

May 2016



Danny Pierce, County Judge presents "Tourism Week" proclamation to Carol Smith, Chamber President

Member Spotlight...



Welcome New Members:

- Arctic Cryotherapy
- Charity Cleaning Solutions
- McAdams Dry Goods
- eSign, Inc.
- Wilder Dozer Service, LLC
- Christine Hoover, LPC
- R & T Construction
- Believe Therapies

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CAROL'S CORNER



Carol Smith

As we begin to wind down another school year, we are beginning to think of how best to prepare for the upcoming school season. Very soon we will be asking for items to go in our new teacher "Welcome" packets. And, also we are thinking of our "Choices" presentations beginning in October. "The Choices program is a great way to make sure kids know that decisions they are making today affect

them down the road; we don't think about how we are affected. Math is an important part of most jobs, especially mine in police work" per Steve Fisher, of Walker County Sheriff's staff, and Choices presenter for many years. Sherry Ingram, also a Choices presenter, shared "Choices allows us as business professionals and community members to work with students and hopefully they realize we are there because we care". Choices materials involve students in decision making, goal setting, time and money management exercises as well as mock job interviews. It also allows us as presenters to share real life experiences. We encourage you to consider serving as a Choices presenter this coming school year.

Hopefully you have given notice to the "Economic Indicators" published in our VOICE newsletter monthly. It contains very interesting information. For example it shows \$3,725,500 permit value for commercial building in 2016, and \$1,465,000 for same value in 2015. It is also shows \$817,268.97 in April 2016 of sales tax payments, and \$810,901.08 in April 2015. These are indicators of growth and prosperity, which Huntsville so desperately needs. Data is shown for New Waverly, Riverside and Walker County as a whole. I encourage you to study this information, and apologize ahead of time if the print is too small. Just let me know and I'll e-mail it to you.

Along those same lines, a recent study indicated that 65% of our workforce reported they had received no

appreciation for the good work they had done!! Without purpose, passion, and a sense that we are making a difference, what meaning does our life really have, and why should we strive to do our best work? The beauty of appreciation is that we can each give it to anyone we choose. It costs nothing, except a few moments of our time. Business leaders and others often say they want to make an impact on the future of our youth, and that youth are part of the solution to improving the overall future of our world. We have a choice in this matter.

Hopefully, you were able to attend the Leadercast seminar at SHSU on Friday, May 6. It was an array of speakers from across the nation. All are outstanding in their own fields. Many Walker County leaders attended, along with some from out-of-town. We even had several high school groups attend. Mark your calendar for early May, 2017.

You may have heard (or not) about the POP Committee here at the Chamber. POP (Promoting our Positives) has been very active in the Hornet flag campaign and will once again begin selling flags throughout this community. Also, the recent book drive brought in well over 10,000 books for the younger HISD grades to take home and read for the summer. We hope you will help us by beginning to gather up books for our next drive to be held during 2016-17 school year.

Mother Teresa sums up the appreciation idea by saying "Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier." THAT is the gift of appreciation!! So, get involved in helping build a solid, healthy community. I challenge you to follow these 10 simple truths of appreciation. (1) Everyone wants appreciation and needs it; (2) it does not have to be something "big"; (3) make it personal; (4) be creative; (5) surprise people if you can; (6) be sincere; (7) have a plan; (8) share yourself from the heart; (9) make it memorable; (10) you will receive more than you give!! We possess knowledge, and hopefully you are inspired to use it to help make great things happen in our community. Chamber contact information can be found on the back of this newsletter. I hope to hear from you soon!!

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

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.

Member Spotlight...

She's the brains and beauty behind the whole **Barbwire Barbie Boutique** outfit and has a personal wardrobe the envy of every southern belle! Thankfully, she's on a mission to help the rest of us look and feel just as fabulous everyday! Raised in Huntsville, Texas and staying close to her native roots, Samantha Humphrey owner and creative mind of Barbwire Barbie studies at Sam Houston State University, majoring in Fashion merchandising.



