

July 2014



# Chamber Chatter Newsletter

With school out for the summer and everyone taking advantage of the great weather we are having, it can be hard to think about chamber activities. Even so, we have had two new members join the Bonham Area Chamber of Commerce in June 2014. The Fannin County Water Protection Association and HOT 107.3 FM—KQDR both joined the chamber last month. Thanks to both of these groups for supporting the chamber and becoming members.

The chamber also had two renewals last month. Bob Utter Ford and Texas Firearms Academy renewed their 2014 memberships.

Ribbon Cuttings were held for The Breakfast Stop and Dalnor Systems Inc.

Wayne and Brenda Moore, the owners of The Breakfast Stop are highlighted on page 4 of the newsletter this month.

Dalnor Systems Inc. is building a new structure on the city airport property that

will house a manufacturing facility that builds stands for aircraft engines. The company will start out with eight employees and expects to expand in the near future.

The Small Business Committee of the BEST/FEST group held a Risk Management Seminar at Bonham City Hall on June 27 and was attended by 20 business owners and individuals from throughout the county. John Farris with Farm n' Home Casualty talked about some of the risks involved in running a business today and how a business owner can work to alleviate risks. Risks to a business can be from weather, employees, customers, or areas even outside the owners control. By assessing the risks that could occur and planning for them upfront, the chance of a business surviving a significant risk claim can be greatly increased.

For more information about the small business group please contact the committee head: Bill Wilson at McCraw Oil Company.

The Eco-Tourism group associated with the BEST/FEST committee is working on promoting a public access point for kayaks and canoes at the highway 78 bridge north of Bonham. With a new bridge expected to be designed in 2015-16, the possibility of working with the State of Oklahoma and Texas to get a public access point at the existing location is possible.

The monthly chamber breakfast will take place on July 11th at the Red River Regional Hospital Cafeteria. The event starts at 8 a.m. and is a good place to meet others and talk about your business. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Kueckelhan Ranch Rodeo is scheduled for July 24—26th. This annual event is a huge draw for the Bonham and Fannin County Area and they put on a great show every year. Be sure to attend at least one night of the event.



# **FANNIN COUNTY KITE DAY**



**July 12, 2014**

**10am-4pm**

**At the Fannin County Multi-Purpose Complex**

**Bring your kite, picnic basket, and a desire to have fun to our first Kite Festival for the Fannin County community. The Event is free and everyone is welcome to come out and have a fun time.**

**If a family member is not into kites, we will also have Face painting for the kids, a kite coloring contest, and a cotton candy machine.**

**Whether you build your own or buy a kite to fly, we would love to see you at the Multi-Purpose complex where you can show off your skills (or lack thereof) and your kite to others in the community.**

**We have plenty of room to fly the smallest to largest kites you can come up with and you will have lots of space to show off what your kite can do.**

**We will also be giving out Ribbons to the Following:**

**Quickest take-off (First above the tree-line)**

**Oldest Flyer**

**Youngest Flyer**

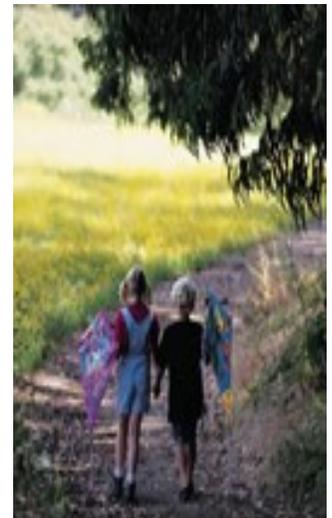
**Most unique kite**

**Best homemade kite**

**Longest kite tail**

**Largest kite**

**Smallest kite**



**Special \$100 gift cards to a Kite company for the Best Essay about kites or flying them from the following school grades, K-3, 4-6, 7-8, and 9-12th. – 750 words maximum—winning essay's to be printed in The Fannin County Leader**

**So decorate your kite or bring what you have and come fly it and see if your kite takes home a ribbon....**

**Schedule of Events:**

**10:00 am—Registration**

**10:30 am—Welcome**

**10:45 am—Official Countdown to start awards for Quickest Take-off**

**1:30 pm—Awarding of Ribbons**

**For More Information: Call the Bonham Area Chamber of Commerce at 903-583-4811**

## BEST/FEST Meeting on June 19, 2014

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter BEST/FEST meeting held on June 19, 2014 was attended by almost 70 people from around the Fannin County area. The BEST (Bonham Empowerment Support Team) and the FEST (Fannin county empowerment Support Team) were put together in 2013 to promote Bonham and Fannin County in retaining and attracting new businesses, attracting tourism dollars through eco-tourism, attracting retirees to move to the area, and a lakes committee to attract people to the two new lakes going into the county in the next few years.

