

SWEET SUCCESS

Creating a Better Business Climate and a Higher Quality of Life

A Newsletter for members of The Chamber, Sweetwater & Nolan County

March 2018



The Chamber of Commerce of Sweetwater and Nolan County has announced its new Executive Director, Karen Hunt. Born and raised in Sweetwater, Karen is certainly familiar with the character and gifts of this community. She has a true, positive regard and passion for Sweetwater and the towns that make up Nolan County.

Karen is a 1984 graduate of Sweetwater High School and a 1989 graduate of Southwestern University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting. After graduation she spent several years in the business sector providing accounting services. After the birth of their first child, Hunt soon focused her passion and energy towards being an educator which resulted in a career that has lasted 26 years teaching in the Texas public school system. The last 14 of those years she has been serving the students and parents of SISD with love and dedication.

After working in other parts of Texas for many years, Karen and her husband, Al, returned to Sweetwater in 2004, to reunite with family and raise their three children -Allison, age 27; Rachel, age 23, is a graduate of Lubbock Christian University and only a few months away from graduating with her Masters in Occupational Therapy from Abilene Christian University; and Michael, age 20, is a sophomore at McMurry University and a member of the War Hawk golf team.

“What a wonderful opportunity I have been afforded in being named the new Executive Director of The Chamber. I look forward to all possibilities and responsibilities this position holds. The Chamber has had a long history of passionate, dedicated people working to better the quality of life here and strengthen the business climate of Sweetwater and Nolan County. With the support and assistance of the Chambers’ wonderful staff, Mary Ford and Cynthia Delgado, I believe we will not only continue with the successful practices that are already in place, positively promoting our community but we will also endeavor to create new events and avenues for serving the members of this great organization. It is our goal to work diligently assisting, strengthening, and increasing membership.”

“Sweetwater is not just some community I happen to live in, it is my hometown. It fills me with pride to talk about my hometown and the people and businesses that make it so great. What a blessing it is to be deeply rooted here, raise our kids in this community with close families, strong churches, and dedicated educators. Big things are happening in Sweetwater and it thrills me to know I am going to be a part of it all.”

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&
Staff**

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Monday - Friday

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Jaycees Media Day



Media Day for the Sweetwater Jaycees World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup was held on February 23rd. Pictured above are the contestants for the Miss Snake Charmer Scholarship Pageant. They are Summer Turner, Lily Smola, Riley Dodd, Ashley Fisher, Journee Pugh, Jaelynn Page, Cyera Pieper, Brook Petty, and Mikel-Ann Terry.

Ribbon Cutting



Edu-Vet Pet Hospital had a Ribbon Cutting on February 20th. They are located at 12822 North Interstate Hwy 20 in Roscoe.

Pictured to the left is Janis McDowell, Red Coat Ambassador, presenting Dr. John Dedwylder and Dr. Kim Alexander their First Dollar Certificate.

February Chamber Coffee hosted by the Holiday Inn Express



FUTURE SWEETWATER



The Future Sweetwater class attended the Health session in February. The class toured Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital. Thank you Donna Boatright, RPMH Chief Executive Officer, and RPMH staff.

60th Annual Jaycees World's Largest Rattlesnake Round Up



Thursday, March 8, 2018

- 4:30 PM Rattlesnake Parade Parade Entries meet at The Jaycee Barn @ 3:30 PM
5:00 PM Carnival All day pass on Thursday \$20.00 Weekend pass \$50.00 (sold only on Thursday)
7:00 PM Miss Snake Charmer Pageant @ the Sweetwater Municipal Auditorium (201 East 4th St.)
Adults \$10.00/ Students \$5.00