Samantha Humphrey

"I started my boutique after I decided that working for someone else was not ideal for me. I have always loved fashion and of course shopping. When Barbwire Barbie Boutique started it was originally an online Facebook based business. We quickly out grew Facebook and launched our first website 6 months after opening. We now travel to county fairs, local rodeos and other vendor shows. We are also open the first Friday and Saturday of each month for a trunk show inside of Curves on Hwy 75N. If you order on line (lets gobarbie.com), you can enjoy free pick up at Curves. My phone number is (936)-355-1202."

"It's important for me to be a Chamber member because being around other business owners gives me a different perspective; the Chamber keeps me involved in activities and things that I would never think to do on my own. Learning from other business owners helps me to grow and develop personally and it pushes me to stay involved and on top of my game. Because I'm a college student and I'm around a lot of other students, my Chamber involvement exposed me to different walks of life and professionals; this has broadened my client base and offers crossover of my products to any age group. There is a give and take relationship with Chamber members, I learn from them and I hope to give or contribute something back to them."

Samantha's style proclaims her love of Christ, family, friends, the Lone Star State and her hometown spirit. She has a weakness for starched jeans and cowboy boots...and as for leopard print and fringe boots, well, they go with everything.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

HUNTSVILLE & WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Employment	Huntsville Mar. 2016	Walker Co. Mar. 2016	Texas Mar. 2016	U.S. Mar. 2016	Huntsville Mar. 2015	Walker Co. Mar. 2015	Texas Mar. 2015	U.S. Mar. 2015
Total Labor Force	11,420	22,907	13,273,913	158,854,000	11,368	22,842	13,013,634	156,318,000
Total Employed	10,782	21,723	12,682,457	150,738,000	10,807	21,773	12,456,251	147,635,000
Total Unemployed	638	1,184	591,456	8,116,000	561	1,069	557,383	8,682,000
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	5.2%	4.5%	5.1%	4.9%	4.7%	4.3%	5.6%

Huntsville Building Permit Values	Apr. 2016	Apr. 2015	% Change
Building Residential	597,685	1,035,027	-0.42%
Commercial Building	3,725,500	1,465,000	1.54%
Certificate of Compliance	0	0	0
Other	6,217,560	1,301,478	3.78%
TOTAL	10,540,745	3,801,505	1.77%

Walker County Sales Tax Payments	May 2016	May 2015	% Change	2016 YTD	2015 YTD	% Change
Huntsville (1.5%)	817,268.97	810,901.08	0.78%	3,403,742.16	3,372,891.56	0.91%
New Waverly (1.5%)	46,761.08	28,892.83	61.84%	203,783.77	198,246.45	2.79%
Riverside (1.5%)	14,910.62	14,726.72	1.24%	59,440.59	54,626.16	8.81%
Walker County (.5%)	317,152.54	308,855.62	2.68%	1,381,023.03	1,384,433.85	-0.24%

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)

What's Happening!

- **Business After Hours** – May 26, 5:15p.m. hosted & sponsored by LearningRx
- **Small Business Breakfast**- June 9, 7:30a.m. at Golden Corral, sponsored by Allegiance Mobile Health
- **DIVA Night, Friday, August 12th** Theme: Kentucky Derby; sponsored by Wiesner, Inc. Huntsville
- **Pre- Fair on the Square Concert-Friday, September 30th** Featuring Jerrett Zoch & The OSR Band
- **42nd Annual Fair on the Square-Saturday, October, 1, 9:00-5:00**

Ribbon Cuttings



H & R Block - Huntsville

H & R Block-Huntsville- located at 3010 Highway 30W, Suite A, celebrated their Ribbon Cutting ceremony with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on April 6, 2016. If you are looking for a tax professional who can handle all your tax preparation needs, give them a call at 936-295-8831 or visit their website at www.hrblock.com



