

KSAN QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2015

KSAN's programs, news reports and public services announcements provided significant treatment of the following issues that were important to the community in the 4th quarter of 2015:

Education
Health/Healthcare
Crime/Law Enforcement
Local Government
Community/Culture
Employment

Programs: Programs providing the most significant treatment of the above-identified community issues:

Local:

Program	Day	Time
KSAN News at 5	Monday-Friday	5:00-5:30pm
KSAN News at 6	Monday-Saturday	6:00-6:30 pm
KSAN News at 10	Monday-Sunday	10:00-10:35 pm

All of the above programming is locally produced news and entertainment programming presenting a mix of news, weather, sports, and lifestyle programming focusing on current issues and events.

National:

Program	Day	Time
NBC Nightly News	Monday-Sunday	5:30-6:00 pm

Reporting of the day's major international and domestic news stories each weeknight. In addition to the top news of the day, broadcasts feature human-interest segments called Making a Difference, which spotlight ordinary Americans making the lives of those around them better.

Early Today	Monday-Friday	5:30-7:00am
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The program features general national and international news stories, financial and entertainment news, off-beat stories, national weather forecasts and sports highlights.

cameras follow physicians into the operating room, providing viewers a rare glimpse of surgical procedures. And occasionally, celebrity guests talk about medical issues.

Education – Topics covered under this issue include:

STARR Exams
Early Childhood Center
Home Schooling
College and Career Transition Fair

Program Title: KSAN News at 10

Date: 10/05/15

Time: 10:00-10:35 pm

Duration of Segment: 1:40

Detailed Description:

"Every year the state requires students to take a number of standardized tests called the ""State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness,"" or STAAR Exams.

Rachel Glaser has the story.

The President of the State's Teacher Association calls this decision quote laughable.

The questions shouldn't be any more difficult than what students saw on last year's exams but come this spring kids will have to get more answers right.

The State's Education Commissioner announced the increase at a conference over the weekend and most of the crowd of educators and school administrators laughed at the news.

Noel Candelaria - President of Texas State Teachers Association: ""It is laughable because we are setting not only our students up, we're setting our schools up for failure.""

The President of the State Teacher's Association says the state is raising its standards but schools still don't have the resources they need.

Classes are over crowded, text books are outdated, teachers are underpaid and now Candelaria students will start to really feel the stress.

""Our students are going to feel the pain-know when I have a third grader in my own home who is already having anxiety about that test happening 6 months from now.""

Candelaria says his daughter didn't even want to start the third grade.

Texas requires students grades three through eight take the STAAR exams every year and in some grades, a failed test means the student is held back a year.

""No child at any age should feel that way about going to school-school should be an opportunity and a place for joy and learning.""

A spokesperson for the Texas Education Agency says the new scoring requirements should not come as a surprise.

The State was supposed to update the requirements two years ago, but held off because students' scores were not improving fast enough.

""First of all we don't have standardized students so to even think about that we are to put every student into this standardized box score is really ludicrous.""

According to numbers from the T-E-A, one in four eighth graders failed that new, more difficult math exam that started last spring.

The passing rate dropped 4-percentage points from the previous year.

""I can't imagine what stress children are going through much less the stress that the educators and the rest of the education community is going through.""

He says teachers will start to teach the test and students will stop learning value lessons that don't show up on a standardized test."

Program Title: KSAN News at 5
Time: 5:00-5:30 pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 10/21/15
Duration of Segment: 3:30

"Irma Contreras / San Angelo Early Childhood Center
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San Angelo Early Childhood Center is open Monday through Friday 6:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. We are a nonprofit United Way agency. We take care of children from the age of 7 weeks to 5 years old. We have been in existence for over 80 years. We have three different curriculums that we work with. We go by a sliding scale of the parent's income for tuition.

The San Angelo Early Childhood Center provides an enriched learning environment for approximately 200 children daily ranging in age from 7 weeks to 5 years. The Early Childhood Center is open from 6:30 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. The Early Childhood Center serves primarily children of low-income families. Eligibility criteria do require that parents work and/or attend school a minimum of 30 hours per week. Cost of services is based on family income. The Early Childhood Center does provide services for Child Care Services (CCS) clients.

The Early Childhood Center participates in the Texas School Ready program, which helps at-risk preschoolers gain the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the Kindergarten classroom ready to learn. The State tracks the children's performance through the first grade. The Early Childhood Center has been recognized twice by the State for the outstanding preparation the children received.

Children eat a family style breakfast, lunch and a snack in their classrooms. The meals and snacks are prepared on site to meet established nutritional standards. The Early Childhood Center participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Every day incorporates developmentally appropriate activities for fun and learning including reading and exploratory activities, playground time and nap time. Age-appropriate curriculums are used in each classroom to provide the children with opportunities to develop skills and knowledge needed as a foundation for later learning.

Although the children thrive with structure and routine, special events occur throughout the year. These events are typically related to holidays and are looked forward to by children and staff. In addition to special events, the Early Childhood Center is fortunate to be able to connect with programs that enrich the offerings at the Early Childhood Center.

The Early Childhood Center is a United Way agency and depends on generous contributions from foundations and donors to support facility improvement, programming and enrichment activities. The Early Childhood Center is a 501(c) 3 organization and contributions are tax-deductible.

The San Angelo Early Childhood Center began as the San Angelo Day Nursery in 1935. It was founded by the Works Progress Administration to provide child care for working parents unable to afford commercial day care facilities. The San Angelo Day Nursery grew in size and moved to progressively larger facilities until the building at 619 Julian Street was built in 1991 and expanded in 2000. "

Program Title: KSAN News at 6
Time: 6:00-6:30 pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 11/04/15
Duration of Segment: 1:37

"The Texas Supreme Court will soon decide if kids who are home schooled actually have to learn.

Valerie Chamberlain is a mom of three who she teaches three grade levels all at once.

