



WEEKLY WRAP UP for Friday, June 7, 2019



A message from your Chamber

**Greater Taylor Chamber of Commerce awarded
FOUR STAR Accreditation
by U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

Good news! The Greater Taylor Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that after a comprehensive self-review, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has awarded us with 4-Star Accreditation. This prestigious honor puts us among the top 3% of chambers nationwide.

I cannot tell you how proud I am of this accomplishment. It has been my, personal goal since my first Chamber training course in February 2016 when people from other Chambers around the state and nation stood up and introduced themselves all saying how many stars they had. I was frustrated because I didn't even know what they were, much less, how to get some of our own.

But after lots of long days and more than 500 pages worth of documents, we did it. It is a testament to our Chamber board and to Taylor!

This past year, our staff and board spent countless hours completing quantifying and qualifying our work and the work of our tremendous volunteers for the Accreditation process. Our task: demonstrate competency in 9 core areas ranging from finance to facilities. The result of our hard-work is evidenced by this impressive rating. But in truth, we should all be extraordinarily proud of this milestone achievement. It was a true team effort.

The only national program recognizing chambers for their effective organizational procedures and community involvement, Accreditation allows us to renew, improve, and promote sound business practices, policies, and procedures.

Local chambers are rated Accredited, 3-Stars, 4-Stars, or 5-Stars. State chambers are recognized as either Accredited State Chamber or Accredited State Chamber with Distinction. The final determination is made by the Accrediting Board, a committee of U.S. Chamber board members and chamber executives from across the country.

Join us in the park

Tonight the Taylor International BBQ Cookoff will host its first steak, margarita and kids grilled cheese contests in conjunction with the Steak Cookoff Association. You can register for any or all of these until 5 p.m. in the pavilion (upper level) in Murphy Park.

While you are there, be sure to **support the July 4 fireworks** display by making a stop off at the American Legion and bid on their great auction items.

Then come back on Saturday and put your palate to work as a judge for the Taylor International BBQ Cookoff. Judging starts at 9:30 with sauce and ends at 2 p.m. with brisket. We want judges to be there a half hour before.

See you in the park!!!

Red, White & Rockabilly

Join us 6-11 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, for our Red, White & Rockabilly Chamber gala.

The event will include dinner, live music, a Rockabilly costume contest, a dance contest, a dessert auction and a silent auction. All to raise money to help the Chamber continue its program (which was just recently recognized by the US Chamber of Commerce) of lobbying for business interests at the local, state, regional and national levels; conducting business education workshops and seminars; providing business awards and recognition; developing the local workforce and bringing special events -- and thereby, tourists -- to town.

Individual tickets are on sale NOW \$75 each or two for \$125 at this [LINK](#).

Sponsorships are available now. To learn more about those opportunities click [here](#). Is your business willing to donate an auction item? You can get that form [here](#).

Need something to wear to the Gala? Don't forget that Cinderella's Closet can help. They have cocktail and formal dresses as well as a vintage selection. They are located at 114 W. 6th St.



Apply here!

I had the absolute delight to take the new manager of the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Zona Sweeney, on a tour of Taylor last week. She is an energetic person who is looking forward to working in and for Taylor.

She expects the hotel to open in time for the Taylor Rodeo on July 17 and 18 but she needs a good staff on board to help.

Luckily, **we have applications here at the Chamber**, 1519 N.

Main, just waiting for you. We are open M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. If you need to pick one up outside of those hours, call us at 512-352-6364 and we will see how we can help.

Chamber News & Calendar

Customer Service of the Month



Greater Taylor Chamber of Commerce welcomed Chris Bonnet, Aaron Jezisek and their crew at **Radix Remedies** to Taylor with a ribbon cutting on Saturday, June 1. This business specializes in CBD oil for people and pets in a variety of strengths and media. Stop by **302 Main St.** and learn more about how their products might help you. You can learn more or sign up for their newsletter at their website www.radixremedies.com or by emailing info@radixremedies.com.

Chamber Calendar

- Friday, June 7, 5 p.m. -- **Taylor Steak (Grilled Cheese and Margarita) cookoff**, Murphy Park Learn the rules and register by clicking [here](#).
- Friday & Saturday, June 7-8 -- **Taylor International BBQ Cookoff**: Murphy Park. Click [HERE](#) for cooker registration forms and [HERE](#) to sign up to judge.
- Monday, June 10, 5:15 p.m.: **Board meeting**: Sirloin Stockade
- Tuesday, June 11, 4 p.m.: **Tourism**: Chamber
- Monday, June 17, noon -- **Monthly luncheon**: Cliff Olle with **ON-Technology** will teach us how to protect ourselves, our businesses and our computers from online scams and fraud, Sirloin Stockade
- Thursday, June 27, 7:30 a.m.: **Funding**: Chamber
- Saturday, June 29, 6-10 p.m. -- **Red, White & Rockabilly gala**: Old Taylor High, 410 7th St. Find sponsor information [here](#).

