

4-H & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Educational programs through the 4-H program support state wide goal of Life Skills and Leadership. The Golden Clover 4-H Club has 115 members. County Adult Leaders, volunteers, Teen Leaders and Junior Leaders are instrumental in carrying out educational programs.

GCJLA Stock Show – 66 exhibitors (62 hogs, 18 lambs, 30 goats, 30 rabbits and 12 steers), 45 volunteers; raised over \$65,000 for youth. 15 Pee-Wees.

Quality Counts Clinic – Information on cattle, sheep, goats and hogs. Garza County 4-H volunteers assisted.

Shotgun/Shooting Sports – 14 learned gun safety and marksmanship in Trap/Skeet. Competed at District, Area and State competitions.

Garza County 4-H Trap Shoot – Trap and Skeet Shoot hosted by Garza County 4-H with 56 youth and organized by 12 volunteers; 160 attended.

4-H Record Book Training/Workday – 3 days set aside in June. District-1st place Energy Management 2nd place horse; State 1st Place Energy Management

Concession Stand Fundraiser – Activity at Post Stampede Rodeo generated approximately \$1,500. 30 adult volunteers, 30 youth.

4-H Achievement Recognition – Recognized 4-Hers' and volunteers for accomplishments and leadership. 46 attended, 27 volunteers.

4-H Community Service Projects – Canned food drive, decorated Christmas tree donated to needy family in Garza Co 12/13/09

4-H Clothing Project – 5 participated, 2 advanced to District Fashion Show. Saturday Fun Day spent learning how to sew and accessorize. 3 Fashion Design Entries

Quilt Challenge - 3rd at State; donated to Trailblazers.

Stock Show "Fun-raiser" – GCJLA sponsored fund-raiser, with Extension input and organization, generated approximately \$7,000 for stock show association for barn renovation and show expenses for 4-H and FFA youth. 75 attended.

District 4-H Trap Shoot-Hosted by Garza County with 108 shooters; 225 attending; 13 volunteers

Horse & Play days:

Horsemanship Clinics – Youth attended 5 clinics teaching showmanship skills and riding techniques. Three participated in District with one advancing to State. Average 32 attended 5 play days with over 15 volunteers; year end buckles. 2 attended State 4-H Horse Show.

GCJLA Horse Show – 12 4-H youth exhibited at halter.

Major Livestock Shows –12 exhibitors at major livestock shows earned over \$15,000 in premiums and scholarships.

Nutrition Quiz Bowl - 5 participating at District. Topics: Food Guide Pyramid, budgeting, preparation & safety. 3 advanced to district, 2 volunteers.

Rabbit Project - 16 youth, 4 volunteers; End of Year Show and Awards.

4-H Recruitment Kickoff – Members and volunteer leaders held 4-H recruitment kickoff by hosting swimming party for prospective members. 12 youth and 6 volunteers attended

4-H Camps –2 Juniors attended Leadership Lab, 3 Senior Counselor; Bat Camp, Carlsbad 5 youth attended and 1 volunteer

Photography Project – Workshop learning basics. 5 participated at District level, 15 pictures participated at state level, 1 State Best of Show; 2 volunteers assisted.

District Gold Star Banquet - Audree Williams and Dakota McDonald were recognized at the event held at Texas Tech. Marcie Oden was recognized as Outstanding Adult Leader from Garza County. 9 total attending.

Consumer Decision Making - 1 participated, 1 volunteers. Knowledge and skills for successful consumers.

District Tours – Planned Recreation Day (2), Food & Clothing Tour (3), and 4-H Officer Training (4).

1 State Record Book Winners -Audree Williams-1st place State Energy Conservation Record Book; Earned a trip to National 4-H Leadership Conference, Washington D.C.

Texas 4-H Congress - 1 senior in House of Representatives

One Day 4-H - 11 youth & volunteers fed local EMT's and Volunteer Fire Department honoring their service to the community



Garza County Program Highlights 2010

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OVERVIEW

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service has provided 96 years of service to the people of Texas working to improve their economic well-being and quality of life. The strength of our efforts to provide meaningful programs comes from the involvement of community leaders on the Leadership Advisory Board, which is composed of representatives from each program area committee: Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences and Youth Development. Highlights of some of the 2010 educational efforts through the LAB are outlined as follows:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The following programs are directly related to Garza County Futures Forum results which named issues such as health, safety, aging, family relationships and citizenship as main concerns to the county citizens.

Health Fair – 110 participants. Flu shots offered at \$20. 12 local and area organizations participated providing educational information and services.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Programs conducted within Family and Consumer Sciences enhanced support of state goal: Health, Safety and Well-being.

Walk Across Texas – 48 Post Elementary School, 8 week programs on increasing physical activity, warming up-cooling down, pedometers, food safety, healthy snacks, eating more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and website reliability.

Hometown Holiday – Demonstrations on holiday decorating, foods. Provided info on food safety, and financial planning. Cookbooks available with diabetic recipes, quick meals & gifts from the kitchen.

Sports Nutrition- Curriculum Pilot to 54, 5 lesson series

Curriculum Enrichment- Elementary PK-5th Heart Health Program for Valentines, Field Day, Health Safety Day; Safety flyers to Post Elementary & Southland Elementary, 500 kids

Kids, Kows & More-Crosby & Garza Counties, 160 4th & 5th graders

Do Well, Be Well -Garza/Borden 8 participants, 9 lesson series

Cancer Education - Partners with Susan G Komen

We Think Pink - Presentation to District 4-H Agents & Scurry TEEA members; Race For The Cure, Trained for Speakers Bureau.

South Plains Community Action - Portion Distortion, 18 attended

Child Safety - 5 day training for Child Safety Passenger Certification

2 FCS/BLT Newsletters

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Educational programs support state-wide goals of Environmental Stewardship and Economic Competitiveness.

Southern Mesa Ag Conference – Dryland cotton production, Boll Weevil update, wheat, forage production, weed, IPM, irrigation and Brush Busters. 169 participants, 5 ½ CEU's.

Brush Busters – Result demonstrations on spraying IPT Prickly Pear & Choya control on Kirkpatrick, UU and ranches.

Home Horticulture – Home visits to clientele to identify home landscape, tree, shrub, grass, water problems for homeowners.

Licensed Private Applicator Training – Licensed Private Applicator training for producers.

Rolling Plains Ag Conference – Cotton, irrigation, forage, cattle vaccinations, Trichomoniasis, wheat, CRP, wildlife, brush control; 93 attended, 3 CEU's.

Salt Cedar Biological Control – Demonstration plots setup utilizing beetles with NRCS on Kennedy's and Graves.

Rolling Plains Range Tour- 130 attended

Foreign Animal Disease- 17 attended

Forage Samples Collected - monthly to determine supplement

Beef Cattle Seminar -17 attended, Feed price outlook, range management, trichomoniasis, supplements, rainfall insurance

Wheat Production Meeting - 12 attended

Water Management Seminar - 12 attended

Wildlife Damage Management Public Meetings - (3)

Prepared for Unexpected - Post Lions Club

Extension Program Interpretation - Post Lions Club

Rainwater Harvesting Seminar - 15 attended

4 Ag Newsletters

Local Work Group Meeting with NRCS - 21 attended

Shattered Dreams Planning Meeting - 10 attended