



THE HORIZON

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Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Rotary Club, CAA partner to award center participants oscillating fans



Seated from left Maria de Jesus Hernandez, Rosa Ortiz, and Lupita Vicharelli. Standing from left are Eddie Zavala, Cecy Bernal, Belen Cantu, Toni Gaona, Liza De Leon, Liz Hinojosa, Teresita Rodriguez, Olga Juarez, Matias Estevis, Linda Alonso, Celia Hernandez, Victor Gonzalez, Pascual Solis, Cecilia Estevis, Jose Chapa, Maria Ramirez, Rudy Rodriguez, Commissioner Jerry Garza and Arnulfo Camacho.

Fernando A. Salinas Community Center participants recently received 15 oscillating fans courtesy of the Laredo Gateway Rotary Club.

The fans were donated in partnership with the Rotary Club

and Webb County's Community Action Agency. In total, 20 families received the fans.

With these scorching temperatures, the fans were received with open arms.

"It is through these types of

partnerships that we are able to do more for all those who visit the center," said Commissioner Jerry Garza. "I am very grateful to the Rotary Club for donating the fans and to CAA for thinking about our center."



Photo left: Center participant Maria Ramirez models a Mexican dress with a charro hat during the recently-held 16 de Septiembre celebration at the Laredo Civic Center. Strumming the guitar, Ramirez was a favorite at the event. **Photo right:** Center employee Rosie Sepulveda, left, distributes a bag full to tomatoes to Dora Aide Martinez. The tomatoes were donated to the center and in turn given out to 170 area families.



South Texas Food Bank continues assisting the less fortunate



Jorge Sosa, right, an employee at the South Texas Food Bank, assists Rosendo Vargas unload his bag of groceries that he receives every month at the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center.

Distributed every third Tuesday of the month, approximately 100 neighborhood families receive the bag full of non-perishable items.

Items include rice, beans, cereals, pasta, fruit, canned vegetables, and canned meat and chicken.

These donations are part of the food bank's mission to continue helping feed the elderly and those who need the most help.

Remembering Maria de Jesus Hernandez
The Fernando A. Salinas Community Center lost one of its most beloved participants recently. Maria de Jesus Hernandez, or 'Chita,' as she was affectionately known, passed away on Saturday, September 24. At 93 years old, Chita, who was one of the five founding members of the Community Center, enjoyed playing loteria and doing aerobics.



WANTED: Students for After School Program

Do you know someone who attends Don Jose Gallego or Sanchez-Ochoa Elementary Schools? If so, they are wanted . . . to participate in the first-ever after school program at the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center.

Participants must attend either school and be between the first and fifth grades. The program will

start Monday, October 3, and times will be from 2:45 to 4:30 p.m.

At the program, those attending will have time to do their homework, receive a daily snack and enjoy the camaraderie of others.

For more information, please call the center at 956-722-1458.

MEET . . .
Rocio Quiroga: She is the Center Coordinator at the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center. Rocio has been employed with Webb County for 2 1/2 years. In her spare time, Rocio likes to cook, bake, and travel. An animal lover, Rocio's favorite breed of dogs is the Rottweiler.



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