

The Chamber Connection for Aug. 25, 2011

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Who can design the coolest T-shirt for the Stew Contest?

If you have an idea for a “cool” T-shirt, then submit it to the Chamber for the 42nd Annual World Champion Hopkins County Stew Contest, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22.

Send it to meredithcaddell@suddenlinkmail.com and we will ask the community to vote for the best one. The winner will receive \$50 cash, AND the opportunity to be a judge at the stew contest, AND the winner’s design will be the T-shirt that we sell at the stew contest! As for the rules:

1. The design must be received no later than Friday, Sept. 16.
2. All designs become property of the Chamber of Commerce.
3. It must be e-mailed to the above email address (if you don’t have a computer, bring it to my office and we will scan it for you).

I will enter all of them on a specific website and we will have the community vote on it. Voting will begin on Sept. 19 and run through Oct. 7. If you have questions, please call the Chamber at 903-885-6515.

Business After Hours for the Fall Festival, Thursday, Sept. 8, at Civic Center

Please make plans to attend the Business After Hours hosted by the Fall Festival on Thursday, Sept. 8, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. This is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with lots of people from our community, hear about the Fall Festival events, eat yummy food and possibly win a door prize!

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Ribbon cutting for Flesher Coaching & Consulting



Thank you to all who attended the ribbon cutting for Flesher Coaching & Consulting. Pictured in the photo from left to right are: (front) Dairy Festival Queen Lindsay McCormack; Dr. Richard Flesher and his wife, Mary; Fall Festival Cover Girl Tori Cotton and Linda Mobley; (back) Scott Brown; Lynda Hager, Dana Wilhite and Gary Stribling. Dr. Flesher will be offering the following workshops in the next few weeks. For more information, please call 903-468-2151 or 972-979-7783.

Personal Safety Source ribbon cutting ceremony



Thank you to all who attended the ribbon cutting for Personal Safety Source. Pictured in the photo from left to right (front) are Lynda Hager, Dairy Festival Queen Lindsay McCormack, Gracie Weston, Kim Jones, Dana Wilhite, Tracy Irby, president, and Linda Mobley. Also shown are (back) Bradley Edge, Mike Patterson, Gary and Vicky Stribling, James Hulen, Laura Brannon and Armand Yates. Tracy Irby offers a wide array of personal safety items such as Tasers, alarms, pepper spray, hidden cameras, surveillance systems and more. For more information, please visit the website at personalsafetysource.com.

Get a Great Night's Sleep Sept. 8 at Hampton Inn

This workshop being held Thursday, Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Hampton Inn is designed for the person who has difficulty falling asleep or who wakes up in the middle of the night and can't fall back asleep. The presentation includes practical techniques to reset your "sleep cycle"

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and a guided imagery process of relaxing your body and mind to encourage deep sleep. The registration fee of \$30 includes a CD to guide you into a deep, restful sleep.

‘Weight Loss Without Dieting: You are What You THINK’ Thursday, Sept. 29

This workshop is designed for the person who is frustrated with the routine of dieting-following a particular diet, using will power to be disciplined, then giving in and gaining back all or more than the weight that was lost. The result is a feeling of guilt, frustration and an “I give up!” attitude. The presentation explains why we indulge in “mindless” eating, how to find the unconscious reasons for it, and specific techniques to eliminate will power from the process and allow extra pounds to melt away easily and effortlessly — just the way they went on! Registration fee is \$30. The workshop is Thursday, Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Hampton Inn.

Help welcome Phoenix Promotional Marketing to the Chamber at noon Wednesday, Sept. 14

Please make plans to attend the ribbon cutting for Phoenix Promotional Marketing. Debbie and Tony Hildenbrand would like to show you the wide array of innovative marketing products they can offer for your business, so please join us on the 14th at Noon at the Chamber.

Dr. Temple Grand into address cattlemen and educators Oct. 5-6

The Northeast Texas Beef Improvement Organization (NETBIO) is bringing Dr. Temple Grandin to Sulphur Springs for two speaking engagements on Wednesday, Oct. 5, and Thursday, Oct. 6.

