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Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Groundbreaking, school supplies fair, beach trip highlight events at center



Top photo: From left, center participant Maria Robles, former District 4 Council Member Johnny Amaya, Mayor Raul Salinas, County Judge Danny Valdez, Fernando A. Salinas Trust Fund Trustee Javier Santos, Commissioner Jerry Garza, and District 4 Council Member Juan Narvaez break ground for the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center. **Bottom right photo:** Precinct 3 Commissioner Jerry Garza poses with Jorge Perez, winner of the bicycle during the last day of summer camp at the center. **Photo below:** Precinct 3 staffers Elizabeth Rodriguez and Jesse Gamiño, left, distribute the backpacks and breakfast to the kids during the Back to School Supplies Fair at the community center.

As summer begins to come to an end, we wish to share with you some of the most recent major accomplishments at the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center.

We are proud to announce that Commissioner Jerry Garza's dream of constructing a community center in his precinct became a reality July 29 when ground was broken for the almost 8,000– square-foot, state-of-the-art-facility.

Also, the first-ever summer-long camp at the center culminated with a luncheon and bicycle raffle. Jorge Perez and Marla Rodriguez were the lucky winners.

In addition, the 2nd Annual Back-To-School Fair gave 80 neighborhood children an opportunity to receive a backpack filled with school supplies.

Plus, the summer camp trip to Mustang Island and to the Fulton Mansion State Historic Site proved to be so successful, that students said they are ready to participate in next year's camp have an opportunity to go on the trip.

Thanks to all who made all these great events possible!



Catching a Wave in Mustang Island



More than 40 participants from the Fernando A. Salinas and the Fred and Anita Bruni community centers were recently treated to a field trip to Mustang Island in Port Aransas and to the Fulton Mansion State Historic Site in Rockport. While at Mustang Island, participants were also given an educational tour about life in the ocean. The trip was made possible through both community centers and Webb County's Economic Development Department. In the photo left, sisters Sandra and Emily Martinez are about to start working on a sand castle. In the photo right, Texas Game Warden Paul Eubank leads the educational tour with the participants.



Center participant Rudy Rodriguez celebrated his birthday recently.

The Health Beat



As part of the senior citizens' activities at the center, participants are encouraged to take part in the City of Laredo Buena Vida Exercise Program. In the photo, Herlinda Alonzo and Cecilia Estevis, from left, follow the lead of instructor Lucy Martinez, who visits the center three times a week.



Marla Rodriguez was the lucky female participant who won a bicycle during the end-of-summer -camp party at the center. Plans are already underway for the After School Program.

Meet
Rosita Ortiz, an active 87-year-old who has been coming to the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center for more than 12 years. Rosita enjoys playing loteria at the center, watching novelas at home, and visiting her brothers and sisters.



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