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Important Dates

- * 8/8 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am
- * 8/8 Jury Duty
- * 8/22 Commissioners Court Meeting 9:00am
- * 8/22 Jury Duty
- * 8/22 First Day of Classes for UISD, LISD, & Head Start

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Fernando A. Salinas Community Center Groundbreaking



It was a dream come true, as City and County officials broke ground on the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center. Webb County Commissioner Jerry Garza had been working diligently to make this project a reality. "It gives me great pleasure to see this project come to fruition to help the residents of the area," said Commissioner Garza. "This center will be one that they can be proud of and will offering many needed services to improve the quality of life for the residents." The Fernando A. Salinas Trust Fund provided a generous donation of \$200,000 to help make the center a reality. The new state of the art 1.5 million dollar center will be located at 520 Reynolds Street and is a joint venture by Webb County and the City of Laredo. Completion of the center is expected for early next year.

Larga Vista Back To School Jamaica

Commissioner Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina hosted her 5th Annual Back to School Jamaica at Larga Vista Community Center. Over 300 people took part in the various activities, games, and informational booths. Participants enjoyed fun activities such as cotton candy booths, tie-dye making, and face-painting. The over 25 participants also brought such services as fingerprinting and health and wellness information. 150 bags of school were given to the children in anticipation for the upcoming school year.



Celebrity Basketball Tournament & Basketball Camp

Judge Danny Valdez in conjunction with LISD superintendent Marcus Nelson and various corporate sponsors hosted his annual Signature Series Tournament and Basketball Camp. George Hill and friends took on elected officials at the Signature Series game which served as a precursor to the Basketball Camps. The camps were coached by George Hill and basketball legend Avery Johnson, and were held over a two-week period to accommodate the players' schedules. Judge Valdez saw this as a positive thing as it allowed for more children to participate. Over 1,000 children attended the camps which emphasized teamwork, hard work, integrity, and the drive to better oneself. Press conferences were held before the events to present checks to Casa de Misericordia, Children's Advocacy Center, and the Boys and Girls Club of Laredo.



Educational Summer Camp

Commissioner Jaime Canales hosted the 1st Educational Summer Camp for Precinct Four area children at the Lilia Perez Community Center. The

camp was created to stimulate the kid's minds in preparing them for back to school as well as teaching them strong moral lessons. The success of the camp prompted Commissioner Canales to host two additional camps which will run through the first week of August.

A Trip Back In Time

July 31, 2011 marks the 102nd anniversary of the Webb County Courthouse's original grand opening. Over 5,600 people attended the original opening in July 31, 1909. The Courthouse, which cost \$75,000 to construct, initially housed various county officials including the county clerk, sheriff, district attorney, and county judge.

**Source: Laredo Weekly Times August 1, 1909 Article
Special thanks to Mr. Joe Moreno for providing a copy of the article.*



Probation Officer Week Proclamation

On July 11th, the Commissioners Court proclaimed the week of July 10th—July 16th as Probation Officer Week. Probation Officer Week honors all probation officers for all the work that they do in their field. A bowling tournament was also held in honor of the event. Misses Rebecca A. Palomo and Melissa Mojica thank everyone involved for their participation and tribute to the officers for their hard work and dedication.



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