



**Extension Education in Dimmit County**  
*Making a Difference*

## EXTENDING KNOWLEDGE *Providing Solutions*

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has long been dedicated to educating Texans. Extension education evolved nationwide under the 1914 federal Smith-Lever Act, which sought to extend university knowledge and agricultural research findings directly to the people. Ever since, Extension programs have addressed the emerging issues of the day, reaching diverse rural and urban populations.

In Texas, all 254 counties are served by a well-organized network of professional Extension educators and some 100,000 trained volunteers. Extension expertise and educational outreach pertain to the food and fiber industry, natural resources, family and consumer sciences, nutrition and health, and community economic development.

Among those served are hundreds of thousands of young people who benefit annually from Extension's 4-H and youth development programs.

Texans turn to Extension education for solutions. Extension agents and specialists respond not only with answers, but also with resources and services that result in significant returns on the public's investment. Extension programs are custom-designed for each region of the state, with residents providing input and help with program delivery. Here are just a few highlights of Extension impacts on this county and its people.

## **Dimmit County – Summary of 2013 Educational Contacts**

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### **2013 Outcome Summaries:**

#### Agriculture & Natural Resources

- Multi-County Water Quality Education (Related to Oil & Gas)

#### Family & Consumer Sciences

- Master of Memory
- Food Protection Management
- Friend to Friend

#### 4-H & Youth Development

- Take a Stand - *Against Bullying*
- Balance Food & Play
- One Day 4-H

### **2012 Output Summaries:**

#### Agriculture & Natural Resources

- Natural Resources
- Horticulture

#### Family & Consumer Sciences

- Better Living for Texans (BLT)
- General FCS Contacts

#### 4-H & Youth Development

- Youth Agriculture and Natural Recourses

#### Community Economic Development

- Community & Economic Development

### 2013 Multi-County Water Quality Education Plan (Related to Oil & Gas) – Outcome Summary

Developed by Jaime Lopez, Frio County ANR Agent

#### **Relevance**

Water quality and quantity have emerged as the preeminent issue across the state including the Eagle Ford Shale area in South Texas. Agriculture and Oil & Gas industries are the largest water uses in South Texas, and both are under close scrutiny because of the potential for negative environmental (water quality) impacts. The goal is for homeowners and landowners to adopt best management practices to protect water quality and enhance water conservation so water supplies will meet future water needs in the Eagle Ford Shale area.

#### **Response**

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Frio, Atascosa, Dimmit, McMullen, and LaSalle counties developed the following activities to address this relevant issue:

- “How Cloud Seeding Can Be Used As A Long Term Water Management Tool”- Southwest Rain Enhancement Association
- “Range and Pasture Stewardship” – Dow Agro Sciences
- “The Carrizo Aquifer, A frank discussion on its historical and present day use” – Dr. Brownlow, Consulting Geologist
- Frio/Atascosa/Wilson and Medina Counties Water Well Screening Program – Charlotte
- Frio/Atascosa/Medina Counties Wildlife Tax Evaluation and Farm Pond Reclamation Program
- Multi- County Agent Training on Water Screening Kits
- 2 Quarterly Ag Newsletters mailed in Atascosa County – 1,400 producers reached
- Atascosa County Extension Agent News Release – 30, 000 readers reached
- Atascosa Ag Day for 4th Grade Students – 530 reached
- La Salle County Rainwater collection – Wildlife & Water program
- La Salle County Water Screening

#### **Results**

A participation survey (retrospective past) was utilized to measure programmatic impact. A total of 13 of 38 (34.2%) returned the survey.

*The first section focused on overall satisfaction of the program:*

- Overall satisfaction with the activity – 93.3%
- Satisfaction with quality of course material – 92.3%
- Satisfaction with location of the activity – 84.6%
- Satisfaction with the information being accurate – 91.7%

*The second section focused on intentions to adopt any practices:*

- Do you plan to test your water once a year – 76.9%
- Do you plan to pump your septic system regularly – 63.2%
- Do you plan to remove possible hazards from well house – 45%
- Do you plan to plug or cap abandoned well on property – 25%

*The last section focused on the value of participation in the program:*

- Estimate how valuable your participation in the Water Education Program has been to you:

	Frequency	Percentage
\$100-\$249	1	7.7
\$250-\$499	2	15.4
\$500-\$999	4	30.8
\$1,000-\$2,499	1	7.7
\$2,500 or more	2	15.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>76.9</b>

Results indicate that the Multi- County Water Plan met its objectives to increase knowledge and behavioral changes with the homeowners that participated. 92.3% of the participants indicated that they were completely satisfied with the entire program. The average estimate how valuable their participation in the Water Educational Program has been to them is, \$1,067.10 per participant.