Arctic Cryotherapy

Arctic Cryotherapy - celebrated their Ribbon Cutting ceremony with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on April 18, 2016. Come and experience a Whole Body Cryotherapy, which is the use of extremely low temperatures for therapeutic benefits. Come visit their location at 2100 Sam Houston Avenue, Suite E, or give Ashley Webb a call at 936-439-4839. Be sure to check out their website at www.articcryotherapy.com



K & G Capital Mortgage

K & G Capital Mortgage- celebrated with family, Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors their Ribbon Cutting ceremony on April 12, 2016. A premier lender in Huntsville who pride themselves in customer satisfaction, and provides mortgage services for all residential properties. If you are looking for a home and/or home mortgage, contact Tyler McCafferty at 936-661-7618, or stop by their office located at 1314 10th St., Suite 210 or visit their website at www.kgcm.com



Global Financial Partners

Global Financial Partners- celebrated 30 years of business with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony held on April 19, 2016. Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors were on hand to "Congratulate" Brian Smith for providing the community of Huntsville financial planning to help them realize their goals. Come by and visit Brian and his Staff at 1211 Financial Plaza, or give them a call at 936-294-0201. You may also visit their website at www.financialpartner.net

The Huntsville Leadership Institute of the
Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce
requests your presence at a

**Graduation Dinner
for the
Huntsville Leadership Institute
Class of 2016**

Thursday, June 2
Elkins Lake Clubhouse
5:30 p.m. - Reception
6 - 8 p.m. - Dinner & Program

Please join us as we celebrate the
graduates, the leadership institute
tradition and the wonderful
community we serve!

Leadership is not only an honor...but a responsibility.

Business Casual Attire
Dinner \$20

**Reservations Required by May 25
Call 936-295-8113**

Lexie Stoudt Interns at Chamber of Commerce

Huntsville, TX has been my home for my entire life. I love living in a small town where everybody knows everybody. I have been actively involved in Huntsville ever since I was a little girl. Church activities, scramble heifers, 4-H projects, and ultimately HHS Class of 2012 Senior Class President kept me busy and passionate about Huntsville during my younger years.



Lexie Stoudt

After graduation from Huntsville High School I began my journey at Texas A&M University. The first weekend of May concluded my four years in the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band and the Corps of Cadets. My time in the Corps was challenging, enjoyable, tough, and rewarding all at the same time. My time in the Corps has come to an end, but I still have one semester left to finish my B.B.A in Marketing with certificates in Leadership Development and Professional Event Management. I am excited to return to my home in Huntsville, Texas and my hobbies that have been on hold for four years. I am looking forward to riding horses, developing my photography skills, and spending time with my family and friends.

I am honored to intern with the Chamber of Commerce this summer. One of my favorite things about Huntsville is the small businesses that still thrive here and now I am lucky enough to learn about them. I am looking forward to learning what it is like to help small businesses grow, put on community events, and helping the community grow. I hope that in my time here I am able to help the Chamber achieve its goals and give back to a community that has helped make me who I am today.

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Have you stopped by the chamber lately? The chamber parking lot recently received a face lift with new striping and handicap space markings. Thanks to Straight Line Striping (John Hobbs)!! Come check out our fresh new look!

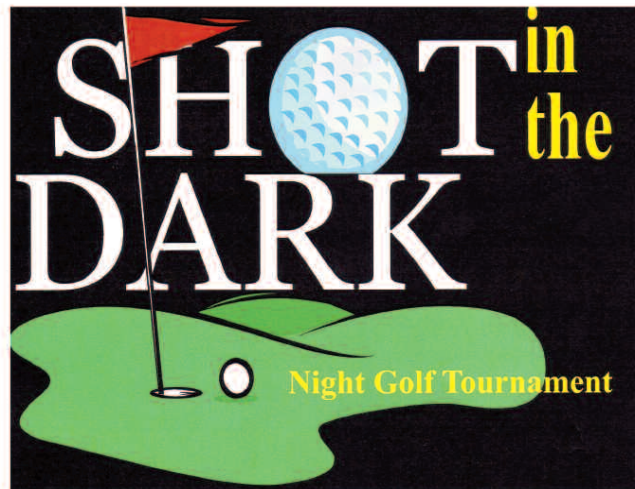
CONGRATS to Heather and Tyler Johns on the arrival of the newest little one on May 9th. to Willa and Evie, the two "big sisters" welcome the newest little one, Sybil Ross Johns, to the family!!

