

## Program Impacts:

- *AG/NR: Hemphill County Beef Conference & Ag tour has an estimated economic impact of \$1.7 million dollars to local ranchers and farmers.*
- *FCS: Bountiful Baskets and High Plains Food Bank join forces with Extension to eradicate hunger in Hemphill County and build nutritional education*
- *4-H: Major Stock Shows net Hemphill County kids over \$30,000. Several Hemphill County kids attend district competitions varying from Live-stock competition to Duds to Dazzle.*

## Hemphill County

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

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## Agriculture and Natural Resources



Beef Conference

This quarter was very exciting as we hosted the first annual Beef Conference and Ag Tour in Hemphill County. This conference featured nationally known speakers focusing on the issues of the cow/calf producer in our region. We had over 80 attendees from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. The Ag Tour included stops at Canadian Feed Yard, Abraham Equine & Wildlife Reflections, The Cattle Exchange, Gageby Valley Angus Ranch, and Indian Mound Hereford ranch. The conference was a huge success (our surveys indicated that \$1.7 million in added value was added to ranches throughout Hemphill County). Plans are already in place for next year's Beef Conference and Ag Tour.



Ag Tour

Our Agricultural Committee met in May and due to the interest at the Beef Conference, decided to begin a Grass Grazing and Animal Management School that will span over 10 months, starting in August.

During this quarter, over 10,000 people have been reached regarding agricultural issues (managing pastures post drought & cow herd rebuilding, parasite & insect issues, weed issues, and other related issues of the cow/calf producers in Hemphill County), through The Canadian Record, FM Radio KXDJ 98.3, AM Radio KGNC 710.



Beef Conference Speakers

## Family and Consumer Science

Hemphill County began a new partnership in the Spring with Naturally Canadian Food Co-op (a sub group of Bountiful Baskets). Our office in exchange for hosting this event (bi-monthly) will have access to their Facebook page and names, along with addresses and phone numbers of those who participate in Hemphill County.



Bountiful Baskets

Food 4 families was also introduced to Hemphill County through a luncheon for community leaders, flyers, and applications, which were distributed to students at Baker, CES, and Rachel's Little House. High Plains Food Bank partnered with Tanya to bring food and education to needy families in Hemphill County. The first meeting took place on June 1st. High Plains Food Bank also met with Rachel's Little House to discuss the use of food from the food bank, as they are a non-profit organization and qualify for services.



Tanya partnered with TxDOT and Keep Kids Safe Panhandle, in April, to have a car seat check (installation and discussing car seat recalls). Over thirteen vehicles participated in this free check.



The Hemphill County Family and Consumer Science Committee met this Spring for their quarterly meeting. Discussion included the lack of participation in financial management at The Oasis Cove Apartments. It was decided, due to this lack, that the office would focus on building relationship with the community through nutritional programs, rather than continuing financial classes. Once the relationship is built, they decided, then they would proceed with classes like this.

# Hemphill County



## Texas Community Futures Forum

21 Hemphill County Citizens gathered on March 31st to determine 5 main educational concerns in AG/NR, Community Development, Family Nutrition and Health, and Youth Development. The main concerns to be addressed are: a business mentoring program to en-



courage young people to come back to Hemphill County to farm and ranch, provide health services (i.e. nutritional programs) and advocacy programs, help develop local businesses for our economy, and offer financial educational resources. These concerns will be the focus of Extension programming over the next 5 years for Hemphill County.



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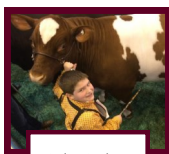
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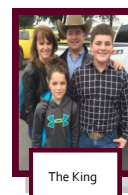


**4-H**



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Major stock show season netted Hemphill County projects about \$30,000 this year. Some of our 4-H families attended stock shows in Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, and Austin. The 4-H members exhibited steers, heifers, breeding gilts, and market barrows.



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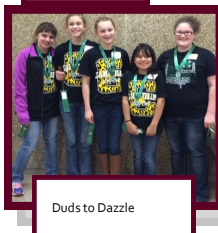


Annie Messner

Spring competitions that our 4-H kids were involved in for District 1 were: livestock judging (7 kids competed in several competitions), shooting sports (2 kids competed in the rifle competition), Educational Presentations (4 Hemphill County represented us at district level), Duds to Dazzle (2 teams of 5 participated and won 1st and 3rd in their class at District), and Fashion Construction (one Hemphill Co 4-Her attended and won a spot at Texas Round Up).



Educational



Duds to Dazzle

We had our 4-H officer elections in April, where nine members were elected to office by participating in an interview with 1 Hemphill county citizen and 2 Hemphill county 4-H Adult Leaders, who determined which office each applicant would be best suited for. The officers will be trained this summer during the Hemphill County 4-H Officer Retreat.



Duds to Dazzle

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Snacks and 4-H information was provided to 3rd-6th grade girls and boys at Canadian ISD workshops (Girl Power and Boy Power). These workshops focused on self esteem and bullying. Four nutrition and exercise educational sessions were presented to 3rd graders at Baker Elementary School. The program reached over 80 students and emphasized the importance of including more fruits and vegetables in their diet and exercising for, at least, an hour every day.

Anti-bullying programs were presented to children at the Oasis Cove Apartments. An average of 7 children attended each month.

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