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Program Highlights
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Agriculture & Natural Resources

Regional Horticulture Specialist conducted Private Pesticide Applicator meeting for parish farmers.
Worked with local nursery producers to solve production problems.
Provided research based information to Bienville Parish clientele through phone, office and farm visits.
Master Gardeners provided volunteer hours to assist the people of Bienville Parish.
Several news articles were submitted to local papers.
Recommendations were made throughout the semester to clientele on a variety of home grounds related topics.
Conducted 6 educational programs for groups of parish poultry producers regarding environmental issues.
Conducted educational program for a group of parish cattle producers regarding pesticide applicator calibrations.
Conducted 3 educational programs for local poultry integrator regarding BMPs Mortality Management and federal regulations for poultry producers.
Assisted parish watermelon producer with utilization of poultry waste for fertilizer.
Assisted 5 parish poultry producers with mortality management issues and BMP implementation for their operations.
Poultry Management Seminar given in March to address energy and heating savings for local poultry growers.
Monthly newsletter sent out to parish poultry growers dealing with issues facing the Louisiana Poultry industry.
Two generator seminars were given at Hill Farm Research Station to help poultry growers better understand how to maintain and operate their backup generators in case of an emergency.
Farm visits to local poultry growers to deal with energy saving tips.
Attended Poultry Task Force meeting which is lead by Commissioner Mike Strain and its purpose is to help poultry growers of Louisiana with dealing with high gas and fuel prices by assessing federal moneys for tax credits.
Completed Avian Influenza Response Training at LATech.

4-H and Other Youth Development

24 youth, leaders and agent participated in 4-H University held on the LSU campus. Six of these youth placed in the Blue Ribbon Group in various contests.

31 Bienville Parish 4-H'ers rallied on the Capitol steps during 4-H Day at the Capitol.
4-H Award Night recognized 4-H members/leaders for excellence in the program with over 250 in attendance.
22 youth, leaders, and agents participated in the end of the year Awards Trip to Magic Springs in Hot Springs, AR.
51 campers, junior leaders, adult volunteers, and agents participated in an interactive learning experience that helps boys and girls appreciate the outdoors, live together as a group, get along with others, and appreciate people with different interests and backgrounds at Grant Walker Educational Center in Pollock, LA.
\$427.61 was raised by 4-H'ers and donated to D.A.R.T.
Junior Leaders held a special fundraiser for Service-Learning projects and 4-H University.
Three youth received 4-H scholarships to continue their education in the amount of \$2200 each for a total of \$6600.
Partnered with Bonnie & Clyde, Farm Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, and Lions' Club to get support for 4-H Centennial activities.
Received \$175 for E-911 Service Learning Grant.
Five youth attended Fashion Camp at Camp Grant Walker.
Parish-wide Annual Fundraiser profited over \$10,000.
Twenty-five 7th & 8th grade youth and counselors attended the regional Challenge Camp at Bunkie.
Co-chair of LAE4-HA Public Relations Committee and responsible for Louisiana School Board Association's annual breakfast at convention in Shreveport.
Chairperson for State Commodity Foods Contest held at Louisiana Technical College.
Served on regional committee for 4-H Hall of Fame Celebration. Bienville Parish honored Mr. E.E. Letlow.
Worked with youth and leaders to supply E-911 signs for 80 elderly citizens as a service-learning project.
State winning youth for Jump\$tart Poster Contest on financial literacy.
Organized and supervised youth to serve at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner.
5.49% increase in knowledge gained in Health & Fitness Phase II among elementary 4-H youth.
KTBS television interview to promote 4-H events and benefits to youth.
Behavior modification in Health & Fitness was measured among 4-H members in two high school age groups. The tests showed the number of underweight youth decreased by 9%, the number of youth in the normal range improved by 16%, and the number of youth who were overweight decreased by 9%. The superintendent of schools used our results to make a proposal to each school principal to replace all junk food vending machines with nourishing snacks and drinks.
14% of junior leaders completed project books and the "Assess Myself" checklist of leadership skills. The results showed that 100% of the youth completing the assessment showed mastery in improving their leadership skills.

Family & Consumer Sciences

Monthly nutritional educational programs were presented at the Arcadia Council on Aging meal site and the Arcadia Housing Authority Community Center. Topics included Protein, Eating and staying well in Senior Years and Thrifty Food Choices with 16 adults attending the program monthly.
Monthly OrganWise Guys lessons were presented at the two Headstart centers and one preschool in Bienville Parish. Each lesson included an interactive storybook and a tour through Organ Annie. Children learned about nutritious foods that help organs function to their best ability. This program reaches 100 preschool age children.
Partnered with Small Business Development Association to conduct a 3-hour workshop on "Starting & Financing a Small Business" for nine interested adults.
Assisted with "Dollar Defense" program.
Continued professional development by attending Financial Resource Management Quarterly Training, Louisiana Extension Agents Family Consumer Science Convention, Home Buyer Education, Spring Family Consumer Sciences Conference, MoneyWise training and Foreclosure training.
Worked with Bienville Parish School system to offer Saving and Investing for Life (SAIL) classes to all school faculty and employees. Four classes of two hours each were taught on financial management through grant funding.
Organized and taught High School Financial Planning Program (HSFPP) as a teacher in-service to empower teachers for educating youth on financial literacy and to provide workbooks for students at no cost through grant funding.
Teachers attending received stipends and CLUs.
Partnered with Bienville Parish Police Jury to organize, implement and evaluate the Jurors Empowering Teens (JET) program.
Article published in the state's "New You Can Use" entitled 'Public Learns about saving, investing at LSU AgCenter class in Arcadia' June 2008.
Introduced at Child Care Provider Training as a resource for financial management with childcare businesses.
Concerns/Update meeting with State Representative Jim Fannin.
Louisiana Technical College collaborator to discuss possible ways to partner for education.