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MAY 2017

## Mayor's Minute

Next Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, is Election Day for the City of Hondo. One Council Member position is on the ballot. Please exercise one of the privileges you have as Americans to vote for your city government

Between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00PM, there will be stations set up at the training center with AACOG and other representatives available with information and explanations about programs like their home modernization grants, availability of various transportation options for citizens and veterans for medical appointments, etc., senior opportunities etc. Also, expected to be present are college representatives

**"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them"**

*~Albert Einstein*

representatives and go to the Medina County Election office and vote!

Regretfully we lost another one of our civic leaders and dedicated city volunteers last week with the death of John "Doc" Zerr. The Chairman of the City of Hondo Cemetery Advisory Board. "Doc" was a major influence on many, many of Hondo's young people during the years he was an Athletic Trainer for the school district sports program and a valued contributor to his church along with being active in many Hondo activities. He will be sincerely missed.

The Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG), of which the City of Hondo and Medina County are members, has a myriad of social programs that are beneficial to our citizens. The challenge we have is that very few of our citizens are aware of the programs and therefore do not take advantage of these benefits. In an attempt to educate more fully our residents. On May 23, 2017, AACOG will bring its "roadshow" to Hondo at the South Texas Regional Training Center.

with information about both academic and vocational course availability along with Workforce Alamo folks to visit with about job opportunities. You should see in the coming week's updated and additional information about the event which will include any date or time changes. Please take advantage of this opportunity to see what might assist you with any of your needs.

For many, many years the Medina County Food Pantry has operated out of an original World War II barracks at the South Texas Regional Airport in Hondo owned by your city. Regretfully, the pantry volunteers and clients have had to and still endure a much deteriorated building that is functionally unsound and unsafe.

Recently, Medina County acquired from the City of Hondo a tract of airport land near the Medina County Jail to not only relocate the Medina County Food Pantry but also accommodate a new future location for the Nutrition Center (Meals on Wheels) and very importantly, a site for a new Hondo HANKS children's foster home.

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## Upcoming Events

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### City Council Meetings

May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM

May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00PM

### Boards & Commissions

Golf Advisory Board  
May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Planning & Zoning Meeting  
May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Board of Adjustment  
May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Economic Development Board  
May 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

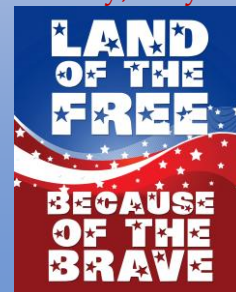
Library Advisory Board  
May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

Parks/Rec Advisory Board  
May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

**LAST DAY OF EARLY VOTING**  
Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**ELECTION DAY**  
Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
(Vote at Election office)

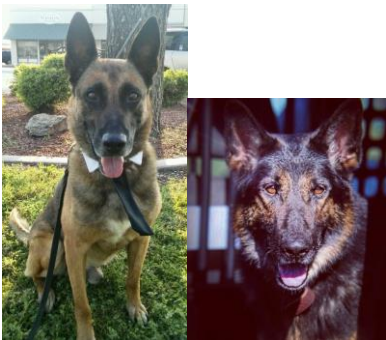
**CITY OFFICES CLOSED**  
Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>



The volunteers for the Medina County Food Pantry (a 501(3) C entity) who serve about 80 families a month expending about \$2500 each month on food for the needy (Mostly from Hondo and the immediate area), with the philosophy that no child, adult or senior goes hungry, have started a \$350,000 fund raising drive for the food pantry's part of the construction of a building to house the food pantry.

Please help this agency of all volunteers provide a functional building for the collection, storage and distribution of food to our needy in a safe and healthy environment. Donations may be made payable to the Medina County Food Pantry Building Fund and sent to P. O. Box 674, Hondo, Texas 78861. The residents of Hondo need your support of this worthy project.

*~Mayor James W. Danner*



Kupps

Bah'le



**Time to Mow**

Several properties throughout the City are being overgrown with high grass and weeds. We are asking that citizens take some time to mow and trim their property if the grass and weeds have exceeded the required limit of 10 inches of growth under the City Ordinance (Ch. 6, Art. 6.05, Sect. 6.05.004). High grass and weeds greatly detract from the aesthetic appearance of our community, they create fire / safety hazards and they provide a harboring area for rodents, snakes, and insect infestation. By taking some time and properly maintaining our properties, "WE" can make a difference in keeping our community "GOD'S COUNTRY" by achieving compliance through the spirit of cooperation and education.

Code Compliance/Building  
Inspection Division at 830-426-4737.

**Summer Recreation Camp  
Registration!!!**

For more information call  
830-426-2475

***From the Desk of the City Manager***

As a parent, I am always concerned about the safety of our children. Even though most of mine are adults now and capable of taking care of themselves, I still feel the urge to take care of them and keep them safe. In this day and age, there are challenges that the City and the School District face that offer us unique opportunities to partner to ensure their safety. A few years ago, the City and the District entered into a memorandum of understanding for a School Resource Officer. That officer spends his days patrolling the campuses and addressing any concerns that arise. It also allows for an opportunity to meet the youth and form lasting relationships between the Police Department and the future leaders of our community. A while back, the City was approached by the Stan and Gerry Sigman Foundation about a wonderful opportunity – the addition of a K9 Officer and additional School Resource Officer. Officer Dennis Moore and Bah'le have been a welcome addition to the campuses. We are hoping to use Officer Bah'le as a deterrent from anyone wanting to tempt our children with illegal substances. In addition to Officer Bah'le, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Officer Kupps and his partner Officer Martinez. Officers Kupps and Martinez patrol our streets and work to keep narcotics from finding their way into our homes and endangering our children. Officer Kupps is dual certified as a narcotics and bite dog. Anyone who knows me, knows that I have a personal affinity for dogs – and these Officers hold a special place in my heart (and snacks in my desk). During their time at a training facility recently, the staff there recognized both K9 Officers and their handlers as being stellar teams. I want to commend them on their commitment to Hondo and our Community. I also want to recognize the City Council, the School District and Board and the Sigman family for ensuring that our community and school is a safe place to live and raise families.

*~Kim Davis*