

Extension Education — Making a Difference in Waller County 2020 Quarterly Report— Jan.— Mar.



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- Waller County Master Gardener (WCMG) Program has provided a 15 part series (50+ hrs of education) from January-April including volunteer opportunities for chapter members to participate in.
- 6 interns are currently participating in the program to become Waller County Master Gardeners.
- As of 3/31/2020, 41 WCMGs have provided 1,464 hours of volunteer time to the community valued at \$29,280 so far this year.
- Master Gardeners have completed 158 hours of Continuing Education (CEU) hours so far.
- Held a Spring Vegetable and Herb Sale \$5,363
- Master Gardeners received 2 grants from Texas Farm Bureau and Waller County Texas Farm Bureau for the Junior Master Gardeners \$350
- Master Gardeners held 2 Lunch & Learn Programs for residents to come to.
- Agent Villarreal hosted 1 Private Applicator Trainings, 6 people completed the 4 hour training.
- Helped with a multi-county Vegetable conference in Ft. Bend County, over 250 attended.
- Held 5 Hr CEU program for residents, 18 attended.
- Monthly Ag newsletters have reached about 850 people every month.

Family Community Health

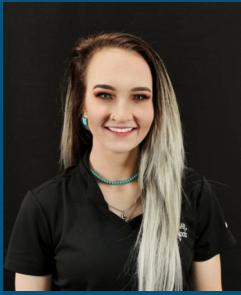
- Agent Walker conducted a Senior Health & Wellness Series. The participants met for 6 weeks to discuss various ways to healthy eating & adding exercise to their daily routines. Concluding the series yielded significant results for most active participants such as the lowering of A1C levels, clearer mind, weight loss, discontinuation of high blood pressure medications & overall feeling healthier.
- Created citizens survey under the direction of Dr. Mitchell's political science class at Prairie View A&M University. The issues of Waller County's citizens specifically, the county being a medical desert. The survey will be for agent use to gather information from the community to assess & address their needs.
- In partnership with Cooperative Extension Specialist Joyce Osborne the Nutrition Education & Herb Gardening Community Group was created to unite county "backyard" gardeners, distribute nutritional education, foster Path to the Plate materials, & exhibit the economic & health impacts of growing your own fruits, vegetables & herbs.
- Covid-19 trainings & response to prepare for online educational programs.



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4-H and Youth Development

- Agent Walker implemented the 4-H Photography Project. 18 Youth met for (3) 2 hour sessions to learn the basics of photography. Education included taking photos using a tripod, utilizing different lighting to take photos of people, locations, & animals and using shutter speeds tell a story with your photos.
- Royalty candidates for BBQ Fundraiser volunteers at the Waller Chamber of Commerce Bingo.
- Monthly 4-H Newsletters reached about 460 youth every month.
- Weekly 4-H Email reminders “Weekly Wire”, reached about 460 youth per week

Major Show Participation:

- ◇ Ft. Worth: 12 youth showed animals, 8 youth judging contest.
- ◇ San Angelo: 7 youth showed animals.
- ◇ San Antonio: 23 youth showed animals, 35 youth judging contests, 3 youth in calf scramble, 3 in public speaking.
- ◇ Houston*: 27 youth showed animals, 45 youth judging contests, 4 youth in calf scramble, 2 in archery, 5 in shotgun, 3 in public speaking
- ◇ Texas Elite Showcase: 1 youth showing animals.
- ◇ Rio Grande Valley*: 1 youth showed animals.
- ◇ Austin*: 22 youth showed animals, 16 youth judging contests.

*Major Shows which were canceled or cut short due to Covid-19

District 9 Participation:

- ◇ Indoor Archery Contest: 10 youth,
- ◇ Invitational Quiz bowl contest: 5 youth
- ◇ Photography Contest: 4 youth
- 4-H youth participated in a District and State wide Virtual Bass fishing tournament where they could take pictures of there bass and post to the contest Facebook page. 8 youth were in State contest and 4 were in District contest

Scholarships:

- Scholarships Awarded to 4-H Youth at Stock shows: \$10,000

Educational Contacts

- 4-H Enrollment: 460 youth
- Community 4-H clubs: 16
- Leadership 4-H clubs: 2
- Adult Volunteer 4-H Leaders: 56
- Youth Volunteer 4-H Leaders: 55
- Total Educational Programs Conducted: 131 sessions
- Total Individual Contacts: 2,867
- Total Contact Hours : 9,433
- Newsletter Contacts: 5, 016
- Volunteers Utilized: 430
- Volunteer hrs. Contributed: 810
- Total Contacts: 10, 347
- Total Website Views: 7,138
- Facebook Followers: 1,025

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