Member News and Events



Life is Wild

Join St. Paul Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School. Starting June 9-13 at 401 West 7th St. in the Fellowship hall. A lite supper will be served at 5: 30 pm and classes are at 6-8:30 pm. For information, call 512-352-2327.

Businesses needed to help feed the hungry

The Moody Museum is looking for local businesses to partner with them as donation drop off sites for the annual Pounds of Plenty Food Drive coming up June 22. A trophy will be presented to the business or individual bringing in the most pounds of food and the largest monetary donation. This year another category has been added for those who are feeling creative - a trophy will be given for the best decorated collection box. It will be an online contest and anyone wanting information about how to sign up should send an email to MoodyMuseum@gmail.com.

Pounds of Plenty

Food Drive

for Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry



**STOCK
THE
PANTRY**

June 22 10 a.m.-noon

Moody Museum

 Follow us on Facebook

**THE
DAN
MOODY
MUSEUM**
WILSON TX

114 W. Ninth St.
Taylor, TX

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION 2019 - TAYLOR, TX

Fannie Robinson Park - 903 MLK & Threadgill Streets

SATURDAY
JUNE 15TH

COME & JOIN US

Plenty of Food, Fun and Entertainment for the Community



For questions, please contact

Jennifer Harris at hrrsjnfr@yahoo.com.

In Case of Rain Event Rescheduled to Sat., June 22, 2019. All Vendors Bring Own Set-Up. No Electricity Provided. Kids Bring Your Kites.

**GOSPEL FEST
TESTIMONIALS OF FREEDOM
DOMINO TOURNAMENT
KITE FLYING CONTEST**

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

FOOD VENDORS

CARNIVAL GAMES

HORSE SHOE TOURNAMENT

DOOR PRIZES

Please Bring Your Lawn Chairs



- 11:45am - 12:00pm Opening Ceremony
Flag - Boy Scouts of America
- 11:45am - 8:00pm Music in The Park
DJ Todd Engle KWIZ 88.7FM
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm Gospel Fest
- 12:00pm - 6:00pm Rummage Sale
- 12:00pm - 6:00pm Vendor Booths
Set-Up By 11:30am
- 12:00pm - 6:00pm Bounce House
- 1:00pm Cake Walk 1
- 1:00pm - 1:30pm Kite Registration
- 1:30pm - 2:30pm Kite Flying Judging
- 1:30pm - 2:00pm Horse Shoe Registration
- 2:00pm - 2:30pm Juneteenth Program
- 2:30pm Cake Walk 2
- 2:30pm - 4:30pm Horse Shoe Tournament
- 3:00pm - 3:30pm Domino Registration
- 3:30pm Domino Tournament
- 4:30pm Cake Walk 3
- 4:30pm - 5:00pm 3 on 3 Registration
- 5:30pm - 7:30pm 3 on 3 Tournament
- 9:00pm Movie in the Park
Bring Blankets & Chairs

Dudes as Dames

Start saving up your dollar bills and get ready to raise money for Cinderella's Closet, a local non-profit that helps students in our community to find fashionable, affordable formal wear for prom and other significant events. Dudes as Dames will put local men in their best drag at **7 p.m. Saturday, June 22**, in the Gym at Old Taylor High.

July 4 activities

Fourth of July **Parade** at 9 a.m. from Old Taylor High on 7th Street to Lake Drive and then around to the Legion Hall. To participate, call Robert Garcia at 512-968-4660 or email Lois Duncan at lois.duncan@huges.net

Fireworks begin at dusk (around 9:15) but the American Legion is planning a fun day in the park for families as well. They are taking applications for booths and food trucks. For information, call Scott Dean at 512-713-4543 or email taylorlxlegion39@gmail.com

Entertainment calendar

WilCo EXPO: Click [here](#) to look at what's going on out at the Expo Center.

American Legion: [Click here](#) or [here](#) for upcoming events.

SPJST Post 29: For the June schedule, click [here](#).

Taylor Station Bar: Click [here](#) for upcoming events.

Texas Beer Company: To keep up with everything going on at TBC, click [here](#).

Marshall's Tavern: Marshall's events are [here](#).

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