#### **Future Plans**

Working with agents from Dimmit, La Salle, Frio, Atascosa, and McMullen counties we will continue to offer water educational programs targeting homeowners and landowners so they can continue to monitor their water resources.

**2013 – Dimmit County Natural Resources Plan – Output Summary**

Developed by Richard Griffin, Dimmit County ANR Agent

**Relevance**

Over 700,000 acres of rangeland are managed in Dimmit County for wildlife and livestock. Of these acreages, over 600,000 are used for recreational and commercial hunting. The need to assist landowners with questions on brush management, and other wildlife questions is needed.

**Results**

As a result of this plan, this agent assisted landowners by answering questions via telephone, in the office, and made numerous site visits whereas this agent assisted landowners by assessing parcels of land and giving input on to what changes needed to be made. Landowners had the opportunity to inquire about brush control methods, plant identification, and general questions about food plots and wildlife. Agent meet with Dimmit County Range and Wildlife committee in order to gain input on what type of programming efforts needed to be conducted in the county. As a result, Dimmit County offered a series of programs in water quality and quantity, and dealing with the petroleum industry. Agent also gained professional development by attending South Texas Buckskin Brigade and Bobwhite Brigade and was able to learn more about population dynamics, plant ID, and a wealth of information from professionals from across the state.

**Future Plans**

Agent will continue to meet with Range and Wildlife Committee to gain input on future programming efforts. Programs will be conducted in order to assist landowners with the ever changing challenges that they face in their operations.

**2013 – Dimmit County Horticulture Plan – Output Summary**

Developed by Richard Griffin, Dimmit County ANR Agent

**Relevance**

Due to our geographical location, and distance from nurseries and landscaping maintenance companies, numerous questions are fielded by the County Extension Agent for the clientele of Dimmit County.

**Response**

This agent assisted landowners and home owners by answering questions via telephone, office visits, and making numerous site visits in order to assist clientele with questions on trees, shrubs, lawns, and insects. Agent was able to assist individuals with numerous problems, many of which were caused by drought. Agent will be conducted Private Applicator training December 18, 2013, in order to assist both homeowners and producers with the need for gaining a private applicator license to assist them in purchasing the needed herbicides needed to maintain their desired botanicals. Agent will be conducting Last Chance CEU training on December 19, in order to assist licensed individuals with their credits needed.

**Future Plans**

Agent will continue to offer private applicator trainings, along with CEU opportunities in the county. Site visits and phone calls will be answered in order to assist clientele with problems as they arise.

### 2013 – Dimmit County Master of Memory Plan - Outcome Summary

Developed by Josephine A. Farias, Dimmit County FCS Agent

#### Relevance

The Dimmit County Family and Consumer Sciences Committee identified memory as an issue for elderly in the county. The mindset that memory begins to fail as a person becomes older is a huge misconception. Although, some decline in cognition and memory with age are normal. According to the National Institute on Ageing, there are many factors that affect memory; medication, diet, stress, anxiety, feeling sad or lonely, or adapting to change. Some ways to improve memory include utilizing memory tools, staying active, regular interaction with others, learning new skills, exercise, and getting lots of rest. According to the 2010 US Census, the total population for Dimmit County was 9,996. The population for 60+ years was 1,619. The projected population for 60+ years in 2015 is 2,013 and in 2020 it is 2,040.

#### Response

Master of Memory is a six-lesson series to help older adults understand how memory works, identify ways to improve memory and pinpoint things in everyday life that may affect memory. In the absence of some brain disease or disorder, memory may be affected by many different things. Your memory is divided into three distinct yet equally important parts: sensory memory, short term memory and long term memory. If you do not learn something, you will never remember it. Determining which type of learner you are can significantly improve memory. The program was advertised throughout Dimmit County and implemented on Monday's during the month of March at the United Methodist Church in Carrizo Springs, TX.