Friday, March 9, 2018

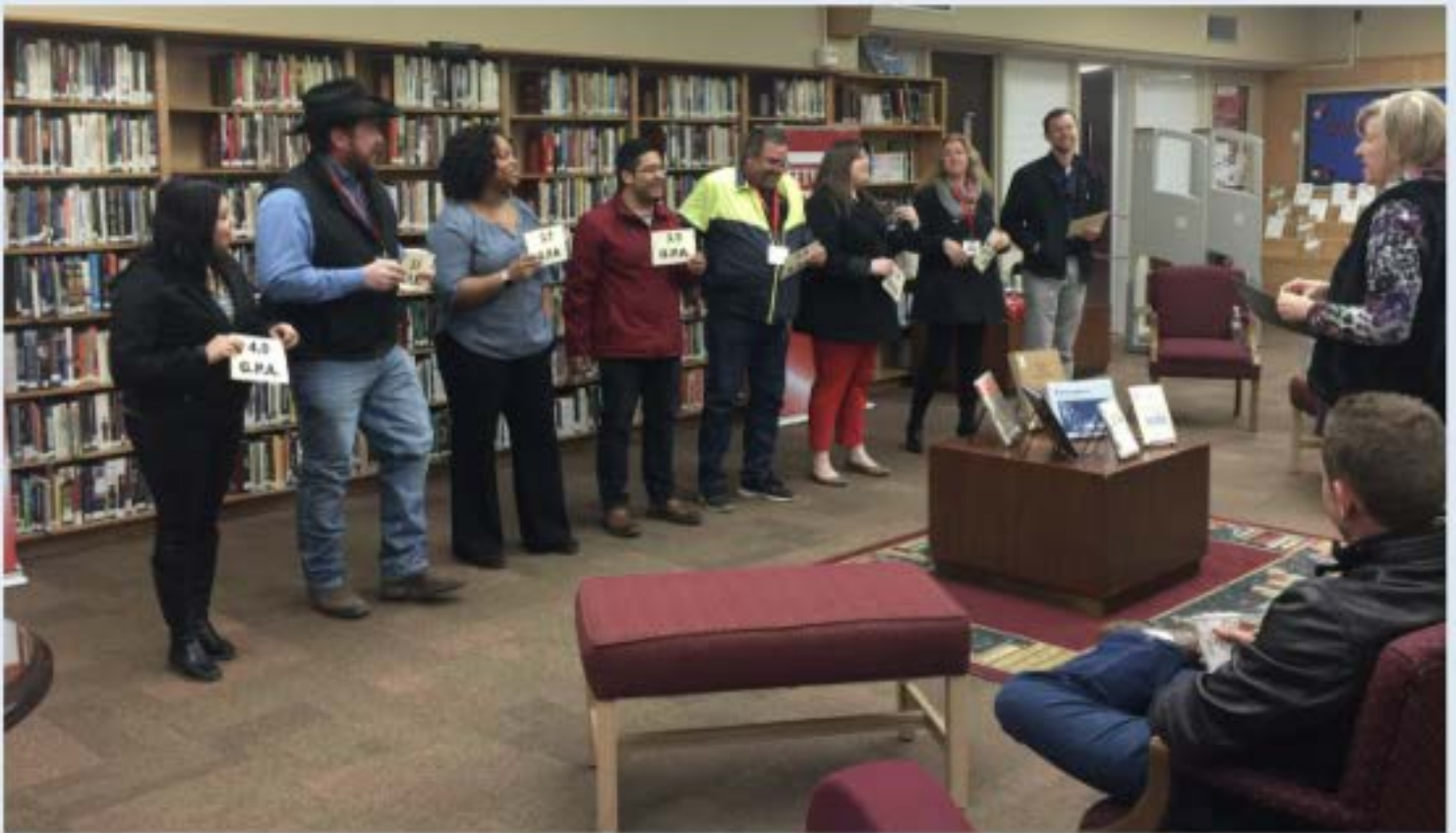
- 8:00-5:00 PM Doors open to the public
Adults-\$10.00 active/Retired Military-\$5.00(with valid military ID)
Kids ages 5-12-\$5.00 Children 4 & Under FREE
9:00-6:00 PM Sweetwater Rifle and Pistol Club Gun, Knife and Coin Show
Adults-\$5.00 Children under 12 FREE when accompanied by parent
9:00 AM Carnival All day pass-\$25.00
7:00 PM Dance at Jaycee Barn 307 West 4th Street

