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4-H Youth Development



- 17 youth competed in the Northwest District 4-H Horse Show and the Louisiana 4-H/FFA State Horse Show.
- 41 youth competed in the Louisiana Watermelon Festival Livestock Show with 70 4-H/FFA livestock projects.
- 6 new 4-H members began work in the 4-H livestock project with beef cattle, goats, swine and rabbits.
- 18 Union Parish 4-H'ers competed with 43 livestock projects during the State Fair of Louisiana Livestock Show.
- 11 Union Parish youth toured Dolet Hills Lignite Power Plant and NASA.
- 2 Union Parish teachers attended National Character Counts Training in Los Angeles.



- Set up quilting display and demonstrations at Lake D'Arbonne State Park's Lewis and Clark Voyage of Discovery Day (1,300 attended).



- Provide monthly educational programs on Work Force Preparation and Career Awareness to all 4-H members.

Community Economic Development

- 65 Pilgrim's Pride line supervisors completed Workplace Ethics Training. The training offered assistance in communication, conflict resolution, and team building to increase company productivity.



Family and Consumer Sciences

- 19 parenting and money management educational sessions were presented to young parents referred by the Office of Family Support.
- 28 participants have attended sessions of the Parents Preparing for Success Program. Fourteen participants have completed the program as mandated by the Department of Social Services.
- 10 Bernice Even Start students have completed a six-week "Positive Parenting" series. Lessons included setting limits, discipline, listening and communication, dealing with anger, using natural and logical consequences and dealing with challenging behaviors.

Food and Nutrition Program

- 418 Union Parish elementary through high school students are participating in the Organ Wise Nutrition Program for 12 weeks.
- 85 Head Start students in Bernice and Farmerville Are participating in the Organ Wise Nutrition Program for 12 weeks.



- FNP Nutrition Educator presented "Take Charge of Your Health" an adult nutrition program PowerPoint presentation at each of the parish TRIAD meetings the month of September to 120 members.

- Each month "Nutrition News" letters are added to the 807 Food for Senior's commodity boxes distributed.
- 400 "Nutrition News" newsletters are distributed every 3 months in the commodity boxes dispensed by the Office of Community Support.
- 15 Bernice Wellness Center patients participated in the "Take Charge of Your Health" PowerPoint presentation each month.
- "Healthy Kids" newsletters are distributed to the Kid Med offices and the Health Unit monthly.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Directed 156 kindergarten and first grade students in planting an FNP garden at Farmerville Elementary School.



- Conducted the Louisiana State Interior Quality Melon Competition (51 entries).
- 85 Cattlemen gained knowledge about:
 - upcoming regulations pertaining to proper animal identification.
 - environmental concerns facing our agricultural producers and recommended cool-season forage production and practices.
 - herd health & production recommendations
- 24 citizens attended "Importance of Forestry to Landowners" program.
- 90 landowners participated in a forestry meeting to educate underserved landowners.