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Important Dates

- * 6/9 Jury Duty
- * 6/9 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am
- * 6/10 Civil Service Workshop 1:30pm
- * 6/18 New Employee Orientation
- * 6/23 Jury Duty
- * 6/23 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am

Quote of the Month

When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy'. They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life. -John Lennon

20th Annual Fishing Derby



Judge Danny Valdez celebrated a milestone as he hosted the 20th Annual Fishing Derby for special needs students from LISD and UISD on Saturday, May 24th. The event has grown by leaps and since its inception 20 years ago, growing from approximately 30 students to now hosting over 250 students. Besides fishing for catfish, other activities enjoyed by the students and their families included dancing, games, and delicious food.

GEO Group Scholarship Presentation

Webb County Commissioner Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina and the Commissioners Court hosted Warden George "Butch" Head from the GEO Group as they presented twenty-five students from UISD, LISD, WCISD, and St. Augustine High School, scholarships to help them in their college endeavors. The scholarships, already in their eighth 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.



E-Filing Mandate

District Clerk Esther Degollado and County Clerk Margie Ramirez Ibarra held a joint press conference to bring awareness to the new e-filing mandate that will take effect on July 1st, 2014. E-filing will be mandatory in civil cases in the district courts, statutory county courts, constitutional county courts and statutory probate courts. Attorneys must e-file all documents in civil cases, except documents exempted by rules adopted by this Court through www.eFileTexas.gov. Attorneys will no longer be able to file documents through any alternative electronic document filing transmission system except in the event of emergency. Persons not represented by an attorney may e-file documents, but e-filing is not required. It is the goal, that through e-filing, tax dollars will be saved by allowing courts to eliminate paper and thus run more efficiently. Lines at clerk counters are also expected to shorten while at the same time providing staff immediate access to the information. Attorneys and other filers will also benefit by avoiding trips to the courthouse to file as they can file 24/7 at their convenience. A smooth transition is expected come July 1, 2014, but people with questions and concerns are encouraged to contact the District Clerk's Office at (956) 523-4268 or the County Clerk's Office at (956) 523-4266 to have their questions answered and concerns addressed.



Head Start Safety Olympics

In August 2009 the Commissioners Court passed a motion to support and implement a County Wide Safety Program. The program would consist of incentives for safe work practices, trainings and inspections. Then in November 2011, a Safety Plan was adopted and passed by the Court. The plan outlined the importance of a loss control program and the significance of all employees' participation.



The Head Start Safety Olympics was a pilot program created by the Administrative Services Department to launch a loss control initiative that would educate employees on the importance of safety and working mindfully and with a safety conscious. Since Head Start is one of the biggest departments in the county, the challenge was initiated with them to lower cost of claims and convey safety awareness through safety practices and procedures. The program resulted in employee growth regarding County Policy, procedures, as well as understanding in the importance of conducting safety meetings. The program resulted in a savings to the County of \$17,365.70 to the bottom line compared to last year's claims. The winners were as follows:
1st Place Rosangela Velasco (Heights Head Start)
2nd Place Sylvia Ortiz (Villa Alegre)
3rd Place Nilda Varela (El Cenizo/Little Folks)

Guadalupe Vichareli Recognized

Special congratulations go out to Mrs. Guadalupe Vichareli for receiving the Lifetime Participant Award for her 28 years of involvement with the Fernando A. Salinas (formerly Buenos Aires) Community Center. Commissioner Jaime Canales recognized Mrs. Vichareli during a May 12th Commissioners Court Meeting and thanked her for all the positive impact that she had had on the community. The Commissioners Court wished her the best in her future endeavors which include moving from Laredo.



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.

6th Annual Shoot For The Stars Event

The District Attorney's Office hosted its 6th Annual Shoot for the Stars event, making it its most successful year raising over \$70,000. More than 100 shooters participated in one of the most awaited NSCA registered sporting clay tournaments in South Texas on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at the South Texas Shooting Complex. This year's recipient was The Webb County Better Community Foundation, who will partner with nonprofit and governmental organizations to provide services, activities and assistance to the youth, elderly and the community at large. Also this year, a spirit award was established in the memory of Manuel "Pochi" Rechy, a person who always demonstrated a selfless attitude and had a positive outlook in life. The award was presented to Ricky Gonzalez recognizing his activism and exceptional commitment to our community and this annual event. The DA's office extends its sincere appreciation to all of the sponsors and shooters that participated making this event possible



Community Center Event Roundup



All the wonderful mother's in La Presa Community Center truly celebrated their day with a Luncheon at the Sirloin Stockade Restaurant. Every mom was giving a corsage as a way of saying "We love you!"



The Texas A&M Colonia's Program offered a state certification to be a Promotora. The course began in October and ended in May. Nine community members took advantage of this certification and graduated on May 17, 2014 at the Larga Vista Community Center library.



The kindergarten class from Oilton Elementary visited the EJ Salinas Community Center library for some story time and enjoyed a goody bag along with a free book.



Safety Is Your Job Pro Tip

All Webb County employees are encouraged to report any unsafe hazards, unsafe conditions, and any other safety concerns to safetyisyourjob@webbcountytx.gov, the information will be treated confidentially and the senders will remain anonymous.