

*Foreword:* This document is being provided to you to highlight some of the educational programs, services and opportunities afforded to the people of Atascosa County. These efforts would not be possible without the support of The Atascosa County Commissioners Court. Thank you for all that you do in support of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Atascosa County. This is only a highlight of some of the programs and activities conducted during 2017. There are many other events not included.

**January:** Over 165 4-H youth from across Atascosa County participated in the annual Atascosa County Livestock Show generating over \$804,000. Our county show was the preface to the State's stock show season which produced several placing projects including Class and Reserve Champions in San Antonio. Food Handlers Certification was offered to non-profit and food service workers to help ensure food safety for the public.



**February:** Food Protection Management courses were offered to food service workers to meet Public Health Laws and Regulations.

**March:** Brush plots were established to demonstrate herbicide timing. An Atascosa Car Safety Seat event was held in Lytle. 17 inspections were made saving the county \$31,726 in medical expenses and possibly future earnings. In partnership with MHM Wesley nurses, diabetes education was offered to the community.

**April:** The Atascosa Club Calf Breeders annual sale generated over \$71,000. The South Texas Peanut Growers Annual meeting was held. A multi-county water well screening was offered to residents. Lands Curriculum enrichment program was presented. Atascosa 4-H had ten participants at our District 12 Roundup and 6 at our Fashion Sensation. Additional Food Handlers Certification to help the community stay in compliance with Health Laws. Atascosa County Wellness Committee was created for County employees.

**May:** Multicounty programs were offered to cattlemen, farmers, and wildlife enthusiasts. The Atascosa Cattlemen's Association held their annual meeting with a presentation on heifer replacement. A reproduction management workshop was offered. 3 private applicators training courses were hosted. Several sessions were held throughout the year. Eleven members competed at the D-12 Livestock Judging Contest. Atascosa County hosted the District 12 Spring Faculty Conference. Additional Food Handlers Classes were offered. Three families were assisted in acquiring car seats and car safety information. Better Living for Texans (BLT) general nutrition for healthy eating were offered.

**June:** Highlighting youth programming and achievement, State 4-H Round-Up was held in College Station in which Atascosa 4-H participated in Consumer Decision Making, Livestock Judging and Ag Product ID. Leadership Lab was held at Texas A&M University-Kingsville in which six Atascosa 4-H members attended. Election Convention also held in Kingsville in which Atascosa was represented by Atascosa Council Delegates. Four youth members from Atascosa participated in Texas Brigade camps. In a collaborative with Coastal Bend College, Kids Camp a Better Living for Texans healthy drinks class was held. Helping to keep the county in compliance w/Public Health Laws Food Protections Management Certification classes were held.



**July:** Atascosa 4-H members participated at the State 4-H Dog Show. 4-H Members attended public speaking classes with Toastmasters held on the campus of Texas A&M University – San Antonio. Several livestock project day camps were held. Our office hosted a 4-H officer and club manager training. In Ag and Natural Resources, aerial wildlife brush plots were evaluated for brush wildlife utilization. Two private applicator trainings were hosted in our office.



**August:** The Atascosa 4-H Awards Banquet was held where 189 members received awards. Food Protection Management was held for Food Handlers in response to the new state laws. Atascosa 4-H members attended 4-H Interpretation at Commissioner’s Court. The Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife Coop and Wildlife Youth Project Group met to plan for conservation and wildlife management activities.



**September:** The South Texas Peanut Tour was offered to showcase the results of summertime variety and insecticide trials and discuss peanut breeding lines. A fall brush results demonstration was established. Wildlife game cameras were the highlight of the Atascosa Wildlife Coop’s annual meeting. The South Region Landowners Series offered education on Ag Liability and Tax Evaluation. A multi-county leasing workshop was held. The Strawberry Growers Workshop included education on Varieties, Insects Management, Disease Drip Irrigation, Fertility, and Plastic. A Car Safety Seat Event was held in Jourdanton with 18 inspections saving the county approximately \$38,875 in medical expenses and future earned income. In a partnership with MHM Wesley Nurses, Diabetes education was offered. A multicounty Food Protection Management Classes was offered. AKC Responsible dog owner’s members raised \$189 for Jourdanton Police Department K-9 unit.

**October:** Over 667 county fourth graders were introduced to agriculture science at the annual Ag Science Fair. A total of 9 different stations showcased the importance of agriculture in our everyday lives. The Atascosa County Fair was held in which 4-H members were able to show projects at the prospect show. Atascosa hosted the county 4-H Food Show in which 7 individuals participated. The Atascosa Car Seat Coalition collaborated with Wilson County to offer car seat inspections. More diabetes education was offered with MHM Wesley nurses.



**November:** Atascosa County Wellness Committee held the first annual Atascosa County Wellness 5K half marathon. BCFS parents in Pleasanton attended a BLT Program Health Eating on a budget. Residents were offered the chance to screen their water wells for nitrate, salinity, fecal coliform contamination, and hydrocarbons. Atascosa 4-H hosted the annual Double Trouble Prospect Show raising \$7,390.02 for the program. Atascosa 4-H was represented at the District 4-H Food Show and Consumer Decision Making Contest.



**December:** Commissioner Bill Torrans was in attendance at the District 12 Judges and Commissioners Conference held in Laredo, for the opportunity to address regional issues and priorities and to preview the upcoming legislative sessions. 15 private applicators attended a 6 hour Preparing for the Spring CEU program. All major livestock show entries were submitted. A Ranch and Sorting Workshop was offered in Jourdanton. Five contestants participated at the D-12 Archery Match. A Healthy Eating on a Budget for Jourdanton BCFS parents was offered. FCH Agent represented District 12 at the Spring Family and Consumer Science Board Meeting.