""You never get a moment to yourself, there is never an off day, there are no sick days.""

She goes from one student and one subject to the next.

""Let's do math, mama.""

A former Texas public school teacher she made the decision to quit her job and home school her kids for many reasons, one being her family's religious beliefs.

Valerie Chamberlain / Home Schools kids: ""We definitely have Christ at the center of our home, it's the most important thing to me, daily bible, daily scripture memorization.""

At the center of the case is an El Paso family accused of teaching their nine home schooled children nothing because they were waiting for the rapture.

""I do think that it's a little bit crazy but I also think that it's still their right as a parent .""

""We wanted the freedom to give our children the education I think they deserve. ""

If home schoolers are required to learn, they'd have to prove it like standardized tests.

""I don't want to waste my kids' time on that, they don't need it.""

That's one of the reasons Jeff Brock decided to home school his kids and he does not want his kids to take standardized tests.

Jeff Brock / Home Schools kids: ""But I actually fully agree that the state, the government should keep an eye on the kids that maybe aren't being served. Not educating your child is neglect .""

Brock says every child needs to be educated but he doesn't think a few bad apples should change the rules for the entire state's booming population of home schoolers.

""There is a lot of pressure making sure they are getting an education, that they are well-rounded individuals, and none of that I take lightly but I wouldn't do it any other way. ""

Chamberlain hopes her way won't change.

The Supreme Court could rule on this case by February."

Program Title: KSAN News at 6
Time: 6:00-6:30 pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 11/18/15
Duration of Segment: 1:19

"Life after college can be frightening for many high school students but today a few students with special needs got a head start on figuring things out.

News Connection's Daija Barrett has the story.

Daija Barrett: More than 250 junior and senior high school students gathered at Angelo State University for the annual College and Career Transition Fair.

Dennis Friedrich: ""It's an opportunity for a lot of students who want to better themselves and they can maybe see something here that'll spark them and then they'll head out and be wonderful citizens.""

Barrett: The focus of the event is to introduce students with special needs and their parents to the resources available in the community and to also support students in meeting their post-secondary goals in the areas of education, training, employment and independent living. ""

Friedrich: ""So we can bring everyone together that might help them advance in their idea of what they want to do when they get out of school. So it's been a real university day and that's what we're after.""

Barrett: About 30 vendors presented information about disability-related organizations. The Concho Valley Alliance for Transition has organized the event for over 15 years. For the Concho Valley Homepage News Connection, I'm Daija Barrett."

Health – Topics covered under this issue include:

Pink Out San Angelo
Peripheral Artery Disease
ADHD /Fidget Pillow
Chagas Disease

Program Title: KSAN News at 5

Time: 5:00-5:30 pm

Detailed Description:

Date: 10/02/15

Duration of Segment: 3:30

"Pink Out San Angelo! Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health

Kaitlyn Brosh / Projects Manager

Pinkoutsanangelo.com

Facebook.com/pinkoutsanangelo

What is the Pink Out San Angelo Campaign?

""The Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health has been lucky enough to have our exclusive hospital partner, San Angelo Community Medical Center and the Bank and Trust join us in a city-wide endeavor to bring awareness to breast cancer and raise funds for our Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Fund.""

What is the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Fund and who does it help?

""This is a fund that was created 4 years ago to assist women in the Concho Valley with paying for treatment after being diagnosed with breast cancer through our ABCC4WT program. The Laura W. Bush Institute was awarded a grant that originally would cover the cost of mammograms and other diagnostic services used to detect breast cancer for women who are uninsured or under insured. This year that program has been expanded to also cover cervical cancer screenings as well. What it does not cover, is treatments. So this fund was created to assist women with down payments to get their treatments started.""

What are the different activities happening during the Pink Out San Angelo October?

""The largest part of the campaign involves these cute Pink Out San Angelo t-shirts which are being provided for a suggested donation of \$10 by over 45 businesses and organizations in San Angelo. The list of organizations includes SACMC Gift Shop and Health Club as well as many of our downtown businesses. There are also pink ribbon decals being placed on the 'painted sheep' all around town. If you take a picture with either the t-shirt, the sign at the participating businesses

or with one of these sheep and share it with the hashtag #pinkoutsanangelo the Bank and Trust will donate \$2 for every hashtag shared throughout October.'"

Where can people get more information?

"We have a dedicated "Pink Out San Angelo" Facebook page and our website which can be reached through pinkoutsanangelo.com. The list of businesses providing the shirts as well as the great businesses and groups that are hosting special 10% days or fundraising events are also listed in both of these locations. If you need more information you can also call us at 486-6478.'

Program Title: KSAN News at 6

Date: 10/12/15

Time: 6:00-6:30 pm

Duration of Segment: 1:59

Detailed Description:

"Tonight's Shannon Health Beat focuses on treatments for peripheral artery disease.

Here's Mary Phillips with more.

Mary Phillips (MP): Peripheral artery disease is a circulatory problem where narrowed arteries reduce blood flow to your limbs. Buildup of cholesterol, lipid and fatty cells form plaque in the arteries and obstruct the blood flow to any organ in the body outside of the heart. This causes pain or burning aches in your legs when you walk, pain in the buttocks, pain in the hip area, or non healing wounds in the lower extremities.

Dr. Rudy Haddad (RH): There are all sorts of different treatments from lifestyle interventions, one of the best treatments for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities is walking, even a supervised walking program has been shown to be beneficial for patients, so I set my patients up here in our cardiac rehab center with a supervised walking program because the more you walk the better you do with cortication and that is one of the best treatments there is. There are medications aspirin, Plavix which help the palettes in the body by thinning the blood and helping go through those blockages.

MP: If lifestyle modifications do not work then an angioplasty or stent placement has to be performed to open the blockage. In some cases a patient might need bypass surgery or arterial bypass surgery by a vascular surgeon.

