



The Webb County Link

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Important Dates

- * 10/10 Columbus Day Holiday
- * 10/11 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am
- * 10/12 New Employee Orientation
- * 10/12 JP, Pct. 4 Night Court 5pm—8pm
- * 10/13 Safety Committee Meeting
- * 10/17 Jury Duty
- * 10/24 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am
- * 10/24 Jury Duty
- * 10/31 Halloween

Coming Up

**Cafeteria Plan
November 14-18**



September Proclaimed National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina, along with members of the Webb County Commissioners court proclaimed the month of September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. On hand for the proclamation were children who have been affected by cancer. Every year, thousands of children across America are diagnosed with cancer, an often life threatening illness that remains the leading cause of death by disease for children under the age of 15.



Getting Ready For Flu Season

Webb County employee Molly Higgins is administered the flu shot by LVN County Nurse Pat Pedraza. Unofficially, flu season runs from October through May, with the highest number of cases recorded between December and February. This means that we're just a matter of weeks from an expected jump in the number of reported cases of the flu. Have you gotten yours?

Meals On Wheels Gets Top Score

It's 6 a.m. in the morning, and while most people are just getting up and thinking what they're going to eat for breakfast, employees at the Webb County Meals on Wheels and Elderly Nutrition program are busy preparing to deliver a hot nutritional lunch for over 500 of Laredo's senior citizens.

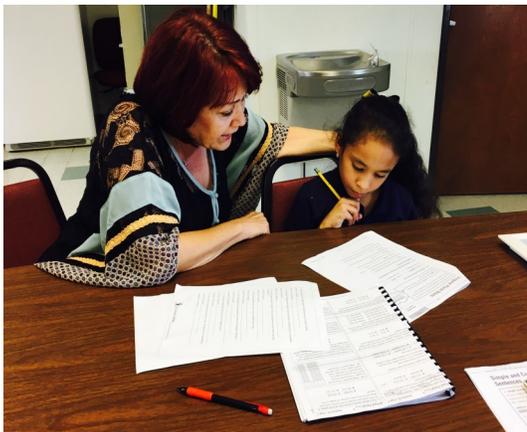
It's a known fact that, nationwide, that many seniors are left behind, alone and hungry, and struggling to stay independent and healthy. Many of the elderly live alone. Locally, both programs have been in existence for over forty years and through their efforts, deliver a hot meal every day to its elderly clients. For many this will be the only meal they have all day.

Not only does the program deliver meals, they also provide human contact, conversations and a connection to the outside world that many of their clients lack. Last year alone, more than 90,000 hot and nutritious meals were delivered to clients in Webb County.

During a recent monitoring visit by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to evaluate compliance with applicable state and federal requirements for the Home-Delivered Meals program, the Webb Meals on Wheels Program was given a 100% compliance score. State office staff members commended the office for its extraordinary commitment to excellence in customer service.

Isa Ramos is the program manager for the Meals on Wheels program. "I'm very proud of our staff," said Community Action Agency Executive Director Ricardo Martinez. "It's a team effort, and through their hard work, we're able to fulfill the needs of our clients."

Anyone interested in the services offered by the two programs is encouraged to contact the Meals On Wheels program at 722-4664 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Ladrillito Activity Center

The Ladrillito Activity Center continues to provide help to the children with homework and assisting them with their science fair projects.



Community Center Event Events

Bruni Community Center Happenings

The Bruni Community Center celebrated Mexican Independence Day with plenty of food, fun and music. The center also provided information to senior citizens on how to cook healthy with a special meal prepared on site. Representatives from Texas A&I Agrilife provided the information.



Fernando A. Salinas Community Center

(left) Participants at the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center got together to celebrate Norma Gaona's birthday. Not only did they celebrate her birthday, they also celebrated her 16 years as a Webb County employee.

Larga Vista Community Center

(below) Children and volunteers recently enjoyed hands-on exhibits at the Imaginarium that inspires youth with a focus on science, technology, engineering, art and math.

La Presa Community Center

Rosie and Nancy from Texas A&M Colonias Program surprised the community with free tennis shoes.



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