



May 19, 2026 ~ Chamber eBlast



Hello Smithville Chamber Members and Friends,

As we move through May, our community continues to stay busy in the best possible way! The first half of the month has been filled with connection, celebration, and memorable moments across Smithville and throughout the county. From Ribbon Cuttings at Faire La Nouba and Brown Primary's Outdoor Classroom to the continued growth of our Chamber Ambassador Committee and another wonderful Coffee Chat, it has been exciting to see so many people coming together in support of our community.

We've also enjoyed incredible regional events, including the First Responders Appreciation gathering and the B.E.S.T. Countywide Mixer, both of which highlighted the strong partnerships and community spirit shared between Bastrop County communities. And of course, the 20th Annual Smithville Fly-In was an amazing success -- bringing visitors, families, and aviation enthusiasts together for a fantastic day at the airport.

As we look toward the end of May, we celebrate an exciting season of new beginnings as Smithville High School graduates prepare for their futures and summer activities begin across our community. We encourage everyone

to continue supporting local by shopping, dining, and exploring all of the wonderful businesses, restaurants, and attractions that make Smithville such a special place to call home.

Please note that unfortunately, the Chamber's May Mixer has been cancelled. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to connecting with everyone again at upcoming Chamber events.

Thank you for being part of our community -- we look forward to seeing you around town this summer!

With gratitude,

Kathy Danielson, C.F.E.E., T.M.P.

Executive Director

Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce



Interested in **sponsoring the Chamber Chatter episodes in 2026** - a great opportunity to showcase your business and support Chamber programming.

If you'd like to be involved as a sponsor or guest, please contact the Chamber at **512-237-2313** or **Chamber@SmithvilleTx.org**.

Small Business Tip of the Month

Refresh Your Online Presence



Strengthen Your Customer Connections!

Take a few minutes to:

- ✓ Follow up with recent customers or clients
- ✓ Respond to reviews (both positive and constructive)
- ✓ Engage with comments and messages on social media
- ✓ Send a quick thank-you email or special offer

Building relationships isn't just good service - it's good business. A little connection goes a long way toward loyalty and referrals!

Call to Action: Join the Chamber Ambassador Committee!

The Chamber is excited to help promote our business member events! To have your events, sales, specials, and more included in our monthly Chamber Newsletter, simply email us at info@smithvilletx.org. Our newsletter is sent to all members and non-members, and the details may also be shared across our social media platforms.

Let's get the word out and support each other!

Also, be sure to add your events to the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce event calendar on our website. If you need assistance, contact us at 512-237-2313 or chamber@smithvilletx.org.

Upcoming Events

May 2026

Thursday, May 21

Tech Read, Job Steady - Next Level (Bastrop County Cares)

10:00am- 2:00pm

B-Well Bumps (Bastrop County Cares) | 10:30am-11:30am

Chamber May Mixer - Cancelled

Care-A-Van MLK Park (Bastrop County Cares) | 5:00pm-7:00pm

Free Community Support Group (Smithville Community Clinic)

6:00pm-7:30pm

Friday, May 22

Smithville High School Graduation | 8:00pm

Saturday, May 23

Memorial Day Flag Placement at Oak-Hill Cemetery & Mount Pleasant Cemetery (Dr. George M. Jones VFW Post 1309 Smithville) | 9:00am

Sunday, May 24

Smithville's Farmers Market | 10:00am-1:00pm

Thursday, May 28

B-Well Bumps (Bastrop County Cares) | 10:30am-11:30am

Saturday, May 30

Health on Wheels - Career Tracks Smithville | 8:00am-4:00pm

FBC Men's Ministry "The Armory" Breakfast, Fellowship & Cornhole Tournament | 8:00am
Historic Downtown Walking Tours (Bastrop County Museum) | 9AM & 10AM

Sunday, May 31

Smithville's Farmers Market | 10:00am-1:00pm

Click [HERE](#) for a full listing of Chamber and Member Events

Red indicates an event of Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce Event

Be sure to add your events to the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce website and we will add them here in our bi-monthly eBlasts and monthly Newsletters.

Save the Dates: Upcoming Chamber Events

MAY

Thursday, May 21st

Chamber May Mixer - Cancelled

JUNE

Tuesday, June 9th

Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 10th

Coffee Chat with Kathy Danielson

Thursday, June 18th

Chamber Mixer - Fayette Memorial Funeral Home

Upcoming Member Events



Join Us

FREE Community Support Group

What You Will Gain

Join a supportive, structured group designed to provide education, accountability, and connection for individuals impacted by opioid use. This group combines Peer Support and Evidence-Based Psychoeducation in a safe, judgment-free setting.

- ✓ Bi-weekly Group sessions over 8-12 weeks.
- ✓ Practical Skills for recovery and relapse prevention.
- ✓ Education on opioid use disorder, Triggers, and coping tools.
- ✓ Support from peers and a certified facilitator.

Facilitated by a Certified Professional.

✓ RSPS: Recovery Support Peer Specialist

**RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE**

**WHEN: 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month
6:00PM-7:30PM**

Contact: Kathryn Caddell - 512-798-3753 or kcaddell2024@gmail.com

BASTROP COUNTY SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

LED BY: DR. JOY SNOOK, PH.D., LPC-S
T. J. FINN, M.ED., NPT-C, LPC

YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

If you have lost someone to suicide, you may be experiencing pain that words can't describe. This group offers a safe, understanding space to share, listen, and begin healing – together.



WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Gentle, confidential support among those who understand
- Guidance on coping with grief, guilt, and unanswered questions
- Hope-filled conversations about rebuilding life after loss
- Resources for continued healing and community connection

WHO IS IT FOR?

