



Chamber Plans Hunter Appreciation Lunch

By Brian Whitt

After many years of Wild Game Suppers in Mills County, the Chamber of Commerce is taking the annual event in a direction Chamber directors hope will become a hit with hunters and other attendees alike.

"We noticed a downward trend in attendance at the supper," Chamber President Dario Martinez said, and that was not the only issue the Chamber discovered.

"It's just gotten increasingly more difficult to be able to provide a wide variety of different types of wild game," Martinez said.

After considerable discussion, the directors decided a change was necessary.

"The idea was brought up that maybe we should just do something different overall," Martinez said.

That something different will come in the form of a new midday event to be held at Legacy Plaza's new pavilion.

HUNTER LUNCH AT LEGACY PLAZA

"What we're doing this year is an annual Hunters Appreciation Chili Lunch," he continued. "It will be from 11-3 on November 5th."

"We'll be providing chili and fixings. It's going to be \$5 a plate," Martinez said.

"It's shifting from the evening event to a midday event," Martinez stated, "We do think that this will be a great opportunity for our hunters in the area to come in the daytime. Then...they can go back to hunting."

Popular features of the Wild Game Supper will be incorporated into the new event.

"We plan to raffle off our guns. We have seven guns this year. It will be the same as last year, but this year we do have two pistols. And we will have a night vision scope that we'll be selling raffle tickets for."

There will be two types of raffle tickets available.

"The guns will be \$1 apiece, and the night vision scope will be \$5 apiece. And for that specific item, you have to be present to win this scope."

OPENING DAY BIG BUCK & DOE EVENT

The event will also feature two new hunting contests.

"We have a couple of interesting things going on. We have a biggest buck contest, and a biggest doe contest. Hunters will need to turn in by noon, at 12 o'clock," Martinez said. "It's

just a one day contest. If they want to enter this contest, they need to bring it to the pavilion and we'll do all the weigh-ins and everything like that."

RAFFLES, AUCTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT

There will also be vendors, a silent auction and entertainment. Tickets for the raffles are expected to go on sale around town in mid-August.

Chamber directors understand the new event will take some getting used to.

"This is a big change. The Wild Game Supper has been going on for years and years, and sometimes these changes are necessary.

"We're really hoping the community supports this decision for the Chamber," Martinez said.

"I think this is going to be a good thing, I really do."

Mills County Chamber of Commerce

Annual Hunter's Appreciation

CHILI LUNCH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

LEGACY PLAZA PAVILION

LUNCH STARTS @ 11 AM, RAFFLE DRAWING @ 2:30

\$250 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR BIGGEST BUCK AT NOON

SILENT AUCTION

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