

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

HIGHLIGHTS OF BROOKS COUNTY



OUR STAFF:

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Administrative Staff

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Natural Resource
Agent

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Family & Community
Health Agent



COMMUNITY RESOURCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



- Assisted in coordinating a Curbside Are You Prepared? Emergency preparedness kit for the first 100 community members to attend. During this event, we increased the public's knowledge and awareness of our office program curriculum offered, Zika virus, food safety, and necessities in case of a hurricane.
- The Brooks County Agents have played a great role in Emergency Management for Brooks County from PPE drop-offs to overseeing COVID-19 testing sites and COVID-19 vaccination sites. The Agents also aided the county during and after a hurricane.

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCE

- The ANR Agent has worked alongside the Falfurrias ISD FFA Advisors to order state validation tags and has aided families in ordering livestock projects for the 2020 show year.
- The ANR Agent worked alongside the Brooks County Fair Association to tag all livestock for the fair at validations.
- Throughout the show year, the ANR Agent has made house visits for 4-H Livestock Projects which consisted of weighing of projects and advising 4-H families on the development of livestock projects.
- Assisted local ranchers and farmers with Ag & Timber Licenses, Water Well and Soil Sampling.
- Assisted families planning on attending major livestock shows and participating in calf scrambles by organizing essential paperwork.
- Met with local farmers to develop a citrus task force group.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

- Prior to COVID-19 the FCH Agent was hosting a Cooking Well With Diabetes program at the Good Times Adult Daycare. There were 24 participants in attendance for the 2 weeks we were able to host the program, unfortunately, due to county ordinances and the daycares no visitors restriction we had to end the program after 2 weeks.
- We continue to offer free to the community Zumba classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; prior to COVID-19 the classes were being hosted at the Brooks County AgriLife Extension Office and the JM Alaniz Fairgrounds. Due to COVID-19, we have switched to a virtual platform in an effort to continue providing free to the community Zumba Classes.
- Although COVID-19 has imposed many struggles on programming the FCH Agent has certified 2 local food establishments (Stricklands and Taqueria Jalisco)
- Overall certified 50 individuals total in food handlers.
- Guest speaker for the Student Dietetic Association of Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Shared what it's like to be a County Extension Agent and programs offered on our agency's behalf.

4-H YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT

- This year due to COVID-19 and the financial constraints it has imposed on many constituents in Brooks County the Westside Kountry Kids held a canned food drive and constructed 25 baskets to feed local families during the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- The 4-H Youth and Development program saw an increase in 4-H enrollment. We have increased enrollment by 25 individuals and now have 8 screened adult volunteers, 32 club members, and 18 clover kids.
- This year we had an increase in youth wanting to participate in archery. Unfortunately due to COVID-19, the District 12 Archery Match was canceled instead our county hosted a county 4-H archery match competition. Overall we had 10 archers participate and each 4-H member was awarded for their participation.
- This year we increased our 4-H Clubs as well by adopting the new Westside Kountry Kids 4-H Club.
- This year we have a State Shooting Sports Ambassador (Darin Landrum Jr.).



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NOW OFFERING

Food Handler Certification Classes!
At the Brooks County AgriLife Extension Office for more information contact the AgriLife Extension office at (361) 325-4402. Classes will be hosted the Family and Community Health Agent Katarina Rodriguez. See you soon!

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BROOKS COUNTY
4-H CLUBS

Brush Country Shooting Sports Club
Jersey 4-H Club
Westside Kountry Kids 4-H Club

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