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HATS OFF TO YOU!

The stage is set, the nominees are ready and the winner is... Come to the Annual Chamber Banquet and see first hand who the membership voted for in categories from Best Customer Service to Spirit of Mineral Wells! The banquet is 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, at Holiday Hills Country Club with emcee Jimmy Baldwin. Dress is business casual plus your favorite hat. Tickets may be purchased in advance and are \$30 after September 29. Back by popular demand is the balloon raffle (\$10 per balloon or 3 for \$25), and thank you to First Financial Bank for the \$1,000 Door prize (*must be present*). Crown Sponsor is First Financial Bank. Top Hat sponsors are First State Bank and Palo Pinto General Hospital.



30th Annual Crazy Water Festival

The 30th Annual Crazy Water Festival is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, in downtown Mineral Wells. This year the festival includes a great lineup of entertainment on two stages, featuring the Baker Hotel Band from Austin as well as area artists such as Riptide, Six Pace Sacrifice, Sidecar Inferno and Big Daddy Taco. Other artists are Stan Crawford, Mandy J, Krystal McKlenny, Raf Seibert and our own Elvis (Anthony Hopkins). A variety of vendors will serve up culinary favorites like turkey legs and curly fries plus jewelry and other handmade merchandise. For the car buff, there will be a judged car and motorcycle show. There will be a great children's area with inflatables, pony rides, a petting zoo, and activities for all ages. Admission is a non-perishable item for the local food banks. Let's make the 30th festival the best!

Facebook and Twitter, here we come!

The Chamber offers, as part of its educational series, an Online Social Networking Course. Presented by Weatherford College at the Chamber, the course is 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7. \$10/members and \$25/others. Call (940) 325-2557 to register.

Clark Gardens

Fall Festival October 3 featuring a half Marathon and 5K, photography contest, gardening speakers, live music and children's activities.

Halloween BOOtanical Park October 31, games, costume contest, spooky movies, puppet show, food and more.
www.clarkgardens.com

SEPTEMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH

September Member of the Month, Hill's Style Shoppe, a North Texas tradition in ladies' fashion, is celebrating over 63 years in operation. The store is currently operated by Margaret Hill Colton. Her father and grandfather established the store in 1946. Numerous honors hang on the walls in recognition of the family's service and charitable work. In 1996 Margaret was nominated for the prestigious Texas Family Business of the Year Award. She is currently serving as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Mineral Wells. Hill's Style Shoppe is located at 106 South Oak in historic downtown. Hours are 10 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Saturday. For more information call 940-325-6501 or drop in and discover the High Fashions and the Brighton Collections that are sure to set you apart from the crowd.



Ribbon Cuttings




At left, on September 11, 2009, the Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce congratulated Stripes and More on its newly remodeled facility. Stripes and More has expanded their business to include janitorial supplies and oil field tool repair. Owners Donna and Randy Mallory are really living up to their name "Stripes and More!" Also pictured with the Mallorys are staff members, Chamber Director Beth Watson, members of the Chamber Board of Directors, Leadership Mineral Wells Class 15 and Ambassadors.

At right, on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, the Chamber was pleased to welcome Dr. Eric Brock to the City of Mineral Wells and the Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Brock did his residency in Lubbock and has just recently relocated to Mineral Wells. Dr. Brock's Orthopedic practice is located at 715 W. Hubbard (Next to Waddy Pharmacy). He is ready, willing and able to handle all of your bone and joint problems. Pictured with Dr. Brock is his staff, Chamber Executive Director Beth Watson, Ambassadors and plenty of Community Support.



The **Blessing of the Animals** at St. Luke's Episcopal Church will be 1:30 p.m. Sunday, October 4. All animals are welcome! Please bring animals leashed or in a stock trailer. St. Luke's is located at 600 NW Sixth St.

 **Lamar Fun Fest!** October 31 3-6 p.m.
Plenty of fun, food, games, prizes and drawing for a Laptop. Funds used to upgrade the playground. Call 325-5303.

