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It's Freedom Fiesta time!

June 2009

Freedom Fiesta is gonna rock Central Park for the 42nd year on July 3 and 4!

Two nights of live music, in addition to a large carnival, food booths and some fun new daytime activities on Saturday are sure to please every member of the family.

On Friday night, the gates open at 5 p.m. and admission is free until 7 p.m. Logan Tucker - a crowd favorite - will open the show and will be followed by headliner Roger Creager. Tickets are only \$10 and may be purchased at the chamber or online.

Saturday's fun starts with the Fourth of July parade and doesn't end until the next morning! Stick around after the parade and participate in one of our competitions - arm wrestling, washer pitching, jalapeno eating

or pizza eating! Entry forms and information is available online and will be at the event Saturday, too.

Admission is free until 7 p.m. when tickets will be \$20 (they are \$15 in advance). Logan Tucker will return, and we'll dance to Highspeed Hayride, followed by the always-popular Cross Canadian Ragweed.

Grab a pal, some cool clothes and join us at Central Park in downtown Seguin! Meanwhile, visit www.freedomfiesta.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

Happy Independence Day!



Business

After Hours

Thursday, June 25
5 to 7 p.m.

American Bank of Texas
200 N. Austin St.

Membership Drawing - \$350 plus \$100
from Starcke Furniture Co.

Thank you Sponsors for your early commitment



Guadalupe Regional
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Longoria's Concrete (Washer-Pitching Tournament)
Nash Family Catering
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Advanced Home Health Services (Jalapeno-Eating Contest)
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More sponsorship opportunities available - call the Chamber at 379-6382 for more info or visit www.freedomfiesta.com

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Discover the fun in your own backyard!
It's Freedom Fiesta time!

Summer is officially here and the kids are out of school for summer break! Thinking about your summer plans? Make sure they include a stop by Freedom Fiesta in downtown Seguin on July 3rd and 4th. This year's event will be one of the best events you've seen! We will have a full carnival this year, so make sure to bring the kids to ride some rides. There will be plenty of food, music, and entertainment for everyone. The event is free to everyone who is in the gate by 7 p.m. each night

The 3rd annual Washer Pitching tournament (sponsored by Longoria's Concrete) will be held on Saturday after the Biggest Small Town Fourth of July Parade. There are a limited number of team spots available, so please make sure you register ahead of time to be included. There are some great prizes for the winners that include a set of washer boards! So all you washer players come join us on Saturday!

A new addition this year is the FIRST EVER Freedom Fiesta Arm Wrestling tournament. There will be divisions for amateurs (which would be me!) as well as professional arm wrestlers that will be here to compete against



Shawn Martinez,
Chair

each other. If you are interested in signing up, please contact the Chamber.

Also back this year - the Jalapeno-Eating Competition (sponsored by Advanced Home Health Services) and new - a Pizza-Eating Challenge (sponsored by Papa Murphy's Take n Bake Pizza!)

And if that isn't enough to get you excited about Freedom Fiesta, then maybe our lineup for this year will get you going. Friday night will be headliner, Roger Creager. Roger has had two number-one singles on the Texas Music Charts from his newest album that was released last summer. Saturday night will feature headliner Cross Canadian Ragweed. For those of you who didn't attend Freedom Fiesta in 2005, this will be your chance to come here this band perform. Cross Canadian's most recent album debuted at #6 on the Billboard's Top Country Albums.

The Logan Tucker Band and Highspeed Hayride will round out the musical entertainment. This is sure to be a great show! Don't forget to buy your tickets ahead of time at the chamber or online at www.freedomfiesta.com.

Have a great June! See you all around downtown on July 3 & 4!

Convention & Visitors Bureau

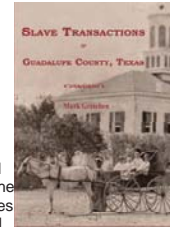


Meetings
Texas Association of Hospital Volunteers District Conference

The Guadalupe Regional Medical Center Auxiliary is gearing up to host the Texas Association of Hospital Volunteers District Conference this October. In preparation for the conference, the group is assembling delegate welcome bags and would like to offer local business an opportunity to donate items for these bags. Appropriate items include notepads, pencils, cups, koozies, product samples, coupons, etc. An estimated 125 dedicated volunteers will be in attendance. For further information or to make a contribution, contact the GRMC Volunteer Coordinator's office at (830) 401-7620.

