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Agricultural & Natural Resources

- Conducted Private Applicator Pesticide Safety Training for 30 Claiborne citizens.
- Presented program “Dos and Don’ts of Pruning” to members of the Athens and Haynesville Garden Clubs.
- Displayed SPARTA trailer and discussed Water Conservation and Quality with those who attended Hill Farm Field Day.
- The LSU AgCenter Office and Claiborne Parish Watershed District held a seminar for Water Suppliers in Claiborne Parish. Ten of the 16 water systems in Claiborne Parish had representation. Programs of interest were presented by representatives from La. DEQ, LSU AgCenter and La. Rural Water Association. Plans are underway to develop a Water System Working Group for Claiborne Parish that will meet biannually to discuss needs for efficient water supply for Claiborne Parish citizens.



- Claiborne Parish Cattlemen’s Association held 2 quarterly member’s meetings. Topics included “Taxes and the Farm” by Steve Koske, CPA; “Master Farmer” by Donna Morgan, County Agent and Area Agent.
- Presented display and discussion on “Poison Safety” to Wal-Mart customers in Minden.
- Presented a pruning demonstration for Town of Homer employees on care of crape myrtles for town beautification.

Family & Consumer Sciences

- Regular visits to Office of Family Support
- Head Start monthly visits
- Head Start parent meetings (Homer & Haynesville)
- Head Start parent nutrition class (Haynesville)
- Food for Seniors-monthly ***note-these are now bi-monthly
- “Parents Preparing for Success” these parents learned about brain development, how to make financial decisions, cash crises and money traps, nurturing their baby, and the family budget.

4-H & Other Youth Development

- Organized and conducted 2008 Claiborne Water Fest for 6th Grade Students in Claiborne Parish-213 in attendance.



- 46 youth and 6 Junior Leaders attended Summer Camp to learn leadership and life skills through their participation in Dramatic Arts, Outdoor Sports, Food and Nutrition and Science, Engineering and Technology tracks.
- 17 senior 4-H members attended 4-H University and Clover College to learn leadership and life skills in a variety of areas.
- 3 senior 4-H members ran for state offices with one being elected as Regional Representative for the North Central Region
- Regional Representative Cordarius Winzer planned and implemented a regional teen social even to encourage and promote junior leader opportunities throughout the region as well as to encourage participation in 4-H University and Clover College.

- Volunteer leader LaVerne Hightower was inducted into the first 4-H Hall of Fame.



- 2 senior 4-H members attended Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C.
- 10 Claiborne 4-H youth successfully completed growing 100 square foot gardens with an awards dinner prepared by youth from their harvests.
- Five 4-H 7th grade youth attended the first annual LOST (Louisiana Outdoor Science and Technology) Camp at 4-H Camp Grant Walker near Pollock. They joined 200 other middle school youth from 30 Louisiana parishes discovering the World of Science and Math through 4-H project activities.
- Claiborne Parish 4-H Foundation and Claiborne Parish Farm Bureau teamed up to host the First Annual Claiborne 4-H Golf Tournament to celebrate 100 years of 4-H in Louisiana and raise funds for Claiborne 4-H program activities.
- Represented LSU AgCenter at NEED meeting in Washington, D.C. 4-H Energy Education programs were developed.
- Two 4-H portfolio workshops conducted.
- 4-H Club members planted 100 trees at schools in parish in celebration of 4-H Centennial Year.
- 15 4-H 7th grade youth attended 4-H Challenge Camp near Bunkie, La.
- 15 4-H members participated in “Camp Roughin’ It” in Winn Parish. Agent presented “Value of the Wetlands” program.
- Supervised 4-H youth from 30 parishes at State Co-Op Leadership Conference at Camp Grant Walker.
- 250 youth grades 4-6 displayed learned social skills during the annual Valentine’s Dance. 15 Jr. Leaders provided assistance and served as mentors during the event.