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EDUCATIONAL CONTACTS

- In 2020,
A total of **8,130** educational contacts were made by faculty & volunteers.



DEC. 18, Jim Hogg County Meeting w/Doctors Hospital of Laredo



February 18, 2020. Healthy South Texas Coaliton Meeting.

HEALTHY SOUTH TEXAS

- In combat to COVID-19 Outbreak, Extension Agent Cosme G. Rubalcaba switched to & delivered all Healthy South Texas programs online. The following programs included: Cooking Well for Healthy Blood Pressure, Cooking Well with Diabetes, Health Talk Express, & a summer Walk Across Texas. Just prior to the pandemic, Cosme G. Rubalcaba was able to conduct a final path to the plate program for JHCISD Schools. Each school at Jim Hogg County ISD was able to receive recognition as a Healthy South Texas Campus.



(L) Summer 2020, Walk Across Texas! Champions. (M) HST Campus Recognition JHCISD Schools (R) Path to the Plate Expo @ JHCISD

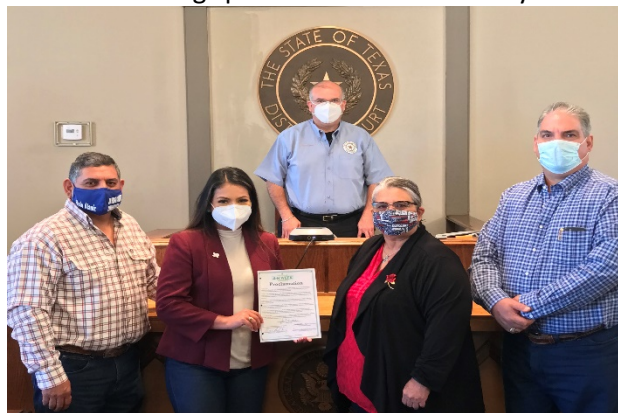
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Agriculture & Natural Resources

- New agent of Jim Hogg County as of April 13, 2020 and no committees/LAB were previously established. Agent was able to meet with Erasmo Montemayor (NRCS Hebbbronville) and Bill Barfield (local landowner) to discuss past and current county issues and past programs. Agent individually met virtually with Dr. Joe Paschal (Extension Beef Specialist) and Dr. Megan Clayton (Extension Range Specialist). Both Extension Specialists were utilized in the planning of future programs and provided agent with past program events and recommendations for future program ideas for Jim Hogg County. Throughout the remaining of the year, agent continued to meet more of the community, local business owners, and other local agencies while following CDC guidelines. Agent is currently working with Covid-19 restrictions as the cases continue to rise in the county but is motivated in establishing strong committees which will include a diversity of local community members.
- Agent virtually participated in all State and South Regional On-Boarding sessions, First Step Trainings, workshops, and all professional development opportunities which some include- all 2020 4-H Youth Development and Agriculture and Natural Resource Statewide Strategy Sessions, 2020 Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course, 2020 TSCRA Cattle Raisers Convention, 2020 District 12 Shooting Sports Certification Workshop (Certified in Shotgun category), 2020 Master Marketer Series, Texas Range Webinar Series, Costal Bend Management Soil Workshop, 2020 Texas Plant Protection Conference, County Extension Agent Auxin Training, and all other professional development opportunities Agent can attend.

4-H

- Agent is currently managing the 4-H program and the Hebbbronville 4-H Club. Agent also became an Adjunct Faculty member of the Jim Hogg County Independent School District and was able to get the approval from the Jim Hogg County School Board Members in making Jim Hogg County 4-H an Extracurricular Activity.
- Agent goals for the 4-H program in Jim Hogg County is to continue to grow and expand the program by recruitment, providing trainings and educational programs to local ISD, introducing new projects, establishing youth ANR, and increasing project and volunteer involvement. Current club project interests are focused on- livestock projects, horse, photography, and shooting sports. There are currently 22 club members enrolled.



-Jim Hogg County Extension Agent Brianna Gonzales pictured with the Jim Hogg County Judge and Commissioners Court after declaring October 4-10, 2020 as National 4-H Week in Jim Hogg County.