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The Chamber hosted the 30th Annual Business & Outdoor Expo and Taste of Huntsville on March 2nd!!
Thanks to our sponsors!

Member Spotlight...



Welcome New Members:

- Sugar "N" Spice and Much More
- Loving Care Personal Care Home and Services
- DK Hart Barefoot Books
- Anytime Fitness Huntsville
- GoldCloud
- Community Loan Center
- Brazos Valley
- Perfectly Posh Independent & Consultant-Deborah Jackson
- The Adam Olsen Team-RE/MAX Integrity
- Huntsville Classical Academy

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CAROL'S CORNER



Carol Smith

WOW!! What a "Business After Hours" held on February 23 at SHSU Athletics, Johnson's Coliseum!! The Coliseum was recently renovated and proudly shown off. The SHSU Athletics Staff was most gracious and the food was wonderful! If you have not seen the renovations, please drop in soon!

Kudos to Event Chair Scott Francis (Edward Jones), Event Vice Chair **Sam Donnell** (Rockin' D Services), along with **Bart Davis** (Davis Construction Management), headed up the 30th annual Business & Outdoor Expo this year!

They did an outstanding job, along with other volunteers and Chamber staff, of making this 30th annual event one for the record book. We can't begin to say "THANKS" enough to all the sponsors for the evening. Hats off to **Adanya Minor** for winning the grand prize, \$500, sponsored by **Mid-South Synergy**. **CrossFit Fortem** and **Golden Corral** both won "Best Booth" awards. Be sure to refer to the center section of this publication for a complete overview of the event, our sponsors and all the participating vendors. Big hugs to all who helped make it a great evening!!

"Fabulous February" has now come and gone...in the blink of an eye!! "Marvelous March" is already promising a great beginning of a beautiful spring in our part of the world. I can't wait to see what the wildflowers do this year since we had so much rainfall earlier. Walker County usually has some of the prettiest ones around!! Be sure to note the POP Committee's drive to collect gift cards for

HISD's Housing Insecure students. We hope you will contribute.

By the time you read this Spring Break will have come and gone, and Daylight Savings time will be back in our lives. Schools will soon be back in full swing and counting down for Easter and the end of the school year. Hopefully during the break you all got in some much deserved rest and relaxation and are geared up for the largest youth and family-oriented activity in our county...yep "Pardner", Walker County Fair is about to kick off on Friday, March 31st and runs through April 8th. A scholarship fundraiser steak dinner will be served March 31 & April 1, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm just prior to the rodeo. Be sure to note this on your calendar!!

Soooo, it's time for the residents of Walker County to dust off their cowboy hats and get out their favorite western boots. "From Wagon Wheels to Ferris Wheels" is this year's theme for the 39th Walker County Fair. We at the Chamber are very proud of all the youth in Walker County and applaud WCFA. To date, over 13 million dollars have gone back into the hands of local youth in the form of various scholarships and awards. We look forward to visiting the Fair during its run, and cheering on the students from the various schools and organizations as they proudly exhibit their projects. We encourage everyone to attend this 39th annual event that showcases a wide variety of educational and leadership skills these young people have acquired...hope to see you there!!

You are cordially invited to drop in anytime for a visit and share what's on your mind...we'll have the coffee ready and waiting!! Be sure to note on the Chamber website special meetings that will occur regarding various upcoming meetings!

Spring time is on its way, so get out and enjoy the beautiful communities throughout Walker County.

Happy Trails, **YOUR** President, Carol Smith

Meet Your Ambassadors ~ Lee Woodward

Lee Woodward is the City Secretary for the City of Huntsville, Texas



Lee Woodward

"The roles of the City Secretary are many and varied. The City Secretary is a charter City official appointed by the City Council" said Ms. Lee Woodward. "The position's obligations include Council administration, elections, serving as the PIO (public information officer for media and communication), liquor licensing, records maintenance, liaison to boards and commissions and being part of the City's emergency management team. the City Secretary is accountable for the City Seal and public information requests, and serves as the parliamentarian for the Council. The City Secretary is charged with neutrality, honesty, integrity and upholding applicable state law and the City Charter."

Lee Woodward has worked for the City of Huntsville for the past seven and a half years and is very proud to serve the citizenry of Huntsville; she stated, "the City is proud to provide professional staff and public service in our community. Huntsville residents are great to work with and for; they're why we are ready to serve every day."

