

**Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 18th, 2025**

Board Members: Cheryl Hardwick: Present	Melissa Hegemeyer: Absent
Katherine Ward: Absent	Kenneth Pilcher: Present
Vicki LeBlanc: Present	Raul Villarreal: Present
James Garfield: Present	

**Call to Order:**

President Cheryl Hardwick called to order the monthly meeting of the Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association at 6:05 P.M. on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

The invocation was done by President Cheryl Hardwick and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Treasurer Raul Villarreal.

**Welcome Visitors:**

President Cheryl Hardwick welcomed all the HCCA members and visitors present.

**Sign in Sheet:**

President Cheryl Hardwick asked everyone to please be sure and sign in on the attendance sheet and for the door prizes.

**Approval of the December 2024 Minutes:**

A motion was made by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher and a second motion by Board Member James Garfield to accept the December 2024 minutes. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

**Approval of the January 2025 and February 2025 Treasurers Report:**

A motion was made by Board Member Kenneth Pilcher, and a second motion was made by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc that we accept the January 2025 and the February 2025, Treasurer's Report. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

**Recognize and Honor the Hempstead High School Counselors Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Jackson for the National School Counselors Week:**

The HCCA Board recognized and honored the Hempstead High School Counselors Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Jackson for the National School Counselors Week, and a picture was taken with the board.

**Recognize and Honor Sandy Pfeffer on her Retirement from the US Postal Service for her 34 Years of Service:**

The HCCA Board recognized, honored, and congratulated Sandy Pfeffer on her Retirement from the US Postal Service for 34 Years of Service and a picture was taken with the board.

**Recognize Dakota and Rylee Smith for Winning at the Recent Humble Rodeo & BBQ Cook-off.**

President Cheryl Hardwick talked about their competition at the Humble Rodeo & BBQ Cook-off. Dakota received a first place walk in the Senior Division and Rylee Received a First Place Walk in the Open. In their absence from the meeting President Cheryl Hardwick stated that Dakota had won the 2024 Watermelon Festival BBQ Cook-off Senior Division. Both Dakota and Rylee will be competing in the 2025 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Junior World BBQ Cook-off Championship. They will also be competing at the first ever Junior BBQ Competition Cook-off in Memphis in May of this year.

**Donation of \$1,000.00 to Rick Branek with Meals on Wheels:**

The HCCA donated \$1,000.00 to Meals on Wheels. Rick Branek with Meals on Wheels was unable to attend the meeting and the donation will be mailed to Meals on Wheels.

**House of Help Needs Dry Food Goods:**

President Cheryl Hardwick stated that the House of Help are in needs of dry food goods, which could be beans, rice, can goods, dried pasta, and cereal. If anyone would like to donate, they can drop their donation off to the House of Help.

**Recognize and Honor Julian Alvarez with Texas Premier Residential Services, LLC.:**

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced Julian Alvarez with Texas Premier Residential Services, LLC. Mr. Alvarez is a Hempstead High School graduate, and he serves as Secretary on the Hempstead ISD School Board. Mr. Alvarez talked about his business and what services they offer. The company had been officed out of Brenham and has recently moved to Hempstead.

**Recognize James Smith with First Class BBQ and his Cooking Classes:**

The HCCA recognized James Smith and his First Class BBQ Restaurant. Mr. Smith was unable to attend the meeting. He will be asked to come back to the next HCCA meeting to talk about his cooking classes that he is giving now.

### **Recognize and Congratulate Kenneth Pilcher on the Opening of his Citizen's Coffee and Wine Café:**

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced Kenneth Pilcher to the crowd. Mr. Pilcher talked about the upcoming opening of his Citizen's Coffee and Wine Café scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2025, at 7:00 A.M. They will be open seven days a week and serve three meals a day, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. He talked about his employees, and that he will have 40 employees. He talked about the art that is in the restaurant and that he and his wife have collected over the years. He also stated that he had purchased the business next door, the Learning Tree, and will begin construction on the building. He said to stay tuned on upcoming details for the building. The audience said they were looking forward to his opening.

