

Chance to win a new Dodge Pickup, Kubota RTV, \$500 cash or tickets to the Colonial in the Chamber Golf Tournament

Lone Star Dodge will be giving away a BRAND NEW Dodge 1500 Regular Cab for the first Hole in One on hole number 9 at Friday's Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament! Also, to make it even better, Farm Country will be giving away a Kubota RTV for the first hole in one on hole number 13 AND Medicine Chest Pharmacies will be awarding \$500 CASH for a hole in one on Hole #4!!! And then, the winning low net team will receive 6 Tickets to the Colonial Golf Tournament in Fort Worth from Dairyland Automation!!!

Several people have asked what raffle prizes we will have this year, so here is just a brief glance at some of the over 85 prizes that will be awarded in the raffle!

10/.22 Ruger — Century 21 First Group
Natural Gas Grill — Carriage House Manor
Stainless Steel Grill — Lowes
Granite Garden Bench — Apple Caskets
Guided Fishing Tour — Marc Mitchell
8 Rangers vs. Tigers Tickets — Dairyland Automation
2 Box Seats for PBR at CC. — Texas Heritage National Bank
Flag flown over the State Capitol — Mark Homer

Hope to see you Friday, April 9, at the Sulphur Springs Country Club!

Ribbon Cutting for Cody Drug



Sulphur Springs Hardware Grand Opening this Saturday, April 10, with Ribbon Cutting at 12:30 p.m.

Want to Make a Difference in a Young Person's Life? Host an international student in your home

Volunteer families, with or without children, are needed to host international teens from more than 12 different countries for the 2010/2011 school year. They are in need of caring families to provide beds and meals, as well as friendship, understanding and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a young person from overseas.

The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance and have spending money for their personal expenses! The students are between the ages of 15 and 18 and will attend the high school closest to their host family's home. Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match their family. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Debbie Swingle at 903-316-9612 or visit flag-intl.org.

Tie a Blue Ribbon in honor of Child Abuse Awareness Month

The entire month of April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, and the folks at Lake Country CASA would like for all businesses and residents to tie blue ribbons on their businesses, cars, lapels or wherever to remind everyone to fight for the protection of our children! The Blue Ribbon Child Abuse Prevention Campaign was started in spring 1989 by a grandmother who received the devastating news that her beloved grandson had died of injuries inflicted by his parents. As an expression of her grief and outrage, Bonnie Finney tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her van as a way to remember "the bruised and battered body of her grandson" and to alert her community to the tragedy of child abuse. Please show your support by "Tying a blue ribbon."

17th Annual Truck Load Plant Sale—Youth Fund Raiser at Church of the Nazarene

From Thursday, April 8, through Saturday, April 10, the youths at the Church of the Nazarene will be having their 17th annual truckload Plant Sale from 8 a.m. to dark! Stop by and look at all of the bedding plants as well as hanging baskets fresh from the Green House and also help the youth group raise funds for summer projects.

Don't miss these opportunities

- April 9 —Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
- April 10 —8am-2pm Farmer's Market on Main Street
- April 10 —Ribbon Cutting for Fix & Feed Sulphur Springs Hardware, 1000 Gilmer @ 12:30

- April 17 —John Chester Dutch Oven Cooking class-8a-12p at Heritage Park--\$10 per person
- April 22 —Business After Hours at Texas Heritage National Bank for the Two Bulls Group/PBR Challenge
- April 23 —Alliance Bank's Grand Opening of the New Entrance 11-2 with Ribbon Cutting at Noon
- May 8 —Folk Festival at Heritage Park 9a-3p--\$3 per person
- May 15 —Flea Market on the Square sponsored by SS Downtown Business Alliance

Business of the Week

We would like to congratulate the Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce Business of the Week:

April Showers

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Tip of the Week:

“Flowers make us happy, ease our pain and show us we are loved.” Charlene Stewart

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