Saturday, March 10, 2018

- 8:00-6:00 PM Doors open to the public
8:00 AM Cook-off (Sanctioned by IBCA) Awards @ 5:00 PM
Adults-\$10.00 active/Retired Military-\$5.00(with valid military ID)
Kids ages 5-12-\$5.00 Children 4 & Under FREE
9:00-6:00 PM Sweetwater Rifle and Pistol Club Gun, Knife and Coin Show
Adults-\$5.00 Children under 12 FREE when accompanied by parent
9:00 AM Carnival All day pass-\$25.00
7:00 PM Dance at Jaycee Barn 307 West 4th Street

Sunday, March 11, 2018

- 8:00-5:00 PM Doors open to the public
Adults-\$10.00 active/Retired Military-\$5.00(with valid military ID)
Kids ages 5-12-\$5.00 Children 4 & Under FREE
9:00-4:00 PM Sweetwater Rifle and Pistol Club Gun, Knife and Coin Show
Adults-\$5.00 Children under 12 FREE when accompanied by parent
9:00 AM Carnival All day pass-\$25.00
TBA Snake eating contest
TBA Beard Contest
TBA Longest snake
TBA Most pounds of snakes



The Leadership class attended the Education session in February. The class toured Sweetwater Intermediate School, JP Cowen Early Childhood Center, and Sweetwater High School. They also toured Texas State Technical College.

Thank you SISD and TSTC!



Sweetwater Jaycees will purchase rattlesnakes during the 60th World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup at the following prices.

- First 2000 pounds-- \$5.00 lb.
- Next 1000 pounds-- \$4.00 lb.
- Next 1000 pounds-- \$3.000 lb.
- Next 2000 pounds--\$2.00 lb.
- Next 1000 pounds--\$1.00 lb.

We thank all of our members for your continued support. For more information on becoming a Chamber member please call (325)235-5488.

Thank You!



**P.O. Box 1148
Sweetwater, TX 79556**

**February
Chamber Coffee
hosted by
Texas National Bank
400 E. Broadway Ave
February 16, 2018
@ 10:00 A.M.**



March 2018 Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Children's Story Hour @ 10:45 County-City Library	2 The Black Lillies @ The Lumberyard	3 40 + Team Roping Randy Rogers Band @ The Lumberyard
4	5 Big Country Dance @ VFW 7:00 Rotary Club SEED--USDA Rural Development Home Purchase Workshop @ Argos Brewhouse & Bookseller @ 6:00	6 Let's Talk Books at County-City library @ Noon Lions Club Sweetwater Rifle & Pistol Club	7 Chamber Coffee hosted by Texas National Bank @ 10:00 Kiwanis Club	8 Rattlesnake Parade @ 4:30 Miss Snake Charmer Pageant @ 7:00 Carnival Children's Story Hour @ 10:45 County-City Library Buck's Karaoke	9 60 th Annual Jaycees Rattlesnake Roundup Sweetwater Rifle & Pistol Club Gun, Knife & Coin Show Carnival Dance at The Jaycees Barn Big Boy's Bar BQ Cotter's Cantina Live Music	10 Buck's Live Lucky Joe/Stefani Montiel 60 th Annual Jaycees Rattlesnake Roundup/Cook-off Sweetwater Rifle & Pistol Club Gun, Knife & Coin Show Carnival Lions Club Rattlesnake Car Show Dance at The Jaycee Barn Twisted T Liquor Testing 2-6:00 A Night of Music with The Foxfire Trio @ 8:00 @ Argos Brewhouse & Bookseller
11 60 th Annual Jaycees Rattlesnake Roundup Sweetwater Rifle & Pistol Club Gun, Knife & Coin Show Carnival	12 Rotary Club	13 Lions Club	14 Kiwanis Club	15 Children's Story Hour @ 10:45 County-City Library Buck's Karaoke	16 Big Boy's Bar BQ Cotter's Cantina Live Music Mike Ryan & Band @ The Lumberyard	17 BCCHA Twisted T Liquor Testing 2-6:00 St. Patty's Day Party @ Argos Brewhouse & Bookseller @ 5:00 H&R Block Party @ 10:00
18 BCCHA	19 Rotary Club	20 Lions Club	21 Kiwanis Club	22 College Rodeo Children's Story Hour @ 10:45 County-City Library Buck's Karaoke	23 College Rodeo Big Boy's Bar BQ Cotter's Cantina Live Music	24 College Rodeo Twisted T Liquor Testing 2-6:00
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