

**SALLISAW PREPARERS FOR
HOLIDAY EVENTS!**



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SALLISAW

A CITY OF CHARACTER!

Hospitality-Cheerfully sharing food, shelter or conversation to benefit others.

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SALLISAW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Racing Toward the Future, while cherishing the Past.

Tenaska Representative to Address Chamber

Mr. Bill Braudt, General Manager of Business Development, for Tenaska will be the keynote speaker for the November Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the monthly meeting date has been changed to Wednesday, November 15th and will be held at Indian Capitol Technology Center. Lunch will be provided for a cost of \$7. During the meal portion of the meeting, written questions will be accepted and answered by Mr. Braudt upon completion of his presentation.

Tenaska's First Coal Fueled Plant Proposed

Tenaska is looking to locate their first coal fueled power plant in Oklahoma, possibly the Sallisaw area. City officials have granted an option to Tenaska to explore the possibility of placing this plant on land currently owned by the City of Sallisaw, located at the landfill site. According to Bill Braudt, this plant will be among the cleanest, most efficient, coal plants in the United States when completed. Newly imposed clean air regulations will apply to this, and all future coal fueled plants.

Why Build a Coal Plant?

For many years, in the late 1990's there was an excess of electricity generated in this country. But, gradually our usage is outgrowing our excess. In order to generate more power to satisfy our need, we

must diversify our sources of electrical power. Coal is a low-cost, reliable, and safe way to generate such power. With the rising cost of imported oil and natural gas, coal is the logical choice.

How Will this Impact Our Local Economy?

During the building phase of the plant, Tenaska will employ approximately 1000 – 1200 workers. Many of whom, will be local residents. Tenaska also works with it's vendors to make a concerted effort to purchase locally the materials to build the plant. This alone could impact our local economy to the tune of \$1billion. Upon completion of the plant, they (Tenaska) will employ 75-100 full time employees. Many more employees are needed to operate a coal-fueled plant than for a similarly sized natural gas-fueled plant.

Who Can Attend this Meeting?

This Membership Meeting is designed to inform and educate the members of the Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce of all events, activities and projects pertinent to the growth and quality of life in Sallisaw. But, the meetings are in no way closed to the public. All citizens are welcome to attend if they would like.

HOSPITALITY

*Welcome Visitors
Make others feel important
Prepare for guests
Gladly share your things
Do not expect anything in return*



One of the 2005 Parade Float Winner, Talking Leaves Job Corps

Chamber Plans Annual Christmas Parade

The theme for this years' Annual Sallisaw Christmas Parade will be **"A Centennial Christmas; 100 Years of Memories"**. The parade will be held on Saturday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m. Cash prizes or "in-kind" services will once again be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in three categories; business, non-profits(churches and civic organizations) and schools. As always, floats are encourage, as they make the parade so enjoyable for kids of all ages. This year we will have a special treat, the Shriner's are coming back to town

for the parade! If your church group, business or class wishes to participate in the parade, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 775-2558 to receive an entry form. **Everyone must complete a form in order to participate in the parade.**

Santa's Workshop Being Planned After Parade

As has been done the past two years, the Santa's Workshop will once again be held directly after the Annual Christmas Parade. The event will take place in the north side of the Chamber of Commerce Building. This events is a fun, safe festival atmosphere for all kids, ages 2 – 10 to come and make ornaments, win prizes, play games and enjoy lots of food and hot chocolate. Plus, Old St. Nick is always here to take those special Christmas present orders!

All non-profit organizations, school

sponsors and of course, business owners are encouraged to sign up now to host a booth for this great event. Come, be a part of something that puts a smile on the face of a child. If you can participate, please call the Chamber Office, 775-2588 and get your booth, today!

"Shop Sallisaw" Campaign to Begin

In an effort to keep Sallisaw dollars in Sallisaw during this holiday season, the Chamber of Commerce will begin the "Shop Sallisaw" campaign on Monday, November 20th. At that time, shoppers/diners will have an opportunity to enter a drawing for **cash** to be given away at the Annual Christmas Parade. All participating merchants will give you, the shopper, one side of a two-sided ticket each time you pay at their register. On Friday, December 8th the other side of the tickets will be taken to the Chamber Office for the drawing. It is the hope of the Chamber to be able to give away 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cash prizes. All Chamber members are invited to participate by donating \$100 to the "pot". So far, **Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative, Charlie's Chicken, Ole' South, Sonic and Blue Ribbon Auto Group** have joined in the campaign. A letter will be sent to all other members by November 2nd with their invitation to participate. Hopefully, we can give away at least \$1000 cash! Again, please "shop Sallisaw" this holiday season!