History
Slave Transactions of Guadalupe County, Texas

The sale, mortgage and conveyance of slaves through the probate process were all elements of a robust slave trade that existed in the settled areas of early Texas. These and other slave transactions that occurred in our local area are fully described in a newly published book called *Slave Transactions of Guadalupe County, Texas*. Compiled by Seguin resident Mark Gretchen, the book includes over 1,500 slave names (many with physical descriptions and appraised values) and about 600 slave owners.



Those involved in the slave trade included prominent early settlers, such as Jose Antonio Navarro, Claiborne West, Ben McCulloch, William P. Hardeman, Manuel Flores, Joseph Polley and William Tom. Most of the information presented in the book came from early deed, probate and district court records that are maintained by the County. The book will be available at the Chamber of Commerce office, the Seguin Heritage Museum gift shop and at Gift and Gourmet. The Seguin Public Library will host a book signing on June 11 at 6:30 PM.

Sports
Court Tyme Basketball/Mid American Youth Basketball - Seguin and San Marcos Juneteenth Extravaganza - June 19-21, 2009

The Juneteenth Extravaganza has become one of the most exciting basketball tournaments of the summer season. In 2008 150 teams played in this tournament and this year we expect 175 teams to play.

There will be plenty of basketball, great customer service and concession stands for everyone's appetite. Register today so your team is apart of this great event.

Games will be played at Seguin middle schools and Seguin High School gyms including Goldie Harris, Tom Crump, and West gyms. Teams will also be using courts at Navarro High

School, and Goodnight and Miller Middle Schools in San Marcos. Local hosting is provided by the Seguin Hoops organization.

Fields at Huber Ranch Girl's Fastpitch Softball
June 6 & 7 - 8th Annual Shockwave Classic
June 12 & 14 - USFA 12u A&B State Tournament
June 20 & 21 - Huber Ranch Summer Sizzler
June 27 & 28 - 8th Annual Powerhouse Classic

Seguin Wheels Around the Square Car Show June 13

Registration 8 a.m. to Noon
Voting 12 to 1 p.m. ~ Awards at 2 p.m.
For more information call the Seguin Activity Center at 830-379-7842.

The Arts
2009 Central Park Concert Series

The Central Park Concert Series will be held the first four Sunday evenings in June from 7-8:30 p.m. Each concert features a different style of music. Dates for the concerts are:

Sunday, June 7 - Nash Hernandez Orchestra
Sunday, June 14 - Two Way Street & Dotsy Dwyer
Sunday, June 21 - Big Daddy Dean
Sunday, June 28 - The Harley's

The Concerts are free and open to the public. Patrons should bring a lawn chair, blanket, family and friends and enjoy a pleasant evening in historic downtown Seguin. Boy Scout Troop 107 will be selling cold beverages, hot dogs and hamburgers.

Seguin Art Center presents NUNSENSE by Dan Goggin

The Little Sisters of Hoboken are bringing their variety show to the Palace Theater! Apparently in dire need of funds to cover some sudden, unanticipated expenses, the sisters have asked the Seguin Art Center and the Palace Theater to assist them in putting on a variety show. Although we have been told by several other theater venues that the sisters put on a "most unusual performance," we felt we just had to help them.

We have been told by the sisters that they will be "pulling out all the stops" for their shows here, including bringing some special guest acts in for exclusive performances! We are expecting to receive more information from the sisters about their show very soon.

Pre-sale tickets will still be available in town at: Gift and Gourmet, 751 N. Austin Street. For on-line ticket purchases visit the Seguin Art Center website at www.seguinartcenter.com.

Kudos Corner

Congratulations to the owners and staff of the Seguin Hampton Inn on receiving the esteemed Wall of Fame Award for the First Quarter of 2009! This award is presented to Hampton's top 15 percent of hotels in the nation based on total quality service. Their leadership and drive to succeed is clearly reflected in their scores!

