

**Sulphur Springs ISD could receive a \$50,000 playground grant for 3rd and 4th grade campus, but they need everyone's help**

As the new Sulphur Springs Middle School is nearing completion, it is time to focus on getting the old middle school ready for a bunch of 3rd and 4th graders!

If you walk around the campus, you might realize that something is missing — a playground!! If you are like me, some of my fondest memories in elementary school came from time spent on the playground.

Clorox is offering a \$50,000 grant to schools all over the country, and the recipient will be decided by who gets the most votes. As of this morning, Sulphur Springs is in second place in the voting! But we will need to gain an additional 6,200 votes to overtake first place. Of course, we are going to need the support of the ENTIRE community in order to win it!

I am asking you to help get the word out — e-mail, call, fax, twitter, Facebook, text — whatever means you have, please use them to get people to vote.

There are 2 ways to vote: (1) Text Clorox7805 to 44144, and (2) go to [www.powerabrightfuture.com](http://www.powerabrightfuture.com) and vote for Sulphur Springs, Texas. The first time you go to the website you will have to register your e-mail address, then each additional time you vote, you will just have to enter your log-in information. Each person may cast two votes each day — one by text and one by online voting. If everyone would vote every day, I know we could make this happen.

Please be creative in your efforts to help the school receive this grant. If you have ideas of ways to get the community to vote and need help executing them, please call me and we will see what we can do! We need to be diligent in our efforts since the voting runs through December 9. Also, please remind your friends, family and co-workers to VOTE every single day.

**'Thank you' to everyone who sponsored the law enforcement dinner**

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More than 220 members of local law enforcement agencies, firefighters and emergency personnel were treated to a wonderful steak and chicken dinner Tuesday night at the Civic Center during the annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner sponsored by the Chamber. Jim McLeroy and others from the Church Street Law Offices cooked thick juicy rib eyes and chicken breasts, while Andy and Mary Lou Wright provided the salad, potatoes, bread and cobblers. The dinner has been given for the past 21 years to say thank you for their tireless hours of dedication to the safety of our community.

Sponsors for this event were:

A & S Air Conditioning

A.K. Gillis

Affordable Chiropractic

Alliance Bank

Black Jack Package Store

Brian Toliver Ford

Bryan & Mattison

Church Street Law Offices

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City National Bank

Coldwell Banker

CPI

Dr. Darrel Doughtie

Dr. Somjai Tris, M.D.

Edward Jones-Craig Johnson

Farmer's Electric Cooperative

Flowserve

Frank Bauer

Germania Insurance-Gloria Mitchell

Greg Price, P.C.

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GSC

Guaranty Bond Bank

Hopkins County Veterinary Clinic

Joe Bob's

Law Office of Eddie Northcutt

Law office of James Litzler

Legacy AG Credit

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Helm

NE TX Farmers Co-op

NetData

Pam and Larry Harder

Starplex Cinemas

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Super Handy

Sulphur Springs Dodge

The Friday Law Firm

Village Gun & Pawn

Wyatt's Towing LLC

Brent Smith was awarded the Hopkins County EMS Outstanding Service award to Brandon Brown and Suzy Bain representing the EMS Communications Department. Chief Scotty Sewell presented the Cumby Police Department 2011 Officer of the Year to Jason George. Sheriff Butch Adams recognized Hopkins County Sheriff's Office's 2011 Officer of the Year, Terry Bevill, while Police Chief Jim Bayuk announced the Sulphur Springs Police Department 2011 Officer of the Year was awarded to Amanda Weatherford.

### **Rehoboth Baptist Senior Adult Hymn Sing on Nov. 15**

First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs will host the Rehoboth Baptist Senior Adult Hymn Sing on Tuesday, Nov. 15. The "Hymn Sing" will be led by Neil Terwilliger from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., followed by special guest speaker Norris Cash from 11:15 a.m. to noon. Also offered are blood pressure checks, flu shots and other medical screenings through Hopkins County Memorial Hospital from 9:30 to noon. For more information, call First Baptist Church.

