

The Chamber Connection for Sept. 1, 2011

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High School Leadership Class for 2011-12

The Chamber-sponsored High School Leadership Class for the coming year has been selected. The list includes:

Amanda Bisenius

Alex Buchanan

Gracie Cable

Victoria Calhoun

Colby Carter

Katy Chapman

Kason Childress

Katie Cooper

Tori Cotton

Courtney Crumpton

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Katie Dougan

Alissa Doughtie

Haley Flanagan

Kris Ford

Sarah Forsman

Kaylee Foster

Brock Giles

Kaitlyn Hankins

Tayler Hawkins

Chris Hefner

Justin Johnson

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Marissa Kelty

Josh Kiestler

Krystin Krodle

Dustin Lawson

Ester Marquez

Karlee Mathews

Lindsey McCormack

Alex MCGahee

Erika Mobley

Chelsey Moore

Nesha Peoples

Joey Petter

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Arron Pierce

Marbelis Rasgado

Rebecca Sehnert

Skyler Sinclair

Kalan Stewart

Katie Stewart

Ayana Taylor

Maya Thomas

Gabby Vaughn

Ashleigh Wallace

Kirstie Wallace

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Marissa Walter

Madi Walter

Sydni Young

In case you are not familiar with the Leadership Class, here's a little information!

This will be the 17th year that the Chamber of Commerce has facilitated this program for our county's young people. These students will begin their program with a Ropes Challenge Course in September. Then there will be five other classes during the school year: "Justice, Order & Politics," "Poverty, Crisis and Cultural Sensitivity," "Education & Tomorrow's Opportunities," "Ethical Decision Making" and "Tourism and Quality of Life." To top off this year-long program, the students will be taken on a field trip to the Dallas/Fort Worth area for a day of learning, fun, food and fellowship! The class is provided as an opportunity for young people to learn about the community in which they live, in hopes of teaching them the importance of being involved and being a leader, in whatever city they end up in! The students do not pay a tuition to participate in the program — it is 100 percent funded by sponsors. If you would like to help sponsor the Leadership Class, please contact 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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12th Annual Quilt Show Sept. 16-17 at SSHS gym

The ladies of the Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild have worked all year to ensure that their 12th Annual Quilt Show is the best one yet.

They have 122 entries in categories ranging from bed quilts to wearable art.

They're also raffling off a quilt called "A Nation Divided – 34 States Civil War," adapted from a pattern by Susan McDermott (QUILT Magazine, March 2008) and quilted by guild member Doris Roberts.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased from any guild member.

The show will be from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16, and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, in the Sulphur Springs High School Gym. Admission is \$3 for adults, children under 12 get in free.

Ribbon Cutting for Allstar Partys



Thank you to everyone who attended the ribbon cutting for Allstar Partys. Allstar Partys specializes in new, safe, well constructed and clean bounce houses, wet/dry slides and combo unit rentals. They offer many party rental extras such as snow cone machines and tables and chairs. They are state registered, inspected and fully insured in order to show that they are committed to their customers and their well being to have a fun and safe party with Allstar Partys bounce houses and equipment. For more information, visit www.allstarpartys.com or call Byron Green at 903-439-8074.

Open invitation to ‘Birthday Babies’ hosted by Chateau Bistro in Emory on Sept. 6

Elle Moisdon & Friends will host Birthday Babies, a chance to dress up in your finest for an elegant evening celebrating a trio of September 6th Birthday Babies. Hors d’oeuvres & cocktails will be served along with great music and friends. Please, please, please R.S.V.P by phone at 903-473-1909.

Tickets available to hear Dr. Temple Grandin speak

If you are interested in getting tickets to hear Dr. Temple Grandin speak at either the North East Texas Beef Improvement Organization (NETBIO) annual meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 5, or the Autism/ Aspergers Conference at the Civic Center on Oct. 6, please call the Chamber office for more information. Dr. Grandin is a designer of livestock handling facilities. 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 she designed specifically for the industry. Dr. Grandin is also well known by educators for her work and insight into helping autistic children.

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.

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3. It must be e-mailed to the above e-mail address (if you don't have a computer, bring it to my office and we will scan it for you).

4) Be creative — picture what the stew contest means to you and try to convey that on a T-shirt!

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.

Help us 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 Sept. 14 at noon at the Chamber.

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.

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.

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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.

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!

Don't Miss These Opportunities

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

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Oct. 22 — World Champion Hopkins County Stew Contest

Business of the Week postponed due to hard ground

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

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