



# 2022 Annual Report

## Highlights of Brooks County

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### OUR STAFF:

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### COMMUNITY RESOURCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**THE BROOKS COUNTY AGENT CONTINUES TO PLAY A ROLE IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR BROOKS COUNTY, ROLES CONSIST OF PPE DROP-OFFS, OVERSEEING LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR FALFURRIAS FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND ATTENDING ALL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING PREPARING FOR WEATHER EVENTS. BROOKS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE CONTINUES TO COLLABORATE WITH OUR COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IN SECURING PROPERTY FOR OUR SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX. IN 2022 THE CRED COMMITTEE HOSTED OUR 1ST ANNUAL 4-H SPORTING CLAY SHOOT WHICH HAD OVER 100 SHOOTERS RAISING CLOSE TO \$16,000.00 FOR OUR BROOKS PROGRAM SUPPORT FUND THIS MONEY RAISED IS TO BE USED FOR PAYMENT OF SURVEY CONDUCTED ON PROPERTY WHERE COMPLEX WILL BE BUILT, SCHOLARSHIP FOR OUR 4-H SENIORS AND TO HELP SUPPORT OUR BROOKS CO 4-H CLUBS. HOSTED 1ST ANNUAL FIRE CHIEF RETREAT TO DISCUSS 2022 WILDFIRE SEASON AND BEGIN PREPARATION FOR 2023.**

# AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- THE ANR AGENT HAS WORKED ALONGSIDE THE FALFURRIAS ISD FFA ADVISORS TO STATE VALIDATIONS TAGS AND HAS AIDED FAMILIES IN ORDERING LIVESTOCK PROJECTS FOR THE 2023 SHOW YEAR.
- THE ANR AGENT HAS 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 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
- HOSTED PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING TO HELP PRODUCERS OBTAIN THEIR PRIVATE APPLICATOR LICENSES.
- HOSTED LAST CHANCE CEU OPPORTUNITIES
- CERTIFIED 42 YOUTH IN HUNTER'S EDUCATION
- HOSTED A PRESCRIBED FIRE WORKSHOP WHERE PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTERS WERE INTRODUCED TO WILDFIRE FOR TRAINING.





# 4-H YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT



- The 4-H Youth Development program saw an increase in 4-H enrollments. The program has two clubs with a total of 91 members and 8 volunteers.
- This year we had an increase in youth wanting to participate in the District 12 Archery Match and brought home 4 1st Place metals, 1 2nd Place metal, and 1 3rd Place metal.
- Our two clubs the Westside Kountry Kids and NCCA Mighty Warriors 4-H clubs have been actively busy.
- Both our clubs have been doing lots of community service. They created fall crafts for the nursing home in October.
- In November they held a canned food drive and constructed 25 baskets to feed local families during the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- December was very busy month for the two clubs, they were involved with cookie decorating, caroling, and made care packages for the elderly at the nursing home.

