

December 2013



Chamber Chatter Newsletter

ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 1, 2014

The Annual Chamber Banquet to honor all the outstanding businesses and individuals who have worked many long hours this past year will be held on February 1, 2014 at the Fannin County Multi-Purpose Complex.

The theme this year is "Denim & Diamonds" so come dressed out in your best attire and be ready to have your photo taken.

The evening starts at 6 p.m. with appetizers for all the well-dressed patrons. At 6:30 we will start the great meal that will be provided by Cappy's Café for this special event.

In keeping with tradition we will hold a silent auction as has been done in the past but this year we will only have 10-15 silent auction items. With Valentine's day just around the corner from the Banquet, we are going to create very special baskets. Your bids will be to take home the entire basket of goodies centered around a particular

theme. Some of this year's themes include a chocolate basket, a wine and cheese basket, a spa package basket, a golfing basket, a cooking related basket, and many other varied and exciting baskets that you or that special someone will be thrilled to get.

At 8 p.m. we are going to have a live auction of no more than 5-6 items that will appeal to almost anyone's interest. Some of the items in the live auction include an acrobatic plane ride with Kate Kyer, a concealed handgun class for up to 10 individual's, plus other exciting and fun things for you to bid on.

While the auctions and dinner from 6 to 8:30 p.m. would normally be a full day for most, we are also including a dance from 8:30 to 10:30 featuring "Rocky and the Bullwinkles". Everyone is invited to stay and just listen to the music or dance the night away.

If you don't want to attend the banquet this year but

would like to still have a place to go dance after 8:30—for a minimal charge of \$10 you can come just to listen to the band.

Cost to attend this years Chamber Banquet will be as follows:

\$1,000—reserves 2 tables for 10 near the stage

\$600— reserves 1 table for 10 near the stage

\$500—reserves 1 table for eight people

Individual tickets for existing Chamber members are \$35 each.

Costs for non Chamber members is \$40 each.

To attend just for the band—\$10 per person with no admittance till 8:30 p.m.

For more information call the Bonham Area Chamber of Commerce at 903-583-4811



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The Bonham Area Chamber of Commerce participated in welcoming an expanding business in Bonham with the beginning construction of a new 40,000 square foot facility for KELSO Technologies. The company has outgrown their current space and in order to meet their needs they are investing over two million dollars in a new facility just South of the 121/56 interchange in Bonham.

A large number of local dignitaries attended to welcome the new plant to Bonham and thanked them for their desire to stay in Bonham and for all the additional people they plan on hiring in the next few years.



The Annual Bonham Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade

As many of you know we postponed the parade for one week this year due to the ice and sleet storm the day before it was to have originally happened. On the re-scheduled day of December 14th we still had quite a few kids and adults come out to watch the parade as it wound around the courthouse. Gary Sisson did a great job as James Bulter Bonham and entertained the crowd throughout the day by giving speeches on top of the pedestal of the currently removed James Bulter Bonham statue. Quite a few people braved the still cold weather of the day to ride on floats or horses for the trip around the square. Lanny Joe Burnett played the character of Bailey English for the day's events. Festivities were also held at Fort English.

The winners of the float contest were:



#1 Fix and Feed,



#2 Edhube Baptist Church, and #3 Morning Star Academy.



Horse pulling a tree



Gary Sisson



Everyone's Favorite—Santa Claus

Bonham Area Chamber of Commerce

DECEMBER EVENT CALENDAR

December 5-8 – Bonham Trade Days

December 6 – Bonham Chamber Breakfast at Cappy's at 8:00 am

December 14 – Bonham Chamber Christmas Festival from 2:00-9:00 pm

December 14 – Bonham Chamber Christmas Parade at 4:30 pm

December 12 – Holiday Open House from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Sam Rayburn Library Museum, Sam Rayburn House, Creative Arts Center, Fannin County Museum & Historical Society, Fannin County Historical Commission

December 22 – Open House and Ribbon Cutting at Granny Lou's Bed and Breakfast from 1 to 6 p.m. Come and walk through the house and enjoy some great food in the process.

Office is Closed December 23–27

December 25 – Christmas Day

**NOVEMBER 2013 – STATISTICS FOR
BONHAM AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Chamber Office

Calls: 285
Walk-In's: 95
Relocation Packets: 5

New Members for November

None

Renewals for November

Luna Azul

2013 STAR MEMBERS

Gold Members: American Bank, Brookshire's, Legend Bank, Morning Star Academy, Oncor

Silver Members: McCraw Materials, Red River Regional Hospital

Bronze Members: America's Best Value Inn, Bob Self/Steven Eskue, CableOne, Cole Title, Fannin County Leader, Fannin Federal Credit Union, McClanahan & Holmes



2014 Member Investment Schedule



Individual or Couple

\$125

Business

\$150

GENERAL MEMBER BENEFITS:

Member only referrals ~ Lobby display materials ~ Monthly Breakfasts
Directory listing on website ~ Ribbon Cuttings ~ Monthly Online Newsletter



\$300



\$600



\$1,000

BRONZE MEMBER BENEFITS:

All benefits afforded to General Memberships, **PLUS:**

10% off Chamber Banquet Sponsorship

Flyers in all relocation packets

Newsletter Advertising

SILVER MEMBER BENEFITS:

All benefits afforded to General & Bronze Memberships, **PLUS:**

25% off Chamber Banquet Sponsorship

Upgraded Member Plaque

Newsletter Advertising

GOLD MEMBER BENEFITS:

All benefits afforded to General, Bronze & Silver Memberships, **PLUS:**

50% off Chamber Banquet Sponsorship

3x8 banner displayed at Chamber events (*except ribbon cuttings*)

Chamber Golf Tournament Hole Sponsorship

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