RH: We have multiple tests that we can do to see if people have peripheral artery disease who are curious. One of the easiest simple tests is called an ankle-breaker-index where check the blood pressure in the arm and compare them to the blood pressure in the leg. Do a ratio and a well validated where the abnormal ranges which would be suggestive of where peripheral disease would be in the lower extremities.

Program Title: KSAN News at 10

Date: 11/27/15

Time: 10:00-10:35 pm

Duration of Segment: 2:00

Detailed Description:

"Experts say every year the percentage of children with ADHD continues to increase.

News Connection's Daija Barret has the details on a pillow that can help children stay focused.

Daija Barrett: Robin Tenboer is a mother of two special needs children.

Robin Tenboer: "My oldest two children are severely ADHD and my second oldest, my daughter, has a lot of the autism characteristics and when we went and talked with the psychologist he said to find something she can fidget with.'"

Barrett: Robin then taught herself how to sew and came up with a design that changed her children's lives....she calls it Little Red's Fidget Pillow.

Robin Tenboer: ""It sits in their lap and they put their hands on the inside and there's multiple textures sew in on here. It allows them to fidget either during class or church or activities that they're doing without disturbing their peers.""

Barrett: Through research Robin learned that weight and textures are different aspects of the pillow that help children focus and explore their tactile needs.

Robin Tenboer: ""We were trying to do the non medicated route, so we definitely needed something that would help them focus in class and it made a tremendous impact. The teachers knew right away the difference between the days they had it and the days that they didn't.""

Barrett: When asked about her fidget pillow, Kinslee, also known as ""Little Red"" could not contain her excitement.

Kinslee Tenboer: ""My fidget pillow it's like different designs. Like the top's blue and the little squares and the big squares.""

Barrett: Kinslee says her Mom is the only person that can make her fidget pillow.

Kinslee Tenboer: ""Santa wouldn't be able to make one.""

Barrett: Robin also makes bracelets and says she eventually wants to be able to donate her products to low income families with children with special needs. For more information on Little Red's Learning Tools visit our site www.ConchoValleyHomepage.com. For your News Connection, I'm Daija Barrett."

Program Title: KSAN News at 10

Date: 12/17/15

Time: 10:00-10:35 pm

Duration of Segment: 1:37

Detailed Description:

"Experts say the ""kissing bug"" outbreak is spreading across Texas.

A new report indicates the majority of the bugs carry a parasite that can cause heart failure. Rachel Glaser reports from Austin.

As the bugs continue to creep across the state, the insects are spreading a sense of fear that's sending many dog owners into their vets but these bugs are also a danger to people.

The bugs can give you the kiss of death.

""We've tested a few dogs that we may have been suspicious of.""

Dr. Amber Breclaw says she hasn't seen any dogs test positive yet, but more concerned owners are coming in with their pets.

""It is a scary prospect that they are in Texas.""

The bugs are most commonly found in the southern part of the state but continue to spread.

While many owners rush out to the vet for blood tests, many have never heard of kissing bugs or chagas disease.

Dr. Amber Breclaw - Veterinarian: ""It makes the heart flaccid and enlarge and it just doesn't work as well. ""

The blood sucking insects are attracted to carbon monoxide and commonly feed on people's faces, which is why they are called kissing bugs.

""The bug's bite is not poisonous, but the insects leave feces where they feed and that can get mixed into the blood stream.""

Kissing bugs carry a parasite called t-Cruz and if left untreated, the infection can lead to heart failure in dogs and humans.

""There is not much that can be done at that point. ""

The vet says they don't want people to panic, but to just be aware that kissing bugs are out there.

Anchor tag: Symptoms in dogs start as a loss of appetite and energy.

For humans symptoms are similar to the flu, but the infection can also stay silent for decades-then heart and intestinal complications can surface.

The nocturnal insect is most active at night and typically live beneath porches, between rocks, wood or under cement.

""The best way to protect yourself and your pet is to avoid those areas, especially at night. ""

Crime – Topics covered under this issue include:

Sonora Officer involved Shooting
Wells Fargo Bomb Threat
Brady High School Stabbing
Brian Plunkett Murder
Kimble County Robbery
Open Carry Law

Program Title: KSAN News at 6

Date: 10/08/15

Time: 6:00-6:30 pm

Duration of Segment: 1:59

Detailed Description:

"First for you tonight, we are following a story in Sonora where a shooting near a convenience store resulted in a 39 year old man being airlifted to Shannon Medical Center.

News Connection's Daija Barrett was in Sonora and reports.

Daija Barrett: Early Thursday morning a Sonora Police Officer responded to a suspicious vehicle call that resulted in a life-threatening encounter.

Marcos Guajardo: ""Our information is still under review, we do have rangers coming in to investigate the incident..""

Barrett: While local authorities had very little to say pending the investigation, I spoke with several eyewitnesses who saw the encounter and one woman says, she watched it all, right through her store front window.

Witness: ""Well I was sitting here and the little black car drove up, it had been there for 15-20 minutes and then the officer pulled up and got out of his vehicle and went to the car, checked the back seat, talked to the guy in the front seat.""

Barrett: Officials did not want to release the name of the officer at the scene, but several witnesses identified the officer as Police Chief Dick Dudley.

Witness: ""and then I just saw where the guy opened the door came towards Dudley with a, he had a knife in his hand and Dudley told the guy to stop and he didn't stop so Dudley shot him. ""

Barrett: The incident off 277 North wasn't the only concern for officials (Nat of rain) they also had to deal with mother nature.

Guajardo: ""With these scattered showers we had, we've had to try to maintain the scene for the rangers on their arrival, so that's the main concern to keep the scene intact.""

Barrett: Sonora is considered a pit-stop for many people traveling on I-10.

Witness: ""People come off the interstate, they park out there, they rest, they get off they go to the Pizza Hut, you never know, I'm here by myself all day long, so it's scary.""

