Making a Difference in Lubbock County

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Agriculture & Natural Resources

- **Vector Management Workshop**: CEA Scott coordinated a Vector Management Workshopin in May, reaching 22 municipal workers and providing them with information to control and monitor mosquitos.
- **Lubbock County Livestock Projects**: CEA Scott supervised 91 4-H'ers exhibiting livestock projects from January through March; with exhibitors winning over $1.5 million dollars in prize money at the spring major livestock shows.
- **4-H Livestock Judging Practices:** This spring, CEA Scott conducted 4-H Livestock Judging practices for 32 4-H'ers, with 28 competing at the District 2 4-H Livestock Judging contest and 2 teams (8 youth) advancing to the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in College Station. Youth learned about carcass evaluation, oral reasons and industry standards.
- **West Texas Bee-keeping Field Day**: CEA Scott organized the Bee-keeping Field Day held in May; 46 people attended to learn about bee biology, hive setting, queen management and hive inspections.
- **Lubbock Master Gardener Association:** Through CEA Reid's coordination, the Lubbock Master Gardener Association opened phase 5—a shade house at the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum Demonstration Garden.
- **Lubbock Master Gardener Intern Class:** CEA Reid and the Lubbock Master Gardener Association completed the spring 2026 intern class with 22 adults completing 50 hours of horticultural education.

Family & Community Health

- **Lubbock Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) Lunch Bunch**: CEA Edwards works with and serves as TEEA Advisor. Members met in April for fellowship, educational programming on recycling denim, support of 4-H scholarships, conference planning and District leadership elections.
- **Walk Across Texas—Youth and Adult (WAT)**: CEA's Edwards, Bozeman and Reid partnered with Idalou Elementary and Stephen F. Austin Primary School in Slaton to implement the 8-week WAT Youth and Adult Challenges with 450 students and 56 staff members at Idalou and 242 students and 27 staff at Slaton. Kickoff activities included Cardio Drumming, healthy beverage promotions, weekly heath updates and a midway "Roll-the-Dice" fitness celebration with Coach Reagan. The challenges concluded with celebratory events including a Color Run at Idalou, a Silly String Run at Slaton and recognition prizes for adult participants.
- **Food Safety Education**: CEA's Edwards, Hanson, Snowden and Lowe collaborated to conduct a two-day Certified Food Manager Course in Plainview for 26 high school students and 15 food service managers in Lubbock; participants were prepared for the ServSafe Food Manager Certification exam, a 5-year certification program.
- **TTU—REEU Grant Seminar Presentation:** CEA Edwards presented information about TAMU AgriLife Extension, Family & Community Health Programming and student opportunities available through the grant partnership to six students in Dr. Naima Mousstaid-Moussa's seminar class.
- **Emergency Preparedness Program:** CEA Edwards presented a program for nine members of the Lubbock Home Day Care Association; focusing on emergency readiness and safety planning for child care providers.
- **Diabetes 101 Program:** CEA Edwards presented the TAMU AgriLife Extension "Diabetes 101" program to 10 senior residents at Courtyard at Kings Dominion. The program focused on diabetes awareness, prevention and healthy lifestyle practices for older adults.

4-H & Youth Development

- **Learn Grow Eat Go "LGEG":** CEA's Reid, Edwards and Bozeman successfully implemented the LGEG program at Preston Smith Elementary and Idalou Elementary Schools reaching 144 youth. Programs provided students with hands-on learning experiences focused on gardening, nutrition, healthy eating habits and physical activity. The Early Childhood LGEG program was presented by Agent Bozeman at Slaton and Idalou Elementary reaching 240 students with an introduction to gardening, nutrition and healthy lifestyle concepts through hands-on learning.
- **Youth Mindfulness**: CEA Alexander conducted the "Mindfulness" series for ten 6th grade students at Christ the King Diocesan School; the 6 part series was presented in eight sessions covering: self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, relationship skills and social awareness.
- **Lubbock County 4-H Projects**: This Spring, Lubbock County 4-H'ers were involved in and competed in the following 4-H projects: Fashion Show, Fashion Storyboard, Duds to Dazzle, Public Speaking, Horse Judging, Meats Judging, STEM (Rocketry, Robotics and Photography), and Shooting Sports (3P Precision Rifle, Air Rifle, Archery and Shotgun).
- **State 4-H Roundup:** CEA's Scott, Edwards, Bozeman and Alexander coordinated and chaperoned 35 Lubbock County 4-H'ers and 9 parent/volunteers attending State 4-H Roundup in College Station. Five 4-H'ers received a total of $81,000 in scholarships and competed in 19 contests.