#### Results

- 2013 was the first year the program was implemented in Dimmit County.
- 10 participants attended the program and 9 completed the survey. The following data is based on the 9 respondents.
- 100% of respondents were mostly or completely satisfied with the information being accurate.
- 88% of respondents were mostly or completely satisfied with the information being easy to understand.
- 78% of respondents were mostly or completely satisfied with the helpfulness of the information in decisions about your own situation.
- 100% of the respondents were mostly or completely satisfied with the instructor's knowledge level on the subject.
- 78% of respondents plan to take actions or make changes based on the information from this activity.
- 63% of respondents anticipate benefiting economically as a direct result of what they learned from this Extension activity.
- 100% of respondents would attend another subject offered by Extension if it addressed a specific need or interest of theirs.

#### Future Plans

For 2014, Dimmit County FCS agent plans to:

- Develop a stronger program
- Expand program and increase participation
- Continue with current collaborations

**2013 – Dimmit County Food Protection Management Plan - Outcome Summary**

Developed by Josephine A. Farias, Dimmit County FCS Agent

**Relevance**

The Dimmit County Leadership Advisory Board identified food safety as an issue. Dimmit County has experienced an increase in population and food establishments due to the oilfield boom. Foodborne illness is an illness transmitted through food to people. An outbreak is when two or more people have the same illness after eating the same food. Foodborne illnesses are often linked to 3 behaviors: not following time and temperature rules, poor personal hygiene, and cross contamination. According to the CDC, the United States experiences annually: 48 million illnesses (1 in 6 Americans), 128 hospitalizations and over 3,000 deaths (8 Americans each day). The CDC states 37% of Foodborne Illnesses are caused by improper holding temperatures and 19% from poor personal hygiene and improper hand washing.

**Response**

Food Protection Management (FPM) consists of two programs: *Food Safety – It’s in Your Hands*, a two hour food handler’s training that covers the basics of food safety. *Food Safety – It’s Our Business*, a certified food managers training that can be offered in one day or two days. This training is more in depth and it addresses food safety in greater detail. Dimmit County is under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) which requires every food establishment to have a certified food manager onsite at all times. Without a certified food manager, the establishment is not permitted to operate. DSHS does not require employees to have food handler’s licenses but many establishments in Dimmit County are requiring their employees to obtain licenses. During the 2013 FY, three food handler’s courses and one certified food manager’s course were offered in Dimmit County.

**Results**

- 2013 was the first year Food Protection Management programs were implemented in Dimmit County.
- 3, *Food Safety – It’s in Your Hands* trainings were offered.
- 27 individuals (19 adults, 8 youth) received their food handler’s license.
- 1, *Food Safety – It’s Your Business* training was offered.
  - 1 Hispanic male became a certified food manager
- All participants stated:
  - They had never received formal training on food safety
  - Their employer required the training
  - Prior to training, they were not aware of the dangers associated with thawing food on the kitchen counter (room temperature)

Ethnic Breakdown	
Hispanic	18
Black	1
White	8
Other	0

Gender	
Males	8
Females	19

**Future Plans**

For 2014, Dimmit County FCS agent plans to:

- Develop a stronger program
- Expand the program and increase participation
- Continue with current collaborations

## 2013 – Dimmit County Friend to Friend Plan - Outcome Summary

Developed by Josephine A. Farias, Dimmit County FCS Agent

### Relevance

The *Friend to Friend* program's purpose is to encourage women to get regular mammograms and Pap tests for the early detection of breast and cervical cancer, when the disease is most curable.

- Regular screening significantly increases the likelihood of finding cancer early, when treatment is more often successful.
- Women living in rural areas of Texas are less likely than their urban counterparts to have had a mammogram or Pap test within the past two years.
- Mortality is higher for rural women because of later diagnosis.

### Response

- This project's goal is to decrease breast and cervical cancer morbidity and mortality for women living in rural Texas counties by improving screening rates and early detection of cancer.
- Funding was applied for and awarded by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) to fund screenings and transportation to uninsured and underserved women in need of screening services.
- The county Extension agent, regional cancer prevention specialist, and patient navigators plan and implement a *Friend to Friend* event. Women attending are given the opportunity to sign a commitment card to obtain a mammogram and/or Pap test within the next year and the option to complete a help request form for assistance in obtaining screening services.