When asked why it is important to be an Ambassador member, Lee remarked, "taking part in the monthly Ambassador activities allows me to share the City of Huntsville's warm welcome with individuals and businesses I might not meet otherwise. It is a pleasure to get know the other Ambassadors a little better and share information about the City. Everyone should try to make the Ambassador and Prize Patrol meeting at least a few times a year; knowing what it's all about and participating in the meetings helps you perform as a more knowledgeable Chamber member."

Mayor Andy Brauningner said, "the City is so glad to have Lee represent us on the Chamber board and in the Ambassadors program this year. We hope more of our citizens will learn about what's going on at the City and how they can become more involved."

Lee asked if you would follow the City of Huntsville on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to get the most reliable information on events and construction and sign up at www.huntsvillex.gov to receive meeting notices and agendas in your email inbox as soon as they're posted!"

Member Spotlight...

Independently owned and operated, **FASTSIGNS of Conroe** has been serving businesses and organizations in the area since 1998. Owners Lisa and Chris Farr took over the business in 2005 and have been operating this FASTSIGNS location for 12 years. Six members of the team have attended Sam Houston State University and FASTSIGNS of Conroe

is proud to sever the Huntsville and Walker County communities.

Each year FASTSIGNS of Conroe consistently receives recognition for outstanding performance out of a network of more than 650 FASTSIGNS locations worldwide. Most recently, FASTSIGNS OF Conroe received the CEO Circle Award,



Lisa and Chris Farr

which recognizes the top 25 centers with the highest sales volume in the U.S. and Canada. "Our entire team is dedicated to helping businesses and organizations in the community tell their story, increase awareness and accomplish their goals," said Chris Farr. We thank our customers for their support and look forward to continue providing the most effective signs and graphics in Conroe, Huntsville and the surrounding areas for many more years to come."

Looking for more ways to get your message out? FASTSIGNS of Conroe is your go to marketing and visual communications partner. FASTSIGNS of Conroe provides comprehensive visual communications solutions including wall, window and floor graphics, architectural signs, banners, trade show displays, promotional product, ADA-compliant signs, wayfinding solutions, digital signage and content, vehicle wraps, interior décor graphics and more. Additionally, FASTSIGNS of Conroe holds a Texas Electrical Sign Contractors License and is capable of installing signs up to 55 feet in height.

Through continuing education of staff members and customers FASTSIGNS of Conroe is committed to increasing awareness of products and lifestyles that support a cleaner environment. We are constantly improving processes with the environment in mind and reducing waste and recycling as much as possible to promote a safer environment for future generations.

When asked why it is important to be a Chamber member Chris replied, "it is important to be a Chamber member because it is here that we are connected with the heartbeat of the Community. The Chamber gives us the opportunity to meet and interact with the movers and shakers in the local business community."

The next time you are seeking a sign, graphics and visual communications provider, contact FASTSIGNS of Conroe. For more information, call 936-539-3278, visit www.fastsigns.com/326 or email Chris Farr at chris.farr@fastsigns.com.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

HUNTSVILLE & WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS								
	Huntsville	Walker Co.	Texas	U.S.	Huntsville	Walker Co.	Texas	U.S.
	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2015	Jan. 2015	Jan. 2015	Jan. 2015
Employment								
Total Labor Force	11,233	22,590	13,113,461	157,347,000	11,379	22,810	13,004,462	156,050,000
Total Employed	10,646	21,448	12,531,940	149,037,000	10,758	21,673	12,393,247	146,552,000
Total Unemployed	587	1,142	581,521	8,309,000	621	1,137	611,215	9,498,000
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.1%	4.4%	5.3%	5.5%	5.0%	4.7%	6.1%
Huntsville Building Permit Values								
	February 2017	February 2016	% Change					
Building Residential	895,422	1,845,076	-0.51%					
Commercial Building	6,222,800	140,175	43%					
Certificate of Compliance	-0-	-0-	-0-					
Other	1,905,908	879,838	1.17%					
TOTAL	9,024,130	2,865,089	2.15%					
Walker County Sales Tax Payments								
	Mar. 2017	Mar. 2016	% Change	2017 YTD	2016 YTD	% Change		
Huntsville (1.5%)	572,002.89	591,721.62	-3.33%	2,031,153.25	2,032,281.40	-0.05%		
New Waverly (1.5%)	43,935.99	37,913.55	15.88%	124,052.25	134,886.77	-8.03%		
Riverside (1.5%)	10,453.22	9,670.07	8.09%	31,455.94	33,389.10	-5.78%		
Walker County (5%)	626,392.10	639,305.24	20.64%	2,186,661.44	2,200,557.27	-13.86%		
Sources								
Employment:	Texas Workforce Commission (www.tracer2.com)							
Bldg. Prmt. Valuations	City of Huntsville							
Sales Tax Payments:	Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Window on State Government Web Site (http://www.window.state.tx.us)							



