

THE QUARTERLY ROUND-UP



Webb County Judge, Tano E. Tijerina's Newsletter

*Message from the
County Judge...*



Dear Webb County,

As the first quarter of 2016 draws to an end, I am excited for the months Webb County has ahead. I am pleased with the progress we have made both as a community and as a government. Together, we are without a doubt making great strides

towards improving the quality of life in our county.

This past February was chock-full with local events. As I meandered my way around each function I was astounded by the sheer outpour of our community's involvement and how we've been able to maintain tradition throughout the years. During this time, I also had the opportunity to meaningfully engage with many individuals and listen to their needs and suggestions for our county. I unequivocally believe that effective governance requires engaging and listening to the public and this past month gave me the opportunity to do so.

I am excited for the future of Webb County. Some major changes occurred last year internally and this year we will focus on long term projects for continued progress in our community. For as long as I have the privilege to be in office I will strive to make the decisions today that will positively impact our next generation of families. I refuse to run a county based on bureaucracy and I will always seek what is in the best interest for our community.

Thank you Webb County for your continued support for a better and brighter Webb County. Together we are making Webb County the *best* county in Texas.

Un Abrazo Grande,

Tano E. Tijerina
Webb County Judge

LIFE_DOWNS



The Webb County community is passionate about many things, one of these being Life Downs. For many of us, some of our earliest and fondest memories were created in Life Downs.

Over the last several months, Judge Tijerina has met with several individuals, from board members to residents from our community to discuss the future of Life Downs.

This year, Judge Tijerina hopes to quench the communities long time thirst for a new Life Downs by seeking qualifications for a master plan. He is asking for the community for its continued support for this much deserved new quality of life project for all of Webb County. Webb County deserves it!

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Washington's Birthday Celebration

While many great events have occurred and plenty of change has transpired in our community over the course of the last hundred years, throughout all of this and many other great and difficult times one thing has remained very stable in Laredo, our annual Washington's Birthday Celebration. What began as something small 119 years ago has expanded into a month-long event of festivities for people of all ages and has shined the national spotlight on our community.



Judge Tijerina and Wife Kimberly Tijerina at the 2016 UETA Jambosie

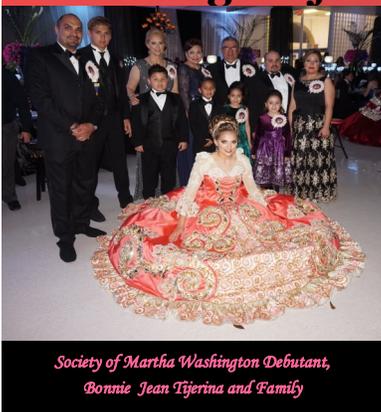


Judge Tijerina and United States Secretary of Homeland Security, Jeh Johnson



Judge Tijerina and staff ready for the Anheuser-Busch Parade

“This year we celebrated our 119th annual Washington Birthday Celebration. Washington's Birthday Celebration is the oldest celebration in our nation and I am proud that Webb County has been committed and passionate about maintaining this legacy. This year was exceptionally meaningful for my family as my daughter, Bonnie Jean was a debutant. W.B.C.A., you all did an outstanding job, each event was well-organized, exhilarating and entertaining. Thank you to everyone for making our annual Washington Birthday Celebration a complete success. I look forward to many more years partaking in this wonderful event!” - **Judge Tijerina**

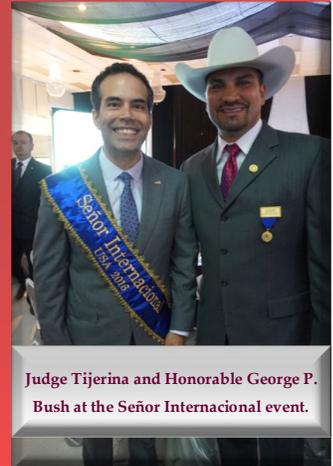


Society of Martha Washington Debutant, Bonnie Jean Tijerina and Family

2016 International Bridge Ceremony



Judge Tijerina and Dr. Jose Antonio Meade Kuribeña at the Señor Internacional event.



Judge Tijerina and Honorable George P. Bush at the Señor Internacional event.



Judge Tijerina and Mrs. Tijerina with Chief and Pocahontas at the 2016 Pageant

Good Luck Students!



Judge Tijerina empowering the United South Middle School boys.

With the upcoming STAAR test fast approaching, Judge Tijerina made it his mission to personally deliver the powerful message to our students about the importance of believing in themselves. Judge Tijerina is a huge advocate for taking a direct hand in

molding our future leaders and believes it is essential to motivate and empower our students before the STAAR test.

"I want the students to understand the importance of an education. That no matter what background they have or what school they are from, nothing is impossible. I want to wish



Judge Tijerina partakes in a motivational video for the students of United South High School.

each and every one of our students good luck on their upcoming test and 'MAY THE STARS BE WITH YOU!'"
Judge Tijerina

Judge Tijerina with the United Middle School Boys



Judge Tijerina and staff Believing in our Students!



Hero of the Quarter

By now, many of you might have run into a delightful chocolate Labrador retriever patrolling our county buildings downtown. Perhaps you've even stopped for a quick greeting, but did you know that this handsome pup is actually a U.S. Veteran? His name is Denzo, Sergeant Denzo to be exact.

Sgt. Denzo successfully completed a vigorous training by the TSA in explosives detection before being deployed to Afghanistan, where he served for a year and a half. While on this tour of duty, Sgt. Denzo found four explosives that were hidden underground on different occasions. This earned him a promotion in rank to Sergeant Denzo.

Led by his K9 handler Luis Agredano, Sgt. Denzo is officially now part of the Webb County family and dutifully carries out his responsibility to keep our community safe.



