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**Program Highlights**  
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## 4-H Youth Development

- Over 300 youth gained knowledge about financial management during 4-H club meetings.
- Fifteen youth demonstrated their creativity at a two-day art camp led by volunteer leaders.
- Youth demonstrated their nutrition skills by preparing food for the Parish Cookery Contest.
- Approximately forty youth gained knowledge and life skills by attending 4-H Summer Camp where they learned about hunting, nutrition, environment and how to work with others.
- Youth in the livestock demonstrated generosity by raising over \$500 for cancer research.
- Approximately twenty youth demonstrated their knowledge and skills in safety by competing in the State Shooting Sports competition.
- A Family Fun Day was hosted by 4-H as a community wide event in order to promote 4-H and celebrate 100 years of 4-H in Louisiana.

## Family and Consumer Sciences

- Assisted with hosting Retirement Celebration for Eddie White.
- Worked with businesses to offer "Saving & Investing for Life" classes for employees.
- Served on regional committee for 4-H Hall of Fame.
- Participate in monthly Solutions to Poverty meetings.
- Co-chair of LAE4-HA Public Relations Committee and responsible for Louisiana School Board Association Annual Breakfast at convention in Shreveport.
- Committee chairperson for State Commodity Foods Contest held at Louisiana Technical College in Shreveport.
- Hired and trained a college student for Summer Internship program to work in the parish.
- Newspaper interview with reporter concerning Diane Uzzle's new assignment serving Jackson &

Bienville parishes as Parish Chair and Financial Resource Management Agent.

- Introduced at Child Care Provider Training as a resource for financial management with childcare business.
- Concerns/Update meeting with State Representative Jim Fannin.
- Childcare provider training was held at Pine Belt Head Start in Jackson Parish.
- 73 Head Start teachers, teacher aids, and bus drivers attended 2 hour in-service training on "Abuse and Neglect" and a one hour training on "Challenging Behaviors".
- Head Start participant's evaluation stated that they learned how to report abuse and neglect and ways to help children behave in a positive manner.

## Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Educational programs were provided for the Jackson Parish Cattleman's Association. Topics covered included trespassing, winter forages for cattle, calf to carcass program, Louisiana Department of Ag and Forestry, herd health, and assistance programs provided by NRCS.
- Assistance was given to local pond owners to control weeds in their ponds.
- A private pesticide applicator license renewal workshop was given in February.
- Home visits were made to assist with lawn care and weed control and pasture management.
- Assistance was given to local producers to help control and manage wildlife problems on their property.
- 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 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 money for tax credits.

- Completed Avian Influenza Response Training at La. Tech.
- Conducted 6 educational programs for groups of parish poultry producers regarding environmental issues.
- Conducted education program for a group of parish cattle producers regarding pesticide applicator calibrations.
- Through farm visits, taught 25 producers how to calibrate poultry litter and pesticide applicators.
- Through farm visits, publications and personal contacts taught 21 producers important best management practices for their individual operations.
- Informed 41 producers of the federal regulations that affect the area's livestock and poultry industry.
- Assisted 10 parish livestock producers with implementation of BMP's for their operations.
- Assisted parish NRCS conservationist with BMP implementation.
- Conducted 3 poultry litter applicator calibration workshops for small groups of producers.

## Horticulture

- Conducted grafting demonstrations as part of the Spring Horticulture Workshop
- Conducted Private Pesticide Applicator Meetings for Jackson Parish farmers
- Presented a talk as part of the Poultry Seminar conducted for Jackson Parish farmers
- Provided research based information to clientele through phone, office and farm visits
- Several news articles written for local papers

## Food & Nutrition Program

- Monthly nutritional educational programs were presented at the Jonesboro and Chatham Council on Aging meal sites. Topics included Protein, Eating and staying well in Senior Years and Thrifty Food Choices with 84 seniors attending the program monthly.
- Monthly OrganWise Guys lessons were presented at the three Headstart centers in Jackson 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 127 preschool age children.

