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Ag & Natural Resources

- All day Forest Taxation Workshop was offered, focusing on the major tax laws that apply to forest landownership. Two nationally known forest tax professionals presented the information and answered questions. This in-depth workshop provided an excellent opportunity to become aware of the many tax forms used in filing, the new tax law changes, benefits of utilizing the tax laws to reduce taxes paid, and participants received the Tax Handbook for Forest Landowners.
- 31 forest landowners, resource managers, and tax accountants attended the workshop. Of those evaluating the workshop, 100% indicated the workshop met or exceeded their expectations and was very useful. The forestland acres represented at the workshop totaled over 4,355 acres and the value of the workshop to the participants, as indicated by them, was \$83,500.
- Co-sponsored a meeting with Louisiana Tech and USDA regarding value added grants for farmers held at the Ruston Civic Center.
- Pesticide re-certification for Louisiana Tech agronomy students.
- Horticultural presentation for the North Central Louisiana Daylily Society.
- 600 Horticultural Hints, a circular newsletter distributed to clientele.
- 50 people attended the Cattlemen's meeting at Louisiana Tech University.
- Working with commercial vegetable growers on utilizing proper seeds.
- County agent along with 2 parish farmers attended the State Farm Bureau Convention.

- County agent worked with poultry litter pelletizing representative to learn of alternative opportunities for disposing of poultry litter.
- Parish Cattlemen learn of the extension service Calf-to-Carcass program.
- Parish cattle producers gained knowledge on winter supplementation and general cattle health by participating in a meeting at Louisiana Tech University.
- Parish cattle producers gained knowledge on cool season forages by participating in a meeting sponsored by Extension, local retailers, and Louisiana Tech University.
- Parish cattlemen learned information on the master cattle producers program by viewing a presentation by the County Agent.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- 16 parents attended a one-hour "Positive Parenting" session on "How to Control Anger."
- 17 parents attended a one-hour "Positive Parenting" session on "Listening Techniques."
- 15 parents attended a one-hour "Positive Parenting" session on "Using Natural and Logical Consequences."
- 11 parents attended a one-hour "Positive Parenting" session on "Setting Limits."
- 16 parents attended a one-hour "Parenting" session on "Marriage Matters."
- 22 parents attended a one-hour "Parenting" session on "Raising Children Together."
- 2 parents attended a three-hour "Parenting" Class, "Children in the Middle." Parents learned four ways children are put in the middle of their parents divorce: Put downs of the other parent, money matters, acting as spies, and carrying messages.

- 10 customers participated in a two-hour "Food Safety and Preparation Workshop" conducted for a new local food service entrepreneur.
- 20 participants were updated on the Sparta Aquifer. Richard Durrett, Sparta Commission Member, updated the audience on the Sparta Aquifer situation at the LSU AgCenter monthly Lunch & Learn program.
- 101 people participated in the November LSU AgCenter monthly Lunch & Learn program. 11 local businesses showed off their holiday merchandise for the Christmas Season. Consumers were encouraged to shop Lincoln Parish first for the tax benefits.
- 25 people learned the significant health benefits of yoga from a certified yoga instructor, Stephen Kearny, at the October LSU AgCenter monthly Lunch & Learn program.
- 56 caregivers attended a three-hour child care provider workshop on "Discipline."
- 7 caregivers attended a three-hour child care provider workshop on "Fostering Independence."
- 15 caregivers attended a three-hour child care provider workshop on "The Many Wonders of Childhood."
- 5 caregivers attended a three-hour child care provider workshop on "First Years Last Forever."
- Conducted a survey for two-days during the North Central Louisiana High School Rodeo to obtain information for an economical development impact evaluation requested by the Chamber of Commerce.
- 37 participants were involved in the Parents Preparing for Success program parenting classes in Lincoln, Bienville, Jackson, and Claiborne parishes. Topics of classes included: "Nurturing your Baby/Your Family's Budget", "Caring for Your Baby/Handling a Cash Crisis", "Keeping Your Baby Safe/ Making It on Your Own", "Baby Development/Transportation and Child Care Challenges, and "Family Strengthening/ Communication."

- 10 local agencies and organizations are networking to conduct an upcoming job skills training, “Leap into Work.”

4-H and Other Youth Development

- 15 4-H members participated in the district and state horse show.
- Jessica Barnes, Choudrant High 4-H member, attended the State Marsh Maneuvers.
- 8 4-H members, 3 adult volunteer leaders, and 2 Jr. Leaders participated in the 4-H Fashion Workshop.
- 12 4-H members participated in day camp activities that included fishing sports, compass orientation, water safety, woodworking, and using solar energy.
- 8 4-H members attended an electrical awards trip to Houston, Texas.
- 39 4-H members attended summer 4-H camp.
- New 4-H horse club was formed being organized and conducted by two volunteers working with the 4-H Program.
- 4-H enrollment meetings were conducted in all parish schools giving all 4th – 12th grade students the opportunity to join 4-H.
- 18 4-H Junior Leaders attended a “Back to School Bash” and were informed about the opportunities of junior leadership.
- 55 adult volunteer leaders and 18 agents from Lincoln Parish and 10 surrounding parishes attended the Area Leader Training held at Grace United Methodist Church in Ruston, LA.
- 25 club meetings reaching approximately 839 youth were conducted covering health (high fiber diets and drinking water).

- 15 exhibitors showed livestock at the Louisiana State Fair.
- 9 4-H members competed in the Louisiana State Fair Nutrition and Livestock Quiz Bowls placing 2nd in Livestock and 3rd in Nutrition.
- New 4-H livestock club formed with leadership from the youth members.
- 25 4-H horse club members participated in a hoofs and legs care clinic.
- 25 club meetings reaching approximately 839 youth were conducted covering bone health.
- 47 youth participated in the 4-H pet show.
- 42 4-H officers, 1 adult volunteer leader, and 1 parent attended a parish-wide 4-H officer training.
- 25 horse club members learned basic riding skills and safety around horses.
- 9 4-H members participated in a beef cattle showmanship clinic and showmanship competition.
- 4-H livestock exhibitors collected toys for the “Toys for Tots” program.