### Results

- 17 women attended the *Friend to Friend* event on April 17, 2013 at the Public Library in the city of Carrizo Springs.
- Demographics for women who attended the event: Hispanic 96%, White 4%
- 5 people were on the planning committees and 8 total volunteers assisted at party/events.
- A Wesley Nurse-RN presented on screening tools and urged women to obtain a mammogram/Pap screening at the events.
- An educational bingo was created for the event. The bingo was based on terms or phrases association with breast or cervical cancer. As each item was called, a fact, definition or symptom was read. Prizes were donated by community businesses and volunteers. The prizes were awarded to the bingo winners and every woman left with an item. The women seemed to enjoy the method of delivery.

### Future Plans

For 2014, Dimmit County FCS agent plans to:

- Develop a stronger program
- Expand program and increase participation
- Continue with current collaborations



**2013 – Dimmit County BLT Bronze Level Plan - Output Summary**

Developed by Josephine A. Farias, Dimmit County FCS Agent

**Summary of Issue and Extension Efforts**

In 2013, Dimmit County FCS agent continued collaboration with Carrizo Springs ISD. The district has an after school program called 21<sup>st</sup> Century. FCS agent taught cooking classes three times a week to first through third grade students enrolled in the program. Implementation of Balance Food and Play occurred for the second time during the summer of 2013. The program was implemented with 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders enrolled in the summer “Get Fit” program. The Dimmit County 4-H food and nutrition project successfully held 5 workshops where youth learned about nutrition, food safety and preparing recipes. The workshops taught youth great life skills but also prepared them for county and district 4-H Food and Nutrition contests. A new program, Food Protection Management was implemented for the first time in 2013. This program focuses on food safety and upon completion participants receive their food handler’s license and their certified food manager’s certificate if they pass the written exam. Agent also conducted program on preparing healthy foods which were specifically requested by adult groups.

**Results of Efforts**

- 72 youth were reached through the 21st Century after school program
- 91 youth were reached through the Balance Food and Play program
- 12 youth were reached through the 4-H Food and Nutrition Project
- 52 adults were reached through programs and food demonstrations on Preparing Healthy Food
- 28 adults and 8 youth were reached through the Food Protection Management Program

**Future Plans**

- Continue with current collaborations
- Continue with current programming
- Increase programming participation
- Strengthen programming

**2013 – Dimmit County General FCS Contacts Plan - Output Summary**

Developed by Josephine A. Farias, Dimmit County FCS Agent

**Summary of Issue and Extension Efforts**

In 2013, general FCS contacts were made with the following agencies & organizations:

- BLT Programming
  - Balance Food & Play, Dimmit County 4-H Food & Nutrition Program
  - Carrizo Springs ISD, Texas Migrant Council (Dimmit & Zavala Counties), Head Start, Dimmit County Jail
- Emergency Preparedness
  - Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Dimmit County Commissioners' Court, Methodist Healthcare Ministries, and Red Cross
- Do Well Be Well with Diabetes (October 2013)
  - 13 total contacts (54% female, 46% male, 69% Hispanic, 23% White, 8% Native American)
  - 6 graduates (67% female, 33% male, 83% Hispanic, 17% Native American)
  - There was a 66% increase from pre to post test in respondents rating their ability to control their diabetes as *very good to excellent*.
  - Potential economic impact estimates for the 6 graduates = \$467,400.00
- Friend to Friend - Breast & Cervical Cancer Awareness (April 2013)
  - 17 total contact
  - Collaborators: Methodist Healthcare Ministries, Women's Clinic, South Texas Rural Health, Dimmit County Regional Hospital, & Dimmit County Commissioners' Court
- Child Care Provider Training (April 2013)
  - 14 total contacts (100% female, 93% Hispanic, 7% White)
  - 93% were *completely satisfied* with the helpfulness of the information in decisions about their own situation
  - 100% would recommend this activity to others.
- Master of Memory – (March 2013)
  - 10 total contacts (63% White, 25% Black, 13% Hispanic, 50% Male, 50% Female)
- Food Protection Management
  - 4 separate trainings were offered
  - 28 total contacts (19 Hispanic, 1 Black, 8 White, 9 Males, 19 Females)

**Future Plans**

Continue with current collaborations

- Strengthen programs and increase participation
- Implement 2 new programs: Scale Up & Scale Down and Child Passenger Safety

**2013 – Dimmit County Take a Stand, *Against Bullying* Plan - Outcome Summary**

Developed by Josephine A. Farias, Dimmit County FCS Agent

**Relevance**

Conflicts among youth and bullying have been increasing. School districts have been mandated by the Texas Legislature through two bills (House Bill 212 and 283) to adopt and implement a dating violence policy and a discipline management policy. Both bills require training for teachers/staff as well as training/curriculum for youth to address these issues. Currently, there is no standard curriculum being utilized by school districts.

