

Pleasanton Express

Judge Cude April 19th Column

Greetings amigos! Another Strawberry Festival is in the books. I'm thankful for the beautiful weather, the volunteers, and all who contributed to the event's success. I was very proud to see the level of coordination between first responders throughout the County to ensure the safety of all attendees. My wife Ana and I were able to participate in the Parade on Saturday. We enjoyed seeing everyone having a great time with friends and family; Special thanks to Congressman Henry Cuellar, State Senator Pete Flores, State Representative Tracy King, Sheriff David Soward, Commissioner Bowen, Commissioner Perez and all other elected officials for participating in the Parade. The Poteet Strawberry Festival puts Atascosa County on the map in many ways.

Last week I was invited to attend a ceremony commemorating a U.S. flag from 1909. The City of Pleasanton located the flag at the Longhorn Museum. With assistance from the Atascosa Historical Commission, a story came to light. This flag was the first to fly over Jourdanton's City Hall during the township celebration in 1909. It is said that during the celebration, strong winds blew the flag off its pole, and the flag landed near the railroad tracks. The flag changed hands of ownership a couple of times until it was eventually donated to the Longhorn Museum in Pleasanton in 1985. Thank you to the City of Pleasanton and the Longhorn Museum for preserving the flag for so many years. During last week's ceremony, the City of Pleasanton handed the flag over to the City of Jourdanton to commemorate its history and the important relationship between the two cities. I'm honored to have been invited to the ceremony and witnessed the historic exchange of the 1909 flag. Thank you to the City of Pleasanton, the City of Jourdanton, The Atascosa Historical Commission, the Pleasanton High School Band, the Jourdanton High School Band, the Atascosa Livestock Exchange, and the Pleasanton Express for being true examples of partnership.

Together we are Atascosa Proud.