



THE HORIZON

A Publication of the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center

October 2011

Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner, Precinct 3

St. Mary's Law School Students visit Fernando A. Salinas Community Center; assist area residents with legal issues



Sister Suzanne Skidmore, professor at the law school, front row second from left, poses with the students.

Seven students from the St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio visited the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center in mid October to offer advice to area residents on a wide array of issues.

The legal clinic, which was free of charge for those seeking assistance, is part of the law school's outreach efforts.

Legal issues on which advice was offered included Social Security, I.R.S. – Taxes, Identity Theft, Debt Collection, and Consumer issues.

“For most of those who sought help, this is probably the only opportunity they will have to discuss any legal issues free of charge,” said Commissioner Jerry Garza. “I thank the law school students for taking time off their busy schedule and meeting with our Webb County residents.”

Pretty in Pink: Walking for a Cause

Commissioner Jerry Garza and his entire Precinct 3 staff continue their quest to be involved in as many community service projects as possible. Recently, they participated in the 9th Annual Pink-To-Do Cancer Awareness Walk at Laredo Community College South.

Staff members dedicated the morning to those who have died to the illness and to those who are currently afflicted with the illness.

Employees from left are Eddie Zavala, Norma Gaona, Rocio Quiroga, Commissioner Garza, Elizabeth Rodriguez, and Rosie Sepulveda.



Commissioner Garza presents \$5,000 to local veterans' organization

Webb County Commissioner Jerry Garza presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 recently to Volunteers Serving the Need. The organization, which started operations in July 2009, helps area veterans and surviving spouses with groceries and non-perishable goods.

The much needed donation will assist the organization with the daily operational costs.

Volunteers Serving the Need serves over 400 families on a monthly basis. Initially, it started serving only close to 50 clients per month.



On hand at the check presentation, from left, were Gabriel Lopez, Vicky Garcia, Commissioner Jerry Garza, Gigi Ramos, Esperanza Saucedo, Maria Castillo, Pastor Tanya Soto, and Commissioner Jaime Canales.

“The services that they provide our area veterans is much needed during these hard economic times,” said Garza. “We hope that this donation will help them in their everyday operations so that they can continue to provide help for those who have proudly served our country.”



Elderly participants at the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center recently took a break from their daily activities to participate in a nutrition presentation on how best to eat healthy.

During the presentation, Cynthia Saldaña, photo left, standing, of the Texas A&M System AgriLife Extension office, reviewed with the participants the differences between colored fruits and vegetables, and discussed the health benefit of each.

Saldana also went over several recipes using the fruits and vegetables that were discussed during the session.

MEET . . .

Jorge Rodriguez: He is a participant at the Salinas Community Center Kids' After School Program and is in 2nd grade at Don Jose Gallego Elementary School. Jorge likes to play football and basketball, and also likes to read comics.



*Fernando A. Salinas Community Center
Located at the
City of Laredo Health Department,
2600 Cedar Street, rear.
Hours of Operation: Monday—Friday,
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Telephone: 956-722-1458 or
956-722-1125
Fax: 956-729-7203*