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4-H Youth Development

- 89 youth competed in Beef and Dairy Poster Contest. One youth was state Beef Poster winner.
- 21 teens competed in 4-H U; eight Blue Ribbon winners.
- Cody Mason (Spearsville) elected to serve as North Central Region representative on the State 4-H Executive Board.
- Melinda Remy (Farmerville) received the C.J. Naquin 4-H Scholarship for \$1000.
- Fifteen 7th and 8th graders attended area T.E.A.M. Camp.



- 70 youth and adults from Union Parish attended Claiborne Electric Fun Day.
- Four delegates attended 4-H Co-Op Camp and State Leadership Conference.
- 9 youth participated in Southern University Livestock Show; won Beef Showmanship Overall and Division Champion Hog.
- Hannah Senn (Spearsville) selected to serve 3rd term on the State Fashion Board.
- 19 special needs youth were taught workforce preparation, entrepreneurial and sewing skills by constructing an apron and working FNP greenhouse.



- Conducted litter awareness program for 1,200 people at Louisiana Purchase Garden and Zoo's Earth Day.
- Agent and adult volunteers provided area training for Shooting Skills Triathlon. Union Parish team placed 7th in state competition.
- Wrote and planned "Art of Communication" Class for Camp Grant Walker's Summer Camping program.
- Served on the Ag Expo Forestry Awareness Committee. Created Arbor Day educational information for Northeast teachers. A total of 892 youth and 50 teachers benefited from the program.
- As a result of guest speakers, news articles, and monthly promotions, 690 4-H youth became aware of community needs by adopting the D.A.R.T. program. Each month they made donations to supply the newly formed program with needed items.
- Twenty-seven students enrolled in the nutrition project, selected heart healthy recipes and exhibited a total of 55 dishes in parish commodity cookery events.

Community Economic Development

- A tour of the poultry industry was given to 26 parish career educators and "Workplace Ethics" was taught to 40 supervisors at Pilgrim's Pride in an effort to help them build a stronger workforce in Union Parish.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- 15 youth from Bernice Even Start participated in a 12-week parenting seminar "Right from Birth." Young parents learned about brain development, ways to provide positive experiences for the first year, and tips about starting school.
- 8 youth from Bernice Even Start participated in character education; they learned the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, fairness, caring, citizenship, respect and responsibilities.
- 115 homes received Serving Louisiana Families newsletter.
- "Healthy Kids" newsletters were distributed bi-monthly to school and health care professionals.
- A total of 26 participants have attended one or more Parents Preparing for Success Classes.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Conducted Foods and Nutrition Program gardening project with 100 kindergarteners.



- Secured grant funds for Mosquito Abatement Program.
- Conducted demonstrations of fruit tree grafting for area farmers.
- Conducted Pesticide Certification and Re-certification Programs.