Dr. Grandin is a designer of livestock handling facilities and a professor of animal science at Colorado State University. She has designed facilities all over the world. In North America, almost half of the cattle in processing plants are handled in a center track restrainer system that

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she designed specifically for this industry.

She has appeared on television shows such as 20/20, 48 Hours, CNN Larry King Live, PrimeTime Live, The Today Show, and many shows in other countries. She has been featured in People Magazine, the New York Times, Forbes, U.S. News and World Report, Time Magazine, The New York Times book review, and Discover magazine. In 2010, Time magazine named her one of the 100 most influential people. Her life story has also been made into an HBO movie titled "Temple Grandin." The movie portrays her life as a teenager and how she started her career.

Dr. Grandin is also well known by educators for her work and insight into helping autistic children. Because of her own unique experiences in dealing with autism on a personal basis she is one of the most respected and sought after speakers on this subject.

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 5, Dr. Grandin will address cattlemen and other guests during the NETBIO annual meeting at the Hopkins County Civic Center. Tickets for this event are currently on sale at Texas Heritage National Bank, Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce and Sulphur Springs Livestock Auction or may be obtained by mail by calling 903-449-6079.

On October 6, Dr. Grandin, along with Alex Plank, will be addressing an estimated 1,500 educators and parents from school districts in Education Service Regions 7, 8 and 10 in an Autism/Aspergers Conference at the Hopkins County Civic Center Auditorium.

Tickets for this event may be obtained by going online to register for the conference through the Region VIII Educational website at www.reg8.net.

Raffle to Benefit Meal-a-Day

Barbara Ann Boudreau of Panama City, Fla., daughter of Glenna Durr of Sulphur Springs, heard about the Retired Senior Volunteer Program's 9/11 Project-Food and Donation Drive for Meal A Day.

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Barbara is an accredited jewelry professional. She wanted to use her talent and do something for the Meal A Day Program. Barbara makes beautiful jewelry and decided that she could donate some of her pieces to the Meal A Day Program to be raffled off to help raise some money. She has made and donated two necklaces.

One is a 43-inch amethyst and quartz ice crystal, and one is aquamarine and sterling silver. The necklaces may be seen at the Senior Citizens Center. Tickets will be \$1 each or six for \$5. The tickets can be purchased at the Senior Citizens Center, Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce and the local banks. The drawing will be held on Friday, Nov. 4, at noon. The winner of the raffle will get his or her choice of the two necklaces.

Be cool – cook stew in October!

Finally, the opportunity to cook stew in cooler weather — this year's World Champion Hopkins County Stew Contest will be on Oct. 22 at Buford Park! If you cooked stew last year, the time has come to start preparing for this year's competition. Entry forms are in the mail and stew sites are open for "reclaiming" until Sept. 23. If you have never cooked stew before, but would like to, you may register now, and the remaining stew sites will be available for selection on September 26! For more information, please call the Chamber at 903-885-6515.

We need your business cards!

If you are a member of the chamber of Commerce and we don't have your business cards in our office to display, please bring some to our office. This is a great opportunity to showcase your business to the many visitors that visit the Chamber of Commerce daily!

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Don't Miss These Opportunities

Aug. 27 — Hot August Nights, Civic Center

Sept. 8 — Business After Hours at Civic Center, 5-6:30 p.m.

Sept. 10-17 — Hopkins County Fall Festival

Sept. 14 — Ribbon Cutting for Phoenix Promotional Marketing at noon at the Chamber

Sept. 29 — Business After Hours at Heritage Outreach Ministries

Oct. 5 and 6 — Temple Grandin to speak at Civic Center

Oct. 22 — World Champion Hopkins County Stew Contest

Business of the Week postponed due to rain (and the lack thereof)

We will resume selecting a Chamber Business of the Week as soon as we get some rain — I can't get the sign in the ground to showcase the business that was selected!

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