Hillsboro Happenings

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A Message from the President

Have you noticed a new spirit in Hillsboro? So much cooperation and a mission to spark "Yes We Can" seems to be prevalent. The Farmers Market is a success. We are celebrating Agritourism!

Our agriculture roots run deep in Hillsboro. The Cotton Pickin' Fair is just around the corner. As a community we will once again celebrate our ties to agriculture. A little known fact is that 60% of the Cotton grown in the USA is grown in this region of Texas.

While agriculture is very important, there is more to Hillsboro. Buck Gilcrease is an award winning educator and Dr. Pam Boehm with Hill College both are bringing a strong, new vision for the future. The Chamber celebrates our Educators.

I am excited about our first Quarterly Chamber Luncheon which is sponsored by Lone Star Ag Credit. We will have a Microsoft Partner, Charles Gabriel provide an overview of Microsoft's productivity tools and Office 2013. The last time I attended similar training, I increased my productivity measurably.

Thank you to the City for the opportunity to attend the ***Rural Challenge*** in Waco in mid-June. I learned a lot about the challenges facing rural Texas.

Unfortunately, we have a wrinkle getting our billboard, but hopefully the city will get the issues with TXDOT resolved soon. Jerry Barker is on it.

Last week I visited the Dallas newly restored Depot at Heritage Village. There has been a question about the Color Hue for the Depot. Also I have visited with the Texas Heritage Commission regard the color of the roof. Our visionaries set the bar for other Depots. What wise citizens we had in the 1980s.

Upcoming Events

April – October - Cell Block Museum open each Saturday in June. 254-582-2640
July 4 – Late Bloomer's Parade

July 10, 2014 (Thursday) - Chamber Luncheon at FUMC Sponsored by: Lone Star Ag Credit
Veggies and Dessert will be made with fresh fruit and vegetables from our Local Farmers Market

- *Microsoft is giving a free 2013 Office package for a drawing at the event….you must be present to win*

July 17 & 18 - Hill College Softball Camps
July 31 – Business After Hours
Sponsored by: Salon 110
July - Baseball and Softball Tournaments are scheduled. We are looking for volunteers to provide "things to do" for sports teams visiting Hillsboro

September 26 & 27 - Cotton Pickin' Fair
October 3, 4 & 5 - Pioneer Days – Whitney

Dec 4 - Legislative Update – Tentative -
May 15 & 16, 2015 - Hillsboro Chamber Golf Classic – Hillsboro Country Club

Now as a follow up, have you mentioned Hillsboro's hospitality, heritage, shopping, museums, restaurants and special events to someone within driving distance? We are counting on you.

New Chamber Member Welcome

Bossier Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
306 SW I – 35E Hillsboro, TX

Quarterly Luncheon

Cost: $12.00

Sponsor: LONE STAR AG CREDIT

Date: July 10, 2014

Registration: 11:30 am to 12:00

Lunch: 12:00 pm to 1:00

Program: Microsoft Productivity Tools and MS Office 2013

Place: First United Methodist Church

Drawing: MS Office 2013

Cotton Pickin Fair

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BBQ Cook– off

September 26 & 27

Farmers Market

Hillsboro Courthouse Square • Saturdays 8 am

Locally Grown Produce
Honey & Jams •Artisan Cheese
• Fresh Eggs
Longhorn Beef • Fresh Baked Goods

Hillsboro TEXAS MAIN STREET

AgTexas Farm Credit Services

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

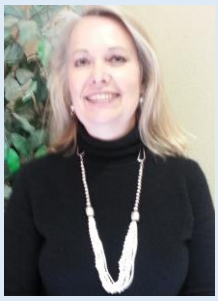
Business After Hours

SALON 110, The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce's 2014 Local Business of the Year, and its expansion location, SALON 110 The Annex, are celebrating their Fourth Anniversary with month-long giveaways of products and services. You will receive an entry with every salon service you schedule during the month of July or you may win by "Liking" SALON 110 on Facebook, "Liking" their Facebook Posts and Posting a Review for your favorite stylist. Yes, you may multiple times!

SALON 110 will cap off their month-long anniversary celebration with a Customer Appreciation and Chamber **AFTER HOURS EVENT ON THURSDAY, JULY 31ST, 5-7 P.M.**

SALON 110 • 110 S Waco Street •
254.580.0110
SALON 110 • The Annex • 116 S Waco Street •
254.580.0114
Hair • Manicures • Pedicures • Acrylics • Massage • Facials • Body Waxing • Barber Services

MAIN STREET, MANAGER – JENNIFER COX



"Do you know how the Cotton Pickin' Fair got its name? Someone told me that 23 years ago, Main Street was contemplating events for the fall. When a fair was suggested, one committee member replied, "Oh no, not another cotton pickin' fair!" A more realistic explanation is when cotton was picked and baled, the first bale completed was celebrated, thus a "Cotton Pickin' Fair" was started as an agricultural harvest celebration.

This year's Cotton Pickin' Fair won't be "Oh, no!" but rather "yum, yum!" as we will once again host an International Barbeque Cookers Association-sponsored cook-off. We have asked the barbeque cookers to donate the remainder of their meat and beans once they have been judged. Even if they don't donate, we will ensure that barbeque is served. You just can't go around and smell barbeque all day and not get a chance to taste it.

The fair will be a family-friendly event with lots of activities for children including: a pet parade, music, a bouncy house, and plenty of games, contests and prizes. And, yes, we will even have the First Bale of Cotton for 2014 to showcase and admire.

Any event is only as successful as volunteer participation. Already, Lori Smith has volunteered to take charge of the Cotton Pickin' Pageant being held the week before the Fair. Details and an application will be available in an upcoming edition of the *Hillsboro Reporter*. Rick and Sassy Litsinger have volunteered again to arrange a breakfast for the Cookers on Saturday AND gather prizes for the various categories. Bob Crabtree has agreed to direct the parking for the Cookers. All volunteer support and suggestions are welcome and appreciated, hint, hint.

New Feature!

Monthly Renewed Members

Byron Cook
Cliett Refrigeration, Inc.
Hill Regional Hospital
Hillsboro ISD Education Foundation
Jim's Pharmacy
Kaska Sales & Service
Lake Whitney Polaris/Yamaha
Schlotzsky's Deli
Wells Fargo Bank NA

Thank you for your continued support!

Benefits to Chamber Membership

1. Networking Opportunities
2. Marketing and Sponsorship Business Builders
3. Educational Events
4. Ribbon Cutting and Open House
5. Business Referral Services
6. Community Service

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Cleo Davis, Historian

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