RECENT MEMBER RENEWALS

Coca Cola	US Congressman Kevin Brady
Mac Woodward, Jr.	Parkview Place Apartments
Haney Moorman Paschal, PC	Huntsville Ducks Unlimited
Subway	Margarita's Mexican Restaurant
Amaya's Collision Center	Rita B Huff Humane Society
Clint McRae	Justin Ward - Wells Fargo Advisor
First Baptist Church	Fuller & Associates
Myrna Ashorn - Homeland Properties	All Risk Insurance Specialists of Texas
Scotsman Storage	Terry Stivers

Hat's off to the following members who recently renewed their Chamber membership. Marketing, advertising and networking are just a few of the benefits of Chamber membership. We encourage everyone to shop with Chamber members.

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"No Bull" Bill Fick
Ford being recognized and congratulated for the most Super Duty Ford Truck sales of all 3800+ Ford dealers nationwide, by Global Financial Partners, SH Athletics.



Pictured left to right, Jason Hooten, KC Keeler, Bill Fick, Matt Deggs, Bobby Williams, and Brian Smith

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4
5:30 - 8:30 P.M. * SHSU LSC BALLROOM

DIVA NIGHT
Girls Just Wanna Have Fun

THE ROARING Twenties \$35 / \$45 AT DOOR
BUY 5 TICKETS, GET ONE FREE!

COME DRESSED AS A FLAPPER, GANGSTER, SILENT SCREEN STAR, OR COME AS YOU ARE!

SHOPPING * ENTERTAINMENT * FOOD & DRINK
WINE GRAB * DOOR PRIZES * COSTUME CONTEST

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Prize Patrol Makes Stops All Over

The Chamber Ambassador "Prize Patrol" continues to be very busy celebrating with many business members. The Ambassadors make "surprise" visits, complete with balloons and cookies to show appreciation to Chamber business members. Shown here are February visits made to (1) First National Bank (2) Sam Moak's Office (3) Davis Partin and Associates (4) City of Huntsville Main Office (5) Edward Jones-Scott Francis (6) Carbonero's Restaurant. Don't be alarmed if you notice a group of excited individuals entering your business soon with balloons and goodies to share. This is a great way the Chamber is helping to highlight and market our members. For more information on being an Ambassador call the Chamber at 295-8113.



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Business/Outdoor Expo 2017

Thank You to all that supported the Chamber's 30th Anniversary. Approximately 100 booths including shopping, food tastings from our delicious restaurants/specialty baked goods shops and drinks were available. A huge THANK YOU to our sponsors!! City Hall Cafe & Pie Bar, Atkinson Toyota, Bill Fick Ford, Hyundai of Huntsville, Team Dodge Chrysler.

Taste of Huntsville Sponsor:



Communications Sponsor:



Auto Exhibitors:

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\$500 Grand Prize Sponsor:



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Taste of Huntsville:

Brookshire Brothers
Conroe Coca-Cola
Dominos
Eclectic Coffeehouse
El Rancho Viejo
Farmhouse Cafe
Faust Distributing
Golden Corral
HEB
Mike's Hard Lemonade
MRC Creekside
The Best Box Ever Bakery
Wing Stop

Vendors:

America's SBDC
Ample Computer Services, Inc.
Anytime Fitness Huntsville
Atkinson Toyota Madisonville
Barbwire Barbie Boutique
BCJ Leather
Believe Therapies
Bethy Creek Resort
Bill Fick Ford
Carriage Inn - Huntsville
Casey R. Frazier, D.D.S.-Pediatric Dentistry
Community Loan Center Brazos Valley
Cork & Canvas
CrossFit Fortem
Crossin Moving & Storage
Cyclone Graffix Car Wraps

