

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



- Seven Madison 4-H members demonstrated knowledge and skills at the regional 4-H Food & Fitness Expo held February, 16 in Winnsboro. Brittny Sims took Second Place in the Rice Division; while Blake Sullivan and Heather Furello walked away with a Third Place win in the Beef and Sweet Potato Divisions, respectively. Angela Furello, Dillard Sims, Courtney Cupit and Joy Sims also made a good showing at the annual contest.



- The Reading to the Heart literacy enrichment program promoted reading among area youth and families at several area events. Parents at the Wright Elementary Muffins for Mom program on February 13th gained story-telling skills using stuffed animals provided. Parents attending the parish-wide Family Fun Day on the 14th gained age-appropriate books, coloring books and other resources to promote reading at home. Parents and youth also learned how to "Build-a-Book" of their own; while youth gained vocabulary skills through 4-H Junior Leader demonstrated literacy games. Families participating in the Black History Carnival collected developed skills to develop a family portfolio album and "Build-a-Book" with their children.



- Madison Junior Leaders developed leadership skills at both LSU AgCenter sponsored programs, Ag Alley (Monroe) and Ag Adventures (Delhi). Joy Sims, Kela Puckett, LaDarrica Sims and LeAndrew Love served as group leaders for area 4th grade students and teachers participating in Ag Alley, held in conjunction with Ag Expo in January. Chelsea Keene shared knowledge and skills by demonstrating dressage and western riding techniques for over 400 area 3rd and 4th graders at Ag Adventures in February.

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FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE

- 120 employees of Marie's Home Health Care gained skills and knowledge in workplace ethics and health issues geared to the elderly such as portion servings.
- 50 parents developed skills in healthy eating and learned that if you drink only one can of soda a day for one year you will consume 65 pounds of sugar



Pictured are Jacqueline Thompson, President of Delta Head Start Parent Advisory Board, and Kelia Shepard observing a demonstration about the sugar content in soft drinks given by Berteal Rogers .

- 80 day care employees took part in CDA Training geared to new trends in Orientation, and School Readiness.
- 10 persons were certified in the First Time Home Buyers Program. Participants learned *How to Control Credit Skills in Home Maintenance, Financial Management, and Renting vs. Owning.*
- 600 EFNEP families and outreach participants gained knowledge and skills in *Eating to Take Care of the Heart*, by lowering blood cholesterol, reducing salt and sodium, cutting fats and exercising.



Chartha Crockett and Mary Watson demonstrating Eating for a Healthy Heart to Mrs. Buddy Garrett.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE Southern University

- 37 visitors and 65 community leaders participated in Pioneering Communities IV Conference. The conference consisted of communities tours, technology training, community round table.
- 60 TES Youth Gardeners prep for spring school garden clean-up and planned for spring garden.
- 185 participants gained knowledge in nutrition and health information and learned how to use their commodities with a mini demonstration.
- 37 participants took part in the February 1st Thursday monthly Lunch and Learn where they gained understanding about heart disease. March 1st Thursday, 29 participants learned about Fats the Good and the Bad.



- Madison youth won LA Breed Reserve Champion at Southern University Livestock Show.
- 200 Day Care Provider with Delta Community Action Providers program attend workshop Emergency Preparedness, provider learned what disaster means, the types of disaster and how to be prepared.
- 250 youth participated in the MHS Youth Health Fair they learned the dangers of smoking.



AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

- 900 area 4th graders gained knowledge in animal agriculture and how it provides them with food they eat each day at the Ag Expo Mini Farm.



4th Graders look on during a demonstration at the Mini Farm during Ag Expo

- 1,000 area 4th graders gained understanding with farm animals they were given hands-on experience in milking a cow and learning where milk comes from.
- 300 Soybean producers from Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi gained knowledge at the Tri-State Soybean Forum where they were provided the latest production and marketing information from the best in the business.
- 42 producers took part and gained knowledge in the 2nd Annual Madison Parish Ag Day where worker protection standards were provided and pesticides cards were renewed.



Madison Parish Ag Day

- Worked with Parish producers to secure ground to plant Cotton, Corn, Rice, and Soybean variety trials and verification fields. Information from these fields will provide area farmers with information in production practices and variety selection in the future.