### **Load the wagon and saddle up for St. Jude Trail Ride on Nov. 12**

Saddle up your horses and help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital fight cancer and other catastrophic diseases. The event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 12, at Two J Ranch, 993 CR 2331 in Como. Gates will open at 7 a.m., Saddle Up at 9:30 a.m. and Ride out at 10 a.m. A free lunch of homemade chili, stew and roughneck sausage will be provided, but remember, it is a fundraiser to help St. Jude's Hospital, so donations will gladly be accepted. There will be horses and mule wagon rides available. There is a \$10 minimum donation for you to ride your own horse. There will also be a short trail ride available for small children. If you would like more information, please call Jean and Jim Murray at 903-488-3030 or Jr. Gregg at 903-488-3685. Others assisting in this great event are Cathi and Jim Wright, Mike Teer, David Herring, Don Meeks and Gerald Wilburn, so any of them will be able to give you more information.

### **Pioneer Café to host the next Business After Hours Nov. 17**

Barbara Palmer and the staff at Pioneer Café will host the next Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Mixer on Thursday, Nov. 17, from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to network with other business people and maybe even win a door prize! Join us on your way home from work for a nice mixer at Pioneer Café, 307 Main St.

### **Symphony League Auction begins at 6 p.m. Nov. 19**

Here is a fun auction brought to you by the Sulphur Springs Symphony League and KSST Radio. The Symphony League's annual fundraising auction will be televised and radio-cast beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19. There are several ways you can see what's going on or participate in the bidding for very useful items and entertaining events. Choose one or more of the many options:

To bid during the auction call 903-885-9500 where a helpful volunteer will answer and assist you in the process. Have the telephone number handy Saturday evening.

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Listen to the auction's live action on KSST Radio, 1230 AM.

Watch the auction streaming live — go to [www.ksstradio.com](http://www.ksstradio.com), and click on the “streaming” icon.

Watch the proceedings, televised on Channel 18. (Available only to Suddenlink customers.)

Follow the auction with us on Facebook. Check out Sulphur Springs Symphony League there. Year 'round you can visit [www.SulphurSpringsSymphonyLeague.org](http://www.SulphurSpringsSymphonyLeague.org).

This auction is the Symphony League's major fund raiser. A significant budget is needed to pay for the Children's Concert, and to fund the balance of the Independence Day Celebration concert and fireworks along with that event's major sponsors, Circle E Western Store, Grocery Supply Company and Alliance Bank. In addition to contracting with professional musicians to perform with the Northeast Texas Symphony Orchestra, violins are provided to some of the 180 students in the Sulphur Springs schools' Strings education programs, and provide scholarships for accomplished strings students as they continue higher education in music.

### **1st Annual Hopkins County Turkey Trot Benefitting Mother's Culture Club and Hope4Harper**

Thursday, Nov. 24, at Buford Park, there will be a Kid's Fun Run at 7:30 a.m. and a 5K Run/Walk at 8 a.m. Entry fees are \$5 for the fun run and \$25 for the 5K. Early registration forms are at the Chamber of Commerce office, Alliance Bank and Fieldhouse Sports. T-shirts will be guaranteed to 5K early registrants. Late registrants will receive shirts on a first-come, first-served basis. All kid participants will receive medals. If interested, please contact Holly Ragan for more information at 903-348-5626 or [hollyragan@hotmail.com](mailto:hollyragan@hotmail.com)

Ribbon cutting for State Rep. Erwin Cain's new district office Nov. 15

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The public is invited to attend a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting for the new permanent district office of State Rep. Erwin Cain in Sulphur Springs at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15. The office is located at 204 West Shannon Road (south service road of Interstate 30) just west of the South Broadway Street overpass. The Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce will conduct the ribbon cutting ceremony, and refreshments will be served. Representative Cain, along with several of his family and staff members, will welcome the public.

The new office will also display original artwork by artists from House District 3, and several works will be on display. The public is invited to drop by occasionally to view the art, and artists from the district are invited to volunteer their paintings and sketches for display.