Welcome New Chamber Members

Eric Brock, MD, Orthopedic Surgery, PA
715 West Hubbard
Mineral Wells, TX 76067

Walden Farm & Ranch Supply, Inc.
196 Garrett Morris Parkway
Mineral Wells, TX 76067

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Appliance Center/Radio Shack
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Gault & Gault, Attorneys At Law
JAT Design Associates
Lake Country Sun
Michael Eubank
Mid-Town Campers
Millsap Valley Orthopaedics & Sports Med
Mineral Wells Heritage Association

Noah Enterprises, Inc
NSC Properties
Oncor Electric Delivery
Palo Pinto General Hospital
Public Transit Services
Sioux & Raf Seibert
Thomas Simonton
Speed of Life
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Stripes & More
The Women's Pavilion



Exciting News from the Chamber: Shop Local Promotion for Christmastime

The Chamber is pleased to announce an expanded Mineral Wells Christmas Market, a 2-month shop local promotion that still includes the traditional one night of festivities. Shop local! Registration forms in this issue of the Chamber newsletter. Members receive 2 months of promotion for just a \$50 investment.

- ⇒ Fossil Park Concert October 9th at the Amphitheater behind the 50 Year Club.
- ⇒ Mitchell RV Park and Resort Bluegrass Festival on October 23-24th. For information call Kevin or Doris Reed at (940) 798-4615.
- ⇒ Friends of the Library Book Sale October 16th Noon-6pm and 17th, 10am-12pm.
- ⇒ Oktoberfest October 17th 12-4pm at St Mark's Lutheran Church located at 1201 S.E. 25th Avenue. Call 940-325-4282.
- ⇒ Crazy Woman(less) Pageant October 24th, 7pm at Activity Center (735 Hood Road). Barbara Myers at 940-859-1419.
- ⇒ Dunbar Neighborhood Council Annual Banquet Oct 24th MWHS Cafeteria 6:30pm

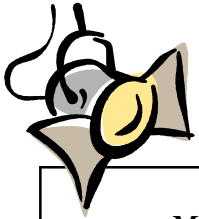
Bicycle Rides for All!

Join us for the inaugural **Texas Forts Tour Bike Ride** October 10-12. Three Forts, Three Days, 248 miles. Take a ride through history as you ride for 1 day or 3 and see 3 forts along the Texas Forts Trail. For more information visit www.texasfortstour.com

Kiwanis Crazy Kicker Bike Ride October 17. Come try your luck on Cherry Pie Hill as the Kiwanis Club of Mineral Wells host this annual event starting at 8 am. www.kiwaniscrazykicker.com

TOURISM COMMITTEE

The Tourism Committee of the Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help promote tourism in our area! Call Ninfa Holly at 940-325-2557 or email Ninfa@mineralwellstx.com.



Spotlight on Business

Freeze Carpets is a family owned and operated floor covering business located in Downtown Mineral Wells at 312 S.E. 1st Avenue. The store was opened in 1967 by Mary Baugh and later bought by Jerry and Linda Watts and Gary and Tammy Lovell in 1989. **Freeze Carpets** offers a full line of floor covering including: SHAW, MOHAWK, MANNINGTON, TARKETT, KARDEAN, DAL TILE, and INTERCERAMIC. They also offer blinds, wood shutters, and glass blocks. Their experienced installers can help you design your dream bath or kitchen. **Freeze Carpets** guarantees all installations and gives free estimates. Feel safe letting **Freeze Carpets** installers in your home. Our family installers are Jerry's son in-law, Johnny Burns, who has been installing since 1987 and Gary Lovell's son, Jerry, who has been installing since 1998. Both have impeccable reputations. **Freeze Carpets'** store hours are Monday-Friday 8:00-5:30 and on Saturdays 9:00-2:00. Call anytime, because late night and weekend appointments are available: 940-325-2269.

DVD debuting in October will showcase area tourism

The Tourism Committee of the Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce recently approved a new promotional tool to encourage Tourism to the Mineral Wells and Palo Pinto County Area! In early October, be looking for a DVD of all the wonderful places Mineral Wells and Palo Pinto County have to visit! But don't think this is just for out of town tourists! Be a tourist in your own back yard as you discover all the fun things Mineral Wells and Palo Pinto County offer people of all ages!

The video will be on our website, www.mineralwellstx.com, as well as on You Tube and will be used to market the Mineral Wells area and Palo Pinto County to travel planners for group tours.

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