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**Program Highlights
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Ag & Natural Resources

- Thirty northwest and North Central Louisiana forest owners gained knowledge on taxes at a seminar in November 2004 in Bossier City. All attendees said the seminar met or exceeded their expectations, and according to the evaluations, they valued the workshop at over \$2150 per person.
- Nine forest owners from Bienville, Claiborne and Webster parishes gained knowledge about current forestry issues at a tri-parish meeting in Minden in August 2004.
- Six forest owners from Bienville, Claiborne and Webster parishes toured a local Weyerhaeuser plant and learned how particleboard is made and how it impacts the market for their trees.
- Seven individual property visits were made with forest owners in Bienville, Claiborne and Webster parishes during the fall 2004 semester.
- LSU AgCenter forester Ricky Kilpatrick conducted a story on a bagworm infestation of bald cypress trees in Caddo Lake. The story was aired several times on a Shreveport news station.

4-H and Other Youth Development

- 19 4-H clubs were organized in September. Youth were recruited into the 4-H program enrolling over 850 members, an increase of over 200 youth from last year's enrollment numbers.
- 17 Bienville Parish youth participated in the various contests at 4-H University, formerly called Short Course. Four youth placed in the Blue Ribbon Group.
- The 4-H Advisory Leadership Council for 2004-2005 was organized with diverse representation throughout the parish. Through this committee, of which 16 members were present, priority needs related to the four initiatives were recommended along with procedures for implementing programs.
- Approximately 900 youth/adult leaders have participated in Character Education programs monthly.
- The state developed Character Education teaching module has been closely followed for club meeting lesson plans.
- Three elementary clubs have been pre-tested for measuring knowledge learned. Post tests will be administered at the end of the year.
- Character essay contests are held monthly for youth to improve writing skills and learn more about the six pillars of character. Winning essays are published in the 4-H newsletter.
- A slogan contest was held to re-name this year's monthly 4-H newsletter. "Got 4-H?" was the winning name selected by popular vote of 4-H members.
- 4-H curriculum, lesson plans, and "To Go Kits" have been shared and utilized by site coordinators and director of the 21st Century Grant Program for after school education in Bienville Parish.

- 4-H youth became more aware of hunger needs through the "Louisiana 4-H CAN Fight Hunger" project. Food is being collected and will be distributed in the parish.
- 4-H youth became more aware of helping others in unhappy situations through the toy drive for Domestic Abuse Resistance Team in Bienville Parish and Toys for Tots.
- One club filled shoeboxes for children at Christmas, Samaritan's Purse, & shipped overseas to Thailand in order to show caring for less fortunate countries.
- One club collected over \$700 for St. Jude, "Cash for Cures".
- Individual clubs are working on service learning projects.
- An outstanding member won an expense paid trip to Citizenship Washington Focus.
- The parish Jr. Leadership Club won 2nd place in state records.
- 59 youth attended 4-H Camp at Camp Grant Walker in Pollock, La., with special funding provided for 14 youth.
- National 4-H Week was observed in all schools.
- Bienville Parish had 8 out of 12 teams at the State Nutrition Quiz Bowl, winning 2nd and 4th places.
- Adult leaders were selected from each school to attend the District Leader Training in Ruston.
- Eight adult organizational leaders attended the parish leader planning and training dinner in Arcadia.
- One organizational leader won a blue ribbon in State Records Contest.
- One youth won 1st Place in State Good Provider Contest & Interview, winning an educational and fun trip to New Orleans plus \$100.
- Some Bienville Parish 4-H statistics were used to promote Louisiana 4-H in federal audits.
- Jr. Leaders toured Children's Homes in Ruston and Monroe delivering over 800 candy bars for the children to receive as incentives and snacks.
- Two youth won blue ribbons in State Records Contest.
- Jr. Leadership Club put Christmas Lights outside the Courthouse.
- The Jr. Leadership Club is following the state developed leadership educational module for monthly lesson plans. The club members were pre-tested at the beginning of the year and will later be post-tested to measure knowledge gained.
- Diane Uzzle, 4-H Agent, attended CPR and First Aid Training.
- Diane Uzzle, 4-H Agent, attended Josephson Institute for Character in Los Angeles, California and became a certified character education trainer.
- Six Jr. Leaders attended district counselor training to serve as camp counselors.
- Two Jr. Leaders attended Citizenship Louisiana Focus in Baton Rouge.

- Ten youth/adult leaders attended the Claiborne Electric sponsored educational trip to Houston, NASA Space Center, Astros game, and power plant tour.
- A parish Volunteer Management Plan was developed for utilization.
- Over 50 youth/parents/leaders attended the 4-H/LSU game and tailgating party.
- Diane Uzzle, 4-H agent, served on committees for LAE4-HA professional associational convention.
- One youth participated in the state fair talent show.
- Youth participated in 4-H Camp Slogan Contest.
- Diane Uzzle, 4-H agent, supervised State Good Provider Trip to New Orleans.
- Jr. Leaders held a special basketball tournament to fund 4-H University expenses.
- Jr. Leaders participated in a multi-parish hay ride, corn maze, and pizza party.
- Jr. Leaders held a cookout and officer election to kick off the New Year.
- Jr. Leaders went to Marshall, Texas to watch a potter work, ice skate, see Christmas Tour of Lights, and eat at a restaurant.
- Jr. Leaders visited the elderly in their community and did small jobs in their homes.
- 75% of youth are following correct parliamentary procedures in club meetings.