Big Week Goes Pink at County Office

The California Rodeo is a big event in Salinas as well as Monterey County, and some county offices really get into the spirit of the event.

A tip of the hat (the cowboy hat) to staff in the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office. To celebrate Rodeo Week, cowboy hats were distributed and appear on doors as well as topping off the ensembles of western-for-a-week staffers.

On Thursday of this week, the cowpokes turned pink as cashiers at the payment windows wore pink to acknowledge the Rodeo’s “Tough Enough to Wear Pink” campaign for breast cancer awareness. The campaign raises money, which stays in the Salinas Valley to help cancer patients fight for their lives.

Property Tax Manager Maria Gomes goes pink for the Rodeo!
It should come as no surprise that this office gets into the Rodeo spirit as it starts at the top. Treasurer Tax Collector Mary Zeeb has been volunteering at the Rodeo for 25 years.

Meet the pink cowgirls of the Revenue Division. From left to right: Olga Quintero, Angelica Ruelas, Denise Espinosa, Erika Bravo, and Crystal Sanchez.

Get the Facts about Heatstroke and Safety

Heatstroke is a risk for people of all ages, but it has become a particularly high profile issue nationally with the rash of children who have died after being left in hot cars.

Many people are shocked to learn how hot the inside of a car can become. Even on a mild (70 degree) day, the temperature inside a car can rise 19 degrees in 10 minutes, and the heat rises with each passing minute becoming hotter inside the car than out, and cracking the window doesn’t help keep the temperature down.

Temperatures can vary throughout Monterey County, and safety experts want to get the word out about heatstroke. Adults and pets can also be susceptible as well, not only if they are in a hot car, but during prolonged heat exposure and due to a lack of fluids.

Take a moment to read about the symptoms of heatstroke and prevention and enjoy hot weather safely.
For children:

- Never leave a child alone in a car
- Don’t let your kids play in an unattended vehicle
- Never leave infants/children in a parked car, even if windows are partially open
- Keep a large teddy bear or other stuffed animal in the car seat when it’s empty
- Move the teddy bear to the front seat when you place the child in the seat as a visual reminder

For Adults and children: seek help if you see these symptoms:

- Throbbing headache
- Dizziness and light-headedness
- Lack of sweating despite the heat
- Red, hot, and dry skin
- Muscle weakness or cramps

For Pets: seek help if a pet is experiencing these symptoms:

- Excessive or exaggerated panting
- Lethargy
- Weakness
- High fever
- Dark red gums
- Unresponsiveness to commands