



SMITHVILLE  AREA
Chamber of Commerce

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CHARACTER TRAIT of the Month

SELF-DISCIPLINE

Developing positive behavior patterns and the strength of mental and moral courage to accomplish tasks, manage others.

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Check out your Community Calendar at www.smithvilletx.org

NEWSLETTER

Smithville Area Chamber Of Commerce

A Message from the Chamber Desk

by April Daniels

APRIL IS TEEMING WITH ACTIVITY!

With March behind us, we are heading into a very busy Spring, both here at the Chamber of Commerce and all around Smithville.

The first weekend of April sees the Spring City Wide Garage Sale, held twice each year in both the Spring and the Fall for the first time.

The second weekend of April is, of course, the Smithville Jamboree. From April 6-10 we will see all of our much-loved Jamboree activities with the parade and Chamber sponsored Arts & Crafts (and all sorts of other items) vendors on Main Street from 10am-4pm. This will continue through the parade so come down and shop before the parade!

The third weekend of April will see the 6th Annual Empty Bowl project at the Mary Nichols Art Center at 301 Burleson. This event has included a fourth partner, Angel's Unaware. This group collects food items and fills back packs for SISD students who might not otherwise have healthy food available to them on the weekends. Visit their website at

www.smithvilleemptybowl.com.

Support this effort to fight hunger in our community.

On April 26th the Chamber will host a Candidate Forum. This year we have several contested races for Mayor, City Council and

School Board. Get your questions in by April 15th at the Chamber, City Hall or Library or submit your questions to events@smithvilletx.org. The Forum will be held at the Smithville Recreation Center on April 26th at 6:30pm.

Along with these events, we will also see the BPMS150 Houston to Austin Bike Ride on Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17. Contact Kelli Dreiling at 713-394-2978 with any questions and the Austin Rattler 100 Race at Rocky Hill Ranch on Saturday, April 9th. Contact Paul Uhl at pauluhlpottery@yahoo.com or 512-636-4149.

On April 23rd Mosaic Art & Home will be presenting Scotland and Austin's Ed Miller in concert at the Front Room Wine Bar. What better place to have a well-known Scottish folksinger than at a Scottish bar...and a beautiful one at that! Contact the Front Room Wine Bar at 512-237-3626.

Have you visited our local farm to bottle distillery, Bone Spirits at 802 N.E. 1st Street? If not, be sure to visit their tasting room where you will be treated to spirits made from locally sourced ingredients.

As you mark your calendars, be sure to remember that the Chamber's 10th Annual Thunder on the Colorado Motorcycle Rally is coming May 6-8 and the Smithville Crawford Airport's Annual Fly-In will be the following weekend on May 14.

There's always something happening in Smithville!

-April Daniels

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**
**Upcoming
Chamber Events**

Saturday, April 2 – Spring **City Wide Garage Sale** (8am-3pm)
– Maps available at Chamber office on Friday, April 1st

Saturday, April 9 – **Jamboree Arts & Crafts Fair** - downtown on Main Street (call 512-237-2313 to register)

Wednesday, April 13
11:45 a.m. - La Cabana
Chamber Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 13
6:30 p.m. – La Cabana
Thunder on the Colorado Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 21
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Back Door Café (hosted by Smithville Noon Lion's Club)
Chamber April Mixer

Apr 26 – 6:30 p.m. (Mayor, City Council, School Board) – Smithville Recreation Center
Candidate Forum

**THE CHAMBER
WORKS!**



Chamber to Host Candidate Forum on April 26, 2016

The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Candidate Forum on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at the Smithville Recreation Center, 106 Gazley at 6:30pm.

Candidates have been invited to attend and respond to questions submitted by the general public. Questions from the community for the candidates will be accepted until Friday, April 15th. Drop-off boxes and question submission forms are located at Smithville City Hall, the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce office and the Smithville Public Library. Forms are also included with this newsletter. A Question Selection Committee will choose the questions for the candidates from those submissions. Questions will be provided to the candidates prior to the Forum along with the rules of conduct and time allowances.

Only pre-approved questions may be addressed by the candidate at the Forum. No questions will be accepted from the audience.

Candidates have been asked to comment only on the questions presented within the time limits specified.

Candidates have been invited to bring pamphlets or information they would like to have available for the public.

Members of the public are encouraged to call the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce at

512-237-2313 with any questions.

Please note that the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce is coordinating the forum for community information purposes only and does not endorse or support any particular candidate.

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SMITHVILLE TIGER SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Hailey Sherrill, SHS Freshman, for Making All-State Band



Smithville freshman Hailey Sherrill earned a coveted seat in the ATSSB All-State Band, and did it after only three and a half years on her French horn. She is one of 117 freshmen statewide, out of over 2,000 students, to make one of the all-state bands.

Mr. King, Smithville High School band director, said it was an impressive feat, unable to think of another freshman from Smithville to make the state band.

“This is definitely the most excited I’ve ever been about anything,”

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said Hailey. She is following in her mother's footsteps, who made the All-State Band twice during her high school career. Mrs. Sherrill went on to major in music and is currently the music teacher at Smithville Elementary.

"I was very excited to hear that she made the All-State Band," said Mrs. Sherrill. "It brought back a lot of the memories that I had from making All-State myself. However, I can say that being on the parent and teacher side is far more exciting."