### **Ribbon Cutting for The Luscious Crumb, Nov. 21 at 10:30 a.m.**

Please join us in welcoming The Luscious Crumb to Sulphur Springs and the Chamber of Commerce on Monday, Nov. 21, at 10:30 a.m. inside of Plain and Fancy Sandwich Shoppe! The Luscious Crumb is a bakery that will be located inside Plain and Fancy.

### **Ribbon cutting for Tru Tan on Nov. 30**

Please help us in welcoming Tru Tan to Sulphur Springs and the Chamber of Commerce. Tru Tan is located at 151 Industrial in the new shopping center on the North Service Road. Please stop by on your lunch hour and join us for their ribbon cutting!

### **Ray Perryman speaking at Civic Center Dec. 14**

Get your tickets now to hear noted economist Dr. Ray Perryman on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the Hopkins County Civic Center. Tickets are \$15 which includes a barbecue lunch. For more information call the Chamber at 903-885-6515! Deadline to order tickets is Friday, Dec. 2.



### **Would you like to recognize an Outstanding Educator?**

Here is your chance — this year the Chamber of Commerce Education Committee wants to allow all Hopkins County Citizens to nominate their candidates for “Outstanding Professional Educator” (administrator, counselor, diagnostician, or teacher), “Outstanding Para Professional Educator” (secretary or aide) and “Outstanding Auxiliary Educator” (maintenance, custodial, transportation, nurse or cafeteria). We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to nominate that “special educator” that has had an impact in their lives. You may pick up a nomination form at the Chamber office at 300 Connally St. and then either fax, e-mail or mail it in no later than December 16. Our fax number is 903-885-6516, our e-mail address is chamber1@suddenlinkmail.com and our mailing address is P.O. Box 347, Sulphur Springs, TX 75483. Don’t miss this opportunity to recognize a special educator!

### **Nominations needed for Large and Small Business of the Year**

Please submit your nomination for Large Business of the Year or Small Business of the Year. Nominations should be for those businesses which exhibit outstanding community involvement—civic, church, educational, benevolent, humanitarian or other. You may pick up a nomination form at the Chamber office at 300 Connally St. and either fax, e-mail or mail it in, no later than December 16. Our fax number is 903-885-6516, our e-mail address is chamber1@suddenlinkmail.com and our mailing address is P.O. Box 347, Sulphur Springs, TX 75483.

### **Additional Chamber of Commerce Banquet nominations**

Many other awards are presented at the Chamber of Commerce membership banquet (Feb. 9, 2012). Aside from the awards mentioned above, nominations are also being accepted for:

- Citizen of the Year; sponsored a Echo Publishing Company, P.O. Box 598, SS, TX 75483

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- Lady of the Year; sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Organization, P.O. Box 72, SS, TX 75483
- Caregiver of the Year; sponsored by The Pilot Club, 345 c n Community Pride Award; sponsored by Adult Leadership Class, P.O. Box 347, SS, TX 75483
- Agriculturist of the Year; sponsored by Professional Ag Workers c/o AgriLife Extension, P.O. Box 518, SS TX 75483

Each of these nominations should be submitted in writing and mailed to the above mentioned address.

Don't miss these opportunities

- Nov. 12 — St. Jude Trail Ride
- Nov. 15 — Ribbon Cutting for Erwin Cain at 2 p.m. at 204 West Industrial Drive
- Nov. 17 — Business After Hours at Pioneer Cafe
- Nov. 19 — Symphony League Auction at 6 p.m.
- Nov. 21-Ribbon Cutting for The Luscious Crumb, inside Plain and Fancy
- Nov. 24 — Turkey Trot 5K at Buford Park
- Nov. 30 — Tru Tan Ribbon Cutting
- Dec. 3 — Electric Lights Christmas Parade 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 8 — Business After Hours for Southern Living Realty and Connally Street Gallery 5 p.m.-6 p.m., 220 Connally St.
- Dec. 14 — Economic Outlook Conference-Ray Perryman

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