WAY TO GO MARGARET!! Margaret Gullede recently completed her graduate studies at Quinnipiac University - York Hill and now holds a doctorate degree in healthcare.





Presented the



**& Helicopter Golf Ball Drop
Friday, May 6, 2016**

Thanks to the 2016 Shot in the Dark Committee:

- Brandon Cooper- SHSU Student Activities
- Sam Donnell-Rockin' D Services, Inc.
- April Farquhar-TX Alcohol & Drug Testing
- Scott Francis, BBVA Compass
- Glenn Green, SHSU
- John Hendricks, First Financial Bank
- Robert Pate, First Financial Bank
- Marcus Payne, Citizens National Bank
- Dean Choate & Staff, Raven Nest Golf Club
- Laura Green, Chamber of Commerce -Shot in the Dark Coordinator

Special Thanks

- City of Huntsville*
- Classic Fare Catering-Aramark*
- Conroe Coca-Cola*
- Dock Line Magazine*
- Domino's*
- Faust Distributing*
- Matthew Goodwin-Helicopter Academy, LLC*
- Huntsville Rental Center*
- Huntsville Truck & Tractor*
- Junior Service League*
- KSAM-FM/104.9 THE HITS*
- KSTAR Country 99.7*
- Lonestar Commissary-Tim Calcote*
- Phi Gamma Delta*
- Raven Nest Golf Club*
- Sam Houston State University*
- Schlotzsky's*
- Stevenson Distributing*
- The Huntsville Item*
- United Rental*
- Walker County Ace Hardware*
- Walker County Sheriff's Office*

And all our volunteers!! We couldn't do it without them!

Thanks to our Presenting Sponsor:



Helicopter Sponsor:



Thanks to all our sponsors:



It takes a LOT of volunteers to make this tournament run so smoothly. We appreciate ALL of them. Please note that not all are pictured, some were out on the course working!



2nd flight 1st place winner - Team Sherwin Williams



1st Place Putting Contest Winner - Deke Neeves



#54 was the lucky ball at the Helicopter Golf Ball Drop purchased by Texas Grand Ranch!!



Lian from Bill Fick Ford, Sponsor, dropped the golf balls over the driving range.



Teams head out for the 1st round of play!



1st flight 1st place winner - Team Bill Fick Ford

Thanks to our Hole Sponsors!

- Adams Furniture***
 - Amaya's Collision Center***
 - BBVA Compass***
 - Bickley, Prescott, Webb & Wells CPA***
 - Brookshire Brothers***
 - Bryan Orthodontics***
 - Candyce F. Dixon, CPA***
 - Carriage Inn-Huntsville***
 - Community Service Credit Union***
 - Domino's***
 - Double Dave's Pizza***
 - Dr. Stephen H. Means & Assoc.***
 - Eagle Graphics/Tough Shirts***
 - Edward Jones Investments-Scotti Castro***
 - Elliott Electric Supply***
 - First National Bank Huntsville***
 - Heartfield Florist***
 - Haney.Moorman.Paschal, P.C.***
 - HBI Office Solutions, Inc.***
 - K&G Capital Mortgage***
 - KSTAR County 99.7***
 - Lucky Star Cleaners***
 - Markham Realty, Inc.***
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 - Physical Therapy Associates***
 - Sandel Energy***
 - Scott A Logan, DDS***
 - Tax Express***
 - Texas Grand Ranch***
 - The Jack Olsta Company***
 - Town & Country Cleaners***
 - TSR Exterior Cleaning***
 - Walker County LP Gas***
 - Wharton Insurance Network***
- Proceeds benefit the
Huntsville Leadership Institute***



Glow in the dark accessories help light up the course, the players and the carts!



