

Blackhawks visit local airport Sunday; troops treated to lunch

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If you live in the city, especially in the general area of Sulphur Springs Municipal Airport, you may have heard a lot of loud noise as a flight of five U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopters made a brief stopover here for fuel and a bit more Sunday.

“There was a helicopter unit out of Fort Hood on a training mission,” said Airport Manager Joey Baker. “I was notified they were going make a fuel stop in Sulphur Springs.

When Baker learned of the schedule, that the flight of five Blackhawks would be stopping during the noon hour, he said he wanted to do something extra.

“There is a long list of folks in this community that you can always count on,” he said. “So, I began to call on them.”

Carolyn McKinney at Southwest Dairy Museum offered to provide ice cream for the approximately 50 soldiers, and Farmers Electric Coop provided bottled water. Lindsey Caldwell, who works at the airport, agreed to cater a meal for the troops.

A call to Jerry Voss and Pam Elliott of Hopkins County Veterans Memorial Committee was answered with an offer to welcome the soldiers and to help serve the food.

Grocery Supply Corporation stepped up with snacks to fill goodie bags.