

# Moving 4-ward Newsbeat

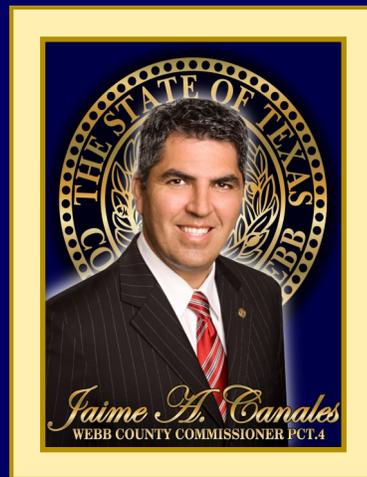
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## Juvenile Rehabilitation Center

**J**uveniles from all walks of life across the nation and within this community are affected by drug addiction today. Drugs do not discriminate against anyone and can hit close to home at any given time. In recent years parents who have had their children affected by drug addictions have had no option but to take their loved ones to out of town treatment facilities in hopes of recovery. Travel and treatment costs often become unbearable for our families and many are forced to discontinue treatment. Too many young lives have been lost through the process. This past February, hope was restored for many families when Webb County Commissioner's Court allocated 2.5 million dollars for the construction of a Juvenile Rehabilitation Center in Webb County. A project designed to aid juveniles with their fight against addiction has been developing for the past few years and it is now entering its third phase. The construction of this facility is projected to take about 18 months and finalized by June 2017. The facility will be run by the S.C.A.N. (Serving Children and Adults in Need) organization.



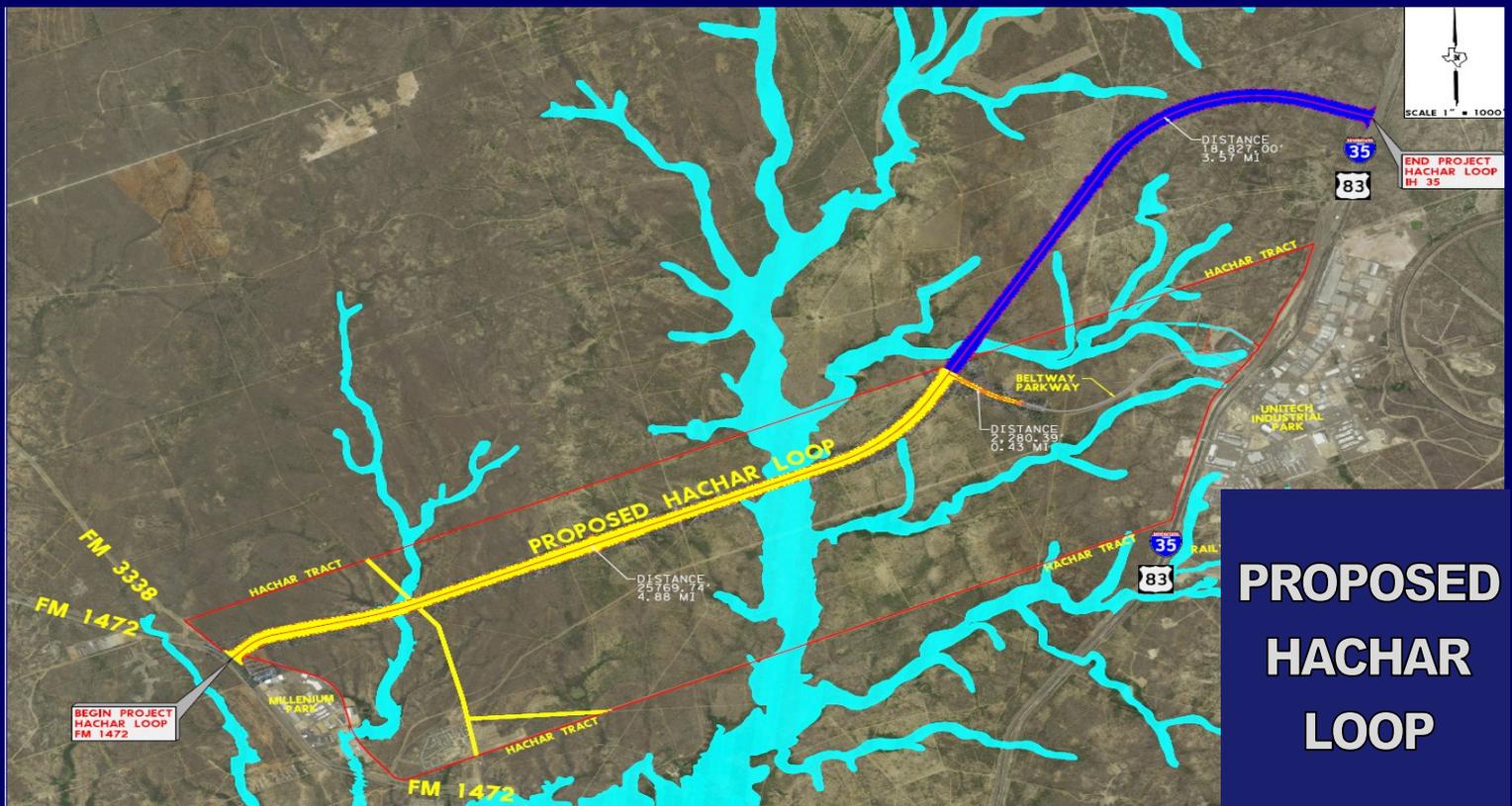
*Throughout the 12 years as Principal at the Webb County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program, I witnessed the devastation that our families endured when losing a loved one to drugs and the feeling of helplessness that comes with it. It gives me great honor to be part of the Webb County Commissioner's Court who unanimously voted to move forward with the Juvenile Rehabilitation Center. This endeavor is dedicated to all the youth that suffered a drug addiction and those who continue to fight the fight.*



