

Guest Speaker Last Meeting

Lt. Johnny Bures & Sgt. Adrian Briseno, DPS Spokesmen, History & Updates from Dept. of Public Safety.
Lt. Bures told us that:

1823 – Stephen F. Austin, the 'Father of Texas' formed the Texas Rangers, 10 men, to act as 'rangers' to protect 600-700 newly settled families who arrived in Mexican Texas following the Mexican War of Independence.

1927 – State Hwy Dept. formed
1929 – State Hwy Patrol formed

1935 – TX Rangers/State Fire Marshals merged w/State Hwy Patrol.

2011 – Started 'Human Trafficking' program; TX is 1st state in the nation to make sex buying a felony. Since then 600+ kids were saved from abduction!

2016 – 30,000+ people trained for human trafficking since this date.

2019 – TX creates the Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council to eradicate human trafficking.

Sgt. Briseno said victims of DWI crashes are now eligible for monetary help. Biggest changes have been technological. Body cams, in-car cameras, tasers w/10 shots, 30 boats, from gun boats to shallow skiffs. Dive teams for evidence & body recoveries. Canine Patrols for narcotic detecting/trafficking (no 'bite' (attack) dogs! Aircraft Division with fixed wing, helicopters/drones! New Bronco/Humvee patrol vehicles with 'ballistic' glass and door panels. Special Response Teams now under TX Rangers, for civil disturbances. DPS does not enforce any immigration laws.

May 1, 2025

Our May Birthdays!

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Flag Workday Sat. May 10th

Our **Annual Work Day** is 10-Noon at the **Caprock Home Health Office** at 8806 University Ave. Both flag trailers. We'll replace worn-out flags, re-attach flags, replace red tape on poles. We need at least 8 volunteers to get everything done in 2 hours. Pizza/soda lunch provided – free! **Bring your drills/bits.**

Route Cpt.'s 'New Year' Routine!

All PVC pipes must be visually checked for each route. After 6 mos., they may be filled with dirt/stones, covered up, missing even! Are they still marked with red dots? HEB just 30 flags: 15 each side! Need PVC pipes? Clean-out augers?

Routes for 2025

Route 1: CPT: **Cindy Ham-Trk.**, 2. **Tim Upp**; 3. **Mary Wallace**; Alternate: _____?

Route 2: CPT: **Tom Andrews**, 2. **Steve Jones-Trk.** 3. **David Cook**, 4. ____? ____ **Trk.** Altr.: **Cheryl Jones.**

Route 3: CPT: **Wayne Kohout**, 2. **Roger Mahan-Trk.**; 3. **Lequice Kohout**; Altr.: **Paige Kohout, Roger Bowers**

Route 4: CPT: **James Dugger**, 2. **David Medrano**; 3. **John Gast**, Altr. **Volunteers from Vitalant?**

Route 5: CPT: **Debbie Conn**, 2. **Ashley Torrez & Father-Trk.**; Alter.: _____

Route 6: CPT: **Mike Bennett**, Trk. 2. **Mary Hernandez**, 3. **Kaytie Hoggard**, Altr. _____

Junior Leage and Volunteer Center of Lubbock volunteers are available.

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Bits & Pieces

Are you ever on 'Cloud Nine'?

So... what inspired the idiom "**on cloud nine**"? Well, there are some similar mid-20th-century idiomatic examples combining clouds with numbers. One of the earliest instances appears in Albin Pollock's 1935 slang dictionary *The Underworld Speaks*, which reads, "Cloud eight, befuddled on account of drinking too much liquor."

By 1960, "cloud seven" implied happiness — the Online Etymology Dictionary suggests a potential connection to the idyllic "seventh heaven." A reference appeared in *The Dictionary of American Slang*: "Cloud seven — completely happy, perfectly satisfied; in a euphoric state."

While many types of clouds evoke a dreamlike, euphoric state, "**cloud nine**" eventually became more popular than "cloud seven" and "cloud eight," and we might find the answer as to why in pop music. "**Cloud Nine**" was a popular 1968 *Temptations* song, earning Motown Records its first Grammy. Almost 20 years later, in 1987, former Beatle George Harrison released an album titled **Cloud Nine**. It's fair to assume people are more likely to remember these musical references than they were to read any mid-20th-century slang dictionary, which may help explain '**cloud nine's**' enduring popularity!

Million-dollar idea! A smoke detector that shuts off when you yell "I'm just cooking!"

Heard on phone: If you understand English, **press 1**; if you don't understand English, **press 2**.

TODAY

Thur. May 1st – Ron Roberts, Chief Meteorologist for KAMC28 Weather Lab, Weather & Life Experiences

ALSO... COMING SOON!

Thur. May 8th – Cosmo Ojeda II, Lubbock Regional Dir., BBB/NMTX. Popular and Common Scams

Thur. May 15th – Shelby Havens, Asst Dir. Of Development, Davis Col. Ag. Sci. & Nat. Res., Scholarship program