

DUVAL COUNTY 2020 Highlights

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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

The Beef Cattle Program was targeted towards ranching families in Duval. Through social media word by mouth, phone calls and event flyers posted at businesses we were able to bring to our seminar 48 attendees. Our guest speakers Dr. Sam Wilkinson, Herd Health, Dr. Burkett, Fever Tick, Nathan Haile, Soil Health/Prescribed Grazing, Martin Garcia, Farm Services Agency, Dr. Tanner Machado, all provide excellent information for our attendees.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

Highlights of FCH programs within Duval County as well as Multi-County

The biggest accomplishment for this year was recognizing all three campuses in San Diego ISD (Collins Parr Elementary, Bernard Jaime Junior High and San Diego High School) as Healthy Texas campuses for the school year 2019-2020.

Walk Across Texas: Agriculture Commodities Expo: January 23, 2020 – 686 participants:

- During the *WAT: Agriculture Commodities Expo*, student feedback was attained. Most students stated they learned different things. Examples provided were not knowing bovine was beef or that sunflowers produced so many seeds. The younger students were not aware that meat came from different animal and not the grocery store.
- Feedback was also taken from parents who attended the event. Most appreciated the students being exposed to agriculture and developing an interest in a new topic.
- The most powerful feedback was the student leaders for each station felt empowered and knowledgeable when providing the presentations on different agriculture commodities. Several stated they developed an interest in agriculture that they previously did not have.

Although COVID 19 pandemic impacted our year by preventing in person programs, we continued to provide education to our community through online platforms.

- *COVID 19 Full Presentation*:
- *Cake, Carrot or Casserole: How to Manage Stress Eating*: 31 views
- *Handling Delivery, To-Go Meals & Curbside Delivery Safety*: 119 views
- *Learn, Grow, Eat & Go!* Online series over 500 views for series with 9 active participants.
- *Managing Diabetes During Stressful Times*: 42 views
- *Disaster Preparedness – Food & Water Preparedness*: 184 views.
- *Disaster Preparedness – Chronic Condition Maintenance*: 87 views

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- *Cholesterol Matters: Be Heart Healthy*: 128 views
- *Stress Less, Mind Matters*: 133 views
- *Self-Care: tips for managing stress*: 454 views
- *State of Health Report*: 187 views
- Cooking Well With Diabetes Online Multi-County project with Kleberg/Kenedy, Jim Hogg and Zapata with 16 participants.

4H AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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

The Duval Classic Prospect Show offers our 4-H members the opportunity to learn how to care for their livestock projects and prepare them for County and Major Livestock Shows. On 11/21&22/'20, 149 4-H and FFA youth along with 182 livestock entries participated in The Duval Classic Prospect Show.

- 158 youth members
- 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 (158 youth participated in county fair.
- ANR agent meets with the club managers monthly to set dates, charters, budgets, events and fundraisers.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Highlights in Community Economic Development for Duval County are:

- DAR agents delivered PPE to Duval County Courthouse, tests to Benavides ISD and San Diego ISD.
- Community Development at Duval County Park.
- 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
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- Community Action Corporation of South Texas - Community Advisory Group Member.