

Nueces Canyon Chamber of Commerce News and Updates

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The 54th Annual Old Settlers Reunion now resides in a happy place in our memories. With sincere optimism, we trust that you, family, and friends once again shared in a time honored tradition of the beautiful Nueces Canyon.

After the parade, MC Casey Bolt welcomed all attendees and introduced Mark Martinez, who led in a prayerful invocation. Dustin Vernor sang the National Anthem, Mayor Chavez led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Mayoral Welcome, and Kristi Powers, Nueces Canyon Chamber of Commerce President, gave an opening welcome, and introduced the coronation ceremony of our 54th Annual Old Settlers Reunion King Josh Cox and Queen Debbie Cox.

We extend a huge thank you of gratitude to all who participated in the events – parade, salsa contest, pie contest, talent contest, horseshoe and washer pitching contest, and Yeti raffle. To all the parade participants, we thank you for creating exuberant fun in the eyes and minds of the kids – young and old – who witnessed your attractive and colorful floats, vehicles, and beautiful horses. Citizen of the Year Bubba Hickman and military service veterans did an excellent job as parade marshal. Winners of the salsa contest tied for first place were Lupe Carabajal and Salud Carabajal, second place winner Andreas Carabajal, and third place Jackie Sellars. Pecan pie winner first place is Barbara Herpeche, second place is Megan Prather, third place is Eric Whipkey, and runner-up Pat Rogers.

Eight teams participated in the horseshoe competition. Lee J Kovarcik and Collin Kovarcik of Boaz Ranch won first place team; Chrissie Brown and Simon Hamilton won second place team. Twenty-two teams participated in the fiercely competitive washer-pitching contest. Earnest and Isaiah Franco won first place team; Tony and Jesse Sanchez won second place team.

The talent contest was a beginning great success. Several contestants were awarded cash prizes. If you won a talent show category, please call the Chamber office and give us your name, so we can publish that information in next week's Broadcaster. (The winning names have been misplaced and for that we apologize, but please let us know who you are.) If the community would like to have the talent contest continue, please let the Chamber know.

Congratulations to Yeti raffle winner Martha Stewart! She is the proud owner of a 110-quart Tundra Yeti Cooler.

Thanks to the Nueces Canyon EMS for greeting us at the entrance gate with free water and important life-saving information. We thank and appreciate the many vendors – food, arts and crafts, information and services, and games – who helped make the event a colorful and enjoyable occasion. The City of Camp Wood hosted the dunking booth, and Mayor Chavez was the recipient of many accurately aimed balls that dumped him in the water more than a few times. All proceeds from the dunking booth will be donated to charitable needs in the Nueces

Canyon, more on that later from the Mayor. Mayor Chavez reported that he had the “coolest” seat in the park!

The Nueces Canyon Volunteer Fire Department street dance with D.J. Gerald Lopes was popular and enjoyed by many. All proceeds benefit the fire department. Friday and Saturday night’s rodeo were an exciting tradition shared by all who witness the cowboys and cowgirls performances. Proceeds benefit the Nueces Canyon Junior Livestock Association.

Words alone cannot express our debt of gratitude and appreciation for the many, many volunteers who make this event possible. If we tried to list the names, some would be overlooked, so know that with a sense of pride and accomplishment you (the volunteers) achieved making the 54th Annual Old Settlers Reunion a reality that it could not have been without your dedication and effort. To our local citizenry, when you see any of the folks that you know were helping with this production, please let them know that you appreciate their dedication and support to our Nueces Canyon. Those heartfelt comments you share will do more than any amount of money you could pay them for their services.

August 8 is Second Saturday Tradin’ Days in Lindbergh Park, a combined project of the City of Camp Wood and the Nueces Canyon Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will be selling the donated Mary Kay products at deep discount at Tradin’ Days. Many other items are available for sale, so come shopping and start completing that Christmas list! Please call City Hall to register a booth space at 597-2265, which is free. If you forget to register or decide at the last minute that you want to have a booth, come participate, and do not let not registering keep you away.

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