Call Report & Referrals

78155 Almetts Club
 Alamo Country Inn & Suites
 Altwein Realty Inc.
 American Realty Associates- 2
 American Realty Associates- Milton
 Watson - 2
 Amy's & Cathy's Take-Out - 3
 Apartment Listings
 Best Value Inn
 Better Business Bureau - 2
 Jim Blair, Jim - Century 21 United D & D
 Real Estate - 2
 Brackettville Chamber
 Car Show
 Carquest Auto Parts
 Cascades Gift Shop
 Caterpillar
 Cenleration Central
 Century 21 - United - Action - 2
 Century 21 Real Estate offices
 Century 21 United D & D - 2
 Charmaines
 Chiro Java Espresso Bar & Internet Café - 2
 Christian Cubboard - 2
 Clear Springs Catfish Restaurant
 CMC Metal Recycling
 Coliseum
 Comfort Inn & Suites
 Community Council of South Central
 Texas
 Court House
 Renee Cutcher - Mickey Ferrell Realtors - 2
 D & A RV Resort
 Dale Dyess Realtors - 2
 Demographic info
 Early Bird Townhomes
 El Fiesta Ballroom
 Gloria Elder - Karen McMillan Realtors - 2
 Embassy Suites San Marcos Hotel, Spa
 & Conference Center
 Sue Ann Engbrock - Karen McMillan
 Realtors - 2
 ExploreUSA RV Supercenter
 Frank's Trim Shop
 R.H. Garcia - Century 21 United D & D
 Real Estate - 2
 Gift & Gourmet
 Golf Club of Seguin
 Green Gate
 Greyhound Bus Station
 Guadalupe Regional Medical Center
 GVTC
 Hacienda Oaks
 Sabrina Haecker - Mickey Ferrell Realtors-2
 Hampton Inn
 Fanny Harkins - Mickey Ferrell Realtors - 2
 Ron Heinemeyer - Century 21 United
 D & D Real Estate - 2

Heritage Museum - 2
 Eve Hiner - Mickey Ferrell Realtors - 2
 Hispanic Chamber - 2
 Holiday Inn Express
 Home Depot
 Hotels
 Houston CVB
 I.E.S.I. 2
 Icon Group
 Info on Manufacturers
 KAREN MCMILLAN REALTORS - 2
 Keepers Interiors
 Kirby's Korner Restaurant
 Knights of Columbus
 La Quinta Inn & Suites
 Lake McQueeney Estates - 2
 Law Offices of Patricia K. Irvine, P.C.
 Library
 Limousine Service - 2
 LULAC Council - 2
 Main Street Office
 Medical Computing Solutions
 Mickey Ferrell Realtors, Inc.
 Middletowne Apartments
 Moore House Luncheon
 New Braunfels Chamber
 Pape's Pecan House
 Vicki Pattillo
 Ashley Peters - American Realty Associates - 2
 Police Department
 Jimmy R. Price - American Realty
 Associates - 2
 Producer's Cooperative
 Quality Inn - 2
 Robert Raetzsch
 RAPPS
 REMAX - Hill Country Seguin - 2
 River Shade RV Park
 Janie Sanchez - Century 21 United D & D
 Real Estate - 2
 Saengerhalle

Plan Ahead

July 3 & 4
 Freedom Fiesta

July 18-24
 Seguin Youth Leadership
 Academy

August
 Deadline for application to
 Leadership Seguin

Here's a tally of the telephone calls and walk-in traffic at the Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce and Seguin Convention & Visitors Bureau in April

Schraub Law Firm
 Randy Schriewer - Century 21 United D
 & D Real Estate - 2
 Sears
 Seguin Auto Parts
 Seguin Beauty School
 Seguin Collection Dump
 Seguin Economic Development - 23
 Seguin Fabricators
 Seguin Gazette-Enterprise
 Seguin Housing Authority
 Seguin Manor Apartments
 Seguin Outdoor Learning Center - 2
 Seguin Rotary Club Numbers
 Bill Seiler - Mickey Ferrell Realtors - 2
 Lake McQueeney Estates - 2
 Sheriff's Office
 Shoe Repair
 Silver Center
 Matt Skinner - REMAX- Hill Country Seguin - 2
 Social Security Office - 9
 Keith & Helene Stadtmueller - Mickey
 Ferrell Realtors- 2
 Starcke Park Golf
 Stockdale Chamber
 Stratton Oaks Apartments
 Successful Learning Center
 Super 8 Motel
 The First National Bank - 2
 The Grosse Group - Keller Williams
 Realty Heritage - 2

The Moshheim Mansion
 The Texas 1031 Exchange Company
 TLU Directions
 Tres Hewell Mortuary
 True Independence
 Viola's Flower Shop
 Jim Williams - Mickey Ferrell Realtors - 2
 Workforce Solutions Alamo
 You're So Crafty
 ZDT Amusement Center, Ltd
 Arnold Zwick

Information Distributed to Tourists
 Walk in - 43
 Maps- 188
 Phone Books - 29
 Visitor Packets - 12
 True Women Info - 4
 Central Texas Golf Fest- 18
 Noche De Gala- 6
 Cooking School - 28
 Little League
 Directories- 198
 Volleyball Roster - 13
 Trade Days- 5
 Bingo Info

Chamber Event Information Calls
 Golf Fest- 3
 General Membership Meeting - 7
 Freedom Fiesta- 2

Chamber Calendar

Tuesday, June 1
 Governmental Affairs Committee, 7
 a.m., LaQuinta

Wednesday, June 3
 General Membership Meeting &
 Luncheon, Silver Center, 11:30 a.m.
 - LEADERSHIP GRADUATION

Thursday, June 4
 Ribbon Cutting, Dream On (new
 location), 360 S. 123 Bypass, 11
 a.m.

