

## **There's something good here . . .**

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A young Sulphur Springs girl who could have any kind of birthday party she wants has decided to do something for others. Instead of presents, she's asking for donations for her favorite charity, a summer camp for underprivileged kids. We can't solve all the world's problems, but we can each make a difference in the world around us.

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The Fall Festival board of directors has been working hard all year on this year's festivities. There will truly be something for everyone, beginning Saturday, with the livestock show, parade, pet show, 42 tournament, and Hopkins County Idol finals. On Monday, there's a golf tournament. Tuesday is Senior Citizens' Day, complete with an art display, mini health fair, bingo and dinner. Cover Girl competition will begin Tuesday and there's also a gospel songfest, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The carnival begins Wednesday and runs nightly through Saturday.

The household arts and crafts, more Cover Girl events, the carnival and Praise Fest are set for Thursday night.

Friday's activities will feature the arts and crafts show, kid zone activities, the Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild Show, a petting zoo, mini-stock car racing and a free street dance.

On Saturday, the final day of the festival will open with a kids "fun run," to be followed by a 5K run, a 4-H open horse show, horse shoe pitching, hot dog eating contest, duck race and mutton busting (kids riding sheep) in addition to the carnival, petting zoo, mini-stock car races, quilt show and arts and crafts.

Saturday evening, festival goers will be treated to a fish fry competition, along with performances by the Hopkins County Idol winner and the band 69 South. Then, country star Brandon Rhyder will take the stage at 7 p.m., followed by the announcement of the Cover Girl Award winners. Houston musician Rich O'Toole and his band will close the festival, taking the stage at 8:30 p.m.

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It's going to be a great week in Hopkins County. Make plans to join the fun.