### **HCCA Upcoming Events:**

HCCA Upcoming Event are Easter in the Park on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Memorial Day Parade and Program on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, and the Watermelon Festival on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and we are looking for volunteers for each event. President Cheryl Hardwick stated if anyone would like to volunteer to please sign the volunteer list or to let her know.

**HCCA Membership – Business Builder Membership is \$100.00, a Non-Profit Membership is \$50.00, and Individual Membership is \$50.00:** President Cheryl Hardwick encouraged everyone to get involved and to join the HCCA. The HCCA is doing wonderful things for our community and our schools. We welcome everyone to become a member.

### **Old Business:**

No Old Business.

### **New Business:**

No New Business.

### **Upcoming Local Events:**

- 2025 Hempstead FFA Project Show on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The FFA Show begins at 5:30 P.M. and on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, the Buyers Dinner begins at 5:30 P.M. and the Indoor Auction begins at 7:00 P.M. at the Waller County Fairgrounds located at 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas.
- Texas Master Gardeners Tree Giveaway on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at the Waller County AgriLife Office located at 846 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Hempstead, Texas from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. or until the last tree is gone.

- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Hempstead Little League Crawfish Boil Fundraiser on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at the KC Hall located at 22892 Mack Washington Lane, Hempstead, Texas. Doors open at 3:00 P.M. and Crawfish served at 5:00 P.M.
- Waller County Waddel's Boys and Girls Little Dribblers at the Hempstead Recreation Center located at 635 US 290 Business, Hempstead, Texas. Registration is going on now till Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.
- The Library Friends of Hempstead are Seeking Donations for the Hello Spring Silent Auction on March 4 – 18, 2025, located at the Waller County Library at 2331 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Hempstead, Texas.
- The Hempstead ISD's School Health Advisory Council Committee is excited to announce that they will be hosting their first Health Spring Fair on Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. Free event and will take place in the Competition Gym at the Hempstead High School Gym. They are inviting local businesses, organizations, and community partners to host a table and share information about their services, resources, or products that promote health and wellness. It will be a fantastic opportunity to connect with students, families, and community members while showcasing the valuable contributions your business makes to the community.
- Hempstead Garden Club's "Go Western" Spring Frolic on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Red Oak Ranch located at 52715 US 290, Hempstead, Texas. Tickets are \$40.00 and Quilt Raffle Tickets are \$10.00 each.
- Waller County Fair & Rodeo Bottle Calf Project Information Meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the Waller County Fairgrounds located at 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas.
- First Annual BBQ Ro-T-O on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at the BBQ Store located at 850 US 290 Business, Hempstead, Texas. Registration Deadline is March 1, 2025.
- Hempstead Commerce and Civic Association's Easter in the Park on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the downtown Gazebo with Arts and Crafts, Easter Egg Hunt, and a surprise visit by the Easter Bunny beginning at 10:00 A.M.
- The Texas Association of First Responders 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Wild Game Cook-Off and Rodeo on Friday, April 11, 2025, at the Waller County Fairgrounds located at 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Texas.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at the St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church at 811 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Hempstead, Texas.

**Door Prizes Given:**

The door prizes were donated by Julian Alvarez with Texas Premier Residential Services, LLC.

The winners were Natasna Jackson, Jory Chevis, A. J. Sassin, Linda Sassin, Christi Myford, and Angela Butler. Congratulations to all the winners. President Cheryl Hardwick thanked Julian Alvarez for the donation of the door prizes for the monthly meeting.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Treasurer Raul Villarreal to adjourn the meeting and a second was made by Board Member James Garfield. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

**Submitted by Secretary Katherine Ward**\_\_\_\_\_

**Approved and signed by President Cheryl Hardwick**\_\_\_\_\_