



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 – 68 exhibitors (64 hogs, 12 lambs, 38 goats, 30 rabbits and 14 steers), 45 volunteers; raised over \$74,000 for youth. 18 Pee-Wees exhibited Goats.

Quality Counts Clinic – Information on cattle, sheep, goats and hogs. Quiz Bowl teams compete to determine knowledge of youth on varied livestock topics. Garza County 4-H volunteers assisted.

Shotgun/Shooting Sports – 12 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 60 youth and organized by 12 volunteers; 250 attended.

4-H Record Book Training/Workday – 2 days set aside in June. 4 advanced to District. 2 won State.

Concession Stand Fundraiser – Activity at Post Stampede Rodeo generated approximately \$2,200. 30 adult volunteers, 30 youth.

4-H Achievement Banquet – Recognized 4-Hers' and volunteers for accomplishments and leadership. 61 attended, 27 volunteers.

4-H Community Service Projects – Collect coke tabs & box tops 10/10/09; Canned food drive, 2 decorated Christmas trees donated to Victims Assistance to be given to needy families in Garza Co 12/13/09

Parade Floats – 4-H'ers and leaders prepared a float for the Post Stampede Rodeo Parade winning a \$100 award.

4-H Clothing Project – 10 participated, 9 advanced to District Fashion Show. Saturday Fun Day spent learning how to sew and accessorize.

Stock Show "Fun-raiser" – GCJLA sponsored fund-raiser, with Extension input and organization, generated approximately \$6,800 for stock show association for barn renovation and show expenses for 4-H and FFA youth. 60 attended.

Back to School Health Fair (60) - 4-H information booth - 56 handouts and 4-H information were distributed by 5 4-H'ers; 1 leader.

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Horse & Play days:

Horsemanship Clinics – Youth attended 3 clinics teaching showmanship skills and riding techniques. Group conducted an Open Horse Show at end of year. Three participated in District with one advancing to State. Average 21 attended 8 play days with over 20 volunteers; year end buckles.

GCJLA Horse Show – 12 4-H youth exhibited at halter. Major Livestock Shows – 14 exhibitors at major livestock shows earned over \$67,000 in premiums and scholarships.

Food/Nutrition Project – 29 participating at the County level. Topics: Food safety, preparation, preservation, Food Guide Pyramid, budgeting. 2 advanced to District, 3 volunteers.

Nutrition Quiz Bowl - 5 participating at District. Topics: Food Guide Pyramid, budgeting, preparation & safety. 4 advanced to district, 2 volunteers.

Rabbit Project - 32 youth, 4 volunteers; Rabbit Expo - 38 attended; Rabbit Circus - 50 attended.

Entomology Project - 6 youth, 4 volunteers attending 4-H Recruitment Kickoff – Members and volunteer leaders held 4-H recruitment kickoff by hosting swimming party for prospective members. 34 youth and 13 volunteers attended

4-H Camps – 2 Juniors attended Leadership Lab, 1 Senior Counselor; 1 attended Prime Time I.

Photography Project – Workshop learning basics. 10 Juniors participated at District level, 4 Seniors participated at state level, 2 volunteers assisted.

District Gold Star Banquet - Jackie Milton recognized at the event held at Texas Tech. Barbara Palmer recognized as Outstanding Adult Leader from Garza County. 7 total attending.

Consumer Decision Making - 4 participated. 4 to district, 2 volunteers. Knowledge and skills for successful consumers. Sr. Team 3rd; qualified for State 4-H Roundup in 2010. 2009 team placed 12th of 54 at state 4-H roundup

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

2 State Record Book Winners - Jackie Milton-1st state Rabbit Record Book; Reed Williams-1st State Conservation of Natural Resources; Both earned trip to National 4-H Congress, Washington D.C.