Barrett: Texas Rangers are leading the investigation with the help of Sutton County Sheriff's Department and Sonora Police. For the Concho Valley Homepage News Connection, in Sonora, I'm Daija Barrett. "

Program Title: KSAN News at 10

Date: 10/14/15

Time: 10:00-10:35 pm

Duration of Segment: 2:05

Detailed Description:

"San Angelo residents can rest easy after a possible bomb threat this morning turned out to be a false alarm.

Elizabeth Olveda has the story.

Traffic was closed off to six downtown San Angelo roads on Wednesday morning due to a suspicious package.

An employee from Jones, Hay, Marshall & McKinney inside the Wells Fargo building reported finding the package in the underground parking lot.

JoAnn Avants/Reported Suspicious Package: ""I got here at about 6:30, since I was early I decided I would close the gate behind me and when I did, it wouldn't close.""

""When I moved it, then I saw the thermometer looking thing out.""

Avants shortly debated whether or not to contact police.

""I thought I was just being paranoid when I saw the package and that's why I hesitated you know, well police will just think I'm stupid but I went ahead and did it.""

Upon arrival, San Angelo's fire Marshall said Avants did the right thing.

Ross Coleman/ SA FIRE Marshall: ""The building has been evacuated, yes we have a thousand foot perimeter right here for vehicles and 300 feet for pedestrian traffic.""

After inspection of the package...officials decided to call the Abilene bomb squad.

RC: ""It's not something that we wanted to take lightly or not take serious so we went ahead and made that call.""

Ross Coleman/ SA FIRE Marshall: ""Abilene bomb squad did make entry they did go over there and analyze the package with their robot.""

After the robot's examination, the bomb squad sent in Sergeant Lynn Beard for further inspection.

RC: ""We've determined it to be magazines and papers.""

However, the package was suspicious due to its appearance including a meat thermometer sticking out of the package and multiple foreign addresses stamped on the outside.

Coleman says the next steps include an investigation into whether or not the package was left intentionally.

He added that if it was an intended hoax...the person who did it will be held responsible....

""A person that doesn't have much integrity. It's a weak-minded individual and a person who's trying to tie up services and waste a lot of people's time and we will deal with that person as appropriate.""

Elizabeth Olveda....KSAN....San Angelo's News Channel.

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Program Title: KSAN News at 10
Time: 10:00-10:35 pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 11/05/15
Duration of Segment: 1:19

"We have an update to the stabbing that occurred in the City of Brady yesterday. Elizabeth Olveda has more.

On Wednesday afternoon, shortly before 4 o'clock, the Mculloch County Sheriff's Office, Brady Police Department and Brady Fire and EMS responded to the call of a stabbing involving two Brady High School students. We spoke to the Brady School District's Superintendent to find out more.

Johnny Clawson/Brady ISD Superintendent : ""We had one student who was sent to Shannon Medical Center and we had one kid who was detained by juvenile officials.""

Upon first responders' arrival, it was determined that a 14 year old male student had been stabbed in the chest and was suffering from a single puncture wound.

That student was flown to an area hospital for treatment, due to the nature of the injury.

A 16 year old male student was arrested at the scene and taken to Mculloch County Sheriff's Office. He has been charged with aggravated assault and is currently being held in Juvenile Probation.

""Mculloch county sheriffs dept. and Brady police, they responded very quickly, did a very good job.""

This case is an ongoing investigation.

Clawson would like to add that the situation was handled fluidly and according to protocol.

""Very proud of our bus personnel, which handled all of this and our administrators who stepped up and everything was so orderly, there was no chaos, everything went very good.""

Elizabeth Olveda....KSAN...San Angelo's News Channel."

Program Title: KSAN News at 6
Time: 6:00-6:30 pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 11/09/15
Duration of Segment: 2:14

"First for you tonight, two San Angelo residents remain behind bars for the murder of a man who's family now has some closure and a cold case that now has some resolution after all these years. Five years. That's how long Brian Plunkett's family was waiting for answers.

Friday, the Criminal Investigation Division of the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office brought resolution to one of their two open cold cases.

Jones: ""When I became sheriff we started back on the cold cases that remained. This has been a priority to get this solved and bring justice to the families and the victim. This case has been worked very diligently.

Cold cases are among the most difficult investigators confront for a variety of reasons including lack of evidence and strained resources.

Jones: ""It's very difficult because a lot of the times a lot of the physical evidence is missing.

Lowe: ""You look at the totality of the circumstances and sometimes the simplest answer is the correct answer and that's what we did.""

27 year old George Simmons and 33 year old Kimberly Linthicum were charged for the murder of Brian Plunkett who's remains were found by deer hunters in the State Park north of San Angelo, approximately 4 months after his parents reported him missing.

Jones: ""In 2010 Brian Plunkett was reported missing and an investigation has begun and it has been a cold case since that time his skeletal remains were found in October of 2010.

Officials will continue the investigation until it's conclusion at trial.

Jones: ""We're delighted that we've got this far. We want to make sure that it goes to conclusion and that justice is served, we are continuing on with the investigation to make sure that all the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed.

Lowe: ""I don't think any case is easy to prosecute but I think we'll be successful.""

After their success, the Lieutenant of the Criminal Investigation Unit has just one message for those involved in the now single open cold case. To the perpetrators in the Shan and Sally case that we're coming and just watch for us."

Program Title: KSAN News at 6

Date: 12/07/15

Time: 6:00-6:30 pm

Duration of Segment: 2:10

Detailed Description:

"Kimble County Law Enforcement is asking for your help in identifying the suspect who held up a convenience store at gun point in broad daylight.

News Connection's Daija Barrett reports from Kimble with the story.

Daija Barrett: A Kimble County convenient store was robbed at gun point.

Steven Brown: ""This does not happen in this county at all. The call was shocking and unexpected.""