DKHart Barefoot Books
Eastex Trailers & Eastex Storage
Elkins Lake Recreation Corp.
Family Hearing & Sensory-Neural Center
Farmhouse Funk and Junk
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First Baptist Church
First Financial Bank Huntsville
First National Bank of Huntsville
GoldCloud
Gus Hernandez State Farm
H & R Block - Huntsville
H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum of Texas
Home Health Care of Huntsville/THEE Hospice
Homeland Properties, Inc.
Huntsville Health Care Center
Huntsville I.S.D.
Huntsville I.S.D. Career and Technology
Huntsville Memorial Hospital
Huntsville Rental Center
Hyundai of Huntsville
K&G Capital Mortgage
KSAM-FM 101.7 / 104.9 THE HITS
KVST 99.7 FM/KSTAR Country
LearningRx
Loving Care Personal Care Home and Services
McGilberry Mechanical Heating and Cooling, Inc.
Mid-South Synergy
MRC Creekside
Newman Printing
Northwest Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Pathfinder Home Health

Raven Property Management
Rockin' D Services, Inc.
Sam's Club
Sugar "N" Spice and Much More
Tall Pines Association of Realtors
Team Dodge Chrysler Jeep
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Texas ENT & Allergy
Texas Media Corp.
The Adam Olsen Team - RE/MAX INTEGRITY
The Care Center of Huntsville
The Huntsville Item
Third Coast Gifts and Gourmet
U.S. Army - Huntsville Recruiting Co.
Walker County Federal Credit Union
Walmart
Wiesner, Inc. - Huntsville
Wilder Dozer Service LLC

Special Thanks to:

Huntsville Rental Center, McCoy's Building Supply, Davis Construction Management, Brookshire Brothers, KSAM 101.7, HEB, Coca Cola (Conroe), Paula Armstrong and Walker County Sheriff's Office.

Business Expo Committee:

Event Chair--Scott Francis, Edward Jones Investments
Vice Chair--Sam Donnell, Rockin'D Services, Inc
Bart Davis, Davis Construction Management
Lydia Montgomery, Shannon Higbie & Carol Smith, Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce

2017 and Taste of Huntsville

Business & Outdoor Expo and Taste of Huntsville!!

held at the Walker County Fairgrounds on Thursday, March 2, 2017. Also included was a Children's Play area, along with new and classic cars. A number of sponsors including Chrysler Jeep, Wiesner, Inc.-Huntsville, Huntsville ISD, Mid-South Synergy, Sam's Club, FASTSIGNS, Newman Printing and Gold Cloud.



CrossFit Fortem won Best Booth Award



Golden Coral won Best Food Booth Award



The Committee joined by Carol Sullivan and Carol Smith welcome Mid-South & \$500 winner Adanya Minor, along with Best Booth Award and Best Food Booth



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Bart Davis & Carol Sullivan



First Financial Bank



First National Bank

14th Annual Shot in the Dark Golf Tournament

sponsored by Team Dodge Chrysler Jeep

On **Friday, May 19**, golfers adorned with glow necklaces and such, will light up the course as they participate in the **14th Annual Shot in the Dark Night Golf Tournament**, sponsored by **Team Dodge** at **Raven Nest Golf Club in Huntsville, Texas!**

The Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce will bring this tournament unlike any other to Huntsville as the sun begins to set over Huntsville. The format is a 4 person scramble that begins at 4:00 p.m. with the first nine Daylight Holes sponsored by **Samaritan Women's Care-Dr. Curtis Montgomery**. The second nine "Nightlight Holes" (sponsorship available) begin at dusk.

SOME OLD & NEW FUN TWISTS AND TURNS THIS YEAR!!

Included with your registration:

- **\$10,000 CASH** Hole-In-One sponsored by **Team Dodge** (Hole 6 & Hole 11)
- **Golden Ticket** sponsored by **First National Bank Huntsville**, provides 6 "SPECIAL" Mulligans that will help lower your score but also rewards you with Gift Cards AND every golfer will be entered in the drawing for a vacation getaway!
- **Putt for a chance to WIN A YETI Tundra Cooler**, sponsored by **Raising Canes Chicken Fingers AND Walker County ACE Hardware**. Every player gets one ticket for the putting challenge. Additional tickets available for purchase. Open to volunteers and spectators too!

Additional opportunities for fun at a minimal cost:

