

## DUVAL COUNTY 2018 Highlights

#### AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

### Highlights of ANR programs within Duval County as well as Multi-County

- Continuing Education for Private Pesticide Applicator Training completed Training and CEU's
- Farm Visits 140 total farm visits for fruit trees, pecan trees, bees, grasses, wildlife, etc...
  - Brush Management Program NRCS and ANR
- Well Water Screening (Multi-County)
- Growing and Nourishing Healthy Community Gardens
- Wildlife Clinic (Multi- County)
- Ag Fair Day in Alice, Tx (Multi-County)
- NCRS Notice Nature Field Day

### **FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE**

In Duval County, we have several programs set in place for the year, as well as emerging programs to assist the people of our community and have assisted surrounding counties Jim Wells, Jim Hogg, Kleberg and Zapata counties in implementing their events.

- Maintain, No Gain Benavides Civic Center, San Diego Civic Center and Freer ISD Faculty (November 13, 2017 to January 12, 2018)
- Continued Learn, Grow, Eat, Go! at Norman Thomas Elementary with 31 fourth grade students for the school year 2017-2018 and with the 57 third grade students for the school year 2018-2019.
- Implemented Learn, Grow, Eat, Go! at Collins Parr Elementary ACE Program for school year 2018-2019 with 30 students.
- Dinner Tonight South Texas Edition was hosted at Freer ISD with 51 participants (April 19, 2018)
- Cooking Well with Diabetes Benavides, Freer and Concepcion Civic Centers,
  40 participants (May to June 2018)
- Cooking with Healthy Blood Pressure Benavides Civic Center, 12 participants (July 18 and 25; and August 7, 2018)





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- Walk Across Texas programs occurred both in the spring and summer of 2018. Youth participation in Duval County was 402 youth while adult participation was 92 adults, an increase of 44.6%. The participants completed 38,125.22 miles in the 8-week program. Total potential economic impact for Duval County of \$1,438,751.00 an increase of \$907,162.00 from the previous year.
- Dinner Tonight South Texas Edition was hosted at San Diego REAL Inc Adult Day Care with 24 participants (November 16, 2018)

## **4H AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

### **Highlights of 4-H and Youth Development in Duval County:**

- 101 youth members
- 31 reached through our special interest and school enrichment programs.
  (LGEG)
- 5 4-H Clubs: Mesquite, San Diego, Freer, Benavides and Shooting Sports
- Livestock projects: beef, swine, goat, lamb, poultry, rabbits; Home show: photography, baking, medal and wood projects (101 youth participated in county fair.
- ANR agent meets with the club managers monthly to set dates, charters, budgets, events and fundraisers.
- Norman Thomas Elementary was one of seven schools in our region recognized as a Healthy South Texas School for school year 2017-2018.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### Highlights in Community Economic Development for Duval County are:

- Community Development at Benavides ISD and Duval County Park with Glossbrenner Unit.
- Duval County Fair Association fair board advisor.
- Freer Fair Association fair board advisor.
- SHAC member for Benavides ISD.
- New Generation Medical Academy Board member for Freer ISD





