

2017 Third Quarter 2017
July - August - September

Issue:

Teachers, Librarians and other educators meet near the end of most school to discuss what to do with the decline in student awareness of subject matter during the time that school is out.

Programs:

City Libraries and Bookmobiles, Volunteers, and paid staff seem to offer the most to allow kids to stay on track when they are out of school. Clearly teachers are aware and happy about the bookmobile that is in the neighborhoods. The Liberty school district acquired a used bookmobile that is immensely popular during the summers. KSHN Radio Station has regular daily reports on the Bookmobile and City Library schedules. Got word from Superintendent that in recent years the use of the those services really helped get more kids involved.

Issues:

There seems to be a national state and local perception that communities where there is a large population that is Hispanic are found to be the root cause or guilty party of an uncommonly high number of crimes by these parts of the local population.

Program: Station KSHN staff heard a continual flow of that information and wondered if it was an accurate representation or a misperception. The population, as a whole, claimed more crimes were committed by Hispanic population than the balance. Sheriff Rader said that is not true. He said if you take into consideration the most minor of crimes such as loud music or discharging firearms as a noise maker, that might be partially true. Our almost daily contact with law enforcement agencies did not seemed to reflect that evidence. We invited Liberty County Sheriff Bobby Rader, Dayton Police Chief John Headrick, Liberty Police Chief Tom Klaunch to appear on the KSHN Radio Party Line program to discuss those issues. Putting the question directly to those three they agreed the answer was no. Liberty Chief Klaunch was represented on the program by City Police Captain Gary Martin. Police leaders for all three agencies said the amount of crimes by each category would be close to their % of the population. One police department head said the population break out has remained mostly the same in his 30 years as a policeman. For instance our population is about 70% white, 20% Hispanic and 10% black. That would also be close to the crime statistics by those same categories.

Issue;

Texas Game Wardens were called to the site of a Bull Shark carcass reportedly found some distance from where it might be expected to be found in salt water areas.

Program:

A local man found the the body of a bull shark while riding his 4-wheeler. Game wardens posted pictures on social media of the carcass and the shark pictures story was picked by other media outlets. Based on a hook mark, game wardens believe the shark was caught else where and dumped near the small town of Kenefick here in south Liberty County. KSHN Radio Station provided phone numbers that were broadcast by this radio station. That effort was not successful in finding where the shark may have come from and why.

Issue:

As the hispanic population grows law enforcement agencies face the challenge of working and trying to help members of that community who speak little or none of the English language.

Program:

Liberty County Sheriff Bobby Rader, Dayton Police Chief John Headrick, and Liberty Police Captain Gary Martin all agreed that the more bilingual officers they had in their department the better off they were in dealing quickly and fairly with those issues. It was also pointed out police have another resource called language line solutions on their phones. That service e provides translators for virtually every known language to the general public not just for law enforcement. This was revealed as a useful tool on KSHN

Radio when a program aired to help deal with a possible increasing difficulty to communicate residents with language barrier issues. Local Library offers English as a second language instruction as they have for a long time and that effort has been successful in dealing with that issue on a somewhat small level.

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS:

IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT TO OFFICIALS OF THIS STATION THAT BECAUSE WE ARE THE ONLY DAILY NEWS SERVICE IN LIBERTY COUNTY AND THE ONLY MEDIA IN OUR COUNTY OF 76,000 TO ATTEND AND REPORT ON ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS, CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD OF BOTH LIBERTY AND DAYTON AND SINCE WE PROVIDE NO LESS THAN 200 NEWS REPORTS EACH MONTH ON ISSUES OF THE IMMEDIATE AREA WE SHOULD MAKE THAT AS PART OF OUR ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT. FACT IS, THIS STATION SPENDS EVERY DAY REPORTING AND PROMOTING ISSUES OF THIS COUNTY AND IN MANY CASES PROMOTE WHAT IS BEING DONE ABOUT THEM. -