- **Golf Ball Launcher** sponsored by **Bill Fick Ford**. Launch a golf ball 300 yards or better and you could take home the closest to the pin prize! Get your entire team to participate and take an Eagle for the hole! Only \$20 a shot! (Hole 2 & 16)
- **"Dixon Challenge"** sponsored by **Team Dodge**. Golfers who participate on these par 3 holes receive gift certificates for one year subscription to Golf Digest magazine, land on the green and receive a sleeve of Dixon Earth Golf Balls and if the entire team participates get a automatic Birdie for the hole! If golfers get a hole-in-one on this hole they will qualify for the hole-in-one finals at the Fiesta Bowl \$1 million dollar hole! Cost is only \$10 per player to participate.
- **"Aurelius Driver Challenge"** sponsored by **Team Dodge**. Golfers who participate on these par 5 holes will receive 2 raffle tickets for a \$350 custom Aurelius Driver! Golfers will have 2 opportunities to hit for an opportunity to receive a driver for free as well! Your entire team decides to participate in the challenge and your team takes their tee shot from a 100 yard drop! Make a hole-in-one at this point and qualify for the hole-in-one finals at the Fiesta Bowl \$1 million dollar hole! AND every participant will receive a gift certificate for a free hybrid golf club valued at \$150. Cost to participate in this challenge is only \$20 per player.

Check in begins at 3:00 pm., warm up on the Mid South Synergy Driving Range and be ready to tee off at 4:00 pm.

Team registration is only \$500 and includes 2 carts per team of 4, dinner, beverages, snacks, pizza at the end of the tournament provided by **Domino's**, glow in the dark accessories, and lots of giveaways including tournament golf balls sponsored by **Sherwin Williams** and tournament golf towels sponsored by **ReMax 1st Source-Stacey Roberts & Walker County Federal Credit Union!** Scores will be posted on the **Edward Jones Investments-Scott Francis Scoreboard** and 1st and 2nd place winners will take home some fabulous prizes. The Hard Luck Award, sponsored by **HBI Office Solutions**, is awarded to one team who doesn't place in the top 2, all players must be present to win!

Registration for teams will begin SOON. If you would like to reserve a team, email lgreen@chamber.huntsville.tx.us or call 936-295-8113. We are limited to 32 teams and remember we usually sell out so don't delay!



4 Person Scramble Sponsored by:
18 holes of Golf
9 in daylight; 9 after dark!



Dinner, cart, glow accessories & MORE!
CHANCE to WIN GREAT PRIZES
Including the



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Call 936-295-8113

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS FEBRUARY

The following businesses recently joined the Chamber and we extend **A WARM CHAMBER WELCOME**. The information printed was gained from membership applications. For any additions and/or corrections, contact the Chamber as complete membership information is vital to your records with us. **Our most recent new members we welcome:**

Sugar "N" Spice and Much More- Sugar "N" Spice and everything nice-that is what bakeries are made of right? There are many new and exciting things coming to Sugar "N" Spice and Much More for 2017. Fantastic offerings include: Fancy chocolates filled with ganache, Macarons, Petite Fours, Tea Cakes, and many other sweet and savory cookies, puff pastry, choux paste items, breads, and rolls. We also make and deliver specialty breads and do catering for that "Special" event you have coming up. For more information, call 936-291-7007, or visit their website at www.sugarandspicecustombakery.com

Loving Care Personal Care Home and Services- When the time comes for you to choose the right facility for your loved one, Loving Care Personal Care Home and Services offers 24 hour personal home care, giving families an alternative to Nursing Homes and Assisted Living facilities. Services are provided in our home or your home. In addition we have transportation services for non-medical emergencies open to the general public; such as Doctor office visits, grocery store shopping, errands and more. For more information, contact SheJuan McKibbins at 936-668-1277, or by email at onelovingcare@gmail.com

DKHart Barefoot Books- Has a passion for books, reading and learning new things! Barefoot Books offers some powerful tools that can reach out to families and children and help them and the people around them have a brighter future. Visit the website and step inside the stories with links that often have both audio and video. Anyone can host a literacy event which earns them free products of books, games, puzzles, puppets, and more! Fundraisers are great to raise funds for supporting passions while at the same time placing learning aides to the public. If you are looking to share the dream of an Earth full of giving and loving people, contact Donna Hart at 936-730-9844, or visit her website at www.barefootbooks.com/Donna-Hart

Anytime Fitness Huntsville- "Anytime Fitness provides 24-hour access to over 3000 locations worldwide! Our facilities include free weights, machine weights, cardio, and high intensity functional equipment and we offer personal training, tanning, and group exercise classes. We're excited to be open in Huntsville and look forward to being part of the community! Come see what makes us America's number one fitness provider!" For more information contact Hunter Stephens at 936-337-7400 or stop by their location at 2416 Sam Houston Avenue.

