All parish schools were represented. The rotations conducted included teamwork and communication among the 4-Hers to achieve their goal. Activities were conducted by adult volunteers and 4-H junior leaders.
- ◆ Concordia Parish 4-H youth continue to reach out to their local communities throughout the parish by conducting community service activities to meet the needs of those less fortunate. Some of the groups collected canned goods needed by local food shelters. Other groups focused on healthy lifestyles such as cancer awareness and heart issues while some continued parish beatification projects. 4-H youth groups partnered with the Leukemia Society, Tourist Information Center, Children’s Cancer Awareness Organization, Stew Pot and Feed the Hungry and local schools to make these projects successful.



◆ Fifty 4-H youth, adults and agents participated in the 2009 4-H camping experience. Parish youth enjoyed activities conducted during the following tracks- Outdoor Adventures, Food and Fitness, Dramatic Arts, Science, Engineering and Technology, and Exploring the Wetlands, Wildlife and You! The youth also participated in recreational activities, swimming, canoeing and arts and crafts.

Family & Consumer Sciences

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- ◆ During two different summer movie programs, 147 children/youth and 63 adults participated in programs conducted by the Family & Consumer Science Agent. At the Arcade Theater in Ferriday, 38 children and 12 adults participated in a hands-on demonstration using fake “germs” to teach proper hand washing techniques. 59 children and 15 adults were taught the importance of physical activity while at the Arcade Theater. A new summer movie program was started in Monterey at Monterey First Baptist Church. The 50 youth and 26 adult participants during those programs were also taught the importance of proper hand washing and physical activity. Both programs will continue until August 7.
- ◆ Eighteen 8th grade students participated in a new program emphasizing the importance of making positive choices and graduating from school. The CHOICES program is an interactive decision-making workshop that empowers teens to achieve academic success in pursuit of their career and life aspirations. Students participated in several activities depicting real life situations (paying bills, receiving a paycheck) and also developed an action plan for their future. A keychain, stating “the key to success is self discipline”, was given to each participant.

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- ♦ Summer Reading programs in Monterey and Vidalia were attended by 54 children & youth and 25 adults. The program presented to the children encouraged them to increase consumption of fruits and vegetables. The youth program focused on kitchen skills needed to prepare fruits and vegetables.

- ♦ Concordia Parish was one of 4 pilot sites in Louisiana for the Lead Louisiana I class. This 12 hour leadership seminar was



- developed to provide educational experiences relative to leadership for existing and emerging leaders. The curriculum was designed to increase the leadership knowledge of participants and for those participants to become more engaged in community decision making. On May 19th, 29 participants were honored as graduates from the Concordia Parish Lead Louisiana I class.
- ♦ Over 20 adults attended Lunch & Learns held in Concordia Parish. During the Lunch & Learns, attendees were provided a nutritional lunch and researched based information on various issues. Topics discussed at the Lunch & Learns included Healthy Living with Diabetes, Modifying Recipes & Sugar Substitutes.



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