

HELPING TEXANS BETTER THEIR LIVES

AG & NATURAL RESOURCES

Plant ID Walk: Ag Agent led a Plant ID walk for a group of homeschool kids at a local ag producers property. Topics discussed included range management, soil science and beef cattle production.

Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Meeting:

Ag Agent spoke to members of the Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers about Horn Fly Control on livestock and gave updates for upcoming programs and events.

Quarterly Ag Newsletters: Ag Agent is sending out quarterly ag newsletters that contain informative articles along with upcoming programs and events relevant to ag producers in Titus County.

Ag Email List: By joining the ag email list, stay up to date on upcoming programs, events and receive timely information on any ag issues that may arise. You can also receive the quarterly ag newsletter via email.

Master Gardener Field Trip: Master Gardeners took a field trip to Myers Park and Chambersville Tree Farm to tour the Earth-Kind rose gardens.

Upcoming Ag Events:

Ag Committee Meeting
June 27, 2019 11:30– 1:00 PM

Private Pesticide Applicator
License Training
August 26, 2019 8 AM– 12:00 PM

Titus County Hay Show &
Forage Program
October 25, 2019 8 AM-12:00 PM



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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Major Livestock Show Heifer Validation: Titus County will have a 4-H member validating a Red Angus heifer to compete at the State Fair of Texas & many other Texas Major Livestock Shows.

County Fair Tag In: Titus County 4-H had 10 animals tagged in for the Titus County Fair with 6 exhibitors. Titus County 4-H will have at least one of each species represented at the fair in September. We are looking forward to decorating stalls & working together as a club to represent Titus County 4-H well.

Plant ID Team: Titus County 4-H has started a Plant Identification Team. Members learn to identify 129 different range & pasture plants & list characteristics such as longevity, season of growth, origin & grazing value. We are planning to attend contests at the East Texas State Fair, State Fair of Texas, Fort Worth Stock Show, Houston Livestock Show and many more.

TITUS COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

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FAMILY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Lighten Up East Texas: Titus County Extension Office partnered with Fit City Tyler to combat rising obesity rates. Sixty participants weighed-out received a free t-shirt and we even had a local winner. Rhonda Brown, Texas Workforce won \$1000 gift card from Brookshire's.



A Fresh Start to a Healthier

You! FCH agent completed series program to increase fruit and vegetable intake; food safety; food resource management for Child Development Center adults. 23 completed A Fresh Start to a Healthier You!

Be Well, Live Well! is a nutritional and physical activity series for older adults. FCH Agent presents monthly at the Senior Meal Center with approximately 25 in attendance.

Food Protection Management: classes were offered for Food Managers. Five took and passed National Serve Safe Exam with high scores.

Child Care Conference Planning Committee: started preparing for the annual fall conference. Conference will be held at NTCC and participants will earn required credit hours.

Northeast Texas Child Care Association: met at the Extension Office and Mike Guidy, Specialist and FCH agent presented a Distracted Driving program to 25 child care providers.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Learn, Grow, Eat, & GO! is a series that combines nutrition, garden science, and physical activity. All 4th graders at Chapel Hill participated in raised beds and new vegetable recipes. After meeting with Superintendent, Bobby Rice and Principal, Tracie Rose, are interested in Learn, Grow, Eat & GO! for Harts Bluff ISD in 2019-2020 school year.

Ag in the Classroom: Master Gardeners have started making plans for "HalloGreen". Over 700 4th graders will be invited to attend the hands-on educational event.

The **Titus County 4-H Club and Shooting Sports Club:** meets monthly. Samuel Brown, competed at the District Shooting Sports Contest. The Titus County 4-H Club ended for the summer with a **Plath to Plate** Quiz Bowl and celebration. Path to Plate: Connecting Agriculture and Health.

District 2-day Round-Up Contest was in Commerce and both agents assisted with contest. (Nutrition Quiz Bowl, Consumer Decision Making, Food Show, and Share the Fun).

Fowler Career Day: Both agents participated sharing about AgriLife Extension careers to 180+ students.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- ◇ Agents attended D4 Administrative Training in Dallas-Planning for 2020.
- ◇ D4 FCH agents are hosting the TEAFCS State Conference this July. FCH agent has attended monthly planning meetings to prepare for State conference.
- ◇ Career Ladder Training
- ◇ TCAAA-Ag agent professional organization
- ◇ New Agent Training