Barrett: The incident happened Friday morning around 10:30 at the 457 Milepost in Junction, when a white male suspect walked into the store, pointed a gun at the clerk and demanded all of the money.

Rudy Supak: ""This is a very rare occurrence. This is something we don't encounter. Very very seldom. It's been a long time since we've actually had one of these types of offenses in our county.""

Barrett: The store's surveillance video shows that the suspect walked around the store, waited until the store was cleared before demanding the money and getting away in a red truck. with over 500 hundred dollars

Supak: ""Unfortunately it's a good location if you're traveling, but it's a bad location for us as in trying to apprehend the suspect quicker because they have quick access to the interstate.""

Barrett: This Shell gas station sits right on the edge of Junction and Interstate 10 and from the video surveillance, officials believe that this isn't the first time this suspect has committed this type of crime.

Supak: ""I think he planned it out and knew exactly what he was doing. We believe he was passing through, but we also believe that he also knows the area well. Based on his demeanor, I think this is not the suspects first time to do something like this because he was very calm and very relaxed.""

Brown: The City of Junction Police Department and Kimble County Sheriffs Office are actively pursuing this and will continue to pursue it until this crime is solved.

Barrett: Officials are asking for the help of the community and surrounding areas in identifying the suspect or vehicle involved. No one was injured in the offense and there was no report of property damage. For your News Connection, I'm Daija Barrett."

Program Title: KSAN News at 10
Time: 10:00-10:35 pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 12/29/15
Duration of Segment: 2:25

"Less than three days from now any licensed gun holder in Texas will be able to openly carry their firearms.

News Connection's Daija Barrett has more on the new Texas law that passed in May.

Daija Barrett: Starting in January, a new state law will allow Texans with a concealed handgun license to openly carry their weapons in areas where weapons are allowed.

Daryl Presley: ""A vast majority of my students and the people that have a license don't carry on a regular basis, but it's nice to have the option.""

Barrett: Daryl Presley is a concealed handgun license instructor at San Angelo's Outdoorsman, he says he's seen an increase in people taking license to carry classes.

Presley: ""Just in the last couple of months here, we have seen a lot more with the political climate changing.""

Barrett: Daryl says only about 4 percent of the population of Texas have licenses to carry.

Presley: ""It is getting more popular, back in 2005 only about one percent of the population did.""

Barrett: He's been teaching his students about the new changes for months now.

Presley: ""We're also going to be required to teach about holsters that have retention to help keep people from grabbing your hand if it's in the open.""

Barrett: Police Chief Tim Vasquez says policies for the new law are in full effect for San Angelo's police officers.

Tim Vasquez: ""If they feel the need and they see someone, they will approach them as say, I need to see your handgun license. Once they provide the permit, if the officer has no other reason to detain the person, that person will be free to go. What I see with conceal and open carry is the right for someone to protect themselves. I do think despite us having the law for open carry, you're going to see a lot of permit holders still carry conceal.""

Presley: ""It will make some people uncomfortable for a while. There are other states who have had open carry for years and years and years and so it's something we'll get use to.""

Barrett: For your News Connection, I'm Daija Barrett."

Local Government – Topics covered under this issue include:

Texting and Driving Ordinance
Water Rate Increases
Election Results

Program Title: KSAN News at 10
Time: 10:00-10:35 pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 10/01/15
Duration of Segment: 1:01

"At today's City Council meeting, council members discussed a distracted driving ordinance proposed by a Councilman Flemming.

City Council members opened discussions for the proposed Distracted Driving Ordinance aimed at eliminating texting and driving.

Although many citizens agreed with not texting while driving, not everyone agreed with creating an ordinance.

An ordinance has to be created and two public hearings are required before any action can be taken.

Jeff Fant / Assistant Police Chief: ""Normally we have somewhere in the neighborhood of about three-thousand traffic accidents reported every year. I mean it varies a little bit, but about three thousand traffic accidents. So you're talking about 20 percent of those related to distracted driving, so when you have 20 percent of any event that's a contributing factor to an accident, then you've got to stop and look at it that it is a problem.""

To model the San Angelo Ordinance after, City Council is looking at similar no texting while driving bans created in other cities like Midland who's ban began on October first."

Program Title: KSAN News at 6

Date: 11/03/15

Time: 6:00-6:30 pm

Duration of Segment: 1:01

Detailed Description:

"The main debate during today's City Council meeting was the potential increase of water rates. Bill Riley, the Director of Water Utilities says the revenue is not there to meet our operational needs and presented an 11 percent increase during the first year opposed to the 20 percent that was pitched previously in August.

The rates introduced today are made with a 1-hundred and 36 million dollar future water supply project in mind.

Council voted to have an ordinance written and hold two public hearings and forums before a final decision is made.

Charlotte Farmer / City Council: ""I'm just wanting the public to know and have time to digest what we've been looking at for months, and months, and months, so that they can see before we just jump in here and vote on it and the people think why this is the first time they've heard about it.""

Also discussed at today's meeting was this year's Riverfest saw over 11-thousand and 4-hundred people bringing in over 12-thousand dollars in revenue.

That's an estimated 5 thousand dollars more than the previous year.

Organizers are looking forward to the events continued expansion."

Program Title: KSAN News at 10

Date: 11/03/15

Time: 10:00-10:35 pm

Duration of Segment: 2:18

Detailed Description:

"We have a lot of election results to highlight from around the Concho Valley and we'll begin with the 8 proposed changes for San Angelo's City Charter.

Proposition 1 was to stagger terms for Mayor and City Council. Voters have passed that by a margin of 69% to 31%.

Proposition 2 would limit Mayor and City Council to 8 consecutive years, that has passed with 69% of the vote.

Proposition 3 passed by a wide margin with only 11% of voters in opposition. That was concerning qualifications for Mayor and City Council members.

Voters were also asked if the City Attorney should be the one to resolve any qualification questions, and voters overwhelmingly passed that with 88% of the vote.

