

Casino Night features vendors, music, food

Annual fundraiser provides scholarships to high school seniors

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All hunters and area residents enjoying the outdoor sporting season in South Texas will find supplies, resources, contact information and an entertaining welcome at the annual appreciation banquet hosted by the Cotulla - La Salle County Chamber of Commerce on Friday evening, November 9

The Casino Night, formally known to many as the Hunters Appreciation, is from 6 to 10:30 p.m. and will be held in the AB Alexander Convention Center on the IH-35 access road in Cotulla.

The event will include an

auktion of hunting goods, supplies and decor; booths hosted by vendors and hunting services as well as equipment suppliers; live entertainment and a full meal.

This year the event will have poker and blackjack tables, and slot machines with all monies raised being used for scholarships.

Advance bookings for dinner tables can also be made, with group rates including admission, drinks and food.

The event serves as the Chamber's principal fundraiser for student scholarships each year; awards are made to local high

school graduates and college students by the Chamber from funds collected at the Hunters Appreciation and through sponsorship by families, local businesses and corporate donors.

The Chamber is listed as a non-profit organization.

Sponsors are encouraged to contact the Chamber for information on how to make contributions that are used to further local college-bound students' education.

A special feature of this year's event will be the Dilley Feed and Grain's El Monstruo del Monte Big game contest awards presentation. The contest has taken place the

last 16 years.

Life-size renditions of South Texas wildlife will be on display in the South Texas Welcome Center, a public gallery at the front of the convention center exhibiting the flora and fauna of the region.

The public is welcome to attend and to view the exhibit.

Admission to the Casino Night will be \$25 and \$20 pre-sale for everyone.

Tickets include the evening meal. Table reservations can be made for \$150 and include a company sign, meals and two drink tickets each for six people.

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