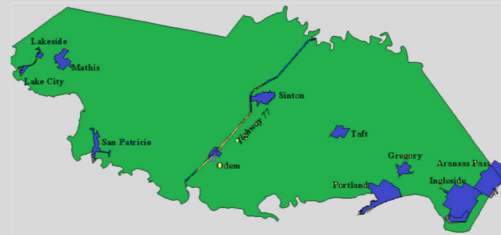


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Due to Covid-19, Face to Face programs and meetings were limited until May 31, 2021.

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Agriculture and Natural Resources: The 8th Annual Coastal Bend Grain Storage and Handlers Safety Conference was held on April 14, 2021. A live grain engulfment and extraction demonstration was held at the Planters Coop, Sinton facility and the Defensive Driving certification at the San Patricio County Fairgrounds Event Center. Twenty-seven area grain industry personnel and twelve First Responders from 4 area Stations were in attendance for the demonstration. Twenty-two received their Defensive Driving certificates. This event was a joint effort of San Patricio, Nueces and Refugio County AgriLife Extension and Tri-Angle Insurance.



The second **Plastics in Cotton Virtual Seminar** was held on May 5, 2021. This follow up program was hosted by Nueces and San Patricio County AgriLife Extension and 84 participated in the event. Plastic contamination in cotton has become an economic issue in the cotton industry and the Crops Committees within the host counties identified and requested educational events to address the issue. From completed surveys 565,400 bales of cotton were grown or ginned by participants.

Carbon Farming in Texas Workshop was held both in-person and virtual on May 11, 2021. Those attending in-person attended at the Johnny Calderon Building in Robstown. Carbon capture is a new issue that could affect producers in the near future and 70 participated in the program hosted by Nueces and San Patricio County AgriLife Extension.

4-H & Youth Development: Due to Covid-19, 4-H had to get creative to reach our Community so 4-H **Barn Talk and Beyond the Barn Live Podcasts** were conducted in April and May. Topics included Steers, How to preparing for Interviews and 4-H members' accomplishments. A Barn Talk in two podcast had 318 views and 37 shares. Beyond the Barn Podcast in one podcast had 85 views and 14 shares. We have received numerous of positive comments regarding these podcasts.

4-H Extra Special Livestock Show was cancelled in January 2021 due to Covid-19. The 4-H Ambassadors however conducted a **4-H Petting Zoo** at Odem & Sinton schools on May 10, 2021. Students were able to see and feed several animals and they were also given goodie bags.

A **4-H Community Service Project** Donation to Ronald McDonald's House was delivered on May 27, 2021. Ronald McDonald mailed a card thanking the 4-H members for their thoughtfulness and generosity to families in need.

Family and Community Health: Over 70 women and their friends attended the **10th Annual Pink Event Friend to Friend Party & Luncheon** on May 27, 2021. Virginia Lopez, Community-Based Program Manager with the San Patricio County Department of Public Health presented her story as a cancer survivor. Cynthia B. Gonzales, Assistant Executive/Educational Director with South Texas Family Planning & Health Corporation presented the keynote address on the importance of a Mammogram and Pap test. The purpose of the Friend to Friend program is to increase the number of women to get screened on a regular basis for Breast and Cervical cancer, so these cancers are detected early, when they are the most curable. Participants were encouraged to sign commitment cards stating when they planned to get their screenings completed. Exhibitors provided additional information about women's health issues.

