

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

An important department run by the Atascosa County Juvenile is the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP). It is located on Campbell Street adjacent to the Juvenile Department and the Juvenile Detention Center. It is ably run by Jeffrey Thornton and performs an extremely important service to the youth and the ISDs of Atascosa County. It is called, "The Larry Brown School." Mr. Brown is deceased but is one of the most respected school administrators ever!

One half of the JJAEP is funded by the Jourdanton ISD and is the "D" (Detention) center for JISD. This is for the kids in a certain amount of trouble that has caused the ISD to remove them from their classrooms and hopefully get them to rethink their behavior. They can be there a week or more.

The other half is the "boot camp" side that local schools send their TEA rule violators. Some behavior is so bad they are expelled for the semester or the year. The law requires that these juveniles go to school, so it is the county "JJ" or "Boot Camp" side. This is run by a person that works for Mr. Thornton who is a retired military drill sergeant who puts these kids through their paces every day. This can include jogging outside and doing exercise drills to their classroom work. Trust me, I am told, this ex – drill sergeant gets them to behave. Mr. (Sergeant) Outlaw is very much appreciated for his work by Mr. Thornton.

I will bring you more on the JJAEP next week.

Quote of the week, "I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Martin Luther King.

Think about all that quote means and suggests. Thanks for listening.
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