



BRADY/McCULLOCH
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CHAMBER of COMMERCE

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Year-End Happenings - Are You Ready?

Dear Members:

By the time you receive this newsletter, you will probably have heard that I have submitted my resignation. I am leaving to serve as the Economic Development Director for the City of Palestine, Texas. I just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to the members of the Brady/McCulloch County Chamber of Commerce for the privilege of serving you for the last four and a half years.

This is an organization I have been very proud to be associated with, and, through cooperative efforts of a number of individuals and organizations, we have made great strides in the quality and quantity of services we offer our membership. I hope you are being proactive and putting those resources to good use. If you're not sure that you're taking full advantage of all available, please contact the office and they'll be happy to review your membership with you to see if there's anything else the organization can offer you.

As you wrap up the calendar year, remember there are several exciting events still to come including a Chamber After Hours, the Hunters Appreciation Dinner, and Christmas in the Heart. You'll find details about all these events in the pages of this newsletter, so be sure to give it a thorough read and think about how you can put these activities to work for your business or organization.

In addition, the annual banquet is just around the corner. Please mark your calendar for February 16th and make plans to attend. Also, give some thought to who you would like to see receive awards this year. Then, take time to submit their nominations. It's only through the participation of our membership that we are able to guarantee quality award recipients from year-to-year.

2010 looks to be positioned as a banner year for the Brady/McCulloch County Chamber of Commerce, and I hope it is all you want it to be. Again, thank you to everyone who has helped make my time here so enjoyable. The TRUE Heart of Texas will always have a special place in my heart!

*All the Best,
Wendy*

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What We've Been Doing

7/22: Regional Tourism Workshop (Salado)
7/23: Medway Home Healthcare Ribbon Cutting
8/13: West Texas Legislative Summit (San Angelo)
9/4—9/5: GOAT COOK-OFF
9/28: Pigskin Pairing
9/29-10/1: TEDC Annual Conference
10/14: TMCN Annual Conference

UPCOMING DATES

11/11: Veteran's Day Holiday—Office Closed
11/12: Chamber After Hours at Medway
Home Healthcare on South Bridge
11/26-11/27: Thanksgiving Holidays—Office Closed
11/28: 3rd Annual Hunter Appreciation Dinner
12/5: CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART
12/24-12/25: Christmas Holidays—Office Closed
1/1: New Year's Day Holiday—Office Closed
1/18: Staff Retreat
2/16: CHAMBER BANQUET

CHAMBER WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!

EIGHT new members joined the Chamber in the third quarter of 2009! How exciting to see free enterprise grow. Thank you for your support and WELCOME ABOARD!! We look forward to serving you and hope to help in anyway we can.

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Now Accepting Banquet Nominations

The 2010 chamber banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16th. In preparation for the annual event, we are now accepting nominations for board members and award recipients. Nominations should be submitted to the chamber office no later than Friday, January 8th.

The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is comprised of 15 members, with three serving as officers on the Executive Committee with the immediate past-president. The board is responsible for the government and policy-making responsibilities of the chamber, as well as assisting with ribbon cuttings, member services and special events.

With 3 vacancies on the board and 5 outgoing directors, we need to fill a total of 8 director spots. Nominees must be members of, employed by a member of, or be willing to become a member of the Brady/McCulloch County Chamber of Commerce in order to serve as a director on the board.

The nominating committee is comprised of Vice President Mark Marshall, Secretary/Treasurer Missi Davis and Director XX. Please contact one of these committee members or the chamber office for a board member application if you or someone you know is interested in serving as a director of the chamber.

Award nominations are also being accepted at this time. The chamber will recognize the following categories during the annual banquet: Distinguished Public Service, Citizen of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Small Business of the Year and Large Business of the Year.

The Distinguished Public Service category is reserved for those who are in an elected or appointed position. Nominations should be based on the quality of service in the respective public office and outstanding contributions made within the community or exemplary representation of McCulloch County outside of the community.