In a much tighter vote, pay raises will be headed to City Council members. The vote came in at 3,744 for and 3,387 against the proposition.

Proposition 6 asked voters if an election should be held to fill early vacancies with the Council and Mayor positions, that measure passes with 89% of the vote.

Voters also approved removing the requirement for certified mail in certain situations. That passed with 77% of the vote.

The proposed change that had the most attention was the question as to whether or not the city should change from an elected to an appointed Police Chief. Voters made it clear they want to continue to vote for the Police Chief as they voted down the proposed change with 73% of the vote. This was the only proposition of the 8 that did not pass.

The Charter Review Committee spent months working to get these propositions on the ballot. Jim Turner was a part of that and he visited with us tonight after seeing the results.

Jim Turner / Charter Revision Committee: ""This was a good election. The turn out wasn't as good as we like but it wasn't bad and it was an important election because even though we didn't elect a person we decided how people in government have to do their business.""

"Up for election in McCulloch County was the Hospital Directors at Large. Filling the two available seats with 30 and 22 percent of the vote respectively is Terry Keltz and Susan Joliff.

With a majority of the vote, the City of Brady Proposition for the sale of electric substations to the lower Colorado River Authority passed with 76 percent.

Over in Menard County with 37 percent of the vote, a bond worth more than 4 and a half million dollars passed for canal improvements and acquisition of water rights.

Moving on to Runnels County, in Miles Sylvester Schwertner was unopposed in the Mayors race and so he has won that position.

There were four people on the ballot for Alderman in Miles. Paul Sklenarik won with 40 percent of the vote over Ornelas, Wells, and Dillon.

The Miles Proposition up for election was the reauthorization of the use of sales tax at the rate of one-fourth of a percent for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. The proposition passes by a large margin with only 10 percent of the votes in opposition.

Filling the two seats on the Miles School Board at large is Mark Sklenarik with 46 percent and Zane Crouch taking the second seat by 4 percent with 29 percent of the votes.

Filling Seat 4 on the Ballinger School Board is Diane Michalewicz with 58 percent of the total votes over Kevin Duke with 33 percent and Rudy Galvan with 9 percent.

With 77 percent Jason Strube is the new Seat 5 for the Ballinger School Board."

Community/Culture– Topics covered under this issue include:

Grape Creek Pumpkin Patch
Goodfellow Appreciation Day
Cowboy Collectibles Trade Show
Feast of Sharing
National Adoption Day

Program Title: KSAN News at 6
Time: 6:00-6:30 pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 10/03/15
Duration of Segment: 1:07

"The pumpkins are finally here. They arrived in Grape Creek this morning in preparation for the Ninth Annual Grape Creek Pumpkin Patch.

The event started today and it will run all the way through Halloween. This family friendly event invites out all Concho Valley residents to participate in activities like the 'pic of the patch contest' where you can post pictures of the event on their Facebook page and win prizes for the best pictures.

There will also be a llama petting zoo, bake sales, food concessions, a life-size gingerbread house, and also life-size cutouts from Disney's movie Frozen.

The pumpkins received today came from a Navajo Indian Reservation out of New Mexico.

Organizers thank the community members who came out to help.

Glenda Bacon/Pumpkin Patch Coordinator: ""When you have a small community like this, that's what's so neat about living in a small community, because when you need that they all just come in together. They all just came in together and just made this patch what it is today.""

The event will run Mondays through Saturdays from 8 am to 7pm and Sunday from 12pm to 7pm. Proceeds will go to several Grape Creek community organizations."

Program Title: KSAN News at 5
Time: 5:00-5:30 pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 10/06/15
Duration of Segment: 3:30

"Master SGT Jamal Chesney / Goodfellow Appreciation Day

Shandy Scott / Goodfellow Appreciation Day

FMI: www.goodfellow.af.mil

Goodfellow is hosting the 7th Annual Goodfellow Community Appreciation Day and 35th Annual Santa's Market at the high bay Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Team Goodfellow invites the surrounding San Angelo Community to attend the free annual events. The event kicks off with the 17th Training Group hosted drill competition followed by several demonstrations and displays throughout the day from different units from across the base. Some of these events include: firefighters extinguishing an aircraft fire, rappelling and displays from the 17th TRG. Many of these are set up to show the community what students learn at Goodfellow. Also, the Army will navigate through a simulated environment in a military operations urban terrain demonstration, displaying how they would operate in an urban environment.

Along with the Community Appreciation Day, the Arts and Crafts Center hosts the Santa's Market, which features more than 100 vendors from the local community. Children can participate in the ""Make and Take"" arts and crafts table and can also get a photo with Santa Claus. The event is aimed at strengthening the base and community relations by informing locals of the training and mission here at Goodfellow while also providing a fun-filled day event. "

Program Title: KSAN News at 10
Time: 10:00-10:35 pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 10/23/15
Duration of Segment: 1:35

"It's that time of year again and admission is free and open to the public. If you're looking to great a head start to some of your holiday shopping, this may be your chance. Elizabeth Olveda has the story.
Sarah Howell/Volunteer: ""And it's not just a crafts show, it's more than that. A vast array of things that are unique that nobody else has.""
She's talking about the Cowboy Collectibles Trade Show at the Foster Communications Coliseum. Vendors from all over the state of Texas and even as far as New York have come out to San Angelo to showcase all types of goodies...from hats and clothes...to bits and spurs....and even some fun reading.
Organizers and vendors alike are happy to see the event's turnout increase each year.
Dorothy Kvapil/Dorothy's Creations Vendor: ""It's grown now to not only vendors inside the Coliseum here but we have vendors out under the Spur Arena and so it is growing every year, the quality of vendors is growing every year.""
SH: ""It's good for the economy and San Angelo it helps them grow and gives them more money because they have to stay somewhere and they have to eat somewhere.""
The unique trade show occurs simultaneously with the Steer Roping show each year.
DK: ""I love to see the community coming together, supporting San Angelo and a lot of the vendors in San Angelo. ""both vendors and organizers can agree that, with the holidays coming up....this is the perfect opportunity for Concho Valley residents to check off their gift lists.
DK ""It's a great venue for shopping, Christmas shopping for everyone in San Angelo.""
SH: ""Anybody that wants to come. If they don't have anything else to do, come out here and shop for Christmas.""
Elizabeth Olveda....KSAN...San Angelo's News Channel."