Junior Service League volunteers



It's raining golf balls



Sheriff Clint McRae enjoys playing in the tournament every year!



Ambassador Spotlight ~ Dr. Kristy Vienne

Dr. Kristy Vienne, Assistant Vice President, Student Services, has a busy schedule but makes time to be involved with the Chamber of Commerce Ambassador program. She not only oversees the Money Management Center and ID Card office for Sam Houston State University, she also handles Professional Development for her division and chairs the Leadercast Event for Huntsville Walker County.

She has been married to Mr. Charlie Vienne, Director SHSU Alumni Center for 16 years and has 2 beautiful daughters. Kristy lives an active lifestyle and believes that the Chamber is about networking and promoting our community to each other. "I want to network and meet people who I can share ideas and business prospects with. I also want to be able to bring back that information to my colleagues on campus."



Dr. Kristy Vienne

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS IN APRIL

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:**

Arctic Cryotherapy-COME CHILL WITH US and experience a Whole Body Cryotherapy, which is the use of extremely low temperatures for therapeutic benefits. Beneficial results are numerous as the extreme cold tricks the body into producing a fight response. For more information, please contact Ashley Webb at 936-439-4839, and visit their new location at 2100 Sam Houston Avenue, Suite E or check out their website at www.arcticcryotherapy.net

Charity Cleaning Solutions-Takes care of all your cleaning needs and provides a budget that works with you and your time schedule, providing daily, weekly, or monthly service. They offer fast and efficient service to all commercial businesses and residential homes and will provide references upon request. For more information, contact Emanuel Henry at 832-560-7038, or by email at charitycleaningsolutions@gmail.com

McAdams Dry Goods- is the newest location in Huntsville providing Women's apparel and accessories. They invite you to come by their location at 1113 University Ave, or give them a call at 936-294-6053. Also, visit their website at www.mcadamsdrygoods.com

eSign, Inc.- Designs, manufactures and ships the highest quality LED Message Displays and Video Boards on the market. eSign offers Outdoor, Indoor, and Window LED Displays and Complete Sign Systems to fit any advertising budget. For more information, contact Mike Cochran at 936-294-9969, or visit their website at www.esignled.com

Wilder Dozer Service, LLC- is a local family owned land improvement and dirt work contractor. They also offer a variety of options for land improvement including ponds, roads, clearing, and building pads. For more information, contact Randy or Jamie Wilder at 936-661-9637 or come by their location at 110 Allen Road. Be sure to check out their website at www.wilderdozerservice.com

Christine Hoover, LPC- a Licensed Professional Counselor who offers individual counseling for people who are from a place of brokenness and hurt to a place of wholeness, healing, and hope. For more information, contact Christine at 936-931-8051, or visit her location at 1215 15th Street, Suite 200. You may also visit her website at www.christinehoover.org

R & T Construction- offers Home remodeling, decks, handicap ramps and any Handyman Service you are thinking about. Pressure washing, fences, plumbing, pipe insulation and winterization, and scrap and junk removal. References given upon request. Contact Ronald Farrar at 936-252-3368 for your next quote, or email them at Toni.Kirkland@yahoo.com

Believe Therapies-is a therapist-owned outpatient facility that provides Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapy services. Believe has been trusted by families and physicians for nearly a decade, and their family friendly environment empowers all their clients to achieve all their goals. For more information contact Wendy Sanford at 832-689-0101, or visit their website at www.believetherapies.com