GoldCloud- Content is king in the world of social media. As the advertising landscape shifts towards digital, it's time to take your marketing in the same direction. GoldCloud produces social media ad campaigns, which are a series of commercials, ranging from 15-60 seconds. We combine vivid graphics, high definition photos, and dynamic audio for fast-paced, fresh content. Each campaign is custom designed from beginning to end, to generate exposure, traffic, and sales for your business. In addition to creating your campaigns, we also provide exclusive marketing through our mobile app. To schedule your free consultation, contact us at GCHuntsville@GoldCloud.com or by phone at 832-620-0318. We keep our head in the clouds, feet on the ground, and our fingers on the pulse of your local social audience.

Community Loan Center Brazos Valley- The Brazos Valley CDC 501 (c)(3) has implemented a local affordable small dollar loan program that is an alternative to predatory Pay Day and Auto Title Lending. They also offer Financial Coaching FREE! For more information, please contact Paul Turney, at 979-595-2809 or stop by their location at 4001 E. 29th Street, Suite #180, Bryan, TX. You may also visit their website at www.clcbv.org

Perfectly Posh Independent & Consultant-Deborah Jackson- Everyone deserves to be pampered...naturally. We believe you deserve the best-products you can trust and a brand you can feel good about. Our products are made in the USA with the purest, natural ingredients on earth. If you love great products that are as fun as they are good for you then you're going to love us. Pampering-Products, Pampering Parties, and Pampering Business. Contact Deborah Jackson at 936-636-7288, or visit their website at www.deborah_jackson.posh and scroll down to the catalog.

The Adam Olsen Team-RE/MAX Integrity- As the #1 listing Real Estate Team in Huntsville, TX we strive to provide the best service and marketing to our clients. We service residential, commercial, business brokerage, and Farm & Ranch real estate. Backed by HGTV and an official sponsor of the SHSU Bearkats you won't go wrong by choosing Adam Olsen or his team to help you buy or sell real estate. For more information, contact him at 936-662-7853, or visit his website at www.adamolsenteam.com

Huntsville Classical Academy- A tuition-free public charter school for K-8th grade. Our educational philosophy recognizes the value of each child as a person, and each parent their primary educator. Children have a natural appetite for knowledge, and we are able to offer support to the child's mind by creating an environment for each student to develop intellectual connections between all subjects. Our priority is to grow a love of learning and upstanding character, by creating an environment that supplies the students with a foundation of a classical education within a 21st Century setting. For more information call 936-291-0203 or stop by their location at 2407 Sam Houston Avenue, Suite B. You may also visit their website at www.responsiveed.com/huntsvilleclassical

The Chamber V.O.I.C.E. is a monthly publication that highlights people who are the heart of the Chamber, recognizes the countless volunteers who dedicate their time and talents, gives insight to the endless opportunities to network and connect with others, promotes ideas for involvement from businesses and/or organizations that make up the membership, provides communication to the Huntsville-Walker County community, and keeps you abreast of the events within the chamber and our town.

Small Business
Breakfast
 Huntsville-Walker County
 Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to **SHSU Leadercast** for sponsoring the March Chamber Small Business Breakfast. The Huntsville-Walker County Leadercast Program, held annually at Sam Houston State University is a live, one-day, simulcast leadership conference where leaders and educators from our region gather to learn from experts in leadership from around the globe. The 2017 Leadercast theme is Powered by Purpose, and will focus on encouraging teams and individuals to be connected by purpose; to create a strong organizational culture with intentional leadership that inspires extraordinary results. Leadercast organizers hope that after the event, each attendee can imagine a future that is rich and full of hope; where problems are solved, questions are answered, and confusion gives way to clarity.

Leadercast for 2017 will be May 5, 2017 at the Gaertner Performing Arts Center and lunch will be held at Johnson Coliseum. Tickets are \$55.00 now through March 31st. Sponsorships are also still available.

Speakers for 2017 include Andy Stanley, Leadership Author & Communicator; Molly Fletcher, Former Top Sports Agent & Author; Daniel Pink, Behavioral Science Expert and Host of Crowd Control; Suzy Welch, Author, TV Commentator, & Business Journalist; Jess Ekstrom, CEU of Headbands of Hope; Tyler Perry, Director, Playwright, Screenwriter, Producer, Actor, Author, & Entrepreneur; Jim McKelvey, Co-Founder of Square and Founder of LaunchCode; and Dr. Henry Cloud, Acclaimed Leadership Expert, Clinical Psychologist, and Best Selling Author.

Participants attending the event are also eligible for CEU credits from various associations. For more information about this year's event or to purchase tickets today, please contact us at (936) 294-2277 or visit our website at <http://www.shsu.edu/leadercast/>.



