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Important Dates

- * 7/1 OSHA Training
- * 7/3 County Offices Closed
- * 7/4 Independence Day
- * 7/6 Jury Duty
- * 7/13 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am
- * 7/20 Jury Duty
- * 7/22 New Employee Orientation
- * 7/27 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am

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Vision Series 100: Webb County



The Laredo Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with IBC of Laredo held their 100th Anniversary Centennial Speaker Series. One of their featured guest speakers was Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina, who shared the latest updates and major initiatives taking place in the county. On behalf of Webb County, we would like to congratulate Chamber of Commerce on 100 years of growth and business and wish them many more!

Summer Camp Press Conference



Webb County Commissioner of Pct. 4, Jaime Canales, continues a summer tradition as he kicked off the season hosting the 5th Annual Educational Summer Camps program. Commissioner Canales held a press conference in early June inviting all area children to join in on the fun and dedicate time to staying active and being productive. This year's theme is "Webb County Community Heroes". The program is offering children the opportunity to sharpen their STAAR objectives, which include Math, Writing and Science lessons through a series of hands on activities and special presentations. The Webb County Fire and Sheriff's Departments and the Veterans Office are also partaking in this program by teaching children about fire prevention, managing summer heat, reporting fires, gun safety, bullying, crime prevention and the importance of the services of the armed forces.

Health & Safety Fair

During the month of June, Webb County Administrative Services Department hosted its annual Health & Safety Fair for all county employees. Webb County partnered up with different community health and safety providers to help raise awareness about the importance of health and wellbeing. During the fair, employees were treated to free blood and glucose checks and health, home and work safety tips. Once again, the Health and Safety Fair was a success as with approximately 55 vendors the turnout was better than the past years.



Rio Bravo Clean Up

Webb County Commissioner Frank Sciaraffa, Pct.1, and City of Rio Bravo Mayor Dr. Francisco Pena teamed up in a two day community clean up. Residents dropped off unwanted items at a site near the Rio Bravo Community Center. Webb County's Road and Bridge Department estimated about 130 tons of trash was collected within the two day event.

Bank Robber Sentenced

The Office of the District Attorney reports a guilty verdict for Jorge Napoles-Perez Jr. in connection to two bank robberies and two counts of aggravated robbery of a vehicle that led to a high-speed chase where the defendant shot numerous times at officers.

On February 15, 2007, Jorge Napoles -Perez robbed the Laredo National Bank inside Mall Del Norte. A few weeks later, on March 17, 2007, Napoles-Perez, along with a co-defendant, robbed International Bank of Commerce located inside WalMart on Zapata Highway. Both men then stole a vehicle at gunpoint from a



nearby neighborhood. While attempting to make their getaway, they led Laredo police officers on a high-speed chase from South Laredo to the downtown area. Napoles-Perez fired his weapon several times striking an LPD unit. They ended the pursuit by plunging the vehicle into the river banks of the Rio Grande and swimming into Mexico. Napoles-Perez was arrested on March 29, 2014 in Houston, Texas and transported to Laredo to face charges.

Jorge Napoles-Perez was sentenced to life in prison with a \$5,000 fine for two counts of attempted capital murder and three counts of aggravated robbery. He also received a 10 year sentence with a \$5,000 fine for the robbery charge.

Assistant District Attorney's Anali Vargas, Cristina Alva, Francisco Rodriguez, and Linda Garza-Martinez prosecuted the case for the State.

Catapult Health

Catapult Health is a wellness benefit brought to county employees by Administrative Services utilizing BC/BS benefits to improve the overall health of Webb County employees and their covered adult dependents.

Catapult Health empowers individuals to improve their health. Their worksite, Preventive Checkups, focuses on the most common and costly chronic diseases. Each checkup includes lab-accurate diagnostic blood work, a fully tailored Personal Health Report and a private session with a licensed Catapult Health Nurse Practitioner. The process accurately assesses each participant's health risk status and provides a high level of clinical consultation—all at the work place.



