



CHAMBER NEWS

May 2020

THANK YOU, AARON

The Hooker Chamber of Commerce sends out a big THANK YOU to Aaron Witt for the beautiful picture he presented to us of the Hooker Draggin' Main event.

Many of you know Aaron organized the event this year to give everyone a chance to participate in something fun while we are social distancing. Great job, Aaron!



Draggin' Main Returns!!

RECOVERING

The Oklahoma OURS Covid-19 recovery plan is progressing. I am very thankful that businesses can begin to resume operations. Our economy depends on it, and most of us are more than ready for life to get back to some degree of normal. Still, the health and safety of our community must remain a top priority as we recover.

As Covid-19 restrictions start to ease, we face new issues. Texas County continues to be a hotspot for positive Covid-19 results. In this ever-changing environment, each business owner must determine what is best for their business, their employees, and their customers. Below this article are some resources to help you find answers as you navigate the governor's OURS plan.

I encourage each of you to continue taking precautions as you open your doors and when you shop at local businesses. Self-distancing, wearing your masks, and washing your hands are small inconveniences that can still have a huge impact on our local recovery. They can also be the difference between someone you care about being healthy or being ill. I think that makes it worthwhile.

The Hooker Chamber of Commerce will be working to encourage everyone to shop locally and support our hometown businesses and chamber members. Let us know you have suggestions or ideas the chamber can use to help our members as the recovery continues.

Mary Beth Puyear

Coronavirus Resources & Recommendations:

<https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/resources-recommendations><https://www.okcommerce.gov/covid19/>

Open Up & Recover Safely (OURS) Plan:

<https://www.okcommerce.gov/covid19/ours-plan/>

Member Business Anniversaries

Mills' Ideal Foods, Est May 1, 1989

Congratulations on 31 years in business! We appreciate your membership and your contribution to our community!

Ribbon Cuttings:

The latest updates indicate that Oklahoma is on track to fully re-open from Covid-19 restrictions on June 1st. Accordingly, the Chamber will begin scheduling ribbon cuttings again in June. We look forward to once again being able to help local businesses celebrate openings and anniversaries!

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2020 Chamber Officers:

Mary Beth Puyear, President
Brenda Romero, Vice President
Craig Adams, Treasurer
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2020 Chamber Events:

At this time these chamber events are still on our schedule for this year. All events are subject to change and updates will be made as needed.

--July 4th --Community Hotdog Feed and Fireworks Display. With local Coronavirus cases climbing and the potential for a burn ban, our 4th of July plans remain uncertain. A final decision will be made at the June 4th Chamber meeting.

--September 19th --Chamber Golf Tournament

--October 31st -- Halloween Parade

--December 5th -- Christmas Parade

--December 10th -- Christmas Cookie Crawl

June Membership Meeting:

Our monthly Membership meetings are scheduled to resume June 4th. The meeting will be held at 12 pm at the Hooker Community Center to accommodate social distancing needs. We will continue to monitor local conditions and will notify members if the meeting is cancelled. Hope to see you there!

Chamber Articles and Bylaws Vote:

In April Chamber members participated in our first electronic ballot. The ballot was for the approval of revisions to the chamber's Articles and Bylaws. Ballots were emailed to members who have provided email addresses and were mailed to those who did not have an email address on file. A total of 37 completed ballots were returned. 100% of returned ballots were marked yes to both questions. With 67% of eligible chamber members voting, both questions passed.