GARZA COUNTY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 2009

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County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

OVERVIEW

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service has provided 90 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 2008 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 – 168 participants. Flu shots offered at \$20. Free blood pressure. 34 local and area organizations participated providing educational information and services. National Day of Prayer – 26 attended

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Programs conducted within Family and Consumer Sciences enhanced support of state goal: Health, Safety and Well-being. Walk Across Texas – 54 Post High School, Programs on increasing exercise, 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, financial and holiday planning. 2 Post merchants displayed their Christmas wares. Participants received a 2009 Garza, Mitchell & Scurry County cookbook. 145 total. Sports Nutrition- Curriculum Pilot to 54, 5 lesson series Curriculum Enrichment- Elementary PK-5th Heart Health Program for Valentines, Field Day, Health Safety Day Professional Moms-Extension & 4-H overview 2 meetings, 16 attended Kids, Kows & More-Multi County 40 4th graders Do Well, Be Well -Garza/Borden 2 participants Trail Blazers/SPAG 50 flyers, 10 ways to Save money; Head Start-Color Your Child's Plate, 68 total

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Nancy McDonald, County Extension Agent - FCS

Trainings:

Family Wellness
Cooking Well with Diabetes
BLT – State quarterly updates, Lubbock
Program Planning Conference
TCE Human Resources Conference;Regional
CENTRA-WAT, Rebuilding Financial Security, Clothing & Textiles, Money Smart, NEFE

Professional Associations:

Texas Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science (TEA-FCS) Membership & Recruitment Committee
Texas Extension Agents 4-H Association (TEA4-HA) Ways and Means Chair; President Elect

Committees:

District 4-H Program Development Committee
CRCG Board
Area School Health Committee
District TEEA Conference Committee
Electric Camp Coordinator
Garza County Juvenile Detention Center ARD
District Two 4-H Recognition Committee
District Two 4-H Photography Committee
GCJLA Concession Stand Coordinator

Miscellaneous: Judged County, Regional & State Events

Greg Jones, County Extension Agent - AG

Trainings:

SALE Leadership Training-Austin & San Antonio
Rolling Plains Research Ranch Tour
H1N1 Research Activities
Horticulture Training
Discrimination Free Work Place
Advanced Cotton, Lubbock
Advanced Beef Cattle
Advanced Range Management

Assignments/Committees:

North Regional Professionalism Task Force
North Region Beef Cattle Chairman
District 4-H Rifle Contest Chairman
District 4-H Program Development Committee
District 4-H Shooting Sports Task Force
District Trap/Skeet Committee
District 4-H Horse Show Committee
State Steer Classifying Committee
NACAA & TCAAA Member

Community Development:

Garza County FAC & SWCD Committees
Garza/Borden FSA Committee
Garza County Jr. Livestock Association

Miscellaneous: Judged County & State Stock Shows
Judged S. E. New Mexico State Fair, HOT Fair
General Livestock Superintendent-South Plains Fair
Steer Superintendent-South Plains Fair
(Little League Jr. League Team Manager)

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, peanuts, weed, IPM, irrigation and Brush Busters. 185 participants, 5 ½ CEU's.

Brush Busters – Result demonstrations on spraying mesquite IPT oil vs. water and brush sculpture, and IPT Prickly Pear & Choya control on Kirkpatrick, UU and Dalby ranches.

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

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

Rolling Plains Ag Conference – Cotton, irrigation, forage, cattle vaccinations, Trichomoniasis, wheat, CRP, wildlife; 129 attended, 3 CEU's.

Salt Cedar Biological Control – Demonstration plots setup utilizing beetles with NRCS on Dalby Ranch

Rolling Plains Quail Research Tour - 85 attended
CRP Management Workshop - 36 attended, 3 CEU's

Foreign Animal Disease- 5 attended

Forage Samples Collected - monthly

Beef Cattle Seminar -36 attended, Feed price outlook, CRP grazing, range management, wildlife management, trichomoniasis, parasite control

Food Prices vs Consumer Prices - 55 High School youth

Ag Profitability Workshop - 6 attended

ACRE Farm Bill Training/Options for Producers

Crop Evaluation Clinic - 6 attended