

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY



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EXTENSION

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Due to Covid-19, Face to Face programs and meetings were canceled during the period.

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Family and Community Health:

San Patricio County Diabetes Support Group has continued to meet bimonthly via zoom during the Covid-19 pandemic. Thirteen individuals participated in the "Tis the Season to be Healthy," Holiday Workshop. Three healthy holiday recipes were demonstrated and recipes/fact sheets were emailed to the participants. Fourteen individuals participated in the "February – Diabetes and Heart Health" Workshop. Workshop recordings, recipes and healthy fact sheets were also posted on social media.



Agent Farrow and Better Living for Texan Nutrition Assistant Espinoza coordinated a "Tis the Season to Be Healthy" Cookbook. Two hundred copies of the cookbooks were distributed by the Taft Community Food Pantry Coordinator. The cookbooks were included in their holiday food distribution food boxes. One of the recipes was selected and the pantry provided all the ingredients for the program participants to replicate the recipe.

Agriculture and Natural Resources:

A virtual Field Crop Symposium was held on January 7, 2021. The virtual program provided updates to Growers on Crop Management consideration for the 2021 growing season including: Weed Management with Sorghum Herbicide Technology, Delaying Onset of Weed Resistance, Pesticide Laws, Impact of Fertility on Insects and Disease Pests, Bt Resistant in Bollworm and Viral Control Option. This event was hosted by Nueces & San Patricio County AgriLife Extension and was viewed by 64 area producers.



Two Auxin Specific Trainings and Worker Protection Standards Trainings were held on February 2 & 24, 2021 at the San Patricio Fairground Civic Center. 46 participants attended the Auxin trainings and 52 attended the WPS trainings.

4-H & Youth Development:

Due to the Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program COVID-19 restrictions, the San Patricio 4-H Annual Extra Special Livestock Show was cancelled. School districts were notified of cancellation and one school district responded, "Thank you for informing us of this. Hopefully, when all this horrible virus goes away we will see you guys next year. I would like to thank the hard work of the many people who put this together year after year in providing this fun experience for students with intellectual disabilities. Wishing you all a Happy and prosperous New year. Hoping for a better 2021".

The San Patricio & Aransas County Agricultural & Homemakers Show kicked off the year with great excitement. We had 1383 entries in this year's show, with entries including Livestock, Homemaking, Ag Mechanics and Horse. Of the 813 Livestock entries, 202 made the Premium Sale. Our members exhibited their projects and shared their learning experiences with others. The Premium Sale was a huge success, as it brought \$933,273 to the youth of San Patricio and Aransas Counties. One of our Extra Special Livestock participant showed a goat this year in the regular livestock show. He made the auction and received \$49,000.