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The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Agriculture & Natural Resources

- CEA Scott hosted a Vector Management Workshop in May to educate municipalities and homeowners on how to control and monitor mosquitoes.
- CEA Scott held a Prospective Grape Growers Workshop in June for producers who were interested in starting a vineyard or for those with established vineyards and new to the industry.
- CEA Reid conducted an after-school gardening club program at Preston Smith Elementary—the Smith Sprouts through the 2023-24 school year; 40 students participated twice a month in a variety of outdoor hands-on learning activities.
- The Lubbock Master Gardener Association held the 2024 Intern Class Program in a 10-week, hybrid online and in-person style for 14 participants for a total of 50 hours of education and training.
- The LMGA also completed the 2nd phase of the open to the public Demonstration Garden: Stormwater Runoff Project. The Demonstration Garden is located at the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum and is used as an outdoor classroom and allows the public access to gather ideas.
- The LMGA participated in the Frenship Ag Day in May, reaching 400 4th grade students with horticulture information.
- CEA Baugh has conducted 3 podcasts: highlighting research on weed control without dicamba, glyphosate and gluphosinate; interviewing Ken Lege on the use of plant growth regulators on cotton, and irrigation termination in cotton. He has also set up 3 result demonstrations: planting a cotton RACE Trial with the Vardemons' on medium nematode infestation land; and a plant population study that the heat evened out in August. CEA Baugh gave a presentation at the arboretum second Saturday in August on fertilizer, herbicides, and insecticides that are commonly used in Lubbock landscapes and how to properly place these products in the landscape.

Family & Community Health

- CEA Edwards, Reid, Bozeman, and Walser presented "Cultivate, Cook, and Create," to 48 middle and high school students at the South Plains Food Bank GRUB Farm. The weekly gardening and nutrition series was held from June through August.
- A Lubbock Child Safety Seat Check-up Event was held on August 15 through a partnership between AgriLife Extension Lubbock County, TxDOT, Patterson Branch Library, DSHS, TMPA LELs, UMC Health Systems, COVHS, TTUHSC, MCH, Wellpoint, MCG, SPCAA and the AgriLife Extension Passenger Safety & KidSafe Initiatives. The event provided education to Lubbock families on the importance of properly securing their kiddos in car seats and booster seats so that they are safe on the road. Seventeen inspections were conducted and 10 new Child Safety Seats were distributed to children in need.
- A two-day food manager training course was held by Agent Edwards and area agents in Lubbock on August 19-20, 2024 to provide a certification for 17 area food service managers.
- In August CEA Edwards kicked off the 10-week Bingocize series with members of the walking club at the Lubbock Dream Center; the evidence-based health promotion program approved through both SNAP-Ed and The National Council on Aging (NCOA) combines exercise and health information with the familiar game of bingo, which is a great and fun way to get seniors moving and socializing. Twenty-five participants play twice a week and each session usually lasts 45-60 minutes.
- EA Walser is conducting "A Fresh Start to a Healthier You!" at Copper Rawlings, Maggie Trejo, Mae Simmons, and Lubbock Adult senior centers. Throughout the five-session program, participants learn about how to provide safe, healthy, and economical meals for their families and themselves. EA Walser has implemented a new program for Foster Grandparents titled, "Get a Taste for Reducing Food Waste" which is a family-oriented learning series that uses practical ideas and information to help people reduce the amount of food that goes to waste in the home.

4-H & Youth Development

- CEA Alexander and the 4-H Awards and Recognition Committee conducted the County 4-H Achievement Banquet in August, providing over 150 recognitions for Lubbock County 4-H'ers and Adult Volunteer Leaders. Lubbock County 4-H'ers submitted 45 recordbooks for county judging, with 35 advancing to District and 9 advancing to State 4-H Recordbook Judging. Jenny Sullivan's Senior Recordbook placed first at State qualifying her to attend the Texas 4-H Leadership Conference to Washington, D.C.
- CEA Bozeman and EA Walser conducted a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension information booth at the Back 2 School Bash where they educated over 5,000 attendees about 4-H, nutrition, and programming opportunities.
- CEA Bozeman started a monthly "Ag in a Bag" Storytime at four Lubbock Public Libraries. At each session a read aloud is shared and a STEM activity is conducted for participants. In August Bozeman shared "Dairy Godmother" with 99 participants learning about where ice cream comes from and making ice cream in a bag.
- In August, CEA Amber Bozeman kicked off FRED- Families Reading Every Day. The program was four weeks with the goal of strengthening youth literacy in Lubbock County. Agent Bozeman partnered with Idalou ISD reaching 59 families reading for 11,751 minutes with a total of 1,278 books read. Additionally, the program provided over 500 books to youth in Lubbock County.
- CEA Edwards served as chaperone to 21 South Plains 4-H Youth at Texas 4-H Congress held in Austin in July. Senior 4-H members assumed the roles of legislators, lobbyists, and press corps to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works at the Texas State Capital.
- CEA Scott validated 230 4-H and FFA steer projects in June, as well as conducting State Fair of Texas validation for 4-H lambs, goats, heifers and swine projects.
- CEA Scott held the Outdoor Education Youth Fishing Tournament for 35 District 2 4-H'ers in June.
- Lubbock County 4-H'er Brynlee Edwards was elected to serve as Vice-President for the District 2 4-H Council which also allows her to serve on the 2024-25 Texas 4-H Council. Also elected to serve on the District 2 4-H Council were Lubbock County 4-H'ers Jayton Ayers and Kyndra Messer.