Judge Tijerina Visits Washington D.C.

Judge Tano E. Tijerina met with several key administrators from an array of federal agencies in Washington D.C. to discuss key priorities and outline strategic goals for Webb County, including increased grant funding opportunities.

“This visit to our nations capital was crucial for Webb County as we fully took advantage to advocate on behalf of our community and strengthen and deepen ties with key administrators to show them how uniquely we are positioned to take advantage of several economic opportunities and push forward our economic development agenda.” Judge Tijerina



Judge Tijerina spoke passionately about the needs that our families have for housing assistance in our colonias and the

living conditions that some of these families are facing during his meeting with USDA Rural Housing Services.

Judge Tijerina shares his thoughts with Brain Kamoie, Assistant Administrator for FEMA-DHS, on the new location for the Webb County Volunteer Fire Department, which in exchange allowed him to express the need for equipment and challenges our volunteer firefighters face.



Judge Tijerina attended the 2016 Freight Summit and gained insight into



Judge Tijerina during his meeting with Economic Development Administrator.



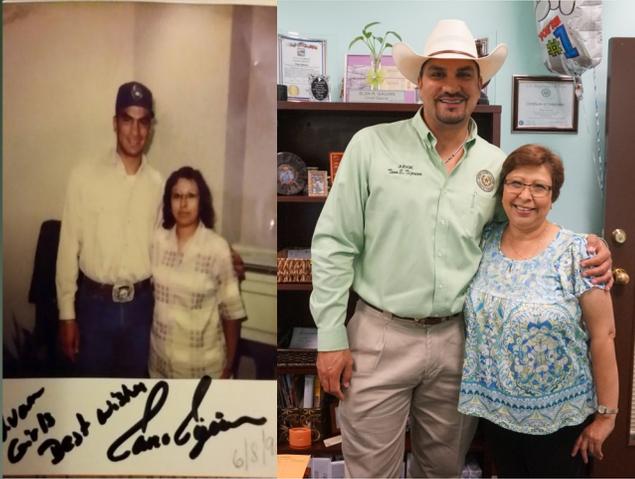
Judge Tijerina spent the bulk of his conversation with administrators from the USDA Rural Utilities Services addressing the financial assistance that Webb County needs for the Rio Bravo Water Plant. Judge Tijerina was able to obtain guidance for potential assistance that could help us at the state level.

the different funding methods that are available which can help to drive Webb County forward such as: FAST Act, FASTLANE Grant, and TIGER Grant, etc. Judge Tijerina took the opportunity to inquire how the FAST Act will be able to assist our inland ports, border crossing and I-35 areas. Various keynote speakers quickly responded by stating that the federal government as a whole focuses on core needs in their decision making process and border crossing is one of the parts of the federal policies that really stands out as a prioritized need. They also added the importance of working with our local counterparts and identifying local and regional transportation issues and exploiting different avenues in the pursuit of economic growth.



Judge Tijerina took this opportunity to emphasize the need for rural development. He shared his thoughts concerning the Webb County Economic Development Department proposal to develop a grant application for the funding of Business Incubator programs for small business located in colonias not located in the City of Laredo's extra-territorial jurisdiction.

Do you know Elsa R. Galvan?



Judge Tijerina and
Mrs. Elsa Galvan in 1993

Judge Tijerina and
Mrs. Elsa Galvan in 2016

For some it can take a lifetime, but for Elsa Galvan finding the job of her dreams came 35 years ago after Manpower, a human resource company, suggested she interview at the Webb County District Clerk's Office. Ever since she was a little girl Mrs. Galvan's dream was to obtain a job in the courts. Having always adhered to the highest of standards on the job, Mrs. Galvan worked her way up from depositing checks to Chief Deputy Clerk. Mrs. Galvan has seen several elected officials come and go and has witnessed the evolution of the county into what it is today.

Mrs. Galvan is not only a dedicated and passionate public servant, she's also a dedicated and passionate daughter, wife and mother. After work she enjoys spending time with her parents and her husband. This year the stork has a special surprise for her as she will be a grandmother for the first time!

-Elsa your laborious efforts and dedication to the county have led you to where you are today. I bet you didn't think anyone noticed everything you have done throughout the years, that is why it is important for me to say THANK YOU! Thank you for always having a smile on your face, for dedicating your time to the county and for being the ideal employee that Webb County needs. You have without a doubt set the benchmark for future employees.—Judge Tijerina

Shadow the Judge



This year Judge Tijerina launched his new "Shadow the Judge" program. One junior student from each U.I.S.D and L.I.S.D high school was selected by their counselors to shadow him throughout the day. This allowed each student to gain an insight on the "behind the scenes" of our county offices and to understand the administrative function of Webb County.

Governor Greg Abbott



Judge Tijerina had the pleasure of meeting with Governor Abbott to discuss and highlight some of our most pressing needs and current events around Webb County such as monies that get allocated to the border, border safety, infrastructure and other prominent issues.

Casa Blanca Golf Course Update



Back in October, Judge Tijerina reported that over time the Casa Blanca Golf Course had lost some of its luster and attraction. Judge Tijerina made it one of his priorities to bring back to life the Casa Blanca Golf Course and slowly but surely our green is revealing itself once again as a spectacular golf course in our community.



“I am very pleased with the progress that has been made at the Casa Blanca Golf Course. Over time the Casa Blanca Golf Course has been left looking tired and monotonous. As I made my way around the course I was thrilled not only to see vast improvements on our greens but the number of golfers playing. I encourage everyone to make their way out to the Casa Blanca Golf course to see the headway that has been made. Jorge, you have been a key component in helping our course aesthetic, thank you and keep up the great job!” - Judge Tijerina



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What Can We Do for You?

Please share any ideas, opinions, or concerns:

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