Education Partnership Committee,
 Chamber, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, June 8
 Ambassadors, Chamber, noon

Tuesday, June 9
 Economic Development Committee,
 Chamber, 4 p.m.

Freedom Fiesta committee,

Chamber, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 11
 Freedom Fiesta Food Vendor
 Orientation, Chamber, 5:30 p.m.
 Seguin Youth Leadership Academy
 Orientation, TLU Dunne Conference
 Center, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 16
 SYLA committee meeting, GBRA,
 Noon

Wednesday, June 17
 Executive Committee, Chamber,
 7 a.m.

Monday, June 22
 Board of Directors Meeting,
 Chamber, noon

Tuesday, June 23
 Freedom Fiesta Committee,
 Chamber, 5:30 p.m.

Member contact updates

Please remember to let the Chamber staff know when you change your email address (and any other information about your business). Also, please make sure you are receiving a weekly Monday Morning Memo - if not, we have an old or incorrect address for you (or your email filter is blocking our new Constant Contact emails).
Send updates to cofc@seguinchamber.com.

New Keytags are in the mail!

Watch your mailbox for a letter containing your new Member 2 Member Savings keytag. If you need more keytags for your employees, please stop by the Chamber office to get more keytags. The listing of all businesses offering discounts is included in the *BusinessLine* every month. If you'd like to participate, just give us a call - 379-6382. And remember - Shop Chamber Members First!!!

Welcome New Members

Adecco
 Christina Garcia
 602 Creek Dr., New Braunfels, TX 78130
 830-627-2342 fax 830-627-2347
Employment Agencies

Grain Bin Cafe & Store
 Tammy Harborth
 121 Dennis Drive, Seguin, TX 78155
 830-379-2233
Restaurants/Clubs Gift Shops

Harold and Marianne Dougherty
 219 Las Brisas, Seguin, TX 78155
 830-549-5304
Individuals

Kentucky Fried Chicken
 Jim Myers
 1347 E. Court St., Seguin, TX 78155
 830-379-8880 fax 830-379-4908
Restaurants/Clubs

Membership Renewals

American Realty Associates- Milton Watson
 Big Aqua Ice, LLC
 Big Brother Big Sisters Alamo Area
 C. Elam Scull, III DDS Inc.
 Cascades Gift Shop
 Caterall
 Child Unlimited
 D & S Automotive
 Dream On
 Ferrellgas
 First Baptist Church & Academy
 Robert Freis, M.D.
 R.H. Garcia - Century 21 United D & D Real Estate
 Hawkins Personnel Group
 Robert Haynes
 H-E-B Food Store
 Ron Heinemeyer - Century 21 United D & D Real Estate
 Hexcel Corp.

Hisco, Inc.
 Hope Hospice
 Keiser Manufacturing Inc.
 Kirchner Erection Company
 Kolbe Flower Shop
 Lake Breeze Ski Lodge, Inc.
 Leadbetter's Dependable Cleaners
 Clarence Little, Jr.
 Living Waters Worship Center
 Max-E-Enterprises, Inc. DBA Wendy's
 MLK Day Committee
 Moreno Construction Company
 Overbrook Seguin, L.P
 Palm Harbor Village
 Pickett's Fine Art & Frame Shop
 Red Carpet Auto Sales Co.
 SAMCO Capital Markets
 Seguin Elks Lodge #1229

Member Mention

Wheels Around the Square 6 is June 12 & 13. The Poker Run is June 12 starting at 6:30 p.m. at Seguin Chevrolet, where you get directions and draw a card at each of 7 stops. Ending at Kirby's Korner, where you play your best poker hand. Trophies and winnings for 3 places. Entry is \$10 day of the run.

The Show is June 13th at Central Park with registration from 8 a.m. to Noon, voting from Noon to 1 p.m. and trophy presentation at 2 p.m. Open to all cars, trucks, scooters and motorcycles. There will be food, music and fun and games with the Boy Scouts setting up the race track for the kids to race toy cars. Free to the public. Entry is \$25 day of show. Call for any questions: 830-305-4570.