**Response**

Texas 4-H has developed, in partnership with the Texas Rural Mediation Services, a curriculum called Take A Stand! The curriculum is available for elementary, junior high and high school grade levels. The curriculum objectives are for students to increase knowledge and skills necessary to solve conflict peacefully, for teachers to observe students using skills to work out conflict, for schools to experience a decline in discipline referrals and an overall decline in bullying. During the 2013 fall semester, the Take a Stand curriculum was implemented with all 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Carrizo Springs ISD Intermediate School. The curriculum content consists of 5 lessons addressing the following topics: conflict management/bullying, communication, etiquette, teamwork & cultural awareness.

**Results**

- One hundred and eighty eight (188), 5<sup>th</sup> grade youth participated in the program.
  - 165 Hispanic, 3 Black, 20 White, and 0 Asian
  - 85 Males and 103 Females
- Of the 188 youth, 133 completed both the pre and post test.
  - 114 Hispanic, 2 Black, 17 White, and 0 Asian
  - 77 Males and 56 Females
- The pre/post test measured knowledge. Questions focused on identifying the signs of anger, actions used to show respect, methods of working as a team, understanding other perspectives and cultural awareness.
- Increase of correct responses from pre to post test:

Question	RESPONSES				Increase of Correct Responses from Pre to Post Test
	PRE-TEST		POST-TEST		
	CORRECT	INCORRECT	CORRECT	INCORRECT	
1	88%	12%	96%	4%	8%
2	45%	55%	87%	13%	42%
3	90%	10%	94%	6%	4%
4	83%	17%	87%	13%	4%
5	34%	66%	65%	35%	31%
6	94%	6%	94%	6%	0%
7	91%	9%	94%	6%	3%
8	85%	15%	92%	8%	7%
9	95%	5%	96%	4%	1%
10	45%	55%	84%	16%	39%

**Future Plans**

For 2014, Dimmit County agents plan to:

- develop a stronger program
- increase enrollment and results pre/post tests
- continue with current collaborations

**2013 – Dimmit County Balance Food & Play Plan - Outcome Summary**

Developed by Josephine A. Farias, Dimmit County FCS Agent

**Relevance**

The Dimmit County Leadership and Youth Advisory Boards both identified obesity amongst youth as a top health and wellness issues in the county. A poor diet and physical inactivity are two key factors associated with obesity. According to the CDC, obesity prevalence among children and adolescents has almost tripled since 1980. Approximately 17% (12.5 million) of children and adolescents aged 2-19 years are obese. About 1 in 7 preschool aged children whom are low-income are obese. Obese children are more likely to become obese adults.

**Response**

Balance Food & Play is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade curriculum on nutrition and physical activity. The curriculum has four goals aimed at addressing the public health concern of increased prevalence of childhood obesity: increased fruit and vegetable consumption, encourage milk with meals and water with snacks, 60 minutes of daily physical activity and limiting screen time to less than 2 hours per day. Pre and post tests are used to evaluate knowledge and behavioral change.

**Results**

- 2013 was the second year the Balance Food & Play program was implemented in Dimmit County.
- 91 youth participated in the program.
  - 86 Hispanic, 0 Black, 5 White, and 0 Asian
  - 38 Males and 53 Females
- 45 youth completed both the pre and post tests.
  - 44 Hispanic, 0 Black, 1 White, and 0 Asian
  - 17 Males and 28 Females
- There were significant increases in knowledge gain from pre to post test in 4 key questions:

Questions with Significant Increase in Correct Responses from Pre to Post Test	% Increase
Children your age should have no more than how many hours a day of screen time?	69%
How many teaspoons of sugar are in a can of regular (non diet) soda?	58%
How many minutes a day should a child your age be physically active?	13%
How much of your dinner plate should be filled with vegetables or fruits and vegetables?	9%

**Future Plans**

- Implement the program with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders during the 2014 school year.
- Increase participation
- Continue with current collaborations

**2013 – Dimmit County One Day 4-H Plan - Outcome Summary**

Developed by Josephine A. Farias, Dimmit County FCS Agent

**Relevance**

The One Day 4-H Community service project is a means of utilizing all 4-H’ers across the State of Texas to conduct a community service project on the same day throughout the State. This is a way of saying “Thank you” to Texas for supporting the program for over 100 years. Members of Dimmit County 4-H decided to give back to the community with a beautification project that showed their 4-H spirit.

