



# CHAMBER NEWS

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## BUSINESS ANNIVERSARIES

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Established August 14, 1945

Congratulations to this hometown business and member. We appreciate your membership and your contribution to our community.

## Chamber Golf Tournament

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hooker Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The tournament is a two-man scramble with a 70/30 payout. The entry fee is \$35.00 per player. Prizes will be given for longest drive and closest to the hole. The tournament will start at 8:30 am, with lunch provided.

Chamber members are encouraged to get involved with the tournament. Hole sponsorships are \$100.00. Drawing give-away items are also needed, and businesses can include small items in the welcome bags that will be given to each player. If you would like to contribute, call 580-522-1655 or bring your drawing prize or welcome bag items to Brenda or Mary Beth at the First National Bank of Hooker. Workers are always needed on tournament day, let us know if you are willing to help.

## Planning Begins for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

June 2021 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hooker Chamber of Commerce. That's something to celebrate! Chamber officers are looking for your ideas to commemorate our organization's centennial. Let us know how you think we should celebrate. We would also like to know if members have any chamber memorabilia or photos from past years that may be included as part of our celebration.



## Cirque Adventure Circus

Cirque Adventure of Lubbock TX will be in Hooker on Saturday and Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, for two performances of their aerial family circus. The events will be held at 7 pm each evening, at the Hooker Sports Complex parking lot. Those attending will park their vehicles around the circus stage and watch from their car or the tailgate of their pickup. Tickets are being sold for \$35 per car. The chamber helped the company find a venue and dates for their show to offer residents a chance to get out for a little entertainment that is in line with social distancing recommendations.

# Chamber Scholarship Program

The new Chamber Scholarship program will be open for applications September 1st. The scholarship is available to seniors attending HHS or living in the Hooker school district, and we will award \$1,500 to one recipient each year. Each applicant will draw the name of a business and will interview and prepare a report about that business. If you want your business to be included in the drawing for interviews, please send us an email at [mail@hookerokcofc.net](mailto:mail@hookerokcofc.net) or call Mary Beth at (580) 522-1655.



## August Ribbon Cuttings

Hooker Fights Hunger Food Pantry  
Saturday, August 15<sup>h</sup> at 10 am  
305 W Highway 54

## Business Anniversaries:

We are still missing many of our member business anniversary dates. If you have not provided your anniversary please send it to us so we can recognize you.

## September Membership Meeting

Mark your calendars to attend our Membership Meeting on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon. The meeting will include a presentation on the new matching grants available from the Hooker Economic Development Board. We will also be finalizing the upcoming chamber golf tournament and starting to plan for holiday events. Your input and ideas are needed.

### 2020 Chamber Officers:

Mary Beth Puyear, President  
Brenda Romero, Vice President  
Craig Adams, Treasurer  
Sheila Blankenship, Secretary

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### 2020 Chamber Events

Events are subject to change and updates will be made as needed.

--September 19<sup>th</sup> --Chamber Golf Tournament

--October 31<sup>st</sup> -- Halloween Parade

--December 5<sup>th</sup> -- Christmas Parade

--December 10<sup>th</sup> -- Christmas Cookie Crawl

**CHAMBER COMMERCE CASH IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR GIFTS, PRIZES AND AWARDS. GIVE A GIFT THAT PROMOTES SHOPPING LOCALLY! SEE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HOOKER TO PURCHASE. NO PURCHASE FEES. ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS CAN ACCEPT COMMERCE CASH.**

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### Member Business Promotion

Gold and Silver Chamber members are eligible for 2 promotions per year on our website and member communications. To request a promotion, contact Mary Beth Puyear at (580) 522-1655 or email

[mail@hookerokcofc.net](mailto:mail@hookerokcofc.net)

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**Hooker Chamber of Commerce**  
**Thursday, August 6, 2020**

The Hooker Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon was held on Thursday, Aug. 6 at 12 noon at the Hooker Community Center to better allow for social distancing. Lunch was available from Love's Subway for \$5. Present were Susie Zuniga, Sylvia Valdez, Linda Brown, Leslie Kraich, Wendell Mills, Mary Beth Puyear, Brenda Romero, Doug Werner, Craig Adams, Buddy Holbert and Sheila Blankenship.

Mary Beth called the meeting to order and minutes had been emailed to members. Wendell made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Buddy seconded and the motion passed. Craig provided the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$11,796.31 in the bank. Bills expected to come due in the coming months include the Red Carpet Country magazine ad. Brenda made the motion to approve the report, Wendell seconded and the motion passed.

The Sept. 19 Chamber of Commerce golf tournament was discussed. The promotion will begin soon and hole sponsors are sought for \$100 each plus items for the player goodie bags and prizes are being collected for drawings. A beer cart will be provided to collect donations and a meal of grilled hamburgers will be served. The tournament is a two-person scramble with a 70/30 payout. The Chamber will make money on hole sponsorships, mulligans and throws. Mary Beth will do a flyer to promote the event.

Mary Beth noted that the Chamber scholarship program for 2021 will offer a \$1,500 to an HHS senior. Participants will be asked to complete a job shadow exercise with a local business so businesses are needed to volunteer. A dinner for the contestants will be held when contestants will tell about their experience. Contestant interviews will be held before the end of the fall semester. Sheila volunteered to have employees call businesses after Mary Beth provides a script.

Mary Beth welcomed new member, Hooker Insurance Agency and noted that a few past members failed to update their 2020 membership and have been dropped. Ribbon cuttings were discussed but the new flooring business and Smitty's are not yet ready and the Hooker Fights Hunger food pantry will hold their open house and ribbon cutting on Saturday, Aug. 15 at 10 a.m.

Mary Beth announced that the Chamber's centennial is in 2021 so members discussed having special events for the annual banquet and July 4.

Mary Beth reported the Chamber has been contacted by a circus in Lubbock, Texas wanting to bring a drive-up circus to Hooker. Cost would be \$35 a vehicle and we would be responsible for securing a location and coordinating the date. Buddy made the motion to try the circus, Susie seconded and the motion passed.

The question of sharing activities and events with area Chambers was discussed and plans are to include those emails to our contact list. As a point of interest, Buddy explained the work in the island at the west end of Glaydas was to replace a water hydrant.

Wendell asked about the Chamber trailer and after discussion, the consensus was to have volunteers repair the Chamber trailer after an assessment of costs is completed.

Buddy made the motion to adjourn, Brenda seconded and the motion passed.