

2023 Year in Review

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FORWARD: This document is being provided to highlight educational programs, services and opportunities provided to the citizens of Zapata County. These efforts would not have been possible without the support of the Zapata County Commissioner Court. These are just a few events from 2023. THANK YOU!

January: 13th Annual Falcon Lake Prospect Show was held January 7th and 8th. Approximately 175 entries. Profit from show benefits Zapata County 4-H and ZHS FFA. Horticulture Series kicked off.



February: Zapata County 4-H members participated at the San Angelo Livestock Show and the San Antonio Livestock Show. 20 students exhibited lambs, steers, heifers and competed in the calf scramble and youth rodeo. One 4-H member placed with her steer and made the auction.

March: 180 4-H youth participated at the annual Zapata County Fair with nearly \$550K raised at the auction. Youth Farm Day was held. 75 participants. Ag agent participated in ZCISD Strategic Plan



April: Collected cattle fecal samples at local collaborator's ranch as part of internal parasite study sponsored by Merck Animal Health. Living Legacy Tree Project unveiled at Zapata High School. Hosted Ag Symposium. 3 Participants. BLT graduated 14 LGEG participants at Villarreal Elementary.

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May: 14 Zapata County 4-H members participated in the District 12 4-H shotgun match. Collected and tested 6 local water well samples. Hosted educational session and presented results to landowners. BLT graduated 14 GNHC participants at ZC Nutrition Center.



June: Annual End of the Year 4-H Banquet was held. 12 graduating seniors were recognized and awarded scholarships. Approximately 100 students attended. TSCRA Special Ranger Joey Aguilar was our guest speaker. Hosted Private Pesticide Applicator's Training. 5 participants. 3 Zapata County 4-H members participated in District 12 4-H Leadership Lab and Election Convention held in Kingsville, TX.

July: Hosted annual Ag, Ranch and Wildlife Workshop. 25 local producers attended. Topics covered landowner leases, wildlife disease, and fever tick updates.



August: Ag agent represented Zapata County Producers at the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course presenting on the cost to producers in the fever tick quarantine. Zapata County received \$1 Million grant to make improvements to the Zapata County 4-H Arena. BLT graduated 14 LGEG participants at Boys and Girls Club. San Ygnacio Garden group received a fire prevention kit from the Texas A&M Forest Service.