Catapult Health's fees are processed through your health plan as a claim for preventive care. Simple for employers. Simple for participants. No deductibles and no copays. Every dollar the county invests in Catapult Health produces savings that impact everyone's bottom line. These savings stem from the reduction of key health risk factors and the corresponding healthcare dollar savings from the prevention, early detection, and treatment of the costliest chronic conditions—diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease.



Certification Of Employees

It is with great pleasure to announce the certification of Lydia Palos and Alicia Rodriguez, employees at the office of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, now Certified Justice of the Peace Court Personnel Level I Clerks, after passing the exam at the Justice Court Training Center of Texas State University for "Justice of the Peace Personnel Level I Certification Exam".

"I believe that our clerks must learn the basic fundamentals and become "Certified Justice Court Clerks" to better serve the community with trained individuals to be able to differentiate the jurisdiction and venue of the justice court," said Judge Jose "Pepe" Salinas, "Each one of them must understand computation of time, cash bonds and be able to identify petition and all its contests as well as know that every case can NOT be filed without a fee or affidavit of inability."

Among their study guides to pass the examination some of these topics were included as part as the educational knowledge:

- Identify the time frame for modifying a pleading, understand requisites of a citation and who may serve it.
- Identify when a defendant's answer is due and know the effects of a general denial.
- Learn the difference between counterclaims, cross claims and third party claims.
- Identify all filing requirements and timing for all judgments, motion to transfer venue, trial settings and continuance, nonsuits, dismissals for want of Prosecution and summaries of Prosecution.
- Understand the role of discovery in Justice Court and know the surrounding of the use of a jury in a civil case. Know the filing requirements, court action, and timing requirements of all post-judgment procedures.
- Know all of Chapter 45 of the Code of Criminal Procedures as well as understand the venue issues In Justice Court Criminal Cases.
- Understand the requirements of deferred disposition and Drivers safety courses.
- Identify penalties and sanctions for alcohol offenses and know which individuals must plead guilty in open court offenses.
- Understanding the requirements of confidentiality for juvenile records.

The Level I exam consisted of multiple choice and they successfully passed the State examination for Level I Criminal and Civil Certification Exams. Congratulations Alicia Rodriguez and Lydia Palos for your hard work and dedication to your profession.



Sick Leave Pool Enrollment

The Sick Leave Pool enrollment period is fast approaching. Are you ready? The Sick Leave Pool enrollment period will run from September 1st through September 30th, 2015 and participants must have a minimum of 24 hours of sick leave after the donation and prior to the accrual for the month of September. Also, the minimum 24 hour balance of Sick Leave must be maintained through October 1st for the contribution to be accepted. This is in accordance with the policy changes adopted by Commissioners Court in December 2013. Sick Leave Pool Programs Policy can be reviewed by clicking [here](#).

Community Center Event Roundup



Constable Adrian Cortez, introduced his K-9 to the kids and showed them the various duties the canine does during the **EJ Salinas Community Center's** 3-week long summer



Ms. Andrea Montalvo (Nutritional Coordinator) from South Texas Food made a presentation to the elderly of the **La Presa Community Center** about eating smart and living strong.



Webb County Commissioner Frank Sciaraffa accompanies children of the **Carlos Aguilar Community Center**, in El Cenizo, during a summer field trip to the movies and



The **Rio Bravo Community Center** was visited by the Doctor's Hospital Mobile Clinic. The mobile clinic offers adult care, pediatric care, geriatric care, immunizations & physicals, preventive medicine & wellness visits.



The **Bruni Community Center** had a summer camps highlighted by the Webb County Sheriff Department. Other agencies that gave presentations included Constable Cortez and his K9 unit, U.S Border Patrol and many more.



The **Larga Vista Community Center** had a very busy month with its Annual Summer Camp. 50 children attended the camp and enjoyed doing Arts & Crafts, going on Splash Park trips, Peter Piper Pizza, and Bowling.



The children from the **Ladrillito Activity Center** enjoyed a fun-filled day of summer fun with activities including football, basketball, and a delicious lunch of BBQ chicken with all the trimmings.



The **Fernando Salinas Community Center** members had a visit from Tax Assessor/Collector Patricia Barrera who gave them a presentation on home properties taxes and other services.

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.