RECENT MEMBER RENEWALS

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| Charles Monday M.D. | Facemaker Inc. |
| Aspire Hospital | Subway - Hwy 75 North |
| Landscapers Pride | Wally's Party Factory |
| Fuller & Associates | Bette Nelson |
| University Heights Baptist Church | Caroline Crimm |
| Bill Wood Dirt | Best Western - Huntsville Inn |
| Donna Story | Ample Computer Services |
| Salon Chic | Roberta Plant |
| Wilkinson Hardware | Rita B Huff Humane Society |
| J. Mooney Inc | Clint McRae |
| Barbara McGilberry | Extreme Signs |
| Rodan + Fields - Rebecca Roche | Gerry Etheredge |
| 11th Street Veterinary Hospital | Justin Ward - Wells Fargo Advisors |
| Huntsville Truck & Tractor | America's Best Value Inn |
| The Trophy Case | I45 Storage |
| Wharton Insurance | Northwest Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery |
| Walgreens | NobleMotion Dance |
| Kyle Office Products | HEB Pantry Foods |
| All Risk Insurance Specialists | Bill & Debra Daugette |
| Drake's Towing & Recovery | Bayes Achievement Center |
| January's Herbs & Wellnes | Michael McGinnis- Mari Realty |
| Habitat for Humanity of Huntsville | Suddenlink |
| Divine Life Change | Sears |
| Texas Media Corp | Golden Corral |
| Joe Monteleone - State Farm | YMCA Huntsville |
| Casey Frazier D.D.S. - Pediatric Dentistry | Grisham Construction Company |
| Rodeo Mexican Restaurant | Direct Solutions |
| Trinity Pines Conference Center | Camp Coyote |
| Jack Staggs | Edward Jones - Wilson Winn |
| Fellowship of Huntsville Church | Gulf Coast Trade Center |
| Wesley Memorial United Methodist | |
| Lakewood Dental Associates PLLC | |
| Doubles Dave's Pizza Works | |
| Advantage Travel | |

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.

Kentucky Derby Style!

Friday, August 12

5:30-8:30 p.m.

SHSU LSC Ballroom

TICKETS ON SALE JULY 1st

SHOPPING * ENTERTAINMENT
FOOD & DRINK * WINE GRAB
FASHION SHOW * DOOR PRIZES
HAT CONTEST * AUCTION

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Seminar Schedule

Texas

2016 Regional Practitioner Meeting

Join us for the latest updates for tax professionals.

Hosted by:

Internal Revenue Service - Stakeholder Liaison

Texas Small Business Development Centers

Texas Society of Enrolled Agents

Offering up to 7 Continuing Education (CE) Hours - \$50 - (includes lunch)

Topics will include:

Penalties: Prevention and Abatement; Criminal Investigation: Refund Crimes; ACA Provision 4980H - Employer Shared Responsibility Provisions; Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Working with the IRS;

Panel Speakers from at least 3 of the following functions: Collection, Exam, Criminal Investigation, Taxpayer Advocate Service, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration-TIGTA, Taxpayer Assistance Center

Visit our website for additional information and to register: www.samhoustonsateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net

For more information or assistance with registration please contact the SBDC at (936) 294-3737

Small Business Breakfast

Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to **On Pointe Dance Company** for sponsoring the Chamber Small Business Breakfast in May. Owner Sheila Cannon promoted their Spring show entitled "80's Reloaded". Sheila shared, "We are bringing new life to some of our favorite 80's songs. There will be special guests, such as The Summit Academy Ballet, Jarelle and Maddy Rochelle, and a few other surprise guests. This performance concludes On Pointe Dance Company's fifth season and we couldn't be more proud!"

Details for the Spring Show are as follows: Saturday, May 28th @ 1:00 pm Old Town Theatre, 1023 12th, Street in Huntsville. Tickets are on sale for \$10 in advance or \$12 the day of performance. To purchase tickets or for more information contact On Pointe Dance Company at 936-435-1315.

On Pointe Dance Company has opened registration for Summer Classes. Contact them for more details!



