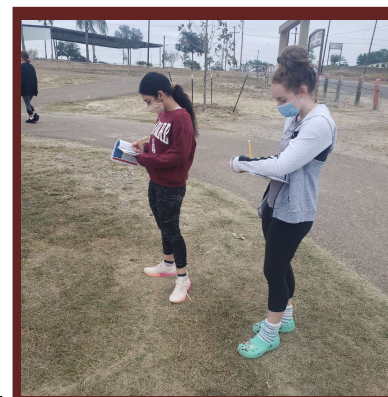


FOREWORD: This document is being provided to you to highlight some of the educational programs, services and opportunities afforded to the people of Zapata County. These efforts would not be possible without the support of The Zapata County Commissioners Court. Thank you for all that you do in support of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Zapata County. This is only a highlight of some of the programs and activities conducted during 2021. There are many other events not included.

January: WAT! YOUTH Kick-off Event. All six ZCISD campuses participated in the Walk Across Texas program. Approximately 2,000 youth 150 employees participated.



February: Learn Grow, Eat and Go program implemented at all Elementary Schools in Zapata County Independent School District. All students in 2nd grade classes participated. Two Zapata County 4-H'ers caught a calf at the San Antonio Livestock Show Calf Scramble. They will exhibit a breeding project at the show in 2022.

March: 110 4-H youth participated at the annual Zapata County Fair with over \$300K raised at the auction.



April: Ag and Health Agents met with Lupita Zepeda, District Director for State Representative Tracy King. Issues affecting our area and programs offered through the extension office were discussed.

May: A 4-H scholarship and recognition event was held to honor the graduating seniors in the program. 15 4-H members graduated in 2021, all had been enrolled in 4-H since the 3rd grade.



June: A Path to the Plate Grilling 101 workshop was held for the Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors. 10 students attended and grilled their own steaks. HST hosted a Rise and Grind Biking series throughout the month. Approximately 20 bikers participated.



July: A Livestock and Heavy Equipment Theft Prevention Initiative was launched in conjunction with the Zapata County Sheriff's Office. GNHC Gardens were started in San Ygnacio.



August: The Zapata County Ag, Ranch and Wildlife Workshop was held. 25 local producers participated. Topics covered herd health, theft prevention and sustainable agriculture, featuring local producers from Palo Blanco Farm and Ranch.



September: Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors introduced to Zapata County Commissioner's Court. Ambassadors had a presentation on community parks and safety.

October: Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors created a



Pop-Up Bike Lane around Flores Park. This lane was created to promote bike safety.

November: Growing and Nurturing Healthy Communities program was started at the Zapata County Nutrition Center. 15 adults are participating in the program.



December: The Annual Zapata County 4-H Blanket and Sock Drive and Christmas Party was held. County Judge Joe Rathmell spoke to 4-H'ers about the importance of community service.

