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4-H Youth Development

- By participating in a “Canstruction” contest, 4-H members donated over 1,250 pounds of canned goods to D.A.R.T.
- Eight special needs youth were taught workforce preparation, entrepreneurial and sewing skills by constructing a school spirit quilt.
- Six teens participated in a “Louisiana’s Youth-Adult Partnership” grant program taught by Shannon Lager, a national trainer from New Jersey.
- 15 teens received safety information on “Steps to Safety” in domestic violence situations from D.A.R.T.
- Team building and leadership skills were taught through a program entitled “IncREDible Leadership.” It was presented to 21 Jr. Leaders, 20 4-H Agents and Chase Manhattan Mortgage Company employees.
- Taught 149 4-H volunteer leaders “Workforce Preparation” and “4-H Club Ideas That Work” at Area 4-H Leader Forum.
- Gave over 892 youth from fifty 4th grade classrooms in the Northeast area an educational tour of Ag Expo’s Ag Alley. The event highlighted cotton, forestry and poultry.
- Two parish youth won state Jr. Wildlife Record Books and attended the Jr. Wildlife Tour to LUMCOM.
- 46 youth put into practice public speaking and demonstration skills after program on the ABC’s of Public Speaking.
- Over 700 youth gave extemporaneous speeches as part of “Learning to Take the Lead” club meeting program.
- 13 youth exhibited 32 animals at State Fair.
- Two computer enrichment programs implemented at Farmerville Elementary.
- 32 entries in Fall Food Festival.



- 9 entries in Ag Expo Photography Exhibit.
- Organized a Union Parish Outdoor Shooting Sports Program. Sixteen adult volunteers serve on an advisory board and several will serve as instructors.
- Union Parish has teens serving on state 4-H Executive Board; State Fashion Board, and Camp Grant Walker Advisory Board.
- Over 120 newly-elected officers received training on “How to Conduct a 4-H Club Meeting.”
- 38 4-H’ers and 32 parents received information and training at Beef Leadership Camp at Ike Hamilton Expo Center.
- 21 teachers received in-service training to serve as 4-H Organizational Leaders.



Community Economic Development

- Eighteen people attended talk on “Regionalism – Another Approach to Economic Development” during the Union Parish Lunch Bunch Meeting in November.
- Three people received information about the tax incentives associated with Renewal Communities.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- Fourteen young parents attended six parenting classes on “Right from Birth.” Parents learned how important their role is in the development of their child’s first three years of life.
- Two parents from the Office of Family Service attended a six-hour parenting class on “Every Touch Counts.” Lessons covered: bathing the baby, nurturing, diapering, when

to call the doctor, and making plans for your future.

- Two parents attended the divorce seminar “Children in the Middle.”

1,960 visitors

attended the Bi-Centennial Day Quilting Exhibit and Demonstration at D’Arbonne State Park.



- The directors of Claiborne, Lincoln, Ouachita and Union Even Start programs were presented information concerning the “Family Storyteller” program.
- Prepared “Parenting to Prevent Childhood Obesity and Anemia” program for Head Start parents.
- 115 families received information on food safety, family life and nutrition by way of newsletters.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Secured Commissioner Bob Odom to serve as Grand Marshall of the Louisiana Watermelon Festival Parade.
- Conducted tree planting workshop for JTPA summer youth work training program participants at the Farmerville Recreational Center.
- 128 entries in the Watermelon Interior Quality Competition, a new state record of a 202 pound watermelon was recorded.
- 52 head of cattle were processed for Calf-to-Carcass project at ULM.
- Several Union Parish Jr. Cattlemen went on a trip to the Oklahoma City National Stockyard and the Cowboy Hall of Fame.
- Set up an FNP Garden Project for Farmerville Elementary Kindergarten class.
- Conducted two Forestry Workshops.
- Conducted three Nursery Production Workshops for FHS Special Education classes.
- Presented one horticulture workshop for Farmerville Garden Club.
- One Mosquito Control Meeting.
- Annual North Louisiana Fruit and Vegetable Grower’s Conference.