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Making a Difference in Lubbock County September 2021

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Agriculture & Natural Resources

- Robert Scott, CEA-AG conducted a Vector Management program for area municipalities and homeowners with 32 in attendance.
- CEA Scott conducted the 3rd Annual Path to Plate Workshop for area K-12 grade teachers; Teachers toured Blue Sky Dairy, a vineyard, a high tunnel demonstration, Breedlove and the Texas Tech Meats Lab.
- Christina Reid, CEA-Horticulture conducted Tomato Trials at the South Plains Food Bank Grub Farm with over 7,000 tomatoes harvested and 375lbs donated to the SPFB Grub Farm; Advised the City of Lubbock for Unified Codes (landscape and development) and participated in discussions; presented "Earth Kind Landscapes" to Habitat for Humanity with 4 residents attending; conducted a Tree Professional workday at the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum with 19 attendees; and presented the "Junior Master Gardener" Teacher Training for 7 teachers.
- The Lubbock Master Gardener Association (LMGA) participated in the West Texas Home Builders Home & Garden Show, giving 6 presentations to 70 attendees, with 1,500 adults attending the event; participated in the Wine & Clay Festival with 500 attendees and the Lubbock Arts Festival with 900 youth and adult attendees; and hosted the first annual "Hub City Garden Tour" with 360 tickets sold.
- Brant Baugh, CEA-AG has monitored 10 cotton fields for crop phenology, weed diseases and insect pests; initiated a Corn Earworm (CEW) pheromone trap survey with traps checked daily; conducted 2 Heligen efficacy trials for control of CEW in grain sorghum. Private Applicator trainings have also been re-instigated every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month through his leadership.

Family & Community Health

- Cory Edwards, EA-BLT conducted the following multi-part sessions: "Healthy Carbohydrates" 4-part series for 5 participants at Habitat for Humanity; "A Fresh Start to a Healthier You!" was held this summer via Zoom with the Parenting Guidance Center for 7 participants who were working on hours for their CPS case worker; "Walk and Talk" was conducted with the Slaton Senior Citizens Center for 8 weeks with participants walking 925 miles.
- Cory Edwards and Christina Reid led a 6-week garden course "Growing and Nourishing Healthy Communities" for the Lubbock Dream Center with 12 participants graduating and continuing to grow fresh garden vegetables; Agents also conducted a 10-week "Cultivate, Cook & Create" series for 40 middle and high school aged youth at the South Plains Food Bank GRUB Farm. Participants rotated through 3 sessions each week on cooking, gardening and nutrition.

4-H & Youth Development

- Three Lubbock County 4-H'ers have completed training to serve as Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors; they are required to give back 40 service hours. Aaron Chaloupka will begin his service hours this year. Serving their second year as ambassadors are Wyatt Mandrell giving back 40 hours last year and Mac Chaloupka giving back 46 hours.
- Ronda Alexander, CEA 4-H and Cory Edwards conducted the Annual 4-H Clover Day Camp and 4-H Food, Fun and Fashion Workshops held this past July with 5 clovers and 6 teen volunteers participating in the Clover Day Camp and 18 4-H'ers and 4 volunteers participating in the Food, Fun and Fashion. 4-H'ers completed 91 projects which will be entered in the South Plains Fair—Youth Division categories.
 - Lubbock County 4-H'ers were able to attend various camps this summer; 33 junior/intermediate 4-H'ers and 3 senior counselors attended District Jr. Leader Lab; 5 senior 4-H'ers attended District Power Camp; and 22 4-H'ers attended camps at the Texas 4-H Center.

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