

Taste of Agriculture showcases county

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Seventeen vendors in Phillips County showcased their wares at the 3rd annual Taste of Agriculture held Saturday, Feb. 27 at the new Phillips County Event Center in Holyoke.

Samplings of food, as well as informational materials were all part of the festive event, which provided a fun time for those who attended.

Phillips County administrator Randy Schafer said the number of vendors, as well as number of attendees was about half of what has been seen in the previous two years for the event.

Taste of Ag was moved to a weekend, rather than a weekday, so that could be part of the reason for the smaller participation. Schafer said they're sending an evaluation sheet to determine reasoning for the decline in numbers.

If the evaluation cites the need to return to a weekday format, that will be considered.

Despite the lower numbers, the event went very well, said Schafer. Vendors reported with the smaller crowd, people talked more and there was more opportunity for connection in the conversations.

The new Event Center location was a positive for Taste of Ag, added Schafer. He said there was ample room there, where the number of vendors and attendees could easily have been accommodated, even if doubled.

Vendors included Chinook Energy, CSU Extension, Everything's Homemade, Grainland Coop, Haxtun Super, Holyoke OK Ranch, LLC, Jake's Feed & Supply, Krueger Enterprises/Powell Seed, MV Equipment, N.E. Colo. Cattlewomen's Association, Old Men Haying, Phillips County Rodeo, Haynes Honey Ranch, Servi-Tech, Inc., Steggs Aerial Spraying, Vieselmeyer Seed and Zrii.