



# CHAMBER NEWS

MAY 2021



## BUSINESS ANNIVERSARIES

**Mills' Ideal Foods**  
established May 1, 1989

**Brown & Associates Insurance**  
established May 1, 2005

Thank you to these hometown businesses and members. We appreciate your membership and your contribution to our community.

## June Member Meeting

The June chamber membership meeting will include a prize giveaway! Join us Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12 pm at the community center. All members who attend the meeting will be entered in a drawing for a Valley Sportsman ice chest. It's another way we are celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Lunch will be bierocks made by Linda Brown, available for \$5.00. During the meeting we will be finalizing plans for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. We look forward to seeing our members as we begin the month of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Your participation is needed as we prepare for upcoming events. We are asking for give-away prizes for the chamber banquet, and also for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Chamber Basket give-away. If you have items to donate, please bring them to Brenda at the First National Bank or call Mary Beth at (580) 522-1655 and we will pick them up.

There will be an old-fashioned cake walk during the Junk Fest on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Cakes are needed! If you can help by bringing a cake, please contact Susie Zuniga at 580-652-2129.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plans Continue

A Junk Fest, a concert, a banquet, kids rides, a cake walk, a mechanical bull, the Ekkel Train, food, a beer garden, music and fun. Booth spaces are still available as we continue planning for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Drawing boxes will be placed at chamber businesses for weekly \$100 Chamber Cash prize drawings. We ask each chamber member to make sure their drawing tickets are turned in to the bank by Friday of each week for the drawings. There are lots of activities, so come and join in.

Tickets for the chamber banquet on June 26<sup>th</sup> will go on sale May 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be \$25 and will include your choice for dinner of Smittys Bar & Grill chicken-fried steak dinner or mac & cheese bar, VIP access to a meet & greet for Casi Joy from 3-5 pm, and entry into special banquet give-away drawings.



Casi Joy

## Planning Underway for 4<sup>th</sup> of July

This year the chamber will host our traditional hotdog feed in the park and the evening fireworks display, all on Sunday, July 4th. Booths and fundraisers are welcome at the hotdog feed, and we may throw in a few other surprises! Your ideas, suggestions and participation are welcome.

## 2021 Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Kyra Benfer, who submitted the winning essay for the chamber's 2021 Scholarship. Kyra will receive \$1,500 to help pay for expenses at the college, vo-tech or other higher education facility of her choice. This year there were 13 applications from HHS seniors, and two completed essays were received.

## Welcome New Member

We are happy to welcome the All-Faith Ministry as a new member this month. The ministry recently moved into their new facility on Illinois street, and will still use their downtown building for storage.



### May Ribbon Cuttings

❖ Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
All-Faith Ministry

### 2021 Chamber Officers:

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

### Hooker Chamber of Commerce

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### 2021 Chamber Events

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

March 27	Easter Egg Hunt
June 26	Chamber 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
July 4	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Celebration
September 18	Chamber Golf Tournament
October 30	Halloween Parade
December 4	Christmas Parade
December 9	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

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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, May 6, 2021

The Hooker Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon was held on Thursday, May 6 at 12 noon at the Hooker Community Center. Present were Mary Beth Puyear, Buddy Holbert, Susie Zuniga, Laneta Adams, Leslie Kraich and Sheila Blankenship. Lunch was available from Love's Subway.

Minutes had been emailed to the membership. Buddy made the motion to approve the minutes as written, Laneta seconded and the motion passed.

The printed treasurer's report was presented with a balance of \$20,361.00. It was noted that a dozen June 26 Junk Fest vendors have paid their \$10 so far. Sheila made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, Susie seconded and the motion passed.

Mary Beth reported there are 62 paid members this year and then the June 26 Chamber Centennial was discussed. The meet and greet for the Cassi Joy will be held in the old, old bank building at Broadway and Swem for VIP (all ticket holders are invited) from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Smitty's is catering the meal for 200 people. Diners will have two menu choices when they purchase their \$25 ticket, between a chicken fry meal and a mac & cheese bar. Each ticket will also be entered in a prize drawing with gifts donated by Chamber members and given away during the meal. Chamber members may leave donated prizes with Brenda at the First National Bank. Water and tea will be served and the meal will be held at 5 p.m. downtown in the street. Sheila will check with Larry Hofferber about having the Legion Hall as a Plan B in the event the weather won't cooperate. HALO members will serve the diners at their seats and Smitty's will also have a beer garden by the pavilion after 3 p.m. The Chamber is paying to have the tables and chairs set up at 4 p.m. when the Junk Fest ends.

The 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Junk Fest will also include a mechanical bull from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. swings and kiddie rides plus the Ekkel's train from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A cake walk from 11 a.m. to 12 noon was planned. Volunteers for the cake walk may call 580-754-1749. The evening will feature the Cassi Joy concert after the banquet with local entertainment during the meal starting at 5:30 p.m.

The Centennial Commerce Cash drawings will be held each Friday in June: 4, 11, 18 and 25 and the ticket boxes will go out June 1 but the businesses will be responsible to return their entry slips to the bank each Friday before 4 p.m. The boxes and final slips will be collected June 25.

Sunday, July 4 was also discussed and the Chamber will collect items for one Fourth of July gift basket to be given away at the hot dog and watermelon feed at the park. Persons who wish to donate to this basket may leave items with Brenda at the bank. The meal will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the park and there will be free swimming at the Lu Ann Fischer Memorial Swimming Pool. The Osborns will set off fireworks at dark Sunday evening.

Mary Beth announced that Kyra Benfer had won the \$1,500 college scholarship. There had been 13 requests for entry forms but only two were returned.

Mary Beth welcomed recent members including Smitty's, Oklahoma Farm Bureau in Guymon, David Petty and Herbel Real Estate.

A special monthly membership meeting was discussed for June since it is our centennial month. It was suggested that we have an evening meeting with a steak dinner. Wendell would cook and tickets would be RSVP only. The start time will be 6:07 p.m. with a price to be set. The program would involve the Economic Development Board and encourage involvement in growing the business community.

Buddy discussed the economic development meeting he attended in Elkhart, Kan. and the idea of providing membership plaques was discussed. Members were reminded of the ribbon cutting on Saturday, May 15 at the All-Faith Ministry at 10 a.m. Buddy made the motion to adjourn, Laneta seconded and the motion passed.