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Important Dates

- * 6/8 Jury Duty
- * 6/8 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am
- * 6/17 Health & Safety Fair
- * 6/18 New Employee Orientation
- * 6/22 Jury Duty
- * 6/22 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am

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Hero Salute Month

In what has become an annual celebration, Commissioner Jaime Canales hosted the 5th Annual Hero Salute Month Celebration. Hero Salute Month kicked off with a proclamation from the Webb County Commissioners Court and continued with a month-long schedule of events to honor and recognize all veterans, members of the United States armed forces and their families.



As part of the celebration, Commissioner Canales held the first-ever Hero Salute Legal Assistance Event. This event allowed all Webb County Veterans the opportunity to access free legal assistance. The Texas Veterans Commission Employment, Texas Veterans Land Board, Webb County Veterans Service Office together with local attorneys and other legal advisors volunteered their time and expertise to help make this fair possible. The veterans were able to consult for legal information regarding standard living wills, power of attorney, medical power of attorney among other services. The event welcomed all U.S. Veterans and their spouses and over \$50,000 of legal services were provided.

Hero Salute Month culminated with the 5th Annual Hero Salute Luncheon. Commissioner Canales proudly held this luncheon to honor and remember those who gave their lives in defense of freedom. Attendees were treated to a delicious meal and performances by the Martin High School band and the United South High School JROTC.



Torch Run

Webb County Commissioner Frank Sciaraffa and Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina joined forces with local area law enforcement officers to kickoff the annual Flame of the Hope Torch Run in a 436 mile journey from Laredo to Arlington for the Special Olympics Texas Summer Games. More than 400 law enforcement officers and first responders are expected in Arlington to deliver the Flame of Hope and to participate in the Opening Ceremonies. This year is the 46th anniversary of the Special Olympics Texas Summer Games. More than 3,100 athletes from across the state will participate in the competition, featuring events in athletics (track and field), basketball, cycling, gymnastics, soccer and tennis.



Women Build Day

In honor of Women Build Week, Webb County Commissioner Wawi Tijerina and her staff joined efforts with Habitat for Humanity and other volunteer organizations to help build sustainable and eco-friendly homes for underprivileged families. Women build is a national project that is held across the country by the over 200 other United States Habitat for Humanity affiliates. During the weeklong event, women devote at least one day to the effort to eliminate poverty housing. The event is typically held the week leading up to Mother's Day. These dates are significant to many volunteers, as families with children make up a staggering number of those in need of adequate housing. National Women Build Week is May 2-10, 2015.



Holocaust Remembrance Day Ceremony

During a special remembrance ceremony, Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina proclaimed May 27, 2015 as Holocaust Remembrance Day in Webb County. The Holocaust Remembrance Day Ceremony featured keynote speaker Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger, the son of a highly-decorated World War 2 tank commander and Nazi officer. During his speech, Dr. Wollschlaeger recounted his experiences and ended by advocating for tolerance and acceptance of people regardless of race, gender, religion, or nationality. The solemn ceremony culminated with the prayers for those who were lost as a result of the Holocaust. Judge Tano Tijerina, Sheriff Martin Cuellar, and 111th District Judge Monica Notzon participated in the reading of the prayers which ended with the blowing of the Shofar by Rabbi Gabriel Frydman.



Blood Drive

Webb County Administrative Services Department would like to thank everyone that helped make the Blood Drive a SUCCESS! Webb County united as a family to serve the community and embraced the "THIS IS THE PART WHERE YOU SAVE A LIFE" campaign sponsored by South Texas Blood and Tissue. Ms. Liza Guzman, Donor Recruitment Consultant for STBT confirmed Webb County surpassed its projection of 29 units and finished the day with 37 units. KUDOS to all those who gave the "GIFT OF LIFE"!



National Police Week

During the May 11th Webb County Commissioners Court meeting, Judge Tano Tijerina and the Commissioners Court proclaimed the week of May 10th-16th as National Police Week. National Police Week, which occurs each year during the week in which May 15 falls, recognizes the service and sacrifice of U.S. law enforcement. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.



Community Center Event Roundup



Commissioner Frank Sciaraffa joined the elderly citizens of **La Presa Community Center** for a Mother's Day luncheon at Golden Corral. A special raffle was held and Magdalena Avila picked the winning raffle ticket. The prize, a mattress set donated by "Texas Discount Furniture."

The **Larga Vista Community Center** elderly participants were treated to a Mother's Day Luncheon at Golden Corral where they enjoyed food, music & gifts from Commissioner Wawi Tijerina.



The children from the **Ladrillito Activity Center** enjoyed a fun-filled day of learning, playing with the various toys and activities donated by the Imaginarium of South Texas.

Residents and ESL students from the **Santa Teresita Community Center** celebrated their successful completion and graduation from the Literacy Volunteers of Laredo.

The **Fernando A. Salinas Community Center** was visited by Constable Pct. 1, Rudy Rodriguez and staff who gave the participants an informative presentation on "Seniors Keeping Safe".

Submit your department stories for next month! E-mail your story along with any pictures to webbpio@webbcountytx.gov. Stories will be edited for style, grammar, and length. Please be advised that, due to space limitations, we cannot guarantee that all stories will be publicized.