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## Serving Winn Parish Through Education

### Program Highlights Spring Semester 2004

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## Ag & Natural Resources

- Conducted hoof trimming demonstrations for two local families/producers on goats. The families have learned the importance of maintaining the hooves of their animals and reducing the chance of hoof rot.
- Conducted six fruit tree pruning demonstrations showing how to remove unwanted limbs and improve tree quality and vigor. All 22 have adopted the recommendations.
- Coordinated three visits with local producers on utilizing irrigation, new varieties and soil improvement for vegetable production. All three producers have agreed to produce for local market and one is working on establishing a roadside market at his home.
- Presented educational program to Winn Parish cattlemen on ryegrass production and fruit tree care. Also, covered in the presentation were soil testing, fertilization, liming and spraying of the crops to reduce damage by insects and weeds. Fifteen producers were in attendance and 66% of the groups are following recommendations on varieties and care of crops.
- Attended Winn Farmers' Market advisory meeting. USDA Farmers Market nutrition program was addressed at this meeting. Each year this program brings in over \$5,000 to the local market through the use of the coupons to purchase fresh Louisiana grown produce.
- Conducted forestry demonstration on proper methods to apply chemicals. Owner has adopted the recommendations and is very pleased with the outcome.
- Visited Brewton, Jordan and Booth's poultry farms and discussed upcoming programs and ways the LSU AgCenter could help them with their soil sampling, storage and application of their litter on their property. All were very receptive to the offer.
- Conducted three goat dehorning demonstrations for local producers and all have adopted the recommended procedure.

## Family and Consumer Sciences

- Family and Consumer Sciences clients were instructed on strategies for becoming a "nutrition savvy" person. Approximately, 80 homemaker

club members learned that it is important to be well-informed about recommended nutrition practices and to be sure that the information is credible. A resource fact sheet listing reliable nutrition websites was distributed to all participants.

- Five child care providers participated in two training sessions. One on "Cognitive Development and Learning" the other on "Creating the Learning Environment". Clients learned the stages of brain development in a child from birth to 5 years of age and how children learn as related to forestry and the outdoors. A variety of hands-on activities were introduced and each participant completed a "make and take" teaching activity to use in their child care setting. Evaluation results indicated that all clients learned important teaching skills for creating a learning environment.
- Through collaborate efforts with the Louisiana Department of Correction, clients in the probation/parole program participated in a parenting workshop to learn positive parenting strategies. All clients reported that they would practice the recommended techniques in parenting situations with their children, to improve family relationships.

## 4-H and Other Youth Development

- Winn Jr. Leaders participated in community service activity in collaboration with the City of Winnfield and the Louisiana Political Museum. Thirty-five 4-H'ers assisted in serving duties during the annual Louisiana Political Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. Many state and national politicians attended, including United States Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts. The 4-H'ers gained knowledge of Louisiana's rich political heritage and developed serving etiquette skills. They also marketed 4-H and the LSU AgCenter among local, state and national political officials.
- A group of 12 Winn Parish 7<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members and one 4-H Jr. Leader participated in Challenge Camp at Grant Walker Educational Center. The youth participated in "Louisiana Safari" activities by exploring Louisiana agriculture, technology, careers, community service, 4-H opportunities and outdoor adventures. Through involvement in this camping activity, the 4-H youth

learned leadership and decision-making skills that will help them in life.

- A group of 175 junior club 4-H members and 25 adult volunteers participated in 4-H Achievement Day and learned how to "Bee Smart...Bee Healthy." Educational sessions focused on the importance of healthy eating, daily exercise, drug-free activities and good character behavior.
- Conducted five BB gun safety programs in the local schools to promote the 4-H outdoor skills program and safe gun handling. Over 200 4-H youth participated in the program and 60 qualified for the parish shoot-off to be held at the Winn Parish 4-H Achievement Day in April. Following the parish shoot-off the top individuals will be qualified for the state match.
- Attended ATV and Outdoor Skills curriculum meeting in Caddo Parish with Joe Barrett and Michele Cooper. The group worked on a grant for \$40,000 to provide materials and training for agents in the state.
- Assisted in 4-H Livestock Club meeting in which Dr. Mark Murphy and students from Louisiana Tech did a showmanship and nutrition clinic for sheep, swine and goat project members. Over 40 parents and youth attended the training and learned how to improve their project.
- Attended and participated in Southern University Livestock Show. Thirty-three Winn Parish 4-H members exhibited over 53 projects and won more than \$4,900 in premiums and Sale of Champions money.
- Conducted Environmental Awareness program for Winn Parish Forestry Awareness program. Over 150 5<sup>th</sup> grade youth, throughout the parish, learned ways to reduce pollution and increase the quality of their environment.
- Coordinated and assisted in Louisiana Forest Festival and 4-H Woodsman Skills competition. Over 40 youth, from Winn and Vernon parishes, competed in the 4-H woodsman skills competition and learned the importance of safety and forestry facts as it relates to our economy. Ten forestry students from Louisiana Tech judged and scored the competition.