Kelly Presley- Administrative Coordinator and Dr. Kristy Vienne- Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs/Director

What's Happening!

- **Business After Hours** – March 23rd, 5:15p.m. hosted & sponsored by SEARS in their NEW location
- **Small Business Breakfast**- April 13, 7:30a.m. at Golden Corral, sponsored by MARJI, Skin Care & Cosmetic Studio
- **14th Annual Shot in the Dark Golf Tournament, Friday, May 19 at Raven Nest Golf Club, sponsored by Team Dodge**
- **SAVE THE DATE: DIVA NIGHT, Friday, August 4th Theme: The Roaring 20's; sponsored by Wiesner, Inc. Huntsville**

business after hours

Thanks to **Sam Houston State University Athletics** for sponsoring and hosting the February Business After Hours. The Sam Houston State Bearkats are members of the Division 1 of the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Southland Conference. SHSU Athletics sponsors 17 varsity teams - ten for women and seven for men.

Assistant A.D. for Corporate Partnerships Kyle Barnard shared, "The department is committed to providing its more than 400 student-athletes with exceptional educational and athletic opportunities as well as activities designed to nurture and develop the mind, body and spirit. With an ultimate goal of striving to compete for championships, we ensure each student-athlete the opportunity for a quality and life-enhancing experience designed to prepare each individual to reach their full potential in the classroom and on the field in preparation for their eventual post collegiate professional careers."

"As state resources continue to decline, the need for private funding to support the University's strategic needs has become essential. To remain a state leader in agriculture education, the University has designated the agriculture facilities as a funding priority and will seek major gift commitments from private sources for construction of the new facilities.

Delivering on behalf of our corporate partners is paramount. Growing your business comes down to your consumer relationships. Whether you are creating new consumer relationships or strengthening current ones, our goal is to assist you by uniquely tailoring and implementing a partnership designed with specific elements that take advantage of the appeal of Sam Houston State University Athletics.

For more information about SHSU Athletics visit <http://www.gobearkats.com/>



Pictured are : Kyle Barnard – Assistant Athletic Director, Chris Thompson – Associate Athletic Director, JR Ohr – Assistant Athletic Director, K.C. Keeler – Head Football Coach, Bobby Williams – Athletic Director, Jason Hooten – Head Men's Basketball Coach, Tracy Chappell – Marketing Coordinator, David Paitson – Associate Athletic Director



Seminar Schedule

March - April, 2017

Microsoft Word 2016 Fee: \$20 each class

Intro to Microsoft Word

Tuesday March 21st 6 - 8 pm

Location: SHSU SBDC Computer Lab



Attendees will learn how to identify the different parts of the Word 2016 screen, use the Ribbon, File Button, navigate through the document using the mouse and keyboard, document setup, edit a document, formatting text, cut, copy, paste, find and replace, and running Spelling and Grammar check.

Advanced Microsoft Word - Wed. Mar, 22nd 6-8 pm

Attendees will learn advanced features of using Microsoft Word, including advanced formatting of paragraphs and tabs, editing pictures, lists, hyperlinks, manipulating headers and footers as well as mail merge and other advanced features of Microsoft Word 2016.

New Texas Taxpayer Seminar

FREE

Thursday April 27th 1 - 3 pm

Location : SHSU SBDC Computer Lab

Taxpayer seminars are geared toward new taxpayers, but offer helpful information for all taxpayers. They include an overview of tax responsibilities and information on voluntary compliance with sales tax laws and regulations. Each seminar is also driven by discussion and attendees are encouraged to bring their questions and comments.

Texas Taxpayer seminars are conducted by the Comptroller's Enforcement Division with offices in 28 locations across Texas. Please register to save your space

Please register and reserve your spot at: <http://samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net>

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OUR MISSION:

*To promote an environment to enhance
 the economic success of business
 in Walker County.*

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Chamber Calendar

MARCH

21 HLI-Natural Resources
 21 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ TBD
 21 Executive Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
 22 Ribbon Cutting, 11:00 am at Walker County Federal Credit Union @ 1802 Normal Park
 23 Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
 23 Thursday LEADS Group, 8:00 am @ Carriage Inn
 23 Business After Hours, 5:15-6:15 pm @ Sears New Location next to Academy
 28 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
 28 Ambassador Meeting @ Chamber, 10:30 am
 30 Thursday LEADS Group, 8:00 am @ Chamber
 30 Walker County Fair Parade @ 7:00 pm
 31 Walker County Fair Begins through April 8th