Hailey is a triplet, and her brothers are also in the high school band, as is their older sister, who also auditioned at state and made second alternate.

Hailey describes her success in one word: practice. She began practicing this summer for 30 minutes each day for the December tryouts.

To get to the All-State Band requires multiple auditions. More than 9,000 high school students auditioned in their 20 different regions for a place in their respective All-Region bands. The top chairs or 2,020 students in each region advanced to one of five area auditions held January 14th. Out of these 290 were selected for all-state honors in symphonic, concert or jazz ensemble bands.

Mr. King said that it's very difficult to make it into the state band in Texas as only two French horns from Smithville ISD's very large area were chosen for the 4A band.

Hailey performed in the 4A Concert Band on Saturday, February 13th in the Lila Cockrell Theatre of the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in downtown San Antonio, after three days of rehearsal under the direction of

Phillip Clements of Texas A&M University in Commerce.



CITY NOTES

*From Robert Tamble,
Smithville City Manager*

Dorothy Nichols Water Plant Improvement Project Completed – In 2014, the City of Smithville received a \$275k grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for improvements to the Dorothy Nichols Water Plant. The well at the Dorothy Nichols Water Plan produced a rotten egg odor which made the water unusable for the general public. The \$600k project was financed with CDBG grant money and revenue from the City's Utility fund. The project included adding plant piping, an aerator tank, a 125,000 gallon ground storage tank, pump house, pumps and controls. I'm pleased to report that after two years the project is complete and the Dorothy Nichols well is now producing approximately 1800 gallons per minute flow (the highest output of any well in Smithville) adding additional water storage capacity. The City of Smithville's total water storage capacity is 1.5 million gallons with an annual average use of 675 acre-feet (219,564,675 gallons of water). The water is stored in eight (8) above ground storage tanks throughout town. The largest storage tank holds

April Community Happenings

- 1 – Playhouse Smithville continues hilarious romantic comedy *Making Love in Public* (runs 3/25-4/3)
- 2 – City Wide Garage Sale
- 7-10 – JAMBOREE
- 7 – 1st Thursday game night for adults, First United Methodist Church
- 9 – Jamboree Parade & Arts & Crafts Fair downtown
- 9 – LPAA Gallery on Main Springtime in Texas art reception, 5-7pm
- 14 – Smithville Community Gardens mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 15 – BCMRA Canteen Dance, Smithville REC Ctr., 6:30 p.m.
- 16 – Smithville Empty Bowl, 301 Burleson, 11am-2pm
- Every Tuesday** – Smithville Noon Lion's Club meets at La Cabana Restaurant
- 2nd Tuesday** – Music Tuesday at Block 16 aka Central School
- Every Saturday** – Live Music at Olde World Bakery
- Every Week** – Huebel's has Texas Hold 'Em, karaoke, pool tournaments and free pool
- Every Week** – The Front Room Wine Bar has sushi night on Thursdays and Bloody Mary's and lunch specials on Saturdays

CHECK OUT the COMMUNITY CALENDAR

at www.smithvilletx.org for up to date happenings in our town & county. If you'd like to add your community event, email: susan.curry@smithvilletx.org

600,000 gallons of water and was built in 1956. This tank sits next to the "Tin Man" which was constructed in 1929 and holds 150,000 gallons of water. The City's water storage tanks require continuous maintenance and

repair to ensure there is enough capacity to meet citizen demand.



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Bookmark Your Calendar

By Judy Bergeron

Happy April and Happy Birthday this month, April Daniels!

April brings National Library Week to our doors: April 10th – 16th. Built in to National Library Week are a few special days, such as April 12 – National Library Day as well as Drop Everything and Read Day (or DEAR Day); April 14 – Teen Literature Day. Be sure to stop in at 507 Main Street during the week and let us know how you think libraries can transform a community. Of course, if you stop in on DEAR Day, you may just find us all sitting around reading!

That same week is also National Volunteer Week this year. Your

library and your whole community is strengthened by the efforts of many volunteers. A big shout out and THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who make this place such a great place to be.

Earth Day is also celebrated in April (the 22nd), but the three R's are something we recognize every day: Read, Renew, Return @ your library. Or it could be Read, Return, Repeat. Either way you look at it, checking out books from the library is earth friendly! Especially if you check out e-books – ask us about OverDrive so you can download e-books and audiobooks FREE with your library card.

The last day in April is also a day to celebrate in the library world – Dia de los Ninos, dia de los libros (Children's Day, Book Day). Celebrate children that day and every day by reading with them. We have a great selection of books for you to share with the children in your life.

Lastly, the Friends of the Library Spring book sale will be held in May (5th – 7th) this year, so get ready! Beginning the last week in April, we will start accepting your book donations for the sale. Remember we would like them to be in very good condition and we do not accept encyclopedias, textbooks, or computer books. See you at the library!



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Our volunteer of the month is **Elizabeth Koch**. Liz has worked each year to beautify the railroad/gazebo park and keep our

visitor center grounds looking great. She was downtown week trimming the rose bushes and crepe myrtles, getting them ready for their spring growth and planting new rose bushes. Thank you, Liz, for your hard work!

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