

**Get your lawn chairs out Saturday and head to Buford Park for the Stew Contest!**

Don't miss the 41st Annual World Champion Hopkins County Stew Contest this Saturday, Sept. 18, at Buford Park!

Come out early and enjoy the cool morning as the 118 stew cooks prepare their yummy Hopkins County Stew over open wood fires! Bring your chairs and enjoy all-you-can-eat stew for just \$5. Stew will be served at approximately 10:45 a.m., and the winners will be announced around noon.

**Get your stew tickets NOW!**

If you don't like to wait in line, then you need to stop by Alliance Bank, City National Bank, Guaranty Bond Bank, Pilgrim Bank and Texas Heritage National Bank Friday and pick up your tickets to the World Champion Hopkins County Stew Contest. The price is still just \$5 for all-you-can-eat stew, which includes cheese and crackers! After you get your tickets, all you have to do on the 18th is go straight to one of the three service tents.

I would like to thank the sponsors that are sponsoring the stew contest: Alliance Bank, City National Bank, Guaranty Bond Bank, Orthodontics at Summit Dental, A & S Air Conditioning, Audley Moore Construction, Lone Star Dodge, Luminant, Allstate Insurance-Patty Brown, AgriLand Farm Credit, A.K. Gillis, Richard Drake Construction, Ocean Spray, NETBIO, Judge Cletis Millsap, Town & Country Cleaners, Chris Brown, Powers & Blount, ReMax, Southwest Dairy Museum ABC Autoplex, Jordan Health Services, Vista Care and Winzen Film.

Many others have donated items for the stew contest. They include: Farmers Electric Coop, Chicken Express, Southwest Dairy Museum, Alliance Bank, City National Bank, First United Methodist Church, Plain & Fancy Sandwich Shoppe, Morningstar Foods, Chili's, GSC Enterprises, Juan Pablos, Robert Mercer, Coca Cola, Verizon, The Lodge, Latson's, Walgreens, Echo Publishing, Farm Country, Ag Power, Shawn Massey, Gary Spraggins, Heritage Park, and the city of Sulphur Springs.

### **Stew contest T-shirts to be sold Saturday**



We had over 600 votes on the designs for a T-shirt commemorating the 41st Annual World Champion Hopkins County Stew Contest. Steve Littlefield, the winner in the Super Stew and Chicken divisions at the 2009 cookoff, had the winning design. His T-shirt design has been modified, with his approval, to be on a black T-shirt in order for all of the beautiful colors to really pop. We will be selling the T-shirts for \$10 at the stew contest this Saturday.

### **Ribbon Cutting at Pioneer Café at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22**

We are so pleased to welcome Pioneer Café to the Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce! We would like for you to join us at the ribbon cutting on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 11 a.m. The Pioneer Café is located at 307 Main St.

### **Grand opening and ribbon cutting for Connally Street on Thursday, Sept. 23**

Please join us as we celebrate the completion of Connally Street. Alliance Bank, City National Bank, Guaranty Bond Bank and the city of Sulphur Springs will be providing free food and ice cream along with live music. Stop by on your way home from work and check out the beautiful new street. The ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m.

### **Ribbon cutting at Phoenix Rising All Natural Skin Care at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24**

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Please join us for the grand opening and ribbon cutting of Phoenix Rising's new location at 438 A Gilmer St. Stop by and check out their new building and see all of their All Natural Skin Care Products.

### High School Leadership Class takes on Ropes course



Members of the Chamber's High School Leadership Class recently completed a Ropes course, the first in a series of sessions the Leadership Class curriculum offers select high school seniors. Students from Sulphur Springs High School and several other Hopkins County schools participate in the annual leadership training. Businesses that are sponsoring the Leadership Class for 2010-2011 include: Alliance Bank, Bulkley & Associates, Charles Helm, Dhawal R. Ram, MD, First United Methodist Church, Grocery Supply Company, Guaranty Bond Bank, Hopkins County Dairy Festival, Kiwanis Club, Northeast Texas Farmers Co-op, Southwest Dairy Museum, Southwest Mobile Imaging, Town & Country Cleaners, Winzen Film, Inc., Trinity Harvest Church, Hopkins County Fall Festival, Quality Craft Cabinets, Heath Hyde, Attorney at Law and Joel Sheffield, Attorney at Law, Fieldhouse Sports, Johnson Law Firm and Rotary Club.

### Don't miss these opportunities

Sept. 17: Fall Festival events — arts and crafts, baby crawling contest, youth fishing contest, petting zoo, quilt show plus more Civic Center

Sept. 18: 41st Annual World Champion Hopkins County Stew Contest; Buford Park

Sept. 18: Catfish and Country Concert and Fish Fry competition, \$10 (children 5 and under get in free), 6 p.m.; Civic Center

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Sept. 22: Ribbon Cutting for Pioneer Café, 11 a.m., 307 Main St.

Sept. 23: Grand Opening of Connally Street, 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 24: Ribbon Cutting for Phoenix Rising All Natural Skin Care, 5 p.m.

Sept. 29: Ribbon Cutting for Quality One and Summer Lodge, noon

### **Business of the Week**

Congratulations to the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Week:

**Walgreens**  
**1130 South Broadway St.**  
**Sulphur Springs, TX 75482**  
**903-438-2435**

Thought for the week

“Walgreens is committed to helping our customers in staying well. Stop by and get your flu shot today.”

— Patrick Laliberte

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That's all for now...have a GREAT week!