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Annual Health & Safety Fair



The Webb County Administrative Services Department held their annual Health & Safety Fair to promote health and safety practices to county employees. Over five hundred employees participated in the annual event that brought in over seventy-two vendors to the Billy Hall Building. Employees were treated to important information to improve their lives, door prizes, and an underwater theme that made everyone yearn for summertime.

Important Dates

- * 6/10 Jury Duty
- * 6/10 Commissioners Court Meeting
- * 6/12 New Employee Orientation
- * 6/16 Father's Day
- * 6/20 Jury Duty
- * 6/20 Commissioners Court Meeting

GEO Group Scholarship Presentation

Webb County Commissioner Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina and the Commissioners Court hosted Warden George "Butch" Head and the GEO Group as they presented 26 students from UISD, LISD, WCISD, and St. Augustine High School scholarships to help them in their college endeavors. The scholarships, already in their seventh year, are an annual tradition and a part of the GEO Group's continued partnership with Webb County in giving area students the opportunity to further their educational dreams.



National Drug Court Month Proclamation

406th District Judge Oscar Hale Jr. and County Attorney Marco Montemayor were joined by Webb County Judge Danny Valdez and Commissioner Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina and various community leaders and agencies in proclaiming May 2013 as National Drug Court Month in Webb County. National Drug Court month is celebrated every May, to highlight the positive impact drug courts, including DWI Courts, Family Drug Treatment Courts, Juvenile Drug Courts and many more, have on the community. They have saved lives, reunited families, made communities safer, and are a proven budget solution. Drug Courts save money, cut crime and serve those in need of help from substance abuse. Drug Courts work better than jail or prison, better than probation, and better than treatment alone. It is with the support of different social agencies in the community that a drug court is able to be placed within reach of every eligible individual in Webb County. In proclaiming May 2013 as National Drug Court Month, local leaders showed their support for program and their continued commitment in bettering the lives of those in need.



National Correctional Officer Week

Beginning May 1st Sheriff Martin Cuellar set out to recognize the correctional officers of the Webb County Sheriff's Office in observance of National Correctional Officers' Week. This week is celebrated nationwide and is dedicated to the many men and women who work in corrections. Sheriff Cuellar held an award ceremony at the Webb County Commissioners Courthouse and recognized 14 correctional officers who were nominated by their peers and supervisors.



To wrap up Correctional Officers' Week, Sheriff Martin Cuellar and members of his Command Staff put on their aprons and treated the jail staff to a Carne Asada on Friday. Correctional Officers enjoyed great tasting beef and chicken fajitas prepared by their peers. Sheriff Cuellar took to the grill to add his own touch and even flipped a few tortillas for the hard working men and women.

Women Build Day

Webb County Commissioner Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina and staff members from the Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 offices participated in a Women Build Day for Habitat for Humanity. The team assisted Habitat for Humanity at the Tierra Prometida subdivision located on Hwy 359 behind the Webb County Self Help Center.



The Women Build program's goal is to empower women by gathering them each year to build homes for needy families.

Knowledge For College



Webb County Commissioner Jaime Canales was recently invited to be the guest host of United Independent School District's "Knowledge for College," academic game show. The students who participated in the program were from Malakoff and Col. Santos Benevides Elementary schools. The students compete by answering questions in the areas of math, science social studies, and language arts. Commissioner Canales was very impressed with the students' knowledge in these subject areas. "Knowledge for College" can be seen weekend mornings on KGNS, KVTU, CW, FOX, and the Public Access Channel (PAC).

New Veteran Services Officer

During a special meeting, the Webb County Commissioners Court interviewed four candidates for the position of Veteran Services Officer. After hearing from all candidates, the Commissioners Court motioned to select

Mr. David Garza as the new Veterans Services Officer. Mr. Garza holds a psychology degree from TAMU and served 5 years in the US Army deployed to Iraq. Mr. Garza expressed his desire to improve the office by implementing new technology to assist area veterans as well as performing extensive outreach to inform the veterans on all the potential benefits that they are entitled to receive.



Alexander Baseball Team Recognized

Commissioner John Galo made a special presentation to the Alexander High School baseball team in recognition of their outstanding performance during the 2012-2013 baseball season. The team, coached by Mario Garcia, were pre-season ranked #3 in the State by THSBFA. They also won the Bi-District & Area Championships, and achieved the rank of Region IV Quarter Finalists.



5th Annual Shoot for the Stars Fundraiser

In an effort to continue helping the community and providing assistance to non-profits, the office of the District Attorney Isidro R. Alaniz hosted the 5th Annual Shoot for the Stars Sporting Clay Tournament fundraiser in April.



On Tuesday, May 7, 2013, Mr. Alaniz presented a check for \$56,321.90 to the board members of the Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center. The funds raised in the shoot will help provide rehabilitation services to those who cannot afford treatments.

Larga Vista May Events Roundup

It was another busy month at Larga Vista Community Center as the center hosted several Mother's Day Luncheons, including an Elderly Mother's Day Luncheon and a Head Start Mother's Day Luncheon. But it wasn't only the mothers that were recognized for all their hard work. The students from Head Start were also honored at their graduation ceremony with a fun Carnival Night party.

