

Outcome Summaries:

- *Red River Crops Conference drew over one hundred producers each day*
- *Fourteen community members participated in the Texas Community Futures Forum*
- *County Stock Show Premium Auction raised over \$72,000 for sixty-one exhibitors*
- *One hundred fifteen youth and adults at Community Christmas Caroling*

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Mission Statement

Improving the lives of people, businesses, and communities across Texas and beyond through high-quality, relevant education.

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

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Agriculture and Natural Resources

Twenty-seven producers attended a farm bill educational meeting in December to learn about the choices facing their operations and how the decision aid produced by Texas A&M University can help in making those tough decisions. I attended the Beltwide Cotton Conference in San Antonio in January. Two educational posters with data from Collingsworth County programs were utilized in the poster session. Fifty-five producers attended the Southeast Texas Panhandle Ag Conference in Memphis in January. Attendees heard presentations over weed control and new technologies emerging in cotton seed. The Red River Crops Conference took place in Childress in January. The planning committee was comprised of agents from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Oklahoma Cooperative Extension. The two day conference featured alternative crops and economics on the first day and cotton production during the second day. One hundred five producers attended the first day, and one hundred fifteen producers attended the conference the second day. A financial increase of \$5,002.00 per respondent for the attending the conference was determined based on the evaluations completed at the end of each day. On February 12th the Texas Community Futures Forum was conducted. Fourteen key stakeholders in the community attended to brainstorm issues facing the community that can be addressed through Extension programming. Results from the Family and Youth Development group indicated the need to increase visible career opportunities and address bullying and self-esteem issues. The Community Development group indicated the need for health and wellness fairs, as well as increasing involvement in community service activities. The Agriculture group determined that wildlife control was an issue that needs addressed. These ideas will be utilized in future programming efforts.





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4-H and Youth Development

A Community-wide Christmas Caroling event was held in December. Over one hundred-fifteen youth and adults from 4-H, FFA, First Baptist, United Methodist, Church of the Nazarene, Tabernacle, Our Mother of Mercy Catholic, First Christian and Girl Scouts gathered for a chili feed on the Courthouse lawn first, followed by a hay ride to the Assisted Living and Wellington Care Center. Christmas carols were sang at each location, then a hay ride back to the Courthouse and hot chocolate topped off the evening. 4-H members and Girl Scouts teamed up on each Saturday in December to ring the Salvation Army bell in front of the grocery store as a community service activity. Forty-one 4-H youth participated in the County Stock Show in January, a total of sixty-one youth competed in the show. 4-H claimed Grand and Reserve honors in every species shown. The premium action brought in a total of seventy-two thousand dollars to be distributed to the exhibitors. Six members exhibited animals in the goat and steer shows at the Fort Worth Stock Show. Three members placed with their animals and made the sale. Five youth competed at the San Angelo Stock Show with gilts and goats. Three animals placed in their respective classes. Three members competed in the barrow and steer shows at San Antonio Stock Show. All three animals placed in their classes. Seven members of the Senior 4-H Club met in December for their quarterly meeting. They participated in a "Holiday-Themed" Canned Food Scavenger Food Drive around town. They collected approximately twelve bags of food to be donated to the Ministerial Alliance. Twenty-one members of the Clover Kids club met for their monthly meetings in December, January and February. They completed Christmas cards, thank-you gifts for stock show helpers and Valentine's day gifts for their loved ones. Twenty-four members of the Wellington 4-H Club met for their monthly meetings as well. They learned how to create a balanced meal out of pantry staples, they made thank-you grab bags for county stock show helpers, and they learned cake decorating and then competed in "Cupcake Wars".

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