



Attending the conference (from left) are Patsy Gibbs, Lillie Johnson, Patricia Buchanan, Myra Harris and Oscar Hamilton (not pictured).

- Madison educators represented the Reading to the Heart literacy enrichment program at the Louisiana Reading Association Conference held October 26-28 in Shreveport. Delegates gained knowledge and skills for classroom instruction at this professional development training designed for educators across the state.



- The Reading to the Heart literacy enrichment program sponsored a book fair for Wright Elementary fourth graders to encourage students to read more at home. Youth also received a digital bookmark timer and made reading logs to record the number of minutes they read at home each day. Pictured is Mrs. Bank's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class with their book selections. As a result of the book fairs, students will increase motivation to read and improve fluency and comprehension skills.



Pictured Back Row Left to Right: Delores Richard, Karol Osborne, Chartha Crockett, Berteal Rogers, Mary Watson, James Cupit, R.L. Frazier, Sarah Sims, Tressie Jobe, Julia James  
Front Row: Mike Rome, Kay Collins and Linda Arneson

Kay Collins, Administrative Coordinator III, (center) recently joined her former colleagues Mike Rome and Linda Arneson, in retirement on November 17, 2008 with a luncheon at Walnut Hills in Vicksburg, Ms. Kay has been with LSU for 12 years and will be greatly missed.

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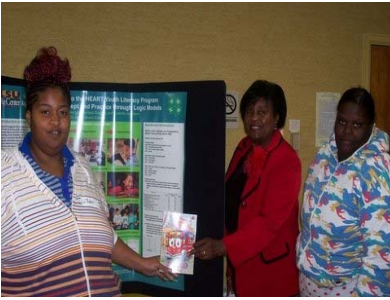
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## FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE



*Berteal Rogers, presented parents a book at a Reading to the Heart workshop*

- 25 parents took part in a workshop geared to the benefits of parent involvement in their children's education. They also learned ways to instill a love of books and reading.
- 8 Grandparents and parents gained knowledge and skills in effective communication, Discipline and parent child guidance.
- 35 Day care employees took part in a in-service training geared to Guidance and Discipline, natural consequences and logical consequences of misbehavior.
- 215 employees of Marie's Home Health Care gained knowledge and skill in nutrition needs and food safety for the elderly.



*Mary Watson, Nutrition Educator instructs Craig Jobe the importance of hand washing*

- 50 children gained knowledge in food safety, hand washing and Berteal Rogers, Extension Agent gave a tasting demonstration on how to prepare cake in a jar.

## FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE Southern University



*Dr. Patin, Southern University facilitating Delta Initiative Summit*

- Community leaders participants in area Delta Initiative Issues: Streets, Drainages, Education, Workforce Training, Jobs, Recreation
- 75 participated in the Northern and Central Louisiana Interfaith-Delta Assembly held in Tensas Issues: Streets, Drainage, Education, Workforce Training, Jobs Recreation.



*Workshop with youth on life skills and personal hygiene*

- 15 youth learned Health and Hygiene, youth develop positive feelings and understanding of what is happening to their bodies and ways to share their questions and concerns at a special interest workshop, the Kings Daughter.
- Participants gained knowledge by participated in the Southern University/LSU organic workshop.
- 3 Emergency Preparedness Workshops/1st Thursday Lunch and Learn; 67 homemakers learned how to prepare their families and

## AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

- 5 Madison homeowners gained knowledge of disease identification and treatment for Fall gardens.
- 15 Madison agriculture producers discussed plans for 2009-2010 crop season gaining insight on current variety recommendations from the LSU AgCenter trial.
- Parish agriculture leaders made recommendations for 2009-2010 ANR activities at the annual Ag Advisory Committee meeting.
- Madison Parish crop damage information submitted upon request to produce crop adjuster, USDA official and the Governor office to assist in assessment of crop loss in Madison Parish as a result of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

## 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



*From left are Brittny Sims, Joy Sims, LeAndrew Love and Nelda Bailey with two fellow summit delegates.*

- Four teens developed leadership skills and learned how to be a reading mentor by participating in the Teen Trendsetters Reading Mentors Summit held in Orlando, Florida, October 20-22. The teens were trained to return home and recruit other teens as mentors to support literacy education among fourth grade students in conjunction with the Reading to the Heart literacy enrichment program.