

## Chamber Plans Hunter Appreciation Chili Lunch

## **By Dario Martinez**

Greetings from the Mills County Chamber of Commerce! The Chamber is excited to host our Hunters Appreciation Chili Lunch for a second year. The chili lunch will take place on Saturday, November 4, at the Legacy Plaza Pavilion in Goldthwaite.

As you may remember, last year the Chamber decided to change the annual wild game supper to an entirely new and different event. After the event last year, the Chamber Board of Directors met to discuss how the event went, reviewing all feedback received from locals and visitors alike. After receiving a great amount of support for the event, the Board decided this was the right direction for the event and decided

to go ahead and plan to continue this new event format.

The goal of changing the event to a new format was to better serve our area hunters by providing an event during the day. This would allow our hunters to go out hunting that morning, come into town for some lunch and live music as well our well-known gun raffles, and then return to hunting that evening.

The Legacy Plaza Pavilion also provided a central location for the event which helps bring visitors to the downtown area for this great event.

The Hunters Chili Lunch will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on November 4th. We will be providing chili and the fixings. Lunch will be \$5 per plate.

This year, we will again have two hunting contests the day of the Chili Lunch. We have the biggest buck and biggest doe contest. Registration and weigh-in will take place near the Legacy Plaza Pavilion with a turn-in time of 12:00 p.m. This event is open to vendors who would like to set up a booth near the pavilion. We also have plans for live music and a silent auction during the event.

The Chamber has already started selling tickets in town and online for our popular gun raffle. This year, six different guns will be raffled off. Of the six guns, five will be included in the regular gun raffle. However, proceeds generated from tickets sales for the sixth gun will go toward a separate Chamber scholarship fund.

The five guns in the regular raffle are the following: Springfield Saint AR 15, Remington 1911 R1 pistol, Henry Big Boy 44 Magnum, Tikka 270 Bolt Action Rifle, and a Smith & Wesson LadySmith 38 Special Revolver. The special scholarship gun is a Glock 22 .40 caliber pistol. Regular gun raffle tickets are \$1 per ticket. Raffle tickets for the scholarship gun are one for \$1 or six for \$5.

If you have any questions regarding this year's Hunters Appreciation Chili Lunch, don't hesitate in giving us a call at 325-648-3619. For additional information or to buy gun raffle tickets online, please visit www. millscountychamber.com. We hope to see you on November 4th here in Goldthwaite!"

