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Ribbon Cuttings and Groundbreaking Ceremonies



Mattress Firm — Chamber Red Coat Ambassadors helped the Mattress Firm Celebrate their grand opening in style with a ribbon cutting ceremony.



Knapp Surgical Center — The Red Coat Ambassadors were on hand to help the doctors of Knapp Surgical Center dig in for their ground breaking ceremony as they expand their center.



Better Business Bureau — The Better Business Bureau opened their new offices at 502 E. Expressway 83, Suite C. The Red Coat Ambassadors helped the local BBB Leadership cut the ribbon and celebrate the grand opening of their new location.



Jose's Cafecito — A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held to celebrate the reopening of a historic Weslaco restaurant in the Villa de Cortez. The Chamber Ambassadors helped the staff celebrate the grand opening.



Leadership Mid-Valley Mixer and Retreat held in October

Special to MVTC

Class VI Mid Valley Leadership students attended a mixer held in their honor sponsored by the Chamber Tuesday, October 12th, at the Weslaco Business Visitors Center. Jesse Colin, Leadership Committee Chair, recognized members of previous programs as they spoke to their experience in the class. The class also attended a retreat where they successfully completed team

building events, including a partial ropes course. The purpose of Leadership Mid Valley is to identify and motivate emerging leaders and develop their potential for community leadership by exposing them to the realities, opportunities and problems of the community. In keeping with its purpose, Leadership Mid Valley is to make a concerted effort to recruit and select a diversified membership that is representative of all segments of the Mid Valley area.

Welcome New Members

PIMIENTOS

Weslaco's newest restaurant is located in the downtown district. Pimientos is an International cuisine establishment specializing in pastas, soups and steaks. It is located at 401 S. Kansas in the former City National Bank Building. The beautiful stone pillars and interior design give a warm and welcoming global ambiance. They are open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 968-6786.

WESLACO INN

Weslaco's newest hotel is almost ready for occupancy. If you drive east down Business 83 past Pleasantview you will be surprised to see a beautiful jewel rising up in the vacant lot. The Spanish architecture bids welcome to travelers and visitors. This publication will have more information including phone numbers and opening date as available.

KNAPP SURGICAL CENTER

The Knapp Surgery Center is a joint venture between Knapp Medical Center and the following physicians: - **Ronald E. Blanco M.D.**, Obstetrics/Gynecology; **Alberto Cepeda M.D.**, Obstetrics/Gynecology; **William Gillum M.D.**, Ophthalmology; **Frank Glatz M.D.**, Otolaryngology; **Rodolfo Guerrero M.D.**, General Surgery; **Gregory Rowin M.D.**, Otolaryngology; **Michael Sander M.D.**, Orthopedics; **Stylianios Sideris M.D.**, Urology. The expansion will help them better serve their patients.

JOSE'S CAFECITO

Weslaco's historical restaurant has reopened under new ownership at the Villa de Cortez on the southwest corner of the building. Mexican and American cuisine is served with an old Mexican style service. They are open Monday through Saturday 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information call 968-5057.

MCALLEN TOWN BAND ASSOCIATION

The McAllen Symphonic Band is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to pro-

vide cultural entertainment while providing an outlet for musicians throughout the Rio Grande Valley who enjoy rehearsing and performing a variety of music. Their first concert at McAllen Civic Center is November 9th with the theme of "Allied in Victory". The Weslaco Visitors Center sells tickets for \$5 for all concerts. Ticket information may be obtained by calling 681-3355.

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FUENTE DE JUVENTUD ADULT DAY CARE

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Downtown business meeting held to discuss future



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WESLACO — The Economic Development Corporation of Weslaco with the support of the Chamber had a meeting with the downtown merchants at Jose's Cafecito to talk about the plans for the future of the downtown district.

They will continue to meet on a regular basis with the end goal being to have a vibrant attractive downtown shopping and dining area.

The meeting was attended by 18 interested folks who want to make the Weslaco Downtown District a destination for shoppers.

Med High recipient of NCLB Blue Ribbon Schools Award

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South Texas High School for Health Professions (Med High) in Mercedes has been awarded the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Blue Ribbon Schools Award given by the U.S. Department of Education. Out of 304 schools awarded nationwide Med High was one of just six other high schools in Texas and the only high school in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) to receive this award.



Chamber Celebrates 75th Anniversary with History Exhibit — Stop by the Weslaco Business Visitor Center to view a sample of Chamber history with exhibits that speak to Weslaco's business history by decade.