

City Business
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As you probably recall, last year the community almost lost the Senior Citizen Program when Hill County Community Action announced it would be terminating its involvement in Hico and Lometa unless local financial support was increased significantly. As a stop-gap measure, the Senior Citizen Foundation, County and City agreed to provide the additional funding necessary to keep the program going through September 30th of this year.

Recognizing the current arrangement isn't sustainable, a committee began meeting to explore possible long-term solutions for preserving the programs being provided at the Senior Citizen Center. After a couple of months of deliberation the committee, composed of Lee Ramage of the Senior Citizen Foundation; Lee & Beverly Clauser of United Care; Andy Tyler of the Hico Ministerial Association; Kim Burckhalter, Director of the Hico Senior Citizen Program; Lloyd Huggins, County Commissioner; and "yours truly," has put together a general plan, or vision, for the future of Hico's Senior Citizen Center. That vision, in addition to continuing to meet our Seniors' needs, includes tapping into new resources and meeting multiple needs in the community for citizens of all ages. Consequently, it has been proposed that the Senior Center be renamed the Hico Activity Center. The new name is being painted on the sign to, so to speak, "try it on for size".

A meeting has been called for Thursday, March 28th during the noon hour at the Hico Activity Center, to allow participants in the current programs and the general public to review and discuss the different options under consideration for the Center's future. A brief power point presentation will be provided. Please plan on attending the meeting and helping finalize a plan that will carry us beyond September 30th.

May God bless the City of Hico.