

Program Impacts:

- 75% passing rate for FPM course
- Nature of Things Adventure Expo reaches 200 youth
- 18 4-H'er's compete in Spring contests
- \$20,600 awarded in scholarships at State 4-H Roundup
- Shooting Sports
- Arbor Day

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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.

The Texas A&M University System, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Food Protection Management (FPM): Agent held an FPM course for people who work in the food industry that needed to become certified food managers. Seventy five percent of the participants passed the test and earned their food managers certificate.

Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA): Oldham County EEA members attended the District 1 EEA Spring Conference in Amarillo, TX. During the conference, Oldham County 4-H'er, Hannah Allemand was awarded the District 1 EEA Scholarship in the amount of \$1000. Also during the conference, Oldham County EEA member, Eva McKnight's hand-made afghan was awarded first place and will advance on to the State EEA Conference. Hannah was also awarded the Oldham EEA Scholarship in the amount of \$200.



4-H and Youth Development



Nature of Things Adventure Expo: This year the Oldham County AgriLife Extension Service hosted their 5th annual Nature of Things Adventure Expo. This educational event provided 200 children in the 2nd – 5th grade in all four communities of Oldham County an opportunity to learn about a wide array of topics that focus on nature, wildlife, outdoors activities, natural resources, and career opportunities in the nature/wildlife field.

FCS Contests: This spring Oldham County had 4-H'ers compete in the Oldham County Fashion Show, District 1 Fashion Show, and Consumer Decision Making Contest. Everyone who placed 1st at the Oldham County Fashion Show advanced to the District 1 Fashion Show where we had five place and one qualify for State Roundup. We also had a team compete at the Consumer Decision Making Contest. The team placed 4th overall and there was one individual that placed in the top 10.

Roundup: Texas 4-H Roundup is a qualifying and invitational event for youth between the ages of 11 and 18 that have successfully placed in a qualifying event at the district level or signed up to compete in an invitational event at the state level. Texas 4-H Roundup includes approximately 50 different contests and workshops that test 4-H members on life skills in such areas including decision making, public speaking, organization, and working with others. Oldham County was well represented at this year's 4-H State Roundup held in College Station, TX with four youth, one adult leader, and two county extension agents attending. Oldham County 4-H'ers competed in numerous contests including Fashion Show, Food Challenge, Photography, and 4-K for 4-H Walk & Run. Also, during Roundup two Oldham County 4-H'ers and two former Oldham County 4-H'ers were recognized with Texas 4-H Scholarships. Hannah Allemand was awarded a \$7,000 McLean Estate Scholarship, Sammie Hardisty was awarded a \$10,000 Richard Wallrath Educational Foundation Scholarship, Jaci Wagner was awarded a \$1,800 Volunteer Leaders Association of Texas Scholarship, and Joni Wagner was awarded a \$1,800 Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni Scholarship.

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4-H and Youth Development (cont.)

District Livestock Judging: Oldham County 4-H was very well represented by 8 young people at the District 1 Livestock Judging Contest at the Nance Ranch in Canyon, TX. A contest such as this serves as a vital learning tool for the 4-H members. The majority of our competitors stepped into a contest for the first time in Canyon, TX. Logan Martin ended the day 12th out of over 100 competitors and this performance helped his team to a 12th place finish out of 36 total teams! Spencer Clements claimed the 10th spot in the Beef Cattle division and Stock Martin was 6th in reasons.



Oldham County Shooting Sports: Throughout the state of Texas, the Oldham County Shooting Sports Program is notorious for producing extremely competitive 4-Hers that have an endless knowledge of gun and shooter safety as well as the etiquette and demeanor it takes to be successful adults in the future. This program has been extremely successful in the past, and this year is no different! Our shooters have competed at shoots throughout the spring, including the Randall County and Deaf Smith County shooting events as well as the District 2 shooting sports games. All 3 of these competitions have seen an Oldham County 4-Her take home the top prize!

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Inaugural Oldham County Arbor Day Horticulture Symposium: On April 25th, 2014, the Oldham County Agriculture Committee and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Oldham County hosted an in-depth Horticulture Symposium at the Oldham County Barn with a total of 13 attendants. Those attendants were mostly female (67%) with the majority between the ages of 30-49 (42%). Dick Cameron, Potter County Master Gardener President, Ben Thoennes and Jack McWhorter, Amarillo Arbological, and Austin Voyles, County Extension Agent-Oldham County, led the discussions during the 4 ½ hour program.

- ⇒ Approximately 65% of the respondents reported gained knowledge at an average 31.4% increase in their level of understanding of the topics covered within the program
- ⇒ Approximately 42.6% of the respondents “definitely will” adopt the practices discussed within the one day program.
- ⇒ These data also suggest that further programming efforts may be required in the areas of soil preparation and composting as well as drought tolerant plant varieties.
- ⇒ It is concluded that the participants found the program relevant, timely, and helpful ($\mu = 99.1\%$) with 83% expecting a positive economic impact as a result of the topics covered within the program.

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