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## City Council discusses Sgt. David M. Furrh Memorial Highway

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Shiner City Council met Monday evening and discussed and approved a resolution for the Sgt. David M. Furrh Memorial Highway.

"I've been in contact with Senator Kolkhorst over all this and we are now trying to get more local support," said Michael Furrh, son of the late David Furrh. "There will be signage at the city limits of Shiner and also at the city limits of Moulton," said Furrh. "That's the road he traveled all the time and that's the road we're targeting."

Council discussed the advertisement for a Public Works Supervisor. Current Public Works Supervisor Emil Sembera is set to retire on April 30, 2016. Council approved the advertisement for the position and it was stated that

they would like to see the position filled by February 1, 2016.

City Secretary Paulette Osburn also announced that she would be retiring as of December 31, 2015.

Council approved a request by Shiner Little League to use \$10,000 of the hotel/motel occupancy tax funds for improvements to the ball fields at Green-Dickson Park.

Council discussed and approved the relocation of the soccer fields at Green-Dickson Park from the current location to what was previously the Bocktoberfest area.

"We have a nice area there and I think moving the soccer fields will help solve other issues we're having," said Mayor Fred Hilscher.

Mayor Hilscher

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## Texas observes Municipal Courts Week Nov. 2-6



Shown above is City of Shiner Municipal Court Judge Robert Penley, Sr. (Photo by Brandi Irvin)

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November 2 through 6 is Municipal Courts Week (MCW) and is celebrated in communities throughout Texas in appreciation of judges, clerks, court administrators, prosecutors, juvenile case managers, bailiffs, and warrant officers that comprise the Texas Municipal Courts.

Municipal Courts Week is not only the time to recognize how much municipal courts do, but also a time to share with the public the important role that municipal courts play in the criminal justice system and making Texas a safer place.

"What we need to do here in Shiner is to educate people about what a municipal court does," said City of Shiner Municipal Court Judge Robert Penley, Sr.

In Texas municipal courts handle about eight million cases per year. Most people's initial contact with the courts system begins with the municipal

court.

Municipal courts handle traffic cases, Class C misdemeanor criminal infractions, and may issue arrest warrants for any level of activity from misdemeanors to felonies. The court also holds jury trials as needed with a six-person jury and City Prosecutor Gary Schroeder representing the State of Texas.

So far this year Shiner Municipal Court has seen about 70 traffic cases and about 20 criminal cases.

When a ticket is unpaid it can result in additional fines, an arrest warrant, and sometimes the loss of a driver's license. The range of punishment varies and can be monetary, jail time, or in some cases a required driver's safety course.

"A block can be put on a person's license and they won't be able to get it renewed until they take care of their court cases," said Penley.

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## STATE CHAMPS



For the third year in a row, the St. Paul Lady Cards team won state at the TAPPS 2A State Cross Country Meet. The meet was held on Saturday in Waco. Pictured are, left to right, Head Coach Dana Beal, Caroline Spaeth, Mackenzie Parker, Delynn Pesek, Ashley Wachsmuth, Emma Morgan, Elyssa Wagner, Bailey Blair, Natalie Jackson, Kayla Kubenka, Trinity Garza, Hope Kapavik, Riley Johnson, and Assistant Coach Kerry Morgan.



The St. Paul Cardinals boys team took state in Waco Saturday at the TAPPS 2A State Cross Country Meet. Pictured are, left to right, Head Coach Dana Beal-Sestak, Andrew Wagner, Walker Jackson, Marco Ynclan, Jacob Darilek, Cole Brown, Nathan Wagner and Lane Jackson.

## Shiner High hosts Veterans Day Program

Shiner High School Student Council is honored to host the Veterans Day Program on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 2:45 p.m. in the Shiner High School Gymnasium.

The guest speaker for this year's program is Mr. Claudio Elias. He was born in Anapolis, Brazil, but was raised in Marlborough, Massachusetts since the age of six. When he was 21 years old, he enlisted into the United States Army as a Combat Medic. He served four years, ending his term of service with the rank of Sergeant. He was a part of the 1st Cavalry Division, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment at Ft. Hood, TX.

During that time, he deployed to Iraq for fifteen months, where he also received a Purple Heart medal along with the Combat Medical badge. The

Combat Medical Badge is awarded to those who are assigned or attached to a ground Combat Arms unit, which provides medical support during any period in which the unit was engaged in active ground combat.

Claudio is married to Carli Kaspar and they have a four-year-old son, Arthur, and are expecting another in December. Claudio and his family have lived in Shiner since June 2012. He is currently working for Kaspar Companies as an Information Technology Specialist and a Police Officer with the Shiner Police Department since July 2012.

The Shiner High School Student Council wishes to extend an invitation to all Veterans as well as the community of Shiner to join them in honoring our Veterans.

## Four sentenced in 25th and 2nd 25th Judicial District Court for Lavaca County

The following individuals were sentenced in the 25th and 2nd 25th Judicial District Court for Lavaca County for the month of October, 2015.

Under deferred adjudication probation, the charge will be dismissed if the defendant successfully completes the probation.

However, the defendant could receive the maximum sentence if the probation is revoked.

• Charles Louis Evans, 37, of

Shiner, to 8 years TDCJ, after pleading guilty with Indecency With A Child.

• Tony John Fitzsimmons, 54, of Gonzales, to 2 years Deferred Adjudication, 160 hours of Community Supervision, \$500 fine, \$147 in restitution and 20 days in jail after pleading guilty to Injury To Elderly Causes Serious Bodily Injury.

• Lauren Ashley Wilson, 25, of Hallettsville, to 3 years Deferred

Adjudication, 160 hours of Community Supervision, \$500 fine, \$180 in restitution after pleading guilty to Possession Of Controlled Substance.

• Juan Carlos Bosques Jr., 18, of Yoakum, to 2 years in State Jail Division, probated for 5 years, 160 hours of Community Supervision, \$500 fine, plus restitution after pleading guilty to Theft of Property and Unauthorized Use Of Motor Vehicle.

## Annual Shiner Beer Run set for Saturday, November 21

The 2015 Shiner Beer Run is taking place on November 21, 2015. The event starts at 8:30 a.m. and will have a half-marathon as well as a 5k with combined participation of 2,100 runners.

There will be minor traffic delays along the course between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., but

volunteers will do their best to help drivers get through.

Anyone interested in volunteering can go to the website and click the volunteer link on the front of the page: [www.shinerbeerrun.com](http://www.shinerbeerrun.com).

Additionally, the course may be viewed on the website, as well as aid station locations

and course information so everyone can see where the run will take place.

Shiner Beer Run is thankful for the citizens of Shiner and everything they do to allow this run to happen. The run once again will benefit The Boot Campaign, a 501c3 non-profit that supports

active military, raising awareness of the challenges they face upon return and supporting their transition home.

Anyone with questions or concerns may e-mail [shinerbeerrun@gmail.com](mailto:shinerbeerrun@gmail.com) or call Jon Hill at 512-771-4609.