Commissioner Canales had the opportunity to discuss some of the mobility projects taking place in Webb County with Commissioner Bugg during a meeting alongside with City of Laredo, State and Federal officials. Commissioner J. Bruce Bugg, Jr. (left) is a member of the Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. He was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott on Feb. 13, 2015.

## Mobility Projects TXDOT Initiatives

- State Loop 20 Improvements
- Widen FM 1472 “Mines Road”
- FM 3338
- Widen I-35 between Laredo and San Antonio
- Vallecillo Road
- Hachar Parkway



**PROPOSED  
HACHAR  
LOOP**

The proposed **Hachar Loop** project will include a connection from Mines Road to IH35. This project is currently in the engineering structural planning stage with an estimated cost of \$40 million. Laredo-Webb is the number two inland port in the nation. As the engine that supplies the United States of America through IH35, this project will not only improve the international trade infrastructure, but will provide a faster route for residential families to reach their destination when traveling to and from the Mines Road area.



# Congratulations

Congratulations to the newly elected Officers for L.U.L.A.C. Veteran's Council No. 777

- Jose Gamez, President
- Manuel Arreola, First Vice President
- Lissanro Moreno, Second Vice President
- Nina Juarez, Third Vice President
- Mary Lopez, Treasurer
- Julie Bazan, Secretary
- Sonia Roberts, Parliamentarian
- Rolando Gonzalez, Sgt. At Arms

Congratulations to the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association who formally announced the Higher Educational Award to UISD Board President Javier Montemayor, Jr. at their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual scholarship fundraiser *Noche De Cabaret*.

Congratulations to the 341st District Court Judge Beckie Palomo and 406th Judicial District Court Judge Oscar J. Hale Jr. for being selected as Paul Harris Fellows by The Laredo Rotary Club.

Congratulations to Tom Vaughan for receiving the 2016 Jefferson Award for public service.

Congratulations to the United ISD Instructional Television Department on their 43 STAR Video Awards.

Congratulations to all 2016 U.I.S.D. League of Legends.

Congratulations to Gerry Schwebel who was named the 2016 Mr. International Trade & Paul Harris Fellow by the Gateway Rotary Club.

