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## Serving Lincoln Parish Through Education

### **Program Highlights Spring Semester 2003**

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## **Ag & Natural Resources**

- 26 beef cattle and forage producers learned best management practices and forage variety recommendations through individual farm visits.
- 30 adults and youth learned more about horse training during an educational horse clinic held during the North Louisiana State Fair.
- 13 beef cattle producers learned more about the importance of pre-conditioning cattle, prior to sell or shipment to a feedlot, through the LA Calf-to-Carcass Project. These 13 producers from North Louisiana consigned 160 head of beef cattle to the 2002-03 project.
- 125 poultry producers attended a Bio-Security Program.
- 125 poultry producers learned about CAFO regulations.
- 100 poultry and beef producers learned about nutrient management practices.
- 60 poultry and beef producers attended a series of Master Farmer Programs.
- 25 farm and home visits related to home lawns, fruit trees, strawberry and tomato growers.
- 55 phone calls related to horticulture information.
- 55 people attended two garden club programs conducted on garden topics.
- Organized forestry land owner advisory council.
- 25 people attended an educational presentation on trees and shrubs.
- Secured sponsorship from continuation of Horticulture Hints.

## **Family and Consumer Sciences**

- 47 people participated in “Portions” to learn about a healthy eating program. Participants lost a total of 213.5 pounds.
- 19 people attended “Children in the Middle” classes for divorcing parents with minor children.
- 47 people “Get Ahead of the Rat Race” to learn how to simplify their lives.
- 37 people participated in “Every Touch Counts” to learn how to bathe, nurture, relieve stress, and care for their baby.
- 42 people attended “Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate” to learn how to distribute their non-titled property.
- 214 child care providers were trained in child development related topics.
- 65 Head Start staff and parents attended a seminar on “Discipline.”
- 55 youth were trained in the “CHARACTER COUNTS!” program. These teen leaders have reached over 600 youth.
- 23 students and 84 teachers and child care providers were trained in the “Character Critters” program. Child care providers have taught the program to over 100 pre-school children.
- 290 people attended the monthly Lunch & Learn programs. Program topics are conducted on a variety of consumer and health topics.
- 7 community programs were conducted on “Fight the Bite” reaching 100 senior citizens.
- 56 people attended “Stretching your Food Dollars.”

## **4-H and Other Youth Development**

- The North Louisiana State Fair, held at the North La. Exhibition Center, involved 150 4-H livestock projects and 83 4-H members from across north Louisiana.
- Lincoln Parish Barn Bash, held at Hays Bros. Angus Ranch, involved 100 4-H livestock projects and 67 4-H members from Bienville, Lincoln, and Union parishes.
- 25 4-H members from Lincoln, Union, and Ouachita parishes attended a Beef Cattle Grooming & Showmanship clinic held at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center in West Monroe.
- The State Fair of Louisiana involved 29 4-H members from Lincoln Parish exhibiting 85 livestock projects. Also, 10 4-H members from Lincoln Parish competed in the State Fair Livestock Quiz Bowl.
- 23 4-H’ers gained knowledge on identifying different types of livestock feeds.
- 23 4-H’ers now understand the importance of agriculture to Louisiana families after participating in a series of lessons on how agriculture impacts the economy in Louisiana.
- Northwest Louisiana Livestock Show held in Shreveport involved 17 4-H members from Lincoln Parish exhibiting 30 livestock projects.
- 17 4-H members from Lincoln Parish exhibited 30 livestock projects during the LSU AgCenter Junior Livestock Show.
- 130 4-H’ers gained knowledge on Career Decision Making during 4-H Challenge Camp.
- Enrolled 778 youth in 4-H; formed 24 school clubs and 1 Junior Leadership Club with 27 members.
- 7 volunteer 4-H Leaders attended a regional training to learn the role of 4-H Leaders.
- 1757 Lincoln Parish youth and 45 school faculty gained information about prevention of contracting diseases carried by mosquitoes through the Skeeter Buster Program.
- 43 4-H’ers participated in the 4-H Pet Show with 3 volunteers and 3 sponsors.
- 7 4-H’ers promoted 4-H and Halloween safety by handing out 250 Halloween bags, treats, and 400 4-H balloons to youth during the Ruston Downtown Trick or Treat.
- 35 4-H’ers and 2 volunteer leaders participated in the 4-H Officer Training.
- 15 4-H school clubs participated in the Thanks-for-Giving Canned Food Drive with 1000 canned food items donated to Christian Community Action.
- 21 4-H Junior Leaders participated in the Christmas Clearing House Adopt-A-Family party and donated gifts for a 3 member family.
- 21 4-H’ers participated in the Lincoln Parish 4-H Foods Festival along with 6 volunteers and 3 sponsors learning food garnishing techniques and about the restaurant ownership/chef careers.
- 7 4-H’ers and 1 parent volunteer participated in the preparation and delivery of Valentine cards to The Arbor Retirement Center.
- 6 4-H’ers and 3 parents participated in the Area 4-H Commodity Cookery Contest.

- 14 4-H’ers participated in the area 4-H Challenge Camp at Camp Grant Walker.
- \_\_\_ 4-H’ers participated in the parish Demonstration/Public Speaking Day Contest.
- 3 4-H’ers and 2 volunteer leaders participated in the state Fashion, Food, and Fitness Camp at Camp Grant Walker. They will share the program at summer workshops.
- 5 4-H Junior Leaders promoted 4-H through mass media by recording PSAs and doing live interviews over the local radio station.
- 18 4-H school clubs including 31 volunteer leaders participated in a parish wide fund raiser.
- 2 4-H Junior Leaders participated in the state Junior Leadership Conference held at Camp Grant Walker.
- 2 4-H Junior Leaders participated in the state Youth Co-Op Leadership Conference held at Camp Grant Walker.
- 4 4-H’ers received the State 4-H Award of Excellence.
- 3 4-H’ers received the Louisiana 4-H Key Club Award in recognition of their club work.

- 2 4-H’ers received blue and white ribbons by participating in the State Honey Bee Essay Contest.
- 47 4-H’ers entered leaf collections in the Louisiana State Fair winning various ribbons and premiums.

## **Community Economic Development**

- LSU AgCenter and Entergy through the Team City and Take Charge Programs have assisted Dubach in forming a faith based 501 c 3 non-profit corporation to enable Dubach to apply for HUD funds to build an apartment complex for 14 residents.
- With the assistance of the LSU AgCenter, Dubach residents applied for and received a \$2,500 grant from the Louisiana Retirement Commission to promote Dubach as a retirement destination. With this grant they have designed a rack card to promote this effort.
- The LSU AgCenter and Louisiana Tech’s Liz Higgins, Director of Louisiana Tech’s Rural Development Department, met with State Representative Rick Gallot of the Rural Development Task Force of the Louisiana Legislature to discuss tourism opportunities for Claiborne, Webster, Lincoln, Bienville, and Union Parishes.
- One entrepreneur received information on manufacturing and marketing a new food item.
- Hillary Calavitta, AICP Senior Transportation Planner of ARCADIS in Austin, Texas included the LSU AgCenter in a meeting to provide input for the Tarbuton Transportation and Community and System Preservation Plan. Discussion focused on smart-growth strategies for the I-20 corridor and the entrance to Grambling State University. A plan using ideas provided from a cross-section of parish residents will be presented in the summer of 2003 by Calavitta.