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Awards Presented at Annual Banquet

This year's Annual Banquet saw a number of people recognized for special efforts in the Dumas and Moore County area.

James Allen, CPA, was presented the 2011 Outstanding Citizen Award. He has been involved in many aspects of the area since beginning his accounting practice in 1977 with Cox, Allen and Company. James was recognized for his volunteer work with the Dumas Noon Lions, Dumas Education Foundation, his church activities and for his dedication as a trustee on the Moore County Hospital District Board. Congratulations, James!

Congratulations are also in order for Michael Ramirez, owner of High Plains Contractors and Management Group. Michael and his company has expanded during the past year thus receiving recognition as the Chamber's Small Business Award winner. His firm has also been named the Small Business Administration's Northwest District of Texas' Contractor of the Year. Congratulations, Michael!

As a result of the Moore County Health Foundation's past three galas, \$200,000 has been do-

minated to the Moore County Hospital District. The Foundation received the Community Leadership Award. Accepting the award were Jeff Turner, CEO of the Moore County Hospital District and George Bucheneau incoming Executive Director of the foundation. Congratulations are in order for the Moore County Health Foundation!

Marilu Duncan was recognized as the 2011 Chamber Volunteer of the Year. She has always been a major volunteer for many chamber functions including the Annual Banquet. Congratulations, Marilu!

In recognition of these two men's time and dedication on behalf of the Dumas Visitor Center, Garland Smith and Jerry Hays received the "Garland Smith" Dumas Visitor Center Volunteer of the Year. It is unique in that Garland's efforts made him eligible to receive the award named for him. Jerry has also been a big help at the Dumas Visitor Center. Congratulations Garland and Jerry!

The evening's entertainment was the Screamin' Demon Jazz Band. Compliments were heard through-

out the crowd about the band's playing.

Jeff Turner, outgoing Chairman of the Board, was presented with an appreciation plaque by incoming Chairman, Leighton Stovall. Leighton received a commemorative gavel from Jeff.

All Sponsors of the banquet were thanked for their assistance with the banquet. The Women's Division was also thanked for decorating.

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Shop Local Campaign Begins Next Month

If any more chamber business are thinking about signing up for the Chamber's promotion on shopping local, please let us know. The campaign will start in May.

We already have a good number of businesses who have committed to the program. The cost is only \$100 which will help with advertising and the monthly \$100 gift certificate to be given to a consumer whose name will be randomly drawn. The gift certificate can be used at any participating business.

Barrels of Flowers

Once again, the Chamber's Beautification Committee will put out barrels of flowers toward the end of May.

A half-barrel will be placed in front of your business for a small subscription fee, \$25. If you participated last year, you will be contacted. It would help us to go ahead and fill out the form and send it to us even if you have participated in the past. We just don't want to miss anyone who wants a barrel.

Please use the form enclosed with this newsletter.

BBQ Cook-Off Planning Underway

This year, the Chamber is hosting a sanctioned BBQ Cook-Off, August 10-11 at McDade Park.

The D' Town BBQ Cook-Off event is expected to attract numerous cooking teams from West and Central Texas as well as eastern New Mexico and Oklahoma. It is estimated that 30-50 teams will be vying for a portion of the \$5,000 purse.

Sanctioning the cook-off is the International Barbeque Cooker Association. Meat entries will include brisket, pork ribs and chicken. Beans can be entered in the cook-off, also.

Sponsors are needed for the cook-off. Levels of participation are as follows:

Signature Sponsors: \$1,000

Gold: \$700

Silver: \$500

Bronze: \$300

Volunteers for the task force are needed. If you would like to volunteer or become a sponsor, please call the Chamber at 935-2123



Upcoming Events

April 9

Executive Meeting-Noon
BBQ Cook-Off Task Force-2 p.m.

April 10

Women's Division -Noon

April 12

Shop Local Committee-3 p.m.

April 17

Board of Directors-Noon

April 23

BBQ Cook-Off Task Force-2 p.m.

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May 10

Business After Hours-5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
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