Program Title: KSAN News at 6
Time: 6:00-6:30 pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 11/04/15
Duration of Segment: 1:53

"HEB is no stranger to community service and for almost three decades they have proved that every Thanksgiving. Elizabeth Olveda has more.
A 29-year-old tradition to help prevent hunger in Texas is still going strong with the HEB Feast of Sharing dinner.
For the 19th year in a row...HEB and Meals for the Elderly have partnered up to bring these feasts straight to the doorsteps of 700 homebound seniors.

Wanda Clark/Recipient: ""Oh it's so wonderful, everyday because I get to see someone. Most of them stay and visit for a few minutes, and that just breaks the monotony of the house.""

The Feast of Sharing started out as a free community dinner for the public to attend, but not all residents were physically able to participate.

Charlyn Ocker/President & CEO : ""Clients felt pretty left out and you know they wanted to come and they kept calling, 'can we get them can we get them?'"

So HEB and Meals for the Elderly partnered up to bring the holiday dinners to THEM.

Lynn Shipley/HEB Unit Director: ""You know someday, hopefully, we'll be in that position and you know we're paying it forward right now and so it gives us a lot of pride.""

The holiday dinners included turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, and pumpkin custard.

Both Meals for the Elderly volunteers and HEB employees helped to distribute the meals and in some ways help keep up the spirits and livelihoods of these seniors.

LS: ""Just to be able to get out and make a difference potentially in someone's life, that's what it's all about.""

WC: ""I can remember back years ago, when this house would be full of relatives for the big meals but it's a different story today, but this will suffice for it and it's so great.""

For these recipients, Thanksgiving may have come a little early, but the thanks being given are as genuine as ever.

Elizabeth Olveda....KSAN....San Angelo's News Channel."

Program Title: KSAN News at 6

Date: 11/06/15

Time: 6:00-6:30 pm

Duration of Segment: 1:56

Detailed Description:

"Today is National Adoption Day and nearly 7 thousand children in the care of the state are waiting to be adopted.

News Connection's Daija Barrett shares the story of a San Angelo teen who recently found her ""Forever Family.""

Katarina Dickson: ""I did not think this would have ever happened.""

Daija Barrett: 16 year old Katarina has been waiting for over a year for this day to come.

Katarina: ""I'm really excited like, there's so much emotion, there's so much happiness that I'm finally adopted. This has been a long time coming and it finally happened.""

Barrett: November is National Adoption Awareness Month and the First United Methodist Church in San Angelo hosted National Adoption Day for families and foster children in Tom Green County.

Angie Voss: ""There are approximately 103 children in Tom Green County who are waiting to be adopted.""

Barrett: Families, friends and members of the community filled the facility with love and support. The event was set up as special court, with the honorable Judge Weatherby presiding.

Tim Dickson: ""Katie is joyful, she is a red head so she does have a little attitude every now and then, but for the most part she is happy.""

Barrett: Tim Dickson and his family welcomed Katarina into their home over a year ago, and says Katie has been a blessing to his family.

Tim: ""Yea, she is definitely my daughter.""

Barrett: Last year, more Texas children were adopted from state care than ever before and at this year's event in San Angelo, 33 children found their forever families.

Katarina: ""This is a new beginning, because now I can finally not worry about being transferred over to different place. This is my forever home, this is where I belong.""

""You can't really suppress the past, because the past is the past and the past defined me as a person. I am who I am because of my past and they accepted me, so that was just the end of that chapter and this is a new chapter of life.""

Employment– Topics covered under this issue include:

Oil Bust
Border Patrol Expanding
Hiring Fair
Seasonal Employment

Program Title: KSAN News at 6

Date: 10/23/15

Time: 6:00-6:30 pm

Duration of Segment: 1:48

Detailed Description:

"The latest Texas Oil drilling boom is running dry.

Jobs and profits are being lost. Some Texas lawmakers think they have a plan to stop the bleeding, but the State Comptroller has already had to change the budget plan a bit because of a loss of oil revenue.

Here's our Anna Wiernicki in Austin.

""A lower price at the pump from 100 dollars to 50 dollars as we see today, it roughly means about 600 dollars more in the average pocket of each Texan, which really means about a 2.5% pay raise.""

Anna Wiernicki: But while Texans are enjoying a few extra dollars in their pocket, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar says not everyone is enjoying the perks of cheaper gas.

Glenn Hegar: ""For the people in the state of Texas it benefits, but it is a detriment to the State Treasury.""

Anna: Hegar says the plummeting price of oil has forced him to drop his expectations of state revenues in the overall state by \$2.6 billion dollars.

Greg Wortham / Director of Cline Shale Alliance: ""People who don't take a paycheck from the oil industry sort of think that it doesn't affect us, but it's a huge part of the state budget. ""

Anna: And it's not just the state budget feeling the sting.

Dr. Berry Jordan: ""The reduction in oil prices has actually hurt many smaller companies"".

Anna: Dr. Berry Jordan says oil and gas companies, along with a few local businesses, across the state have been forced to layoff their employees.

Dr. Berry Jordan / Oil and Gas Recruiter: ""There have been restaurants that have had to let go of wait staff because of the reduction of people who are eating out.""

Anna: And while industry leaders say they don't see a light at the end of the tunnel just yet, Hegar says Texas' economy is still looking up.