Amanda Gold, owner of **Suzi Hughson School of Dance**, is headed to Washington, D.C.! On June 30, Amanda and student Joel Cardenas will compete in the Dance Masters of America National Competition. Wish them luck!

LEADERSHIP SEGUIN
Applications available at
www.seguinleadership.org
|The 2009-2010
semester begins
in September!

Seguin Independent School District
 Sherwin Williams
 Sound Designs
 State Farm Insurance
 John Taylor
 Juanita Taylor
 Techni-Quip
 Texas State Optical
 The Leadbetter Group
 The Oak Tavern
 Tocquigny's Green Gate Center LP
 Tri-County Surveying, Inc.
 Kermit Westerholm
 G. Steven White, M.D.
 Dean Zincone, M.D.
 Arnold Zwick



Grain Bin Cafe & Store

Owners Darrell & Tammy Harborth and partner Robin Richter invite hungry shoppers to visit the new Grain Bin Cafe and Store in Geronimo at 121 Dennis Dr. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Grain Bin also offers live music most Friday nights. Three miles north of Navarro High School, Grain Bin Cafe features fresh meat for steaks, burgers, and more. The Store sells gift items such as jewelry, boutique blouses, baby gifts, candles, and Yellow Box shoes. The phone number is 379-2233.

US Chamber working toward small business capital health

Small business makes a distinctive and creative contribution to the American economy. For most Americans seeking economic independence, small business ownership offers the greatest opportunity. Small businesses produce a major share of business innovation. Their numbers make them the largest source of private employment and the most tangible local representation of the private enterprise system in America today. One barrier to entry into small business ownership is access to capital, especially long-term debt financing. The U.S. Chamber recognizes that ensuring the availability of financing to foster the growth and expansion of small businesses is in the best interest of the American economy.

The Chamber formed the Small Business Access to Capital Coalition in August 2002 to ensure that federal government-guaranteed lending programs that provide small businesses with access to capital, especially long-term capital, use the private sector to distribute funding adequately and cost-effectively to the small business community. The Chamber and the Coalition supported legislation in the 107th Congress to correct the federal government subsidy rate calculations that reduced the program funding level and overcharged for government-guaranteed loans to small businesses in FY 2003. In FY 2004, the Chamber again led legislative efforts that resulted in the lifting of restrictions on the government-guaranteed lending programs for small businesses.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce will continue to assess the adequacy of government programs that reduce the risk of private sector lending to small business. The Chamber will encourage passage of legislation to correct subsidy rate calculations and funding levels of existing programs for FY 2005 and FY 2006 to meet anticipated demand for these programs. The Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce is a member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. For more information on this topic and many others, please see the U.S. Chamber website at www.uschamber.com. Click on Small Businesses for tools and other information about starting and operating a small business.

Business news from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Building on the Past Preparing for the Future

Community supports Chamber's Capital Campaign
To date, donors are:

Super Star - \$15,000+



**The Donegan Family
Seguin Rotary Club
Republic Plastics**

Five-Star - \$10,000 - \$14,999

Seguin Chevrolet Inc.
Finish Line Construction Services, LLC

Four-Star - \$7,500 - \$9,999

All Occasions Catering
Wells Fargo Bank
Seguin Assisted Living
Anonymous
Schertz Bank & Trust
Alamo Group Inc.
Tyson Foods, Inc.
Sullivan Contracting Services
The Koehler Company
Guadalupe Blanco River Authority

Three-Star - \$4,500 - \$7,499

Design Associates
Goetz Funeral Home
The First National Bank of Beeville

Two-Star - \$3,000 - \$4,499

CVEIC
Kirby's Korner
Hexcel Corp.
Anonymous
State Farm Insurance, Mark Herbold
Carter's Tire Center, Inc.
ZDT Amusement Center, Ltd.
Shanafelt Auto Co. Inc.
Seguin Electric Company, Inc.
King Properties & King Ranger Theatre
Seguin Gazette-Enterprise
Keepers
David Baenziger, Harold Baenziger
Black Castle Construction, Ltd.
US Health Group
Phil Seidenberger
Membrane Filtration Products, Inc.
Stan McKenzie
Fabio's Inc. (Iba San Anthony Jewelry)
Margo Trost
Betty Ann Mathies
Seguin Fabricators, Ltd.
Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union
Alamo Title Company
Masters Electrical Company
James C. Lee, MD
Tri-County A/C and Heating, Inc.
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Robert C. Phillmann Jr., Attorney at Law
Hartman Insurance Agency, Inc.
Dr. Melanie Carreon
Seguin Animal Hospital
Andrade-Buck, Inc. (Sidway)
Seguin Ford Mercury
Broadway National Bank
Diamond Air
The Oak Tavern
Coffee Management
Dr. Dean Zincone
True Blue Entertainment LLC (Country Cabaret)
Ingram Readylink Inc.
Campbell Floors
Starcke Furniture Co.