APRIL

1 Walker County Fair & Rodeo Begins through April 8th
 4 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
 6 Thursday LEADS Group, 8:00 am @ Chamber
 7 Bar-B-Que Cook-Off @ Walker County Fair
 8 Freezer Sale @ Walker County Fair
 12 Tourism Meeting, 8:30 am @ Chamber
 12 Youth Leadership, 10:50 am-2:30 pm @ Veterans & Prison Museum
 12 POP Committee Meeting, 2:00 pm @ Chamber
 13 Small Business Breakfast, 7:30 am @ Golden Corral, sponsored by MARJI Cosmetics
 14 Chamber Office closed in observance of Good Friday
 16 Easter
 18 HLI-Business Tours
 18 Executive Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
 18 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ TBD
 20 Board Meeting, 8:00 am @ Chamber
 20 Thursday LEADS Group, 8:00 am @ TBD
 25 Preferred Partners, 8:00 am @ Chamber
 25 Ambassador Meeting @ Chamber, 10:30 am
 27 Thursday LEADS Group, 8:00 am @ Chamber
 27 Business After Hours, 5:15-6:15 pm @ Gibbs Street Manor, 525 Gibbs St., New Waverly
 28 HLI Board Meeting, 12:00 pm @ Chamber

Community Calendar of Events

MARCH

20 7:30 pm SHSU Horn Recital
 21 7:30 pm SHSU Women's Choir with Woodlands HS Women's Choir
 21 11:30 am-2:30 pm 21st Annual HUB/VENDOR Show @ Storm Shelter
 22 7:30pm SHSU Guest Artist and Faculty Recital
 23 7:30 pm SHSU UPE & Steel Band Concert
 24 7:30 pm SHSU Sinfonietta Orchestra Concert
 25 10:00 am-2:00 pm Blacksmithing Demonstration @ Joshua's Forge
 25 8:00 pm Thesis Concert "25" @ Gaertner Center, Dance Theatre
 27 7:30 pm SHSU Chorale Spring Concert
 27 SHSU Art: 18th Annual Juried Student Exhibit
 28 7:30 pm SHSU Double Reed Studio Recital
 30 7:30 pm Animated Screening of "Tower" @ Gaertner Center, Dance Theatre
 30 7:00 pm Walker County Fair Parade
 31-thru April 8th Walker County Fair & Rodeo
 31 7:30 pm Mama Won't Fly @ HCT-Downtown Square
 31 8:00 pm SHSU Theatre "God of Carnage" @ Univ. Theatre Center
 31 9:00 am/7:30 pm Bill Watrous Jazz Festival @ Gaertner Center

APRIL

1 7:30 pm Mama Won't Fly @ Huntsville Comm. Theatre
 1 8:00 pm SHSU Theatre "Gruesome Playground Injuries" @ Univ. Theatre Center
 1 2:00 pm SHSU Theatre "Tape" @ Univ. Theatre Center
 1 9:00 am-8:30 pm Bill Watrous Jazz Festival @ Gaertner Center
 1 10:00-2:00 pm Spinning & Weaving Demo @ Woodland Home Front Porch
 2 2:00 pm Mama Won't Fly @ Huntsville Comm. Theatre
 4 8:00 pm Showcase Theatre: "Gruesome Playground Injuries" @ Univ. Theatre Center
 4-June 23rd Exhibit: No Man's Land @ Katy & Don Walker Center
 5 8:00 pm SHSU Theatre "Tape" @ Univ. Theatre Center
 6 8:00 pm SHSU Theatre "God of Carnage" @ Univ. Theatre Center
 7 7:30 pm Mama Won't Fly @ Huntsville Comm. Theatre
 7 8:00 pm SHSU Theatre "Gruesome Playground Injuries" @ University Theatre Center
 8 7:30 pm Mama Won't Fly @ Huntsville Comm. Theatre
 8 8:00 pm SHSU Theatre "Tape" @ Univ. Theatre Center
 8 2:00 pm SHSU Theatre "God of Carnage" @ Univ. Theatre Center
 8 10:00 am-2:00 pm Woodworking Demonstration @ Guerrant Cabin
 9 2:00 pm Mama Won't Fly @ Huntsville Comm. Theatre
 15 10:00 am-2:00 pm Kick Wheel Pottery Demonstration @ Raven's Pottery Shed
 22 10:00 am- 2:00 pm Blacksmithing Demonstration @ Joshua's Forge
 26-29 8:00 pm- SHSU Theatre "Hairspray" @ Univ. Theatre Center, 2:00 pm on Saturday