

## **Chamber Membership Directories are going to print on Jan. 1; will you be in it?**

If you are not a member of the Chamber of Commerce but would like to be, please call or stop by the Chamber at 300 Connally St. before Dec. 31 to make sure that you will be in the 2012 Membership Directory that is distributed to thousands and thousands of people each year.

If you are a member of the Chamber but some of your information has changed throughout the year, please check our website at [www.sulphursprings-tx.com](http://www.sulphursprings-tx.com) and verify that your information is correct. If changes need to be made, please contact us before Dec. 31 so that we may correct your information!

## **Are your business cards and brochures on display at the Chamber of Commerce?**

If you are a member of the Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce, we will gladly display your business cards or brochures in our office so that all of our visitors may see them. If you would like more information, call us at 903-885-6515 or just drop them off at our office at 300 Connally St.

## **Chamber of Commerce Banquet nominations**

Many awards are presented at the Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet (February 9, 2012). Nominations are being accepted for:

Citizen of the Year, sponsored by Echo Publishing Company; send entries to P.O. Box 598, SS, TX 75483

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Lady of the Year, sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Organization; send entries to P.O. Box 72, SS, TX 75483

Caregiver of the Year, sponsored by The Pilot Club; send entries to 345 Highland Drive, SS. TX 75482

Community Pride Award, sponsored by Adult Leadership Class; send entries to P.O. Box 347, SS, TX 75483

Agriculturist of the Year, sponsored by Professional Ag Workers; send entries in care of 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.

### **Want to be on America's Got Talent? Here's your chance**

I just received a phone call from the casting agent for America's Got Talent, and she wanted me to share with you that America's Got Talent will be hosting auditions on Jan. 14 and 15 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Austin Convention Center in Austin. You can go to [AFTauditions.com](http://AFTauditions.com) to register for the event!

### **Ribbon cutting for HSS Home Security**

Join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony for HSS Home Security at noon on Jan. 10. The ceremony will be held at the Chamber offices at 300 Connally St.

## **Support 412Kids!**

Several children from Sulphur Springs are involved in a mission project to help provide clean water for the kids and families of Chadirac, Haiti and they need your help. You may purchase an adorable book called "Clean Water Elirose," written by Ariaah Fine and illustrated by Don Robb, for only \$5 — or more if you would like. The books are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Plain 'n' Fancy Sandwich Shoppe, Guaranty Bond Bank and City National Bank.

## **Hats off to the Chamber's directors, volunteers and ambassadors**

I would like to thank the past year's Board of Directors and Ambassadors for their tireless efforts in the doing great things for our community and this Chamber of Commerce! I truly appreciate your dedication to this community!

Board of Directors: Chairman of the Board, Scott Brown; Treasurer, Craig English; Vice President, Treva Watson; Vice President Shannon Brown; Laura Brannon, Sharla Campbell, Larry Crowson, Debra Evans, David Fenton, Markeda Fisher, Ashley Huckabee, Judy Gregg, Jennifer Gregory, Mike Horne, Chuck Sickles, Kregg Slakey, Gary Stribling and Lydia Walden.

Ambassadors: Sheryl Paden, Armand Yates, Charlotte Baxter, Dana Wilhite, Dawn Morgan, Dial Moffett, Bradley Edge, Emily Glass, Gracie Weston, Patty Brown, Polly Swatsel, Tammy Feagley, Tiffany Kirkland, Whitney McCoy, Julie Wilhite, Kim Jones, Lela Radney, Linda Mobley, Lynda Hager, Mandy Freeman, Mary Ellen Hoybook, Michael Boles and James Hulen.

If anyone is a member of the Chamber and would like to be an Ambassador, please call the Chamber office and we will tell you how to get more involved!

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### **Chamber office holiday hours**

The Chamber of Commerce will be open Dec. 27-29, then will be closed on Dec. 23, 26 and 30, and on Jan. 2. The office will re-open on Jan. 3.

We would like to wish everyone a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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