Criteria for Citizen of the Year should be based on activities performed for this year only as opposed to Lifetime Achievement, which should be judged on a culmination of many years of work and service. Lifetime Achievement nominees must have lived in McCulloch County for ten or more years.

Small Business of the Year are those with 20 or fewer employees. Large Business of the Year are those with more than 20 employees.

The board of directors will vote on all nominations at the January board meeting. Please submit your nominations no later than January 8th. For more information and a complete list of former award winners, contact us at (325) 597-3491 or email info@bradytx.com.

Pigskin Pairing was a tremendous success!

We'd like to thank everyone who participated in the first-ever Pigskin Pairing! Having never coordinated anything quite like it, we all were a little uncertain about what to expect. It was an overwhelming hit, something we plan to turn into an annual shindig!

The event couldn't have taken place without the numerous wineries and restaurants who participated, and we are extremely grateful that you decided to join in on the fun. The samples you offered were fantastic! It is our hope that you enjoyed the evening as much as we did!

If you have any comments or suggestions on how we can improve the event next year, please let us know! We hope to see you again next season!

**Brady/McCulloch County
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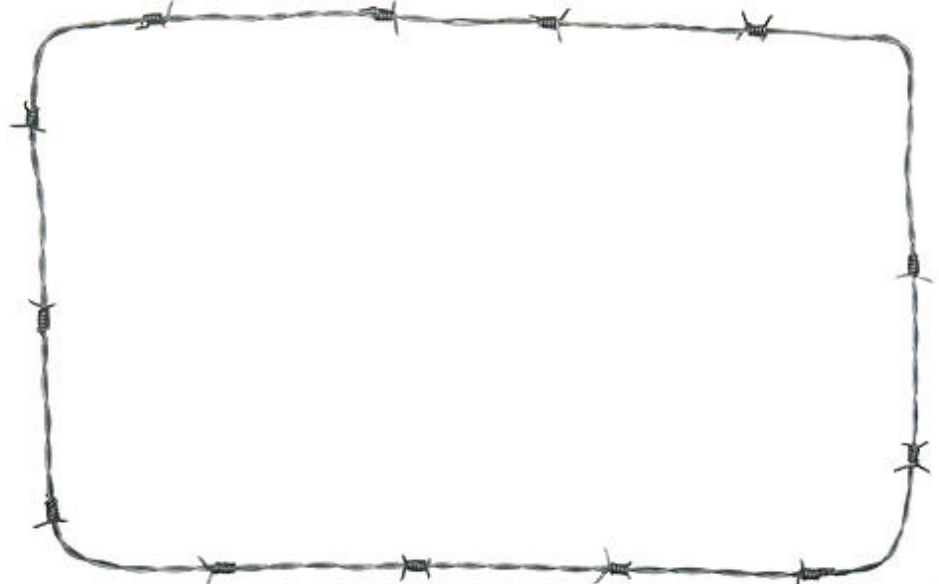


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CHAMBER AFTER HOURS

Medway Home Healthcare invites everyone to their new location at 1501 South Bridge Street on Thursday, November 12th for the 4th quarter Chamber After Hours at 5:30pm. The come-and-go event will offer complimentary brisket wraps and drinks.

Chamber members are encouraged to bring prospective members and anyone who is interested in learning more about the services the Chamber of Commerce offers its members and visit with other local business leaders. In addition to the networking opportunities, guests will have a chance to tour Medway's new facilities.

The "fall" theme of this Chamber After Hours showcases the importance of the hunting industry to all businesses in McCulloch County. Guests are encouraged to wear your finest camouflage!

Door prizes will also be given throughout the evening. For more information and to RSVP, please contact the Chamber office or email Elaine@bradytx.com.

Last Call for Membership Directory Updates!!

This is your last chance to make sure all of your business contact information is up-to-date! Our membership directory will be printing in December for January arrival. Please contact our office to verify the information we have on file is the most current and accurate possible!