

Program Impacts:

- 42 Ranchers attended Spring Ag Seminar which had an estimated economic impact of \$250,000
- 109 students improved their absentee rate by 30% from the year before after attending a proper handwashing program.
- 600 Clay County High School aged students and faculty attended "When Sean Speaks" a program on the dangers of underage drinking

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Vision

Help Texas live better than lives

Mission Statement

To support the distribution of services to the citizens. We create high quality, relevant content and solutions that encourage learning and effective change.

Agriculture/Natural Resources

Spring Ag Seminar was presented in an effort to promote local agriculture vendors as well as to educate producers on a variety of Ag related issues. 165 people attended the vendor session and 45 attended the evening seminar where topics such as Veterinary Feed Directive, Pasture Weed Control, Cattle Market, and cover crops were presented. 61% said they would adopt something from the program and the economic impact was \$250,000.

Clay County Pond Management Seminar-April 15, 39 participants. 2 Committee planning meetings, 2 specialists, and agent presented. Topics covered Algae identification, Benefits of Pond Fertilization, Fish Stocking, Reclaiming your pond, and Pond Management tools.

Clay County Pasture Management Field Day- October 17, 19 participants, 3 committee planning meetings, 3 specialists, 1 volunteer, and agent presented information. Topics included FSA Pasture programs, County Spray Restrictions, Pasture Management and Grazing levels, and Grazing Rate vs. Animal Size.

Clay and Montague County Hay Show-October 2, 27 participants, 2 planning meetings, 1 specialist and Agent presented information. Topics included Hay Judging, Forage types, Hay Testing Results, and Weed Control.

Result Demonstrations- Conducted 3 Livestock/Forage Related Result Demonstrations- Forage Trial on Coastal Bermuda, Kline Grass, Little Bluestem, and Bdahl-1 Mesquite Basal Treatment trial using Oil Based treatments-1 Mesquite Basal Treatment using Water Based treatments. Also conducted a native plant flower bed demonstration and Texas Quail Initiative.

Clay County Pecan Field Day-May 5, 71 participants, 2 committee planning meetings. 1 volunteer presenter, 3 specialists, Agent also conducted presentation. Topics covered Orchard Preparation, Pecan Pests, Pecan Tree Maintenance, and Fertilization rates.

National Earthkind Rose Trial- Established May 22, 15 committee members and Agent have maintained 48 rose bushes in trial bed during establishment year. Agent and Committee solicited \$1200 in cash and in kind donations to purchase Roses and establish Trial Bed.

Family & Community Health

Better Living for Texans Programs was adopted in an effort to promote better health for the adults of Clay County by providing healthily programs. A Fresh Start to a Healthier Living program was taught to 6 individuals in the county. The 4-lesson is a holistic adult-learning series that uses practical experience and information to help change lives and improve health.

Youth Health Fair was presented to 128 students and 8 adults with sessions about Sun Safety, Dental Hygiene, Zumba, Stretching Exercise, Not Tobacco, and Fitness Bingo.

Hand Washing Program was presented in September to 406 PreK -- 5th students and 5 adults. Two 4-H members helped conduct this program for leadership experience.

Food Protection Management was a district program with 10 other counties by providing 35 individuals the certified food manager program with 22 passing. 24 food handler classes reaching 207 people in District 3. Two individuals from Clay County attended the Food Handlers Class and two successfully completed the Certified Food Protection Managers course.

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4-H & Youth Development

4H Contests: Three Clay County shooting sports members attended the state 4-H rifle and pistol contest. Six other youth traveled to Texas 4-H Roundup for state competition and one of them received a \$20,000 4-H scholarship as recognition of his hard work in 4-H. In addition, one Clay County 4-H leader was recognized as an outstanding 4-H leader by Texas 4-H. One 4-Her also won best in show with her entry in the State 4-H photography contest. We had four Clay County 4-Hers attend and compete at the Texas 4-H State Horse Show with one of them winning 1st in state in the team sorting event. We also had 59 4-H youth participate in District 4-H contests throughout the year. The County 4-H awards banquet was held in August with 120 people in attendance. Youth, adult volunteers, 4-H officers, and club managers were recognized for their outstanding efforts.

County 4-H leadership retreat was held in October and 65 4-Hers from across the county attended. In addition, for the One Day 4-H project, 4-Hers collected donations for the hurricane relief efforts. Clay County 4-Hers in cooperation with drives organized at local schools, collected and sent three trailer loads of donations and supplies to hurricane survivors in Houston, Port Aransas, and Beaumont. Following this up they put together another local service effort where they made 205 chew toys for the local animal shelter dogs.

When Sean Speaks - In April a county wide anti drinking program with "When Sean Speaks" for 600 Clay County High School students.

Hunters Education - In August 15 youth participated, in cooperation with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

4-H enrollment for Clay County in 2017 was 123 4-Hers enrolled in 5 4-H clubs with 25 4-H volunteer leaders.

H2O Fair - Presented on May 12, 2017 to 64 5th grade students and 4 teachers. Lessons included rainfall simulation, EnviroScape Water Pollution, Incredible Water Journey, Stream Trailer, 40 Galloon Water Challenge, Xeriscape, and Water Safety. There were 8 volunteers that helped with this program by contacting speakers, presenting sessions, guiding students from Elementary school to the parking lot.

FCS 4H - 101 individuals participated in the following FCS Events: Youth Fair, Food Show, Fashion Show, Food Challenge, Food and Clothing Workshops at county, district and state levels. A total of 209 entries were made and 87 volunteers.

Ag in the Classroom--- In October 200 3rd and 4th graders from throughout the county participated in program put on in cooperation with Clay County Farm Bureau and NRCS. Lessons included on cotton, farm machinery, feed rations, wheat and corn commodities, beef cattle production, small animal programs, and erosion control. 22 adult volunteers associated with the program to assist with teaching and feeding participants. Also recruited 24 teen volunteers to assist with teaching sessions.

Community Resource and Economic Development

LAB Committee planned and implemented the Hello Neighbor Tour with members making contacts for tour locations and involved Richard Keen, Precinct 4 Commissioner. 63 attended.

Pioneer Float Parade Committee plans and implements the Pioneer Parades, members from LAB are part of this committee. 137 entries, day 2 parades, secure and train 8 parade judges.

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