**Response**

The youth of Dimmit County 4-H are focused on beautifying the community and all 4-H clubs voted on a beautification project for the 2013 One Day 4-H Project. 4-H club officers contacted the Dimmit County Commissioners’ Court requesting permission to plant Pecan Trees at the Dimmit County Park. The Dimmit County Commissioners’ Court approved their request and offered to donate the trees. On October 12<sup>th</sup>, Dimmit County 4-H youth and volunteers planted 30 Pecan Trees. The County of Dimmit has taken on the task of watering the trees on a bi-weekly basis.

**Results**

- 30 youth and 7 adults participated in the One Day 4-H community service project.
- The 30 youth completed the customer satisfaction survey.

Ethnic Breakdown	
Hispanic	7
White	19
Asian American	3
Other	1

Gender	
Males	13
Females	17

Age			
Years	#	Years	#
12 or Younger	14	16	3
13	2	17	4
14	3	18	0
15	4	19 or Older	0

- 80% of youth found the event mostly or completely *enjoyable*.
- 94% of youth found the information being mostly or completely *easy to understand*.
- 83% of youth found the information being mostly or completely *helpful in making good choices*.
- 50% of youth *plan to take actions or make changes* based on the information from this activity.
- 83% of youth said they *would recommend* this activity to others.

**Future Plans**

- Identify emerging community service projects.
- Increase participation in community service projects.

**2013 Dimmit County Youth Agriculture and natural Recourse Plan - Output Summary**

Developed by Richard Griffin, Dimmit County ANR Agent

This plan was conducted in order to assist Dimmit County 4-H'ers with Agriculture and Natural Recourses programs.

**Relevance**

Dimmit County 4-H has a rich history of maintaining large traditional 4-H projects including livestock projects. Livestock numbers have been on an incline for the past 5 years, with the majority of our youth participating at the local level. We have had an increase of youth participating at major shows in the past 3 years, with representation at Houston, San Antonio, San Angelo, Fort Worth, Austin, and Rio Grande Valley.

**Response**

This agent assisted youth by conducting livestock clinics at every validation, in order to assist new youth with any questions they may have on their projects. Agent makes numerous project visits, for those having questions, and needing additional help. Dimmit County hosts our annual Prospect Show, The Dimmit County Classic, in order to provide youth the opportunity to exhibit their projects, in preparation for the County Show. The Dimmit County Classic also serves as a fundraiser for our Parent Leaders Association, profiting over \$6000 annually. Youth are provided with additional showmanship clinics throughout the year, giving them opportunities to prepare for the Dimmit County Junior Livestock Show. This year's Dimmit County Junior Livestock Show Generated over \$600,000 to Dimmit County Youth Livestock Exhibitors, exceeding the previous sale record.

**Future Plans**

Agent will continue to work with youth in providing educational opportunities in the form of clinics and prospect shows. Agent will continue to work with County in order to secure a new show barn and multipurpose facility for the community.

**2013 Dimmit County Economic Development Plan - Output Summary**

Developed by Richard Griffin, Dimmit County ANR Agent

**Summary of Issue and Extension Efforts**

In 2013, Dimmit County worked with the Chamber of Commerce in providing venues for yearly festivals that were held at the Dimmit County Fair Grounds. Agents also provided information to Chamber about educational opportunities that AgriLIFE Extension could provide. The County has continued to work on plans for building the new Show Barn and Multi-Purpose Center. Dimmit County Classic continues to be a success, 2012 Dimmit County Classic generated over Six Thousand Dollars to the Parent leaders association, and brought individuals from numerous counties to participate.

**Results of Efforts**

- Dimmit County Commission's Court allocated 25 acres for a new Multi-Purpose Center and Show Barn
- Funds have been set for the Show Barn and Multi-Purpose Project. The county has been working with architect to get estimated costs of the project.
- Dimmit County Classic generated over \$6000 to the Dimmit County 4-H project, and 2013 looks to be just as eventful.

**Future Plans**

- Continue collaborations with Chamber and County to secure new multi-purpose facility for the community.
- Continue to work with parent leaders in order to provide Prospect Shows.
- Strengthen ties between City and County to work together in Community Projects

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