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Chamber Ready for 2013

As a planning guide, the chamber's Program of Work is a document which readies our organization to meet goals for 2013.

Our Program of Work this year will feature several planned meetings and projects which hopefully, will peak chamber member's and the area's interest.

Two Networking Breakfasts are planned for 2013. These breakfasts are to be at no charge for our chamber members. Another popular event, Business After Hours which

was begun last year will continue.

Leadership Dumas/Moore County is scheduled to begin in the fall. If anyone would like to sign up early for this program, please let the chamber know. The program works best with at least 15 participants. The Business Roundtable will appear once again this year. This informative, periodic, short seminar on current business topics will start during the first quarter of 2013.

An event which was an instant success last year will

return. The D' Town BBQ Cook-Off will take place August 9-10 and it is hoped to attract over 30 competitive cooking teams at the event which is sanctioned by the International Barbecue Cookers Association.

The projects and programs listed above are just a part of the chamber's complete Program of Work. Stay tuned for more happenings this year.

Networking Breakfast February 1

Friday, February 1, is the date for the chamber's first Networking Breakfast of 2013. It begins at 7 a.m. and will take place at the Hampton Inn & Suites.

Dyron Howell, founder of the Snack Pak 4 Kids program in the Texas Panhandle, is scheduled to be the guest speaker.

Howell has recently been

honored as the *Amarillo Globe-News* Headliner of the Year for his efforts to end childhood hunger in the Texas Panhandle. According to the *Globe-News*, Howell, an oncology sales representative for Eli Lilly and Co. has been working to end childhood hunger in the Texas Panhandle since he moved to Amarillo in 2010. He is originally from Clarendon.

Part of the morning's agenda will be a presentation of the Good Neighbor Award by the Chamber's Women's Division.

There will be no charge for the breakfast. Please RSVP to the chamber (935-2123) or miranda@dumaschamber.com.

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Panhandle Days Set

Every two years, the Texas State Legislature meets in Austin for 140 days to consider legislation, the state budget and other pertinent items for the state of Texas.

Panhandle Days in Austin is an event which constituents

in our area can attend and visit with legislators in a structured setting. The trip to Austin for the two-day event is sponsored by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. The Amarillo Chamber encourages attendance from other communities

throughout the Texas Panhandle.

This year's Panhandle Days will be February 18-19. If you would like to attend, please contact Sam at the chamber, 935-2123, for more information.

Annual Banquet Planning Underway

April 5 is the date for the Chamber's Annual Banquet to be held at the Moore County Community Building.

Some of the awards to be presented include the 2012 Outstanding Citizen Award; Farmer/Rancher of the Year;

Industry of the Year; Small Business Award and the Chamber Volunteer of the Year Award.

Once again, the Chamber is proud to have the Dumas High School Jazz Band as the entertainment for the evening. These talented

students wowed the audience last year.

Early table sponsorship forms are available now at the chamber office. If your business would like to sponsor a table of eight for \$300, please contact the chamber at 935-2123.

Business Roundtable Anticipated

Timely business topics will be discussed at a number of Business Roundtables scheduled for this year.

Programs of interest are being planned to further enlighten chamber members on business trends and the application in day-to-day

operations of their businesses.

The format will begin at 11 a.m. with a lunch available. Attendees should be back at their office shortly after 1 p.m.

Stay tuned for the Business

Roundtable schedule. Chamber members are also encouraged to suggest topics for future Roundtables. Please call the chamber (935-2123) with suggestions or email Sam: sam@dumaschamber.com.

Business After Hours Hosts Needed

The chamber is looking for hosts for Business After Hours, a networking reception, which was begun last year and was popular with chamber members. One a month will be held.

Business After Hours is held from 5:30 p.m.—7 p.m. in the host's place of business. Thursday evenings are recommended for the event. A \$100 fee is required of the sponsoring business.

If your business would like to host a Business After Hours in 2013, please contact the chamber at 935-2123. We will help you work out a convenient date.

CALENDAR

January 11

11:00 a.m.

Ribbon Cutting

**Airtight Home Solutions,
Dr. Energy Saver**
501 S. Dumas Ave

January 14

Executive Committee

Noon

Dumas/Moore County
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January 15

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February 1

Networking Breakfast

7 a.m.

Hampton Inn & Suites
call 935-2123 to RSVP
No Charge

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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