Executive Board – 2006

President – Cheryl Mills, Cookson Hills Electric
President Elect – Matt Caldwell, National Bank of Sallisaw
Treasurer – Terry Nation, Armstrong Bank
Past President – Jeff Mayo, Sequoyah County Times

Board Members – 2006

Ron Wyrick – Superintendent, Sallisaw Public Schools
Gary Schaefer – BHC Insurance
Todd Martin – Mallory-Martin Funeral Home
Marley Abel – Edward Jones Investments
Buddy Spencer – President, SIC-Blue Ribbon Auto
Ronda Vinson – ARVEST Bank
Matt Caldwell – National Bank of Sallisaw
Terry Nation – Armstrong Bank
Darlene Pearson – First National Bank
Bill Baker – City Manager, City of Sallisaw
Shannon Vann – Mayor, State Farm Insurance
Jayne Hadley – McDonald's
Buddy Holt – Red Bird Smith Health Center
Dr. Bob Wells, DDS – Family Dentistry
Judy Martens – Executive Vice-President
 Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce

Community News

Merchant's Open House Planning Underway!

The Annual Merchant's Open House is being planned for Sunday, November 19th, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Once again, the Chamber will be sponsoring the basket giveaway. All participating merchant's are giving either a \$25 gift certificate or item to be placed in the baskets. Entry forms for shoppers to fill out will be available at all participating merchant locations. The more stores shoppers visit, the more entry forms they fill out and the more chances they have to win! Last year we had 5 baskets to give away, all worth at least \$250 each! The Chamber will also be giving away \$25 Chamber Checks every hour on the hour for the duration of the Open House. Plus, all baskets will be on display at the Chamber Office. So, make sure to come by, have some holiday goodies and see what you could win!

Christmas Lighting Will Set the Holiday Mood!

Thursday, November 16th, 6:00 p.m. has been set as the date and time for the Annual Christmas Lighting. The lighting will be held on the Library Lawn, and will of course, feature that jolly old man in red! Pictures with Santa will be taken and published by your TIMES. Those attending will be entertained with holiday music by the Middle School and High School Choirs. Hot chocolate and cookies will be given out, courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce. Join us as we kick off the holiday season!

Christmas Tree Auction & Raffle Slated

The 3rd Annual Christmas Tree Auction and Raffle benefiting the Children's Advocacy Center and Help in Crises Center is now underway. Raffle tickets are being sold for a beautiful fully decorated Christmas tree (see below) which is now on display at the Chamber of Commerce Building. The drawing for this tree will Sunday, November 19th following the Merchant's Open House. You also have a chance to bid on silent auction items such as wreaths, holiday baskets, Christmas plants and other holiday items by visiting the Children's Advocacy Center at 201 S. Wheeler Ave. Final bids will also be on Sunday, November 19th 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. with the announcement of winners at 4:30 p.m.



Fully decorated, 7' tall Christmas Tree to be raffled for Children's Advocacy Center

Veteran's To Be Honored

Please make plans to join our local Chamber and City leaders as we honor all veterans on Saturday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m. on the Library Lawn. This is a very special time for all who have served our country well. Senator Kenneth Corn will be the keynote speaker for the event with Mayor Shannon Vann serving as the Master of Ceremonies. Again, please show your respect and honor by attending this event.

HERE WE GROW AGAIN! NEW MEMBERS FOR OCTOBER

*SALLISAW MAIN STREET
TRAC*

*Thank you for joining the
Chamber. Your commitment to
making Sallisaw a better place is
appreciated.*

RENEWING YEARLY MEMBERSHIPS-OCTOBER

*ARVEST BANK
CHEROKEE NATION
COMMERCE GROUP
COOKSON HILLS
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
FELT'S SHOES
WESTERN SIZZLIN'*

*Thank you for renewing your
membership with the Chamber.
With your continued support, we
can work together in the growth
and development of our great
community.*

MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Sallisaw
Chamber of Commerce is to
enhance the economic vitality of
the Sallisaw area while striving to
create the best quality of life
possible for our citizens.*

Upcoming Events

2006

- November 8 Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
12:00 noon – Chamber Building
- November 10 Annual Methodist Church Thanksgiving
Dinner. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. \$7 for adults,
\$3 for children. Take out: 10:30 a.m. to noon.
No childrens meals for take-out. Reservations
needed for takeout.
- November 11 Veteran’s Day Ceremony-11:00 a.m., Library
Lawn
- November 15 Chamber Membership Meeting-Indian
Capitol Technology Center-12:00 noon
- November 16 Annual Christmas Lighting-6:00 p.m.,
Library Lawn
- November 19 Annual Merchant’s Open House – 1:00 p.m. to
5:00 p.m.
- November 28 Character Council Meeting-3:30 p.m.,
Chamber Conference Room

Chamber Champs!

The Chamber would like to recognize BHC Insurance and ARVEST Bank for sponsoring our Character banners for the month of November.

The holiday season is upon us. Please remember to “Shop Sallisaw” first!

Mark your calendar now for these great upcoming events in December:

*Annual Christmas Parade Dec. 9th
Santa’s Workshop Dec. 9th
Chamber Membership Meeting
Wed., Dec. 13th*

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