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COMMENTS FROM OUR MEMBERS

I have found the Chamber to be an excellent source for strengthening relationships with other businesses and a way I can be directly involved in successfully contributing towards growth in my community. **Karen Doskocil, Lone Star Ag Credit**

Our disappointment with the Chamber changed almost overnight after we met Vicki Hidde. She told us to expect a return on our chamber investment and the chamber has delivered. Not only does the Chamber solicit your ideas and recommendations, but the staff surpasses our expectations.

Brittany Cockerham, Glitz and Glamour

The Chamber supports small business, Main Street and community activities. I am honored to be a member of the Hillsboro Chamber and support their programs. **Rhett Reddell. R & R Fitness**

The Chamber helped promote Aaron's by showing and helping us get more involved in the community. Also, they played a huge part in helping us with the donations for a recent local benefit fundraiser. Thank you for your hard work!

Aaron Fullerton, Aaron's Store Manager

"...No Chamber of Commerce in our 40 years as business owners, has been more welcoming, been more attentive, been as willing to listen to suggestions and ideas, or tendered more tangible value than you and your team at the Hillsboro Chamber..."

W. Randy Pretzer, L. Scott Bossier II, and Larry Bossier – Bossier Dodge

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Chamber of Commerce Convention & Visitors Bureau



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT **VICKI HIDDE**

The air is full of anticipation swirling around the Cotton Pickin' Fair! The Bossier RAM Western Show adds a new twist to the event. The Carnival will be on Covington Street. Laughter will fill the street beginning Thursday evening September 24 and run through Sunday. The Bossier RAM Western Show will bring Bull and Bronc riding to downtown Hillsboro. Mutton Bustin' and a Mutton Scramble will entertain the Children and adults alike. The Chamber celebrates the new breath of enthusiasm that is sweeping over Hillsboro.

To create an event that draws crowds of 7,500 to 10,000 which is more than a 175% increase over last year, requires an investment in Hillsboro. Bossier RAM/Dodge and Dodge Corporate is investing thousands of dollars in Hillsboro. The momentum that followed last year's event will be insignificant after 2015 because we are raising the bar for future events. Undoubtedly we will be able to measure the impact in both current and future dollars.

Every BUSINESS in Hillsboro is going to be asked to make and investment as well. Do you want to see more people in Hillsboro? Do you want our out-of-town guests to spend money in Hillsboro? Do you want our guest to fill our hotels room? Do you want Hillsboro to attract new businesses?

You can make a difference!

Last year I requested that everyone in Hillsboro invited one person to the Cotton Pickin' Fair. This year I am asking the same thing and then - forward our emails - share our information on Facebook. Create the Hillsboro Buzz!

Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce #HillsboroTX



Hillsboro Happenings

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UPCOMIN

LIONS CLUB - Tuesday Lunch (noon) At First United Methodist Church ROTARY CLUB - Wednesday Lunch (noon) Lone Star Café

October 7 – Tourism Board – Chamber Office 9 am

Sept 10 Noon - Chamber Luncheon

Sept 17 – Lone Star Ag Credit – Luncheon with the opportunity to meet Patrick Hejl - 11:30 to 1 m

Sept 19 – 1970 Hillsboro ISD Class Reunion –will meet at Lone Star Cafe from 6 to 8 pm; after party 1111 East Elm Street

Sept 24 - Chamber Board Meeting

HISD-

www.hhs.hillsboroisd.org/pages/Hillsboro High school/ Calendar

For Main Street Calendar of Events – Check out

Hillsboro Texas Main Street

Each Saturday – Farmers Market – May-October

Sept 24-27 – Carnival

Sept 25 - 27 - Cotton Pickin' Fair/BBQ Cook off, Dodge Bull Riding, Mutton Bustin, Mutton Scramble

October 31 – Halloween in Hillsboro

November 11 -- Veterans Day Parade

December – Christmas on Elm

December 4th – Friends of the Hillsboro City Library Holiday Gala (Friday) December 12 & 13 – Hillsboro Christmas Tour of Homes

Heritage League



Volunteers & Ambassadors

Have you ever looked into the eyes of a volunteer and saw, "I am overwhelmed" written all over their face? Anyone who works with volunteers, has received such a look. Those of us in leadership with organizations, know how important our volunteers are to the community and community projects.

By having balance in our daily lives, using good time management skills, and not living in the margins of our lives we can accomplish more than we might image. But we need time to rest as well. To weigh community with family, health and personal needs in a tricky balancing act. The last thing that I want is to burn out a volunteer. Nor do I want to hear, I have been there and done that, I have served my time or a related comment.

You may have noticed that I have just given you a good excuses not to volunteer your time.

But when you have the opportunity to give families and children a reason to smile, you become re-energized and can do much more than you ever thought possible.

We need approximately 100 volunteers for the Cotton Picking Fair and Bossier RAM Western Show. Even one hour of your time can make an impact on an overworked volunteer. If you have an hour, 2 hours or day that you can donate we will appreciate your time and helpfulness.

Ambassadors

The chamber is implementing a points system and will be recognizing Volunteers of the Quarter and Volunteer of the Year. By investing a few minutes of your time, attending ribbon cuttings and assisting with events, you can bank points and receive recognition for your support of chamber projects.

Thank you

Dr. Ryan Cowan has led the Chamber Board for the past two years – thank you for your leadership. On a personal note, I appreciate Dr. Cowan taking the risk of hiring someone without Chamber management experience.

