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It's Fiesta time -- Spring Ho style

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Residents are preparing for an onslaught of visitors when the 38th annual Spring Ho Festival kicks off Monday with some new events and lots of old favorites.

This year's version promises a week's worth of activities to keep everyone busy.

The festival runs July 6-12. Theme is "Fiesta at the Springs."

A breakdown of events scheduled each day follows.

MONDAY

Mariachi Unico will initiate Spring Ho festivities with a performance at 6:30 p.m., followed by opening ceremonies at 7:15 p.m. Both events take place at the Ruth Eakin Outdoor Theatre.

Those who attend will have a chance to meet Spring Ho Committee members and this year's parade grand marshal, George Herrmann. Events are free for those with a Spring Ho badge and \$3 for those without a badge.

The Spring Ho Beauty Pageant to crown Miss Spring Ho and Little Miss will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the W.M. Brook Park amphitheater. Admission is \$3 for those without a Spring Ho badge and free for those with a badge. Those who attend should bring a lawn chair.

Twelve local high school girls are vying for the Miss Spring Ho crown, while 31 young girls are participating in the Little Miss contest.

TUESDAY

At 7 p.m., the KCYL Hayloft Party/Colgate Country Showdown Talent Contest is scheduled at the Ruth Eakin Outdoor Theatre. Winners of the event find the Lampasas competition a stepping stone to the state contest.

Cost is \$3 for those with a badge and \$4 for those without a badge.

WEDNESDAY

The Kiddie Fishing Derby will provide fun for youths ages 5 through 12 from 8-10 a.m. at Sulphur Creek. Cane poles and bait will be provided. Youngsters will fish to earn prizes.

From 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., county residents may register for the Spring Ho County Fair at the First Texas Bank Community Room. Senior citizens may register early at 10 a.m. Judging will take place after registration.

At 7 p.m., Gospel Night will commence at W.M. Brook Park. The event features performances by area churches and musical groups.

At 9:15 p.m., the annual H-E-B-sponsored fireworks display will light up the skies over W.M. Brook Park. Hundreds of residents and visitors will watch the show, which is accompanied by themed music.

THURSDAY

County Fair exhibits will be open to the public from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and again Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Keystone Square Museum will be open from noon to 4 p.m.



Members of the 2009 Spring Ho Committee include, seated from left, Judith Ann McGhee, Marci Tomme, Celeste Johnson, Janna Hammett, Casey Smart and Alecia Collins; back row from left, Jason Wykes, Casey Corbin, Shane Hall, Tom Terry and Bobby Liverman. Not pictured: Mike Kuehne.

Thursday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. on Friday and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday for "Fiesta with Class: Celebrating the Class Reunions of the

1940s Through the Present."

And tonight, the Spring Ho Carnival begins at 6 p.m. Participants can purchase a bracelet that allows

them to experience all rides throughout the night for one price. The carnival also will be open Friday beginning at 6 p.m., Saturday

from 11 a.m. to closing, and again Sunday from noon to the close of the festival.

Games of chance, plus plenty of food and drink concessions, also are available.

The Spring Ho Dance Contest will be hosted at the AMVETS Post 80 home at 7 p.m. Admission is free for those with a badge and \$3 for those without a badge.

FRIDAY

The arts and crafts fair and concessions will open bright and early today. Vendors also will be open Saturday and Sunday until the close of the festival. Hundreds of booths will line W.M. Brook Park, featuring everything from clothing to woodworking and antiques to jewelry.

Concessions will offer roasted ears of corn, lemonade, soft drinks, popcorn, fajitas, hamburgers and a multitude of other goodies.

Registration for the Pet Parade will take place at 8:30 a.m. at the corner of Second and Live Oak streets, followed by judging. The parade will head to the bandstand on Courtyard Square at 9:30 a.m.

The Diaper Derby will begin at 8:30 a.m. by the downtown bandstand.

The Spring Ho BBQ Cookoff kicks off from noon to 10 p.m. behind the Lampasas County Office Building.

Cookers will fire up their grills, and the area will be open for visitation. **Please see SPRING, page 6D**

Memorable trip

Lampasas Middle School students and chaperons recently completed a trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City. Many of the sites they visited in the nation's Capital were memorable. At right: Kleg Kennedy, Alandra Killingsworth, Tori Liverman and Kenneth McGuire complete the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Washington, D.C.



Below: LMS students pose on the steps of the Capitol building in Washington, D.C.

See related photos and story on page 2A of today's edition.



City park topic of Kempner meeting

By MAT TAYLOR
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The Sylvia Tucker Memorial City Park was the main topic of discussion at the recent Kempner City Council meeting.

Other than the routine approval of minutes, accounts payable for payment and the financial statement, the only other action item was approval of two new members to the City Park Committee.

The council ratified Mayor Gene Isenhour's appointment of Kempner residents Gary and Kitty Guyer.

Isenhour said with these appointments, the park committee is full and complete.

"I hope we can do a good job and help the committee to develop a good city park," Mrs. Guyer said.

Isenhour said he recently met with the Kempner Water Supply Corp. Board of Directors concerning a water line to the park.

"Kempner Water Supply has been very cooperative," the mayor said. "They have completed a survey of the proposed line."

After the survey, it was determined the water line **Please see CITY, page 6D**

Luncheon held to honor Sid Wieser

For decades, odds have been that if a major civic project proceeded in or around Lampasas, Sid Wieser helped lead the effort.

The Kiwanis Club of Lampasas and The Texas Trails Council held a luncheon last week at the Hostess House to honor Wieser, a philanthropist and former member of the Lampasas City Council and Lampasas Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Jack Shelton, a friend of Wieser's, delivered a tribute to the honoree and discussed a variety of the Lampasan's experiences, service activities and philanthropic leadership.

Born in 1917 in Hamilton, Wieser joined the Boy Scouts in 1930. He has been an Eagle Scout for more than 77 years.

Noting that Boy Scouts pledge to "do a good deed every day," Shelton said Wieser has embodied the Boy Scout oath consistently throughout his life.

Wieser's civic leadership, Shelton said, includes work in support of Fort Hood -- particularly valuable, he added, during the difficult years of the late 1960s and early '70s -- service for the Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce and a variety of fundraising activities instrumental in the establishment of Metroplex Hospital. Wieser also contributed to the reopening of Rollins Brook Com-

munity Hospital, now part of the Metroplex Health System.

In addition, Wieser has promoted Central Texas College actively for more than 40 years. The Lampasan helped with the overseas expansion of the college's extended education system, Shelton said, and serves as president of the Central Texas College Foundation Board, which oversees a scholarship endowment of \$5 million.

"Sid will just go and do whatever you ask him to do," Shelton said. "Sid has never been one to go through life saying 'no.'"

Wieser was presented a bronze eagle and a Boy Scouts of America 100th anniversary cane and a commander's coin presented on behalf of Col. Jasper P. Jones III, commander of Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center.



PHOTO BY DAVID LOWE
Jack Shelton, right, presents Sid Wieser with a bronze eagle at a luncheon last week in Wieser's honor.