Ron McCarthy, Permit Director for North Texas Municipal Water District gave an update on the status of Lower Bois d'arc in regards to their permits. Currently, the Water District is expecting to get both their TCEQ permit USACE permit by the end of 2015. At that time construction on the Lake could begin. Mr. McCarthy also talked about the regulations due to invasive species that affect lakes now and some of the ways to deal with them.

Tom Taylor, Executive Director of the Upper Trinity Water District gave an update on the status of Lake Ralph Hall. The lake has been approved by the TCEQ and currently the district is waiting on the USACE 404 permit to build the dam. Mr. Taylor informed the audience that the Lake Ralph Hall permit issued by the TCEQ was the first in almost 30 years for a large lake in the State of Texas.

Judge Laurie Blake, head of the Eco-Tourism Committee updated the audience on the groups work in getting a public access point to the Red River when a new bridge at Hwy 78 is built in the next few years. By working with Texas Parks and Wildlife and the State of Oklahoma the possibility of having a public access for kayaks or canoes may be possible. The group is also working on promoting wildflowers and trails within Fannin County for visitors to come and tour.

Bill Wilson, head of the Business Group provided information on a Risk management seminar the group is having on June 27<sup>th</sup> at Bonham City hall. The group plans to have seminars that will benefit individuals looking to start a business or that already have one every few months. The goal is to help business owners learn more about various subjects that they might not have otherwise had the time to consider or even know to consider in managing their business.

Lisa Avila, head of the Retirement Committee informed the attendees that the group has been working on getting together information that retirees are interested in before they make the decision to move to a community. Tax Rates, volunteer opportunities, crime rates, housing costs, etc. are all considered and the committee's goal is to have a one-stop place to obtain the information.

The next meeting will take place on September 25, 2014 at the Fannin County Multipurpose Complex.

# RIBBON CUTTING at THE BREAKFAST STOP

June 11, 2014

A large crowd was on hand to help cut the ribbon for “The Breakfast Stop” located at 119 E 5<sup>th</sup> street in downtown Bonham on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Owners, Wayne and Brenda Moore are serving breakfast Tuesday – Saturday from 5:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and would welcome you coming by and giving them a try.

While both Wayne and Brenda have worked a lifetime by many other people’s standards with past ownership of other establishments in Bonham, they aren’t content to just sit on the front porch and watch life go by. To them, life is an adventure and as they both love meeting and talking with local residents and out-of-towners, they were looking to start something that would feed this passion.

As with any business, they sat down and figured out what they had to offer based on their desires and abilities, while keeping in mind what people wanted in their everyday lives. As Brenda loves to cook and Wayne is an all-a-round handyman, builder, cleaner, and cook they decided to look into opening a restaurant. They wanted something that was unique to Bonham, in the downtown area, and where people could come in and visit friends while also meeting new people.

“The Breakfast Stop” was born and the location at 119 E 5<sup>th</sup> was chosen to meet their requirements to be in the downtown area. With an assortment of baked goods (scones, muffins, croissants, and coffee cakes) that change on a frequent basis, cooked to order breakfasts, and great coffee they met all their goals of having a great business both personally and professionally.

To create an even more inviting atmosphere, they have added free Wi-Fi for breakfast patrons who need more connection to the outside world.

Visit them and try out some of their great home cooking.



## **New Business Members for June 2014**

Fannin County Water Protection Association

PO Box 91

Bonham, TX 75418

<http://www.fanninwater.org/>

HOT 107.3 FM—KQDR

900 E Pecan Grove Rd.

Sherman, TX 75090

420 W. Sam Rayburn

<http://www.1073docfm.com/>

## **Renewals for June 2014**

[Bob Utter Ford](#)

[Texas Firearms Training Academy](#)



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# **Bonham Area Chamber of Commerce**

## **July 2014 EVENT CALENDAR**

**July 10—13** – Bonham Trade Days

**July 11** – Bonham Chamber Breakfast at Red River Regional Hospital Cafeteria at 8:00 am

**July 12** – First Annual Fannin County Kite day at the Fannin County Multipurpose Complex

**July 24—26**—Kueckelhan Ranch Rodeo

**July 25—25**— “Quilt Hop” in Bonham Texas

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