Congratulations to UISD John B. Alexander High School for being selected as 2016 GRAMMY Signature School Semifinalists.

Congratulations to Margarita Araiza, Webb County Heritage Foundation executive director, was named Laredo Morning Times' 2015 Laredoan of the year on the cusp of her 20-year anniversary working for the nonprofit organization.

Congratulation to Laredo fifth-grade student, Anthony Garcia, a student from Dr. Henry Cuellar Elementary School, who won an essay contest at his school for an opportunity to attend President Barack Obama's Final State of the Union address.

Congratulations to Jose Antonio Meade Kuribrena, Secretario de Desarrollo Social de la Republica de Mexico, and Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush, they were named as the recipients of the 2016 Senor International honor.

Congratulations to Sergeant Santiago J. Erevia for being recognized for having received the United States Army Congressional Medal of Honor at an event hosted by the League of United Latin American Citizens Veterans Council No. 777

Congratulations to Norbert Dickman for being selected as "Mr. South Texas 2016" by the Washington Birthday Celebration Association for the 119<sup>th</sup> Washington's Birthday Celebration.

Congratulations to the United High School Longhorn Cheerleaders for earning the titles of UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship Super Varsity Division 1 National Champions and World Champions in Orlando, Florida.

Congratulations to the graduates from the Laredo Sector Border Patrol's First Citizens Academy for 2016.



*Webb County Pride*

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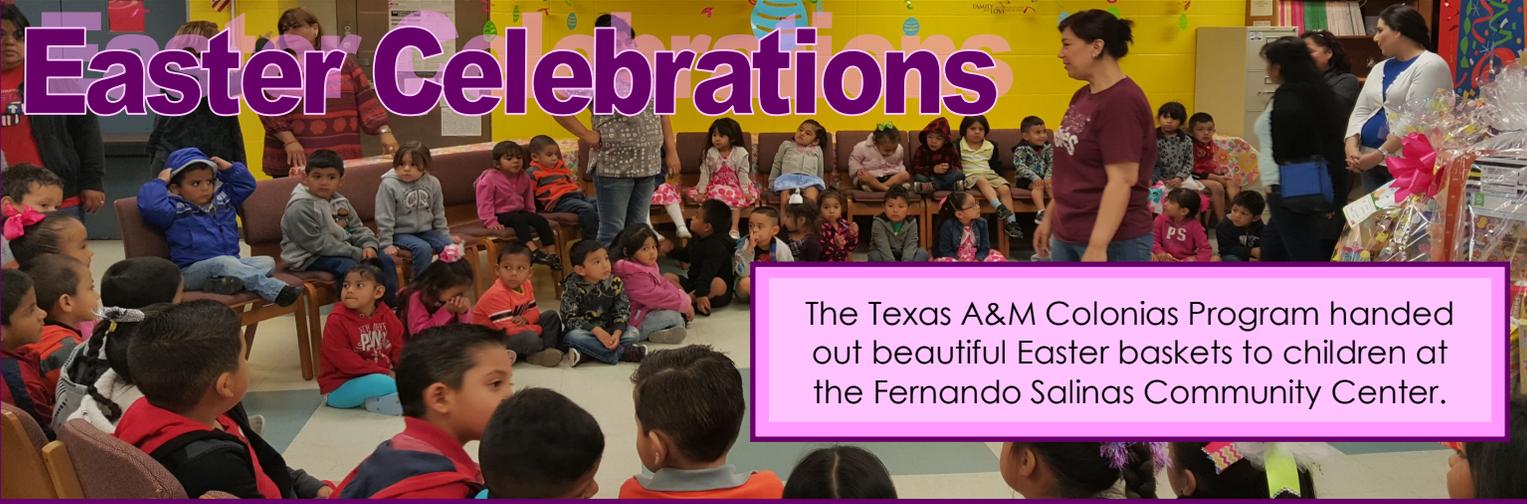


# FERNANDO A. SALINAS

# COMMUNITY CENTER



# Easter Celebrations



The Texas A&M Colonias Program handed out beautiful Easter baskets to children at the Fernando Salinas Community Center.

