



MEADE COUNTY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Time To Nominate For Community, Chamber Awards

It's time for Meade County Area Chamber of Commerce members to submit nominations for the three annual awards that recognize service to the organization.

And, for members and the public at large to nominate potential recipients of an award established four years ago to recognize significant volunteer contributions to the life and welfare of the community.

The awards will be presented at the Chamber of Commerce's annual Awards and Leadership Installation Dinner, which will be held Thursday, April 14.

The awards are:

◆ The Arch Chemicals Award to a business or organization member that provided outstanding support and service during 2010.

◆ The Volunteer of the Year Award to an individual who is either a member or an employee of a member whose work on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce during 2010 was of the highest quality.

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Chamber of Commerce President

◆ The Jim Kimbell Award to an individual who either is a member or an employee of a member business or organization and who has a record of on-going support for and service to the Chamber of Commerce.

◆ The Community Achievement Award to an organization, business, faith-based group, club, non-profit organization, family, or individual in recognition of exceptional volunteer service to the life and welfare of the community.

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Judge, Mayor Will Discuss Future At February's Membership Luncheon

What's in the future for Meade County and the City of Brandenburg will be the topic when members of the Meade County Area Chamber of Commerce meet for their February luncheon.

The speakers will be Meade County Judge-Executive Gerry Lynn and Brandenburg Mayor David Pace.



David Pace

The luncheon will take place Thursday, February 17, beginning at noon at the Farm Bureau Community Center at the Meade County Fairgrounds in Brandenburg.

Reservations are due by noon Tuesday, Febru-



Gerry Lynn

ary 15, and may be made at the Chamber of Commerce either by calling 270-422-3636 or by emailing rpowell@meadekychamber.org.

The cost of the luncheon will be \$8 for members and their guests.

Home Plate Family Restaurant will cater the event, serving chicken herbed pasta, garden salad, and garlic bread, with banana split pudding for dessert.

"We're pleased that both the mayor and judge-executive will join us to talk about their visions for our community and their plans," says Russ Powell,

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"There are many businesses and people who would be worthy recipients of these awards," says Kelly Roberts, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

"I hope our members will take advantage of these opportunities to recognize those who do so much for the Chamber of Commerce and, by doing that, for our community."

Roberts notes that in the case of the Community Achievement Award, neither the award's recipients nor those who make nominations have to be members of the Chamber of Commerce.

"Since one of the goals of the Chamber of Commerce is to make this community a great place to live, work, raise a family, and enjoy life, our goal in creating this award was to recognize those people and organizations that have made exceptional contributions to our community," he says.

Last year's award recipients were:

◆ Volunteer of the Year Award - Daryl and Joyce Durbin.

◆ Jim Kimbell Award - Wilbur and Evelyn Ashcraft.

◆ Arch Chemicals Award - Meade County Fiscal Court.

◆ Community Service Award - Meade Activity Center.

Nominations for the awards must be completed and returned to the Chamber of Commerce by Fri-

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executive director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Lynn began a four-year term as judge-executive in January, and Pace began his second four-year term as mayor the same month.

This month's luncheon sponsor will be Pike Lawn & Garden, according to Powell.

The luncheon will come about a month before the mid-March opening of its new location at 1427 Highway 79, which is just south of the highway's intersection with ByPass Road.

Pike Lawn & Garden's current operation at 4748 Rhodelia Road in Payneville will close when the new

4 Community Relations Events In 2011

Members of the Meade County Area Chamber of Commerce will be invited to four Community Relations Receptions & Dinners during 2011.

The change in the number of events - to four from the six conducted in past years - reflects the restructuring of the four Chambers of Commerce that operated in neighboring Hardin County until late last year, when their members voted to merge.

Hardin County United is a result of the merger of the Chambers of Commerce in Elizabethtown, Radcliff, Vine Grove, and West Point.

Here are this year's schedule and hosts:

◆ Thursday, March 17 - Hardin County.

◆ Thursday, June 16 - Fort Knox.

◆ Thursday, August 25 - Meade County.

◆ Thursday, October 27 - Hardin County.

The schedule reflects a change for Meade County, according to Russ Powell, executive director of the Meade County Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Up until this year, our Chamber of Commerce always hosted this event in late April, and, more often than not, we encountered Kentucky's famous spring rains.

"Our hope is that this change to August will result in better weather since we like to hold these events in an outdoor setting to show off the beauty of Meade County," he says.

day, April 1, according to Russ Powell, its executive director.

Nomination forms are inside this edition of the newsletter and are available by contacting the Chamber of Commerce office at 270-422-3626 or rpowell@meadekychamber.org.

store opens, says David Pike, one of the owners.

The other owners are Pike's wife, Teresa; their son Adam Pike; and Charlie and Becky Hacker, their daughter and son-in-law.

Although the precise opening date has not been set, Pike says there will be a grand opening sale March 24-April 2.

"Not only will the sale introduce our new location to the community, but it will be a way for us to say thanks to the community and our customers for their support," he says.

Information Pike Lawn & Garden and its products is online at www.pikelawnandgarden.com.



Staffing Big O Tires in Brandenburg are, front row from left, Brittny Oblander, Manager Rebecca Hayes-Kendall, and Bradley Dowell; back row, from left, T.J. Hildreth, Mitchell Gibbs, Ken May-

bee, Lynn Swink, Martin Redmon, and Randy Laslie. Not pictured is Dwayne Reichardt.

Big O Tires Selected As February's Member Of The Month

Big O Tires is the Meade County Area Chamber of Commerce's Member of the Month for February.

The company was selected because of its support of the Chamber of Commerce and a wide variety of community projects and in recognition of its 40 years as a successful family-run business, according to President Kelly Roberts.

"Hitting the four-decade mark is a significant milestone for any business," he says.

"Besides showing skilled management and leadership, it demonstrates that Meade County is a good place to be in business since it's a place where small businesses can thrive."

Manager Rebecca Hayes-Kendall attributes the store's success to:

- ◆ "Great customer service."
- ◆ "Thanking customers for their business."
- ◆ "Attention to detail."

◆ "Treating our customers' vehicles like they're our own."

It was 1971 when Hayes-Kendall's parents, Donald and Jeanette Hayes, turned a building that once housed a tractor-sales company into a Big O Tires franchise.

Now, 40 years later, the business provides jobs for ten people and services ranging from tires; to batteries; to work on front ends, brakes, struts and shocks; to engine repairs.

Aside from the store's tradition of fast, friendly service, she says that being part of the Big O franchise has played a role in its success.

"Part of the franchise arrangement means that we have relationships across the country that allow our customers to get services and have warranties honored not only at other Big O stores, but at outlets for

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Tire Kingdom, National Tire & Battery, and Merchant's Auto & Tire," she says.

One of the benefits of the store's success over the years is that it's able to support community and school projects, such as the marching band at Meade County High School.

"We do as much as we can," Hayes-Kendall says, "as a way to show our customers that we appreciate

their business and the community that we think the people here are wonderful."

Big O Tires, located at 333 Broadway in Brandenburg, is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Hayes-Kendall and her staff can be reached by telephone at 270-422-3977.

Information about the store is on line at www.bigotires.com.