

TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

BROOKS COUNTY

Highlights of the 2019 Year

FOREWORD: This document is being provided to you to highlight some of the educational programs, services and opportunities afforded to the people of Brooks County. These efforts would not be possible without the support of The Brooks County Commissioners Court. Thank you for all that you do in support of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Brooks County. This is only a highlight of some of the programs and activities conducted during 2019. There are many other events not included.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- ∞ ANR Agent conducted a in-depth Quail Index of the Mariposa Ranch where he worked alongside Texas A&M University– Kingsville Graduate Students and Range Managers.
- ∞ Worked along side the Falfurrias ISD FFA Advisors to order state validation tag and ordering livestock projects for the 2019 show year.
- ∞ Throughout the show year the ANR Agent made house visits for 4-H Livestock Projects which consisted of weighing of projects and advising 4-H families on development of livestock projects.
- ∞ Assisted local ranchers and farmers with Water Well and Soil Sampling.



Family and Community Health

- ☞ FCH Agent hosted A Fresh Start to a Healthier You! Better Living for Texans with the Coastal Plains Community Center.



- ☞ Hosted a Dinner Tonight Mobile Cooking School with the Community Action during their employees health fair in total 100 participants attended.

- ☞ Hosted a Maintain No Gain and Walk Across Texas for the Brooks County Employees. Overall had 50 participants complete the 6 week series with two participants losing 10+ pounds.



- ☞ Partnered with local Zumba Instructors and now offer free to the community Zumba lessons. They are hosted every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the JM Alaniz Fairgrounds from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Community Resource Economic Development

- ☞ Coordinated and implemented the Falfurrias Fall Festival 1000-1500 in attendance with vendors, games, and contest.
- ☞ Participated in two Back To School Supplies Drive for the community of Brooks County.
- ☞ Hosted a Summer Camp for the youth of Brooks County which consisted of Kids in the Kitchen, Birdhouse Building, Hand Sewing Pillows for the local dialysis center and more!

4-H Youth and Development

The Jersey 4-H Club has completed numerous hours of community service from Volunteering for a Highway Trash Clean Up on US 285 Westbound, Hosting a Fundraiser for the Santana Family after losing their home to a fire, Serving the Veterans of their community at their Christmas Party and Hosting a Recognition Dinner for their Local First Responders and Veterans.



Throughout the 2019 year the County Extension Agents hosted various workshops and trainings to prep the 4-H Youth for upcoming competitions such as Livestock Judging, Food Show and Food Challenge . One of the

workshops was a Wreath Making class.

One of most participated competitions in our county is Shooting Sports. This year we had 2 members represent Brooks County at the State Roundup Invitational Indoor Archery Competition in College, Station. We also had the 5 members compete at the District 12 4-H MOD600 and 3D Archery Shoot in Benavides, Texas.