RIBBON CUTTINGS TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING & COMPLIANCE



New Members

Skeeter Brush Truck, LLC (Siddons Martin) Hill County Auto Care Cagle Electric National Wild Turkey Federation – Blackland Prairie Chapter Jana Nors Real Estate Texas Environmental Training & Compliance Family & Health First of Hillsboro – Home Health Floral Gallery

Leadership Hillsboro

2015-2016 Leadership Hillsboro Class is forming. John Versluis, Frank Johnson, Kristin McGinty, Kari Buzbee, Sally Divin, Lizza Trenkle and Marchel M. Eubanks are the providing leadership to the new class:

Shane Brassell, Jessyca Brown, Laura Capehart, Csella Jung, Justin Lewis, Jerry Moore, Colin Perry, Brian Walker, Luther Ward, Paige Simon, Debbie Hancock and Vicki Adams.



December 12th & 13th

There are sponsorship opportunities at the Bull Riding Event which will include Mutton Bustin' and Mutton Scramble along with a Carnival. Your banner will be prominently displayed for maximum visibility.



Bronc & Bull Riding & Carnival

Sept 26 & 27

Sponsorship Opportunities

Chute & Gate Sponsor \$1500 Include 6 tickets to rodeo

3X6 Fence Banners \$500 Include 4 tickets to rodeo

Mutton Bustin'	\$1000
Mutton Scramble	\$1000
Announcer	\$500
Soundman	\$300
Buckles & Trophies	\$100 each
Bull Fighter	\$500
Name Your Bull	\$500



Rachal 254-582-2481

The Job Fair was a Success! Thank you to the Hillsboro Reporter for the publicity

Wisenbaker/Brandom Cabinets Gates Precast Hill College Bossier Dodge Hill Regional Hospital Work Force Solutions Skeeter Brush Truck First UMC – Child Care Workers Dickey's BBQ Top Notch Personnel

86 people registered with Workforce

Someday, I am going to collect a list of random questions that are asked daily when we answer the phone. Below you will find the common ones.

- What is the phone number for History City Hall, I want to rent the facility for a function?
- Where do I get my driver's license?
- > How do I get a booth at the Cotton Pickin' Fair
- How do I register a vehicle, I just moved to Texas?
- Where can I drop off paper or plastic to be recycled?

Late last week I received a phone call from someone wanting food. They ask for the phone number for a church on Duncan Street. "I am hungry and will not have money until after the first." Now what did the caller want me to do about His dilemma. During the call I found out his wife was on dialysis and they were living in a hotel room that a local church helped obtain. This call took place late in the afternoon.

After my last meeting of the day at 7:30 pm, I stopped by Chicken Express and Clara gave me food for six, which I delivered to the family. Friday Irene Lowery called and asked what can I do? UP IN SMOKE, gave me food for six. On Saturday Ronny Earp with A Tisket A Tasket gave me food for two meals. These three business have a Big Heart!

Little did I know when I wrote what is written below (on the 2014 Chamber Banquet Program) that being a Social Worker was in my Job Description?

Celebrating the Heart of Business, Community, and Service to our Neighbors

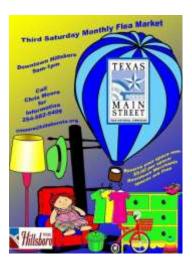
Vicki Hidde <u>254-582-2481</u> <u>director@hillsborochamber.org</u> The Honorable Roger Williams met with Hillsboro Citizens and Business Leaders at



Historic City Hall on Tuesday, August 25 at 9:30 am.

We learned about Federal issues that impact Hill County and the State of Texas

HTTPS://WILLIAMS.HOUSE.GOV/

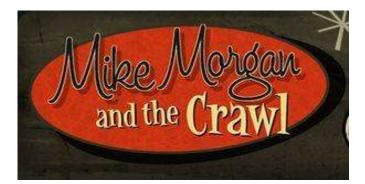




OPEN This Saturday 8:00 AM Support Local Farmers

Cotton Pickin' Fair September 25, 26, 27





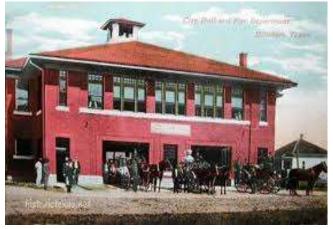


GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN HILLSBORO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS FOR A WEEKEND IN HOSPITABLE HILLSBORO



HAS MOVED TO 117 EAST FRANKLIN. INFORMATION ABOUT A GRAND RE-OPENING WILL BE COMING SOON.

TWO SNAPSHOTS FROM THE PAST









RONNIE'S CHICKEN SALAD AND PIMENTO CHEESE SANDWICHES WERE A HIT AT THE JOB FAIR WITH THE EMPLOYERS



RUBY & PEARL SHOP – WACO & FRANKLIN



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RYAN POLLOCK THE NEW WALMART MANAGER

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FRIDAY MORNING IN HILLSBORO



SUPPORT THE HILLSBORO EAGLES



LUNCH AT DICKEY'S

LONE STAR AG CREDIT IS HAVING A LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 17 TO WELCOME PATRICK HEJL – 11:30 – 1 PM



JOIN THE CHAMBER AND WE WILL DO A RIBBON CUTTING AT YOUR FACILITY



SHERI HEMRICK'S PHOTO HILLSBORO SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT BOSSICR RAM/DODGE WESTERN SHOW SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27 DOWNTOWN HILLSBORO



TICKETS \$10.00







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