



# The Webb County Link

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## Important Dates

- \* 9/2 Labor Day County Offices Closed
- \* 9/9 Jury Duty
- \* 9/9 Commissioners Court Meeting
- \* 9/11 New Employee Orientation
- \* 9/22 First Day of Autumn
- \* 9/23 Jury Duty
- \* 9/23 Commissioners Court Meeting

## Quote Of The Month

Nurture your minds with great thoughts. To believe in the heroic makes heroes.

-Benjamin Disraeli

## New Juvenile Magistrate



Roel Canales was sworn-in as the new Webb County Juvenile Magistrate Judge by the Honorable U.S. District Judge Diana Saldaña. Judge Canales will be assisting County Court at Law Judge #1 Ben Morales and County Court at Law #2 Judge Jesus "Chuy" Garza in hearing juvenile cases. Judge Canales expressed his desire to steer the youth towards the right direction and lead them to being successful members of the community.

## Expanding Trash Truck Fleet

The Webb County Commissioners Court celebrated the recent addition of three trash trucks to the fleet of the Road and Bridge Department. The trucks were displayed at the Webb County Courthouse and will be used to service the growing needs of the residents of Webb County.



## Crimes Against Children Conference



For the first time in the 25 year history of the nationally and internationally recognized Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas, Texas, District Attorney Isidro R. Alaniz and Chief Assistant District Attorney Marisela Jacaman, were selected to present the case study of Jose Eduardo "Lalo" Arredondo.

The presentation entitled, "Rejection, Rage, and Revenge: The State of Texas v. Jose Eduardo Arredondo," was a very delicate case study on child abuse. They took a closer look at the trial of a teenager who kidnapped, sexually abused and murdered two year old Katherine Cardenas. The prosecution required a multidisciplinary and strategic combination of forensic investigation, visual presentation, and cutting-edge application of the law. It provided a lesson for police and prosecutors, starting with effective visual presentation during the opening statement branching into the use of DNA evidence, surveillance videos and telephone recordings to outline the State's proof. Finally, the review of the sentencing phase included special considerations for obtaining maximum punishment of juvenile capital offenders.

The Dallas Conference is the largest Child Abuse Conference in the United States attended by more than 3,000 law enforcement, prosecution, and other multi-disciplinary professionals who work collectively to help child victims. Each year, the conference empowers and educates professionals who work with children of crimes by providing current information and presenting effective intervention strategies. These workshops and case studies, aide in the prevention, detection, and prosecution of child abuse cases.

The conference held from August 12-15 in Dallas, Texas was hosted by the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center. The keynote speaker this year was Aaron Fisher, nationally known as "Victim 1," in the Jerry Sandusky child abuse scandal.

## Volunteer Firefighters Attend Training



Nineteen Webb County volunteer firefighters attended the 84th Annual Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Municipal Fire School in College Station, Texas. They demonstrated skills in fire protection systems, fire cause and origin, public fire education, and live burns. The recruits underwent fire training over a period of one week in July. The County's volunteer firefighters have shown valiance in training and providing a vital service to the rural citizens of Webb County. The volunteers continue to receive training to improve and receive Firefighter I status with the assistance of SAFER and TFS grant funds through the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association.

## First Annual Precinct 1 Back To School Fair

Commissioner Mike Montemayor, with the help of many generous supporters and volunteers, held the First Annual Back to School Fair to great success. Through the personal commitment and contributions received, the goal of providing the children of Precinct 1 with school



supplies to begin a new academic year was able to be reached. Commissioner Montemayor and staff wish to thank all who helped make this event a success.



## Community Center Event Roundup

It was an event-filled month for community centers across the county as they held various events to engage the public.



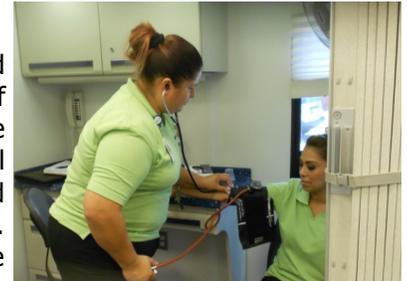
Dr. Henry Carranza, President of the L.O.V.E.D. Program, generously donated Back to School supplies to the children of La Presa Community Center.

The Rio Bravo Activity Center had the Sheriff's department who did the fingerprints for children, a backpack giveaway by SCAN, and a donation of school supplies and bottled water by the US Border Patrol.



Larga Vista Community Center hosted The Texas Health and Human Services Commission Office of Border Affairs. Commissioner Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina Welcomed 50 members and spoke about ways to offer colonia residents a better quality of life.

Mercy Ministries' mobile unit also visited Larga Vista Community Center and part of Mercy Ministries' outreach efforts in the mobile unit include: Breast and cervical cancer screening, annual physical exams for adults, blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol checks, sports physicals for students, and general medical consultations. Many members of the community took advantage of the services the medical mobile offered.



Commissioner John Galo got the kids of the Santa Teresita Community Center ready for school as they lined up for a free backpack in preparation for the first day of school. In addition to school uniform vouchers, over two hundred backpacks with school supplies were given to the students.

The Fernando Salinas Community Center hosted an outing for its elderly to the Texas Travel Information (Texas Bureau). The professional travel counselors welcomed them with free literature and information. There was also some raffles made in which three of the participants won tickets to Sea World. The day was capped off with a picnic lunch and the feeding of the fish in the pond.



Submit your department stories for next month! E-mail your story along with any pictures to [webbpio@webbcountytx.gov](mailto: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.