

# Making a Difference in Lubbock County

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# **EXTENSION**

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### **Agriculture & Natural Resources**

- CEA Scott coordinated a Vector Management Workshop in May, reaching 18 municipal workers and providing them with information to control and monitor mosquitos.
- This Spring, CEA Scott conducted the 4-H Livestock Judging project for 36 4-H'ers, with 28 competing at the District contest and 8 advancing to State. Youth learned about carcass evaluation oral reasons and industry standards.
- CEA Scott supervised 91 4-H'ers exhibiting livestock projects from January—March. Exhibitors won over \$1 million dollars in prize money at Spring Major Livestock Shows.
- CEA Scott was recognized with the Texas 4-H Foundation Salute to Excellence Meritorious Service Award at Texas 4-H Roundup in June.
- CEA Reid completed the Smith Sprouts after-school garden program with 40 youth participants at Smith Elementary.
- Through CEA Reid's coordination, the Lubbock Master Gardener Association opened phase 3—a propagation greenhouse and phase 4—the Cermin Butterfly Garden at the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum Demonstration Garden. The Lubbock Master Gardener Association was recognized during the Texas Master Gardener Association Search for Excellence Awards with 1st place in Teaching Site, Honorable Mention in Outstanding Individual and the Spirit Award.
- CEA Reid completed the 3 part Landscape Design Series Course with 21 adult participants.

### **Family & Community Health**

- Partnering with Idalou ISD, Agents Bozeman, Edwards, Reid, and Walser conducted *Cultivate, Create, and Cook* engaging 86 students in 10 weeks of gardening, nutrition, cooking and a fun blender bike celebration.
- Educational sessions on emergency preparedness, Alzheimer's awareness and senior nutrition were delivered by CEA Edwards to over 60 daycare providers, and Senior Center staff.
- CEA Edwards conducted a car seat check-up event which identified a 97% misuse rate, with 9 out of 19 seats being replaced. Additionally, 85 preschoolers learned about seatbelt safety through the Buckle Bear program at Eddie Robinson Early Head Start.
- Three Certified Food Manager courses were conducted in Lubbock, Plainview and Levelland by the Extension Agent cluster group with CEA Edwards coordinating the Lubbock training. Completing the two-day trainings and taking the ServSafe certification exam were 77 participants including 55 high school students.
- EA Walser led Walk N'Talk for the Lubbock Dream Center's walking club participants teaching new ways to enhance their water by adding fruits and vegetables and the importance of physical activity; there were 16 graduates. She also presented the fruit and vegetable version of Walk N' Talk at the Lubbock Adult Activity Center and Copper Rawlings Senior Center to 33 graduates.
- Agent Walser conducted Learn, Grow Eat & Go (LGEG) at Evans Middle School this spring with 150 youth completing the series. Participants revamped raised garden beds by adding fresh soil and planting radishes, broccoli, lettuce and carrots.

## 4-H & Youth Development

- CEA Bozeman's virtual *FRED* program brought 12 families together on Facebook to read over 1,100 books and with 2,500 minutes of reading time together; tracking progress with reading logs through-out February.
- CEA Bozeman conducted *Early Childhood Path to Plate* reaching 214 Pre-K and Kindergarten students at Slaton ISD with monthly read-alouds, STEM, and hands-on lessons focused on swine, poultry, and bees.
- CEA Bozeman partnered with all four City of Lubbock Libraries to conduct *Ag Storytime* to deliver monthly agricultural themed read-alouds and engaging STEM activities for young learners.
- Thirty-four Lubbock County 4-H'ers qualified for and competed at State 4-H Roundup in College Station in June. Stone Beach, Lana Brickey, Madison Chaloupka, and Kyndra Messer were each awarded \$20,000 Houston Livestock Show—Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarships.
- Through the Spring, "Hatching in the Classroom" school curriculum enrichment program 1,547 elementary school students were able to learn about the life cycle by hatching eggs in their classrooms. Fifty-five classrooms from LISD, Lubbock Christian School, Lubbock-Cooper ISD, Roosevelt ISD and Christ the King Schools participated in the program.