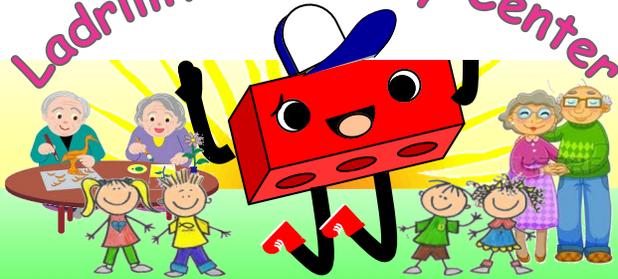
The beautiful memories created at the River Drive Mall between 1970 and 2014 will forever be cherished.

# Turning the page to a New Era!





# Ladrillito Activity Center



"Building Blocks for the Future of our Community"



Tristan Melendez, a talented 17 year old Harmony Science Academy student with a 4.1 GPA had the vision to improve the quality of life for his community. He started a great movement within the community and together with Commissioner Canales helped the Ladrillito Activity Center project come to fruition. Tristen Melendez's Eagle Scout project is one of ten projects being considered for the Eagle Scout Project of the year in the South Texas area. Webb County and the Ladrillera community are proud of this young man and thank him for his relentless work and desire to make a difference in our community.

Celebrating the **Ladrillito Activity Center's 1st Year Anniversary** the center's participants were

treated to an Easter Egg Hunt! Commissioner Canales and the Ladrillito Activity Center staff hosted over 200 people where in addition to the egg hunt they enjoyed pony rides, moonwalk, raspas, piñatas, games, hot dogs, popcorn and goody bags. The Easter celebration closed with the play "Rapunzel" performed by Wonderland Productions and sponsored by the Webb County Public Defenders Office. Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors for making this event very successful. We know this is the first of many events in this area to come.



# Easter Egg Hunt 2016



# FRED AND ANITA BRUNI COMMUNITY CENTER



Participants at the Fred and Anita Community Center celebrated *Dia de la Candelaria* in early February with burgers and sweet bread for the whole family. They were also treated to a beautiful performance by center participant Mr. Jose Valenzuela.

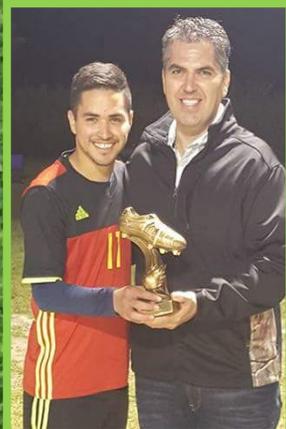
In late March, the children in the Peñitas area celebrated Easter with some beautiful toy baskets, an Easter egg hunt and many fun activities hosted by the staff at the Fred and Anita Community Center.



# JAIMÉ CANALES SOCCER LEAGUE

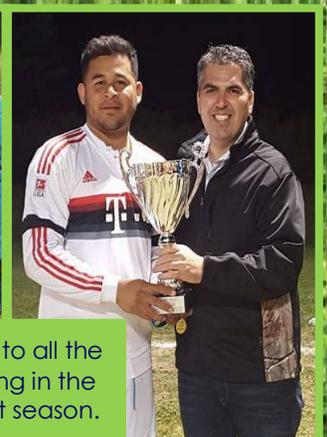


The **Jaime Canales Soccer League** championship game was decided on by penalty kicks. Both teams demonstrated great talent and sportsmanship.



Special thanks to **Luis Arguello** and **Benjamin Escoto** for their time and efforts in coordinating and managing the league throughout the season.

