

Making a Difference 2010

Live Oak County Program Highlights

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4-H and Youth Development:

- ❖ 345 4-H Club members in Live Oak County in 7 4-H clubs (1 new one established in 2010)
- ❖ 78 4-H Screened Volunteers
- ❖ 4 Shooting sports instructors were certified in 2010 (30 4-H members participated the 1st year of this project)
- ❖ 4-H Volunteers contribute about 15,000 volunteer hours annually to the 4-H program.
- ❖ 66 individuals participated in 4-H summer camp

Community Service

- ❖ Extension Youth Advisory Board prepares birthday cards monthly for residents in George West and Three Rivers Nursing Home. (114 birthday cards have been prepared and delivered)
- ❖ 4-H members collected pennies for the MD Anderson Hospital for cancer patients \$500.00 dollars was raised through these efforts.
- ❖ One Day Community Service Activities:
 - Raised flags at Live Oak County Courthouse and the Three Rivers City Hall, Wrote letters to soldiers to thank them for their service, Prepared a pot luck dinner for our volunteer fire department, Cleaned up in the Live Oak County Courthouse District Courtroom, Donated time to sack groceries at our Local Super S Stores, Helped Raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness (Raised \$100.00 dollars in 2 hours), Helped Clean up after local volleyball game, Donated snack items to the Live Oak County Boys and Girls Club Wrote cards for Live Oak County Nursing Home Residents, Decorated the Three Rivers Nursing Home for Halloween, and visited one on one with local nursing home residents.
- ❖ Collected over 580 pounds of non-perishable items for the Live Oak County Food Bank
- ❖ Collected Toys for Tots and donated them to the Live Oak County Sunshine room
- ❖ Sent Candy and Christmas Cards to Soldiers in Afghanistan.

Livestock Shows:

- ❖ 60 members participated in Major Livestock Shows with 13 exhibitors made the sale at these shows
- ❖ 6 members participated in the San Antonio Tour Guiding Program and one graduating senior got a \$1500.00 dollar scholarship for doing this.
- ❖ 259 members participated with livestock at the Live Oak County Fair.
- ❖ Held the Live Oak County Livestock Judging Contest

District and State Contest and Activities

- ❖ 3 4-H members received 4-H State Opportunity Scholarships totaling \$18, 500.00 dollars
- ❖ 1 4-H Member received the San Antonio Livestock Show Salute To excellence award which is a \$1,000 dollar scholarship.
- ❖ 2 4-H members received the local Hoskins Memorial scholarships which received \$500.00 a piece
- ❖ 18 4-H members participated in District and State 4-H Roundup
- ❖ 3 4-H members participated in the State Photography Contest
- ❖ 7 4-H members participated in the District Fashion Show
- ❖ 6 4-H members participated in the District Food Challenge
- ❖ 6 4-H members participated in the District Food Show
- ❖ 16 4-H members participated in the District 12 4-H Leadership Lab
- ❖ 2 4-H members ran for District 4-H Council Officers.

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Picture at right:

Live Oak County 4-H members with their donation check for Pennies for Change picture left to right (back row) or Bruce Williams, Holly Kopplin, James Baker, Marlin Williams (Front Row) Jacy Johnson, Elizabeth Emerson, Larissa Liska, Dylan Pawlik, Reagan Kopplin, Erynn Studlar, Allison Bryce



Agriculture and Natural Resources

Educational programs

- ❖ Beef Cattle Field Day
- ❖ Atascosa, Live Oak County Wildlife Field Day
- ❖ Bee/ Live Oak Forage Field Day
- ❖ Live Oak County Row Crop Field Day
- ❖ Multi County Soil Testing Campaign
- ❖ Multi County Private Water Well Screening
- ❖ Hydro Ax Mulcher and Brush Management Field Day
- ❖ Landowners Educational Series (7 total educational programs)

Landowner Educational Series Summary

Results from the evaluation indicate that the Live Oak County Landowners Educational Series met its objectives for increasing knowledge to new/ small landowners in Live Oak County. The Extension Ag/Nr Committee plans to continue this program in 2011 and offer some of the educational programs on the weekends and also develop online portions.

Multi County Soil Testing

The Multi County Soil testing was held this year five more producers took advantage of the soil testing campaign than in 2009. A total of 463 acres was represented in this testing program.

Multi County Private Water Well Screening

Private Water well screening was held 9 well owners took advantage of this opportunity all wells came back negative for fecal coliform. All wells came back with less than 10 ppm of nitrates levels over 10 ppm is considered to be a health risk by U.S. EPA. Of the nine wells that were tested two came back with unsafe salt levels for humans to consume.

Leadership Advisor Board/ Youth Advisory Board

Educational Programs

- ❖ High School Student Career Fair
- ❖ Eco Tourism Workshop
- ❖ Social Networking Computer Training
- ❖ Oil and Gas Leasing / Water Usage in Energy Production
- ❖ Multi County Estate Planning Seminar

Oil and Gas Leasing and Water Usage in Energy Production Educational Program

72% of respondents had a positive movement in Understanding Texas water right laws and regulations.

70% of respondents had a positive movement in understanding usage of water in energy production.

66% of respondents had a positive movement in understanding leasing of mineral rights.

66% of respondents had a positive movement in understanding technological advances in energy production

Multi County Estate Planning Seminar

Participants were very pleased with the educational material that was shared and some stated that he could have spoken all day on the topic and they would have not gotten board.

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