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Dale Dyess Realtors, Ray Simecock DDS,
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John Hudson DDS, Phil Rinn,
Craig Rinn & Mary Ann Frisbie, Doris Rinn,
Hamilton Inn, Schroeder Beverages Inc.,
Johnny's Bar-B-Que, Sonic Drive-In No. 2,
Spring Hill Water Supply,
Kirchner Erection Co.,
Arnold Zwicke, Steve Koehler,
Orthodontic Specialists of Seguin

Ambassadors honored for service with good food and good fun

A warm, windy spring evening greeted the Ambassadors of the Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce as the Chamber staff and Board of Directors and the Seguin Convention & Visitors Bureau honored them for their years of service.

Ronnie and Kathy Pullin (Southern Tire Mart and Kathy Pullin.com) hosted the annual celebration where Ambassadors received service pins and lots of thanks.

The Mission Statement for the Ambassadors program says that they: As official greeters and hosts of our community by fostering and promoting goodwill between new and growing members, community organizations, and neighboring communities while enhancing membership and revenue of the Chamber. But they do a whole lot more.

"Volunteers are the essential life blood of our organization," said Chamber President Shanta Kuhl.

"One of the highlights of our chamber year is the opportunities we have as staff to officially thank our volunteers. The Volunteer Party and the Annual Banquet allow us to honor and recognize the time and talent our volunteers bring to the chamber. A volunteer hour is valued at more than \$17.00 so you can imagine the kind of dollars it would take to produce the work that volunteers so graciously give us.

Ambassadors and the year they were elected (front row, from left): Aya Cho,



2007, Liberty Tax Service; Polly Hay, 2000; Eddie B. Garcia, 1994; Helen Kolb, 1990; Brenda Nitsch, 2006; Fanny Harkins, 2002; Mickey Ferrell Realtors; Pat Grigg, 1998, American Bank of Texas; Pat Sagebiel, 1985. Ascot Custom Travel; (middle) Chris Cho, 2007, Liberty Tax Service; Charles Villeneuve, 1990, Charles Villeneuve Insurance; Michelle deLeon, 2008, Workforce Solutions Alamo; Glenda Medley, 2008, Hacienda Oaks Nursing & Rehabilitation; Diana Allen, 2006, American Bank of Texas; Margo Trost, 2006; Barbara Behal, 2007; Betty Diertert & Gene Diertert, 1996, Red Carpet Auto Sales; Kathy Seeger, 2000, Alamo Title Co.; Sandy Wille, 2004; Missy Sagebiel,

2003, Ascot Custom Travel; Helen Hamilton, 1999; Ron Heinemeyer, CentuThat's ry 21 United D&D Real Estate; and (back row) Frank Starcke, 1983, Starcke Furniture; Gerald Hartmann, 2003; and Stanley Naumann, 2004. Not pictured are: Sue Blumberg, 1998, Cottontail Creek Ranch Bed & Breakfast; Van Bui, 2004, Magic Shears; Jesse Roy Hart, 2007, Goetz Funeral Home; Mike Heckmann, 2002, All Occasions Catering; Kerry Koehler, 1999, Westerholm Koehler Insurance; Shawn Martinez, 2005, First Commercial Bank; Ron Naumann, 2009; Monty Trost, 2006, Bradzoil.

That's 269 years of service to the community! Thank you Ambassadors!



The First National Bank

Branch President Gene Meyers cuts the ribbon at the newest branch of The First National Bank, 125 S. Hwy 46 (corner of 46 and Court Street). The First National Bank is a full-service community bank offering a full line of financial products including deposit accounts, mortgage loans, commercial, ag and consumer loans. Lobby hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Drive-through hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Also pictured with Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors are FNB Director Alex Kibler, Branch Manager Dianne Rangnow, FNB President Lindsey Green, Meyers, FNB Executive Vice President Mike Marshall, and FNB Directors Brannon Brooke and Jeff Latcham, and FNB Advisory Director H.H. Laeschelin. For more information, call 303-1530 or fax 303-1531.