**Club Deportivo Elva** took the 2016 Championship and **Club Deportivo Cruz** took 2nd place.



**Congratulations** to all the teams participating in the league on a great season.



# MAY 2016

## 6th Annual Hero Salute Month

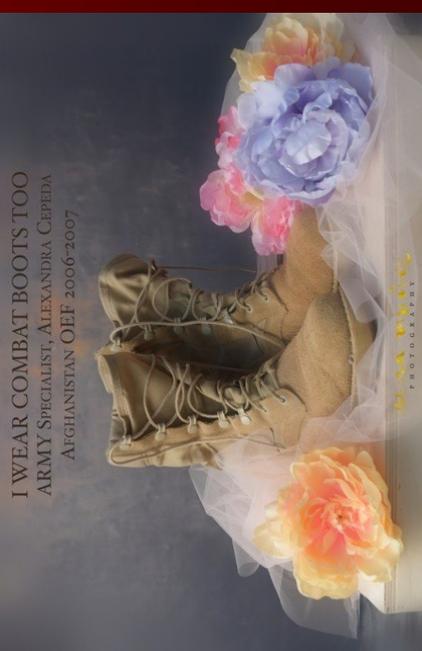
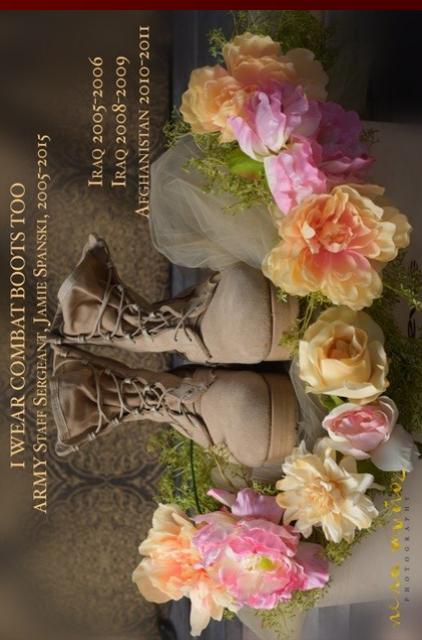
*Photo: Laredo natives  
Sgt. Marco G. Mancha  
and Mrs. Jackeline Mancha*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 25th</b> Proclamation of Hero Salute Month					
		<b>May 4th</b> Webb County Military Culture Workshop		<b>May 6th</b> Red T-shirt Friday	
				<b>May 13th</b> Red T-shirt Friday	<b>May 14th</b> LCC Fun Day Celebrating Military Families
		<b>May 18th</b> Webb County Military Culture Workshop		<b>May 20th</b> Red T-shirt Friday	<b>May 21st</b> Hero Salute Legal Assistance Event
		<b>May 25th</b> 6th Annual Hero Salute Luncheon		<b>May 27th</b> Red T-shirt Friday	
<b>May 30th</b> Memorial Day			For more information on Hero Salute events please contact the office of Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4 Jaime A. Canales at 956-523-4652.		

# I Wear Combat Boots Too



As we prepare to proclaim May 2016 the 6th Annual Hero Salute Month in Webb County, it gives us great honor to recognize the courageous women who have served and continue to serve in our Armed Forces. Ms. Nena Munoz, a local photographer has been developing a beautiful journalism project featuring some of our local heroes. Stay tuned for our 3rd edition of the *Moving Forward* Newsbeat to learn more about these amazing women.



# Shaping Tomorrow Today

Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4 Volunteer Program



Together we can take a leap towards securing a prosperous future for our community by creating a genuine interest for public service within our students



Be a part of something **BIG!**  
Commissioner Jaime Canales proudly presents our **Shaping Tomorrow Today** Volunteer Program.



Help us **shape tomorrow's community today** by joining our volunteer program and earn community service hours while you help make a difference!



Every summer for the last five years many kids are treated to a fun filled educational experience through educational summer camps put together by the Precinct 4 office in collaboration with County departments and community members. The summer camps are normally held during the months of June, July and August in various locations throughout the precinct. Registration takes place at the office of Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4.

## 5th Annual Educational Summer Camps

### COMING SOON!



For more information on the Pct. 4 Educational Summer Camps please contact the office of Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4 Jaime A. Canales at 956-523-4652.