Glen Hegar: :The state continues to grow-a little more modestly than we've seen in the last two and four years-but it continues to be positive growth in Texas and really the oil and gas industry was kind of the cream on the pie more or less, to really help us in the last couple of years.""

Anna: Right now industry leaders and state lawmakers are looking to Washington to help revive the Texas oil industry by lifting the ban on exporting oil to other nations. Earlier this month the House of Representatives voted in favor of the repeal, but even if the bill passes in the Senate, there still is a chance that it won't pass. President Obama has openly said he doesn't support it and has threatened to veto a repeal. In Austin, I'm Anna Wiernicki, back to you."

Program Title: KSAN News at 5
Time: 5:00-5:30 pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 11/06/15
Duration of Segment: 1:55

"The United States Border Patrol will hire one thousand agents within the next year. While the agency gives equal opportunity to men and women, only five percent of the agents nationwide are females.

Adriana Candelaria has our report from the border in South Texas.

Dressed in her green uniform and with a touch of mascara, Agent Adriana Palacios forms part of the U.S. Border Patrol in the Rio Grande Valley.

Adriana Palacios: ""Any opportunity that a male agent has, a female agent has well.""

Agent Palacios says she completed the same requirements as a male agent to earn the badge, something she's able to attest to when she recruits possible candidates.

Adriana Palacios: ""You're going to have to do push-ups and sit-ups. You have to do 220 dash. You have to do firearms.""

But when it comes to representing women, Agent Palacios forms a part of the five percent female agents in the Valley. She's also part of the 5 percent female agents nationwide and in her mobile response team where she's a manager.

Adriana Palacios: ""There's only three females on there.""

The scarcity of seeing women in green can be changed once the Federal Agency is finished hiring one thousand applicants by the end of next September. Public Affairs Officer Omar Zamora says diversity is always welcome.

Omar Zamora: ""More female agents or even just more ethnic diversity, it brings exactly that. It brings diversity to the work force, and that can only strengthen who we are and what we believe in.""

The thousand agents Border Patrol is looking to hire are to replenish the personnel they've lost throughout years since a Congressional Mandate requires them to have 21 thousand 370 agents. Because the agency will replenish and not add employees, Agent Zamora says the funding is already in place."

Program Title: KSAN News at 10
Time: 10:00-10:30 pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 11/12/15
Duration of Segment: 1:54

"Veterans Day may be over but the local and state community are still finding ways to support and thank American military members.

Elizabeth Olveda has more

American military veterans were invited out to Texas Workforce Commission hiring fairs all throughout the state."

Mike Buck/Executive Director Workforce Development Board: ""The job fair here is primarily focused to help support vets and their spouses in the area but it's open to anyone.""

Workforce Solutions of the Concho Valley and their partners hosted their 4th annual hiring fair right here in San Angelo at the McNease Convention Center.

The focus of the fair was primarily to help match veterans with employers and job opportunities as they return home from their time in the service.

Tony Ramirez/Texas Veterans Commission: ""To make their return a lot more comfortable, more accommodating, and to really let them know how much we appreciate their service.""

""For some of us that have been in the military for a little while, maybe 20 years or more, we need a lot of help, some folks that have been in the service for four or five years or maybe less, they may have an idea what the civilian market is all about but they could still use some help when it comes to looking for work in the civilian world.""

There were 47 companies present at Thursday's event....including employers from the oil fields....trucking companies, police departments and everything in between.

This event is always held annually right around Veterans Day and both employers and job seekers alike can agree that this is an important step in taking care of our veterans.

Chris Buck/Job Seeker: ""It's a wonderful idea what they're doing, veterans have done so much putting their lives on the line everyday so that we can work our jobs and don't have to leave our families, our friends, etc. when they come back overseas from serving, they need opportunities they need a place to go, unfortunately there's millions of veterans that are homeless, unemployed, living on the streets and I think that's a shame after everything they've done for us, we should be able to give back to them.""

Program Title: KSAN News at 6

Date: 11/25/15

Time: 6:00-6:30 pm

Duration of Segment: 1:36

Detailed Description:

"For the past year Texas has seen a growth in the workforce adding about 20 thousand seasonal jobs just last month.

News Connection's Daija Barrett reports with a closer look at San Angelo's job growth.

Daija Barrett: Texas workforce continues to grow and San Angelo is growing right along with it.

Mike Buck: ""The job growth in the San Angelo area has been very strong for the past several years, even with and without the oil and gas market impact.""

Barrett: Mike Buck, the Executive Director of the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board says the number of job postings in the Concho Valley have increased which are positive signs of growth.

Buck: ""If you kind of look year to year, we've continued to see a good slow growth of job postings which is another good sign of a growing economy.""

Barrett: According to the Texas Workforce Commission, almost 16 thousand private sector jobs were added in October and Mike Buck says that's normal.

Buck: ""It's typical this time of year to see an increase in retail, just because they're getting ready for the big Christmas season.""

Tod Herring: ""We've added about 30 percent additional staff for this holiday season over last year's holiday season, so we're really anticipating for this to be a really strong season for us.""

Barrett: Buck says San Angelo's diverse economy creates a strong economic base.

Buck: ""We have a low unemployment rate of 4.2 percent, which has been running strong, the only thing that is changing is our civilian labor force, that is a slow growth, which is a good sign.""
Barrett: According to TWC, Texas has gained over 200,000 jobs in the past year. For your News Connection, I'm Daija Barrett."

Public Service Announcements: In addition to the above programming KSAN broadcast public service announcements related to the following issues:

- Environment – Arbor Day Foundation, Solar Energy Industries
- Children – Discovering Nature, Childhood obesity prevention, Paul Newman camps
- Health – American Diabetes Association, American Cancer Society, Non-Smoking, Drug Free America
- Employment – EEO Notice
- Consumer Safety – Drunk Driving, Texting, Emergency preparedness

These public service announcements were broadcast at various times throughout the day.