

Program Impacts:

- 50 1st-Graders participated in Hatching in the Classroom
- 33 youth and 11 volunteers attended the Mill Iron Ranch Tour
- 36 4-H members competed in District Competitions during the Spring
- 26 producers attended the Panhandle Peanut Growers Meeting
- 6 cooperators will put in variety and insecticide trials

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4-H and Youth Development

Nine youth competed at the Houston Livestock Show with steer and barrow projects. Seven of the participants were first-time showmen. 4-H projects meetings and preparation for District competitions for Consumer Decision Making, Livestock Judging, Clothing and Textiles and Grass ID began in full force in March. Six youth participated in Consumer Decision Making, with one individual claiming 2nd High Individual at the District competition and qualifying for State Roundup. Four youth participated in Grass ID; the Intermediate team brought home 2nd place, and we claimed 2nd High Senior Individual and 3rd, 5th and 8th High Intermediate Individual titles. Thirteen youth participated in Livestock Judging practices, the Clarendon College Invitational Contest and the District competition. Twelve 4-H members participated in the Clothing and Textiles project, creating their own outfit, learning how to sew and creating fashion storyboards. Youth then competed at the County and District levels with their creations. One individual competed in the Solo/Band Performance competition at the District Roundup; she qualified to advance on to State Roundup by placing 1st in her division. Shooting Sports began in April; nine youth from Collingsworth County combine with Wheeler County weekly to practice their marksmanship. Monthly 4-H meetings were held from March-May with an average attendance of twenty-five youth per meeting. Meeting subjects included presentations from the Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District and Wellington EMS as well as a community service project of cleaning Ellison Park. Wellington Senior 4-H Club held an "Etiquette Dinner" in March. Members got dressed up, traveled to Bertie Fannie in Memphis, dined on gourmet food and learned the proper dinner etiquette techniques for scholarships, interviews and special occasions.



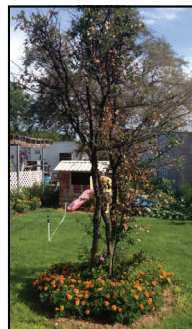
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Predators in the Classroom was conducted in April for the 5th Grade class at Wellington Elementary; thirty-three 5th graders learned about predator-prey relationships. They then attended the Mill Iron Ranch Tour, where they learned about tracking, grass identification and quail habitat. Mill Iron Ranch, NRCS, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and multiple volunteers assisted in putting on the annual event. Wellington Elementary 1st-graders completed "Hatching in the Classroom". Fifty 1st-graders learned about incubators, how eggs develop and how to care for chicks during the month of May. Graduating 4-H members interviewed for local 4-H scholarships in May. \$3,250 was awarded to five graduating seniors through the Collingsworth County 4-H scholarship and the Dan Langford Memorial Scholarship.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Twenty-six farmers from Collingsworth and Donley counties attended the Panhandle Peanut Growers Meeting in March. Meeting attendees listened to Dr. Jason Woodward and Dr. Wayne Keeling speak about the state of the industry, new technologies coming out for weed management and how a peanut/ cotton rotation of farmland works. Meeting was sponsored by the Panhandle Peanut Growers Association. Two producers attended Private Applicator Training sessions at the Extension Office. A variety of horticulture related questions were addressed throughout the quarter, ranging from iron deficiencies in butterfly bushes to web worms attacking trees. Newspaper articles were written to address garden creation and planting, storm safety, storm cleanup for trees and gardens, and insect management. Variety trials were arranged for cotton and peanuts. Three irrigated cotton variety trials and one peanut variety trial will be put in. A Velum Total trial will be put in on both irrigated cotton and peanuts as well. All trials will be monitored throughout the summer and will be showcased at the Annual Crops Tour in September.



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