

## **ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT**

As I think about what to write this week, I have been reminded about the first responders that work in this county on Thanksgiving and Christmas. I think all of you and myself should do something for them. So, I am asking you to go together with others in your communities and provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to those who are giving their time to make sure you are protected.

I know many are compensated and it is their job, but a show of appreciation for their service would be a fine thing to do. I cannot think of a lonelier thing to do than working or patrolling while all others are snug in their homes enjoying family and food. You folks that are organizers, please gather donations for the police department in your town, taking meals to them on those days. Don't forget the EMS Ambulance crews who must sit in their quarters and be ready for life-saving calls. Also, remember the Sheriff's department and jail staff. If someone will contact me, I will give the first donation to feed county personnel and the police for the city I live in.

Main Street Outreach could use donations for their Thanksgiving meal they provide for the low-income, elderly and homeless every year. They are a 501c3 and the address is PO Box 1053, Pleasanton, TX 78064. I have sent a small amount of support every year and Kathy and Jane do a great job.

I am willing to help facilitate with any of this, but I feel it should come from an outpouring of Thanksgiving and Christmas goodwill from the community.

Quote, "All that I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen." -Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Thank you for listening. We want you to be proud of your county government.