

Outcome Summaries:

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Sherman County

Mission Statement

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Agriculture & Natural Resources

The second quarter has again been busy as I have been establishing result demonstrations, test plots, checking homeowners yards, and helping to solve problems out in the field such as seeding or fertility issues, irrigation problems, or helping to make insecticide recommendations. In April I worked with the agent from Moore Co. as well as our Agronomist from Lubbock to hold a meeting in Etter to assess the damage incurred by the freezing temperatures that were coming in each week. We checked samples of wheat and showed producers what to look for when trying to determine if a head was still viable.

I once again established my Efficient Profitable Irrigation in Corn Result Demonstration (EPIC). This is the third year that I have established this demo., but the first time with this new producer. He is a very good producer who manages his water very well so it will be difficult to save any water, but these are the types of growers I like to work with. I also established a cotton variety trial again this year, however the high winds and sand blew it out shortly after emergence and the producer did not want to spend the time replanting the trial. I am also collecting Fall armyworm, southwestern cornborer, and western bean cutworm moths again. Our District Entomologist Ed Bynum is running the numbers to try and build a model to predict when these moths may start to emerge and enter our fields.



4-H & Youth Development

We had 24 youth participate in the rifle program this year. Our Junior teams placed 7th and 8th at District this year. Our Intermediate teams placed 5th and 8th, and our Seniors were 2nd. Our Seniors went on to finish 13th in the State at Victoria. Everyone on the team shot their best score of the year at the State Competition. These four Senior competitors have improved tremendously over the past couple of years are we are expecting big things from them next year.

We had a Robotics team this year that went to a competition in Midland in this spring. They built their own robot, programmed it, and had it run the course. Although they did not have any competition in the Senior category, they had a great time and learned a lot from some of the younger youth who were present.

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Jill Killian and Brad Easterling

I was chairman of the District 1 Horseshow this year which took up a considerable amount of time, especially in the months of May and June. The horseshow was held June 21-22. Everything went fairly good. We had another district event on the same weekend which pulled some of our youth away, therefore our numbers were down some.

We held a planning meeting at Aurora Dairy to discuss starting some 4-H projects out there for some of the youth that live out there at the dairy. Right now we are looking at starting off with Clothing and Textiles and Junior Master Gardeners. A record number of 4-H members participated in Clothing projects and contests. Eleven members participated in the District Fashion Show, 10 placed in the top 3 of their class. One member went on to compete at state and won 1st place in the State 4-H Fashion Show. All of our Fashion Storyboards also placed in the top 3 of their categories. This was the first time in several years Sherman County has had competitors in the district Consumer Decision Making contest. We had 5 members compete with the Jr. Team placing 5th. Another new opportunity was presented for 4-H members to participate in a county camp experience with other Texas and Oklahoma panhandle counties. Members participated in leadership, recreation, archery, shooting, fishing, leather crafts, nutrition, dancing, and hiking. Two 4-H members participated in regional Power camp, learning leadership and valuable life skills. In April both agents conducted workshops at the Imagination Station Week of the Young Child "Life on the Farm" exhibit. Over 500 area school children and teachers attended during the three day event. Both agents cooperated with area Extension staff in the presentation of a Water Conservation program for area 4th grade students. State Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest(4th place team); State Fashion Show(1st place); Clothing Educational Presentation(7th place) and 1 member and one leader serving in state leadership on the State 4-H Clothing Advisory board.



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Family & Consumer Science

I continue to provide nutrition information to 75 low income families receiving food boxes from the food bank. I cover meal planning, wellness and nutrition and include recipes to improve the diets of their families distributing the information in English and Spanish. I am starting a beginning sewing class for a group of Hispanic women

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