



LA Master Farmer Program/ Environmental Education

Master Farmer Technical Committee Meeting

Taught Basic Map and Compass Skills to 325 youth and 51 adults

Taught ATV Safety to 390 youth and teachers

WWW Task Force Planning Meeting

OEP meetings in Franklin and Tensas Parishes relating to potential flooding issues

Completed Level 1 Conservation Planning Training and Level 2 Conservation Planning Training Courses.

Presented demonstration updates for two demonstrations being conducted at the Northeast Research Station at annual field day.

Served as dorm supervisor for 2011 4-H University



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Agriculture and Natural Resources - ANR

Gardening programs on weed identification and control in lawns and annual plant care were presented to the Wisner Garden Club and Noon Nibbles at the Franklin Parish Library.



Cotton and soybean variety on-farm demonstrations were planted. On-farm demonstrations are used as an educational tool to let producers and their neighbors view research based practices on their farms.

A horticulture information booth was provided in the Princess Theatre lobby during the Franklin Parish Catfish Festival. Local Master Gardner, Holly Haring, helped county agent, Carol Pinnell-Alison, answer horticulture questions and distribute LSU AgCenter publications on home gardening.

A presentation on poisonous plants was given to two-hundred and fifty fifth graders from Franklin Parish schools during the annual Farm Safety Day.

Questions were answered from Franklin Parish citizens on identifying weeds, insects and diseases in lawns, yards, vegetable gardens, recreational ponds and crops. Information was provided on how to manage these pest problems. In addition problems were addressed on beef cattle and yard chickens.

4-H Youth Development



Five Franklin Parish Youth participated in Challenge Camp for 7th and 8th grade 4-H'ers at the Outdoor Wilderness Learning Center in Dubach, LA. Youth participated in many different activities that challenged them to work together to complete the task.



Five Franklin Parish youth participated in 4-H University in June on LSU Campus in Baton Rouge. Youth attended Clover College, educational programs and contests.

Ten youth received 4-Star status this club year. In order to be a 4-Star 4-H'er, youth must participate in at least 8 contests, turn in a completed project book and participate in an after school club. Members are awarded with a trophy and \$50 savings bond.

Twenty-seven youth and adults attended summer camp in May. Youth participated in tracks choosing categories including Dramatic Arts, Outdoor Skills, Science, Engineering & Technology, Food & Nutrition, Hunter's Safety, Victory Gardens and Louisiana Wetlands. Youth learn to be more independent after spending a week at camp.

Franklin Parish graduating senior KaBria Morgan was awarded the 4-H Scott Scholarship for Franklin Parish.

Family and Consumer Science

The Little Bookshelf Program completed its second year this June. One-hundred thirty-seven families of infants received a series of 12 books to read to their infants. Research shows that early literacy strengthens the parent-child bond and increases the child's vocabulary which is linked to greater success in school.

Five first-time homebuyers completed a four lesson course entitled "Charting Your Course to Home Ownership" to earn the home buyer education certificate required for their home loans.

The "Welcome to the Real World" event was a huge success again this year with 188 eighth graders from Baskin, Crowville, Fort Necessity and Gilbert participating. Local business and community volunteers manned the stations. Evaluations from the participants, volunteers and teachers showed that students enjoyed the experience and learned how hard it is to make ends meet in the real world. Students also learned the importance of getting a good education in order to have a career that will allow the lifestyle they desire.

Eight sessions of *Parents Preparing for Success* were taught this quarter with three parents in attendance. Two parents completed the six lesson course.

Ten offenders at the Franklin Parish Detention Center were awarded certificates for completion of the 100 hour Department of Corrections Reentry Preparation Program. Three AgCenter Family and Consumer Science agents worked together to present the lessons over a six month period.