- Adults (17+) in Bastrop County who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide – family members, friends, or anyone affected by this kind of loss.

TIME: 6:00PM- 7:30PM

2025 DATES: NOVEMBER 24 & DECEMBER 22

2026 DATES: 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

LOCATION: FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
400 OLIVE ST. SMITHVILLE, TX 78957

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Bastrop County Cares
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Participants must bring their own laptop

May 7th - English Class
May 21st - Spanish Class
10:00am-12:00pm
Elgin Recreation Center
361 State Hwy 95, Elgin, Texas

digital LIFT
Partnership Community Tech Network (PCTN)

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bastropcares.org (512)-409-3116

B-WELL BUMPS

B-WELL Bumps: A Supportive Space for Pregnancy Wellness

Your pregnancy deserves calm, confidence, and support.

B-WELL Bumps offers hands-on emotional care, guided breathing, nutrition support, mindset guidance, and comfort techniques through a supportive 6-week prenatal wellness series designed to care for the whole mom, not just the pregnancy.

B-WELL Program Details

Thursdays: May 7 - June 25
No class June 11
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Pathways Women & Family Center
(Formerly Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center)
125 Lower Red Rock Rd, Bastrop, TX 78602

- Feeling anxious, stressed, or overwhelmed during pregnancy?
- Want to feel more calm, supported, and prepared for birth?
- Looking for a safe, nurturing space to breathe, move, and connect?

 Hogg Foundation
for Mental Health

FREE



(512)-409-3116

www.bastropcares.org



Honor Those that Served us First



Please join the **Dr George M Jones VFW Post 1309 Smithville At Oak-Hill Cemetery & Mount Pleasant Cemetery**

Sat. May 23, 2026 @ 9:00a.m. As we replace the flags to Honor all deceased Veterans who have served our Nation some paying the ultimate sacrifice. We can use all the help we can get. If you have a golf cart or have a connection with others with golf carts. Please join us in paying respect to those who served and defended our Country & Freedom. Last Year we put out over 1000 flags. If you would like to make a donation or sponsorship for flags.

Please reach out to Trish Kubena @ 512-581-2588 or tkubena84@yahoo.com for Smithville VFW Post #1309



JOIN THE CARE-A-VAN WELLNESS AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE!

www.bastropcares.org

MLK PARK
101 KEN BLASCHKE DR.
SMITHVILLE, TX
5:00pm-7:00pm

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

*Fun Outdoor Activities, Resources, Literacy,
Food, Mobile Fitness and more!*



For More Information Contact:
Sports & Recreation Manager
Fernando Mercado
512-409-3116
fernando@bastropcares.org

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH- FELLOWSHIP HALL
305 HUDGINS STREET
8:00 AM

Grab a partner or come solo—we'll match you up!
All skill levels welcome.

Breakfast and Fellowship

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN!

THE ARMORY

Don't miss out on the fun!

Jody Kadlecsek 512-304-8668
Robert Bonorden 512-461-7695
Anthony Barrientos 512-237-0822

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Let the bags fly and may the best team win!



Memorial Day 2026

Smithville

Monday May 25, 2026

Come join the Men and Women of VFW Post 1309 in our Memorial Day Event. The Ladies Auxiliary will have a 52- Card Game & 50/50

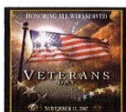
Traditional Cake Walk

We will have a ceremony starting @ 11 am. Followed by a meal that is always free to the public free will donations accepted.

Hamburgers & Hotdogs will be served

TBA

American Legion Post #180 Auxiliary Americanism Essay Winners



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These new routes provide a reliable, cost-effective alternative to driving alone—helping reduce traffic, ease congestion, and support cleaner air across Central Texas.



**CARS
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FREE
for All Included Rides

April 8, 2026



AMERICAN LEGION
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★ UNIT 180 ★

DRIVE THRU Fundraiser Dinner

GREAT MEAL. GREAT CAUSE.

**FRIDAY
JUNE 5**

PICKUP 5-7PM

AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL
145 American Legion Rd
Smithville, TX 78957

TO-GO PLATE INCLUDES:

- ★ Black Oak & Hickory Smoked Pork Loin finished with Raspberry Chipotle BBQ Sauce
- ★ German Style Smashed Potatoes
- ★ Caramelized Carrots
- ★ Dinner Roll
- ★ Katy Railroad Peach Cobbler with Vanilla Whipped Cream



**\$15
PER PLATE**

**TICKETS REQUIRED
ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLINE
BEFORE JUNE 1**

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE:
★ <https://bit.ly/ala180porkplate> ★

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 180 programs including
Texas Bluebonnet Girls State
and other Americanism
programs.

MEAL PREPARED BY
★ *Accidental Catering*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
★ **DINAH BREEDEN** ★
512.304.0666

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2026 Advertising Opportunities

Advertising Opportunity	Cost	Information
Clickable Link	\$10 per issue or \$48 for 6 issues (20% discount)	Link from your event listing in the SACoC eBlast and/or Newsletter to your event listing on the SACoC Public Events page.
Standard Business Card (3.5" x 2")	\$15 per issue or \$72 for 6 issues (20% discount)	Graphic provided by business 1050 x 600 px Quality: 300 DPI (jpeg, png, or pdf)
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Contact us at the Chamber to secure your ad today!

The mission of the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce is to enhance the success of its members, to help improve the quality of life for the Smithville community, to provide opportunities for business owners and to serve as the collective voice in the business community.

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We'll see you around town!

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