Pictured are:
Director Kylie Cannon, Owner Sheila Cannon and Instructor Danielle Richards

business after hours

Thanks to **Homegrown Marketplace** for hosting and sponsoring the April Business After Hours. Owners Sue and Danny Slater shared, "Homegrown Marketplace is a unique gift and boutique shop, featuring fun, casual styles, personal service and some of the most affordable prices in town. A wide variety of products awaits shoppers under one roof, Monday-Saturday! Homegrown Marketplace offers a generous selection of gourmet food items, including gift-boxed toffee, pecan snacks, delightful flavored honeys, artisan seasoning blends and delicious Perpetual Vanilla flavoring. Rustic home décor including furniture, decorative signs, candles, farmhouse treasures and kitchen accessories fill the shelves.

Emphasizing a Lone Star-theme, this shop also sells a fun assortment of Texas t-shirts for men and women, decals, key chains, shot glasses and more. And thanks to its custom-designed greenhouse, a special selection of seasonal heirloom varieties of herb and vegetable plants are grown on site and ready for purchase."

"Local artists also find a home here, and many one of a kind pieces of art and handcrafted items are for sale. Ranging from jewelry to birdfeeders and framed paintings to greeting cards, local creativity keeps the store supplied with fresh, new merchandise. Homegrown Marketplace is always on the lookout for new vendors to bring in their own special creations to sell in the store. Homegrown Marketplace is a welcoming locally-owned store, ready to help customers meet their gift needs with an enjoyable shopping experience –right down to the beautiful, unique gift bags!"

Homegrown Marketplace is located at 1108 16th Street in Huntsville. You can reach them at 936-295-5771, on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HomeGrown-Marketplace>, or on the web at <http://www.homegrownmarketplace.com>.



Pictured are: Owners Sue and Danny Slater, and Sales Associates Annie Zellar and Ryan Fitzgerald

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 March visits made to (1) HBI Office Solutions (2) Cole Insurance (3) State Farm Insurance-Gus Hernandez (4) Brookshire Brothers (5) 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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Your 2016 Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

2016 Officers

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OUR MISSION:

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

Contact Us

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Chamber Calendar

MAY

- 24 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 26 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 26 Business After Hours, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. sponsored by Learning RX
- 30 **MEMORIAL DAY-OFFICE CLOSED**
- 31 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 31 Ambassador Meeting, 10:30 a.m. @ Chamber

JUNE

- 2 HISD Last Day of School
- 2 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 2 5:30 p.m. HLI Class of 34 Graduation @ Elkins Lake Clubhouse, 632 Cherry Hills
- 4 Junkapoolooza
- 8 Tourism Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in Chamber Conference Room
- 9 Small Business Breakfast sponsored by Allegiance Mobile Health, 7:30 a.m. @ Golden Corral
- 9 Executive Board Meeting @ 11:30 a.m. @ Chamber
- 14 FLAG DAY!
- 14 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 16 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Snap Fitness, 130 Col. Etheredge Blvd., Suite A
- 16 Board Meeting, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 21 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 23 New Member Showcase
- 28 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber
- 28 Ambassador Meeting, 10:30 a.m. @ Chamber
- 30 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber

Community Calendar of Events

MAY

- 27 1:00 pm, Huntsville Beautification Golf Tournament, to be held at Raven Nest Golf Club
- 30 8:00 am, Huntsville Autorama to be held at Walker County Fairgrounds on Hwy. 30 West

JUNE

- 3 5:00 pm, I Believe Bereavement Camp, Forest Glenn Retreat
- 4 8:00 am to Noon, Junk-A-Palooza, Downtown Huntsville
- 5 4:00 pm, Camp for Children of Inmates, held at Camp Allen in Navasota
- 18 8:00 am, Juneteenth Celebration, held at Huntsville's Emancipation Park
- 20 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Animation Creation Summer Camp at SHSU Department of Art

