

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY



## TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

September - December 2020

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

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### 4-H & Youth Development:

Due to the Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program COVID-19 restrictions, this year San Patricio 4-H 10th Annual Trunk or Treat was held as a Drive-Thru event. This year's event was held on Saturday, October 31, 2020 and we had over 200 vehicles participate.



### Family and Community Health:

Twenty San Patricio County Walk Across Texas teams logged a total of 30,265.98 miles over a eight-week period. The program is aimed at helping participants establish the habit of daily physical activity with support from their peers. Research suggests, that when people walk for a period of eight weeks, they are more likely to walk for the long term. Participant feedback indicates that team members increased energy levels, reduced stress and lost weight. Potential economic impact of the Walk Across Texas Program in San Patricio County is \$830,652. 111 participants reported in the online wrap-up evaluation form that they benefitted from the participating in the program.



Due to the pandemic and County Family and Community Health Agents having to limit face to face contacts, the Southeast Region FCH Unit Staff put together a #December2Remember Interactive Calendar. Each day during the month of December, Facebook followers are invited to click on a link to find fun and informative activities to celebrate the holiday season.

#December2Remember 2020						
SPIRITUAL SUNDAY	MONEY MONDAY	TRADITIONS TUESDAY	WISK-UP WEDNESDAY	THANKFUL THURSDAY	FLAVORFUL FRIDAY	SEASIDE SATURDAY
1 Spiritual Roundup	1 Money Roundup	1 Conventions Appointments	1 Short Term Goals for the holidays	1 Thankful for Blessings	1 Reminisce the Past	1 2020 Cleaning and Make
2 Stretching Your Dollars and Sense	2 Souvenir Appointments	2 Take Time to Breathe	2 Spreading Thanks	2 A Little Gift Goes a Long Way	2 Memories	2 2020 Cleaning and Make
3 KID TOOT LAD	3 Making Money LAUNCH ONE	3 Local INVESTIGATE	3 Make a List	3 Thankful ASIDE	3 Christmas Wishes	3 Christmas Wishes
4 Meet on the Sabbath	4 Christmas Tree Check-UP	4 At Home Food	4 Joy, Peace and Happiness	4 Holiday Rice Krispies Treats	4 Being Present in the Moment	4 Being Present in the Moment
5 Nations of Health Life	5 Sleepytime	5 Prayer	5 Turn On Your Lights	5 2020 Reflection		

### Agriculture and Natural Resources:

The Fall CEU Conference was held on October 15, 2020 with 85 participants - in person and virtual.. Conference offered 5 TDA CEU's and 5 CCA CEU's and this year's conference focused on Pest Management. In addition, Brian Bledsoe, Chief Meteorologist/Climatologist, Colorado Springs, Colorado, discussed the potential long range climate patterns for this region going into Summer 2021.

(13,000) jugs, (6) totes cut up material, and (113) drums were collected at the Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Day held on October 21, 2020, at two locations in San Patricio County.



2020 Coastal Bend Soil Management Workshop was hosted by Aranas, Bee, Jim Wells, Kleberg/ Kenedy, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties AgriLife Extension. There was 30 live participants and 31 YouTube views. This program was held in conjunction with the Coastal Bend Soil Testing Campaign.

Show Me the Money Livestock Beef Cattle Webinar consisted of 4 sessions that was a collaborative effort between Jim Wells, Kennedy/ Kleberg, Nueces, and San Patricio Counties. The sessions were offered weekly from October 26-November 16, 2020. A total of 29 registered participants, 80 views and 33.3% increased knowledge in 8 subject areas. The total economic impact was \$14,170.

