

SALLISAW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Racing Toward the Future, while cherishing the Past.



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SALLISAW

A CITY OF CHARACTER!

Loyalty-Serve your family and coworkers. Encourage other during hard times. Do not mock authorities.

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Large Crowd Welcomes Director

The members of the Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce welcomed Mr. Brent Kisling, State Director of USDA for Rural Development at their September Membership Meeting. In his presentation Mr. Kisling brought vital information to the crowd on how to tell others about the great things going on in our community. According to Mr. Kisling “we don’t do a good job of telling about our state...or our success stories” .

City Receives Grant from USDA

Besides bringing an educational and informative presentation to the Chamber members, Mr. Kisling brought a check in the amount of \$99,950 to the City as the recipients of a grant through the USDA for Rural Development. The funds will be used to complete George Glenn Boulevard in the Roy Frye Industrial Park. Completion of this street will allow the City to open up several industrial lots which are at this time, not accessible.

Other Avenues for Rural Development Discussed

Mr. Kisling noted that the USDA Rural Development Program now offers housing assistance to employers so they can assist their employees with purchasing homes in exchange for staying with the employer for a set period of time. The Employer Assisted Housing Program is a “win-win” situation for both parties.

Chamber Appreciates Hospitality

The Chamber Board of Directors and the general membership would like to express their appreciation to **The First Assembly of God Church, Pastor Robert Palvado** and **Karen Land** for their warm expression of hospitality in hosting our September Membership Meeting. We truly appreciate them opening their “home” to us.

We would also like to thank **Carl Albert State College** and **Indian Capitol Technology Center** for recently hosting our monthly membership meetings. Without all of these great Chamber supporters we would not be able to present such great informative and entertaining monthly meetings. Thanks again to all of you!

November Character Trait

HOSPITALITY

**OCTOBER
CHARACTER TRAIT -
LOYALTY**

Using difficult times to demonstrate my commitment to those I serve.

Character Council Continues Education

The next meeting of the full Character First! Council will be held in the Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce

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Chamber Welcomes Peters Agency

A ribbon cutting was held on September 7th for the opening of The Peters Agency, a home health service agency. They are located at 202 E. Cherokee Avenue. The company is owned and operated by Trudy and Joe Peters. They have committed themselves to providing necessary health services to the people of Oklahoma, including the neediest. Trudy and Joe first opened their doors 11 years ago in November of 1995. Since that time they have provided case management to consumers in a statewide sweep of 74 counties. The Chamber is proud to add The Peters Agency to the membership which is quickly reaching the 200 mark!

Cox Exterminators Join Chamber Group

A large crowd was on hand to welcome Cox Exterminators to the Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, September 29th at 11:30 a.m. The ceremony was held at their main office location south of Sallisaw just off of Hwy 59, west of the Pier 7 Store.

Cox's is a family business owned and operated by Nick and Gary Cox. They have been serving Sallisaw and the entire County since 1986. They also own and operate Applegate Storage Units.

Thank you, Cox Exterminators for joining the Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce. We are proud to have you all as members!



Sequoyah County Visioning Committee Continues to Strengthen

The Sequoyah County Visioning Committee held their first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, September 26th in the Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. A large crowd of over 20 were on hand as Debi Busch, Business Service Coordinator for Eastern Oklahoma Workforce Investment Board, gave a very interesting presentation on how economic growth in one community within the county can positively affect all other communities. Debi used the illustration of a bucket being the county and how money flows into the bucket from jobs such as manufacturing, energy, tourism and transportation. We lose money through a hole in the bucket by not having adequate retail shopping to meet the demand of increased residential growth created from the jobs mentioned above. Debi also said that "we must be prepared to welcome new industry and business by having a qualified workforce throughout our entire region". "This can and should be done through our local educational facilities; high schools, technical centers and community colleges" Debi added. "Everyone wins when we can adequately supply qualified workers for our incoming industries.

In other discussion, it was decided by the committee to wait and sponsor the Keep Sequoyah County Beautiful Campaign in early spring. The next meeting of the group will be held on Tuesday, October 24th. The location is yet to be decided. Anyone interested in creating a stronger Sequoyah County is urged to become a member of this committee.

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

Hospital Plans Annual Run

Sequoyah Memorial Hospital is planning their Annual Hospice Run for October 14th starting at 9:00 a.m. The run will begin and end in front of Perry's Office Supply Store. This will be a USATF sanctioned event. There will be participants from Arkansas and Texas as well as those from Oklahoma. If you would like to donate a prize to the Hospice Run, please contact Bonnie Clark at 774-1171. Sequoyah Memorial Hospice serves not only the elderly, but also children and adults in the final stages of life. Please seriously consider donating to this wonderful cause.

Main Street Group Plans Fall Event

October 14th has been set as the date of the first "StamSpeed" car show and chili cook-off for the Sallisaw Main Street Group.

Men's Health Fair Coming Soon

The Sequoyah County Men's Health Fair will be held on Friday, October 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at both Sequoyah Memorial Hospital and Redbird Smith Health Center. Screening for diabetes, cholesterol and prostate cancer will be done for all attending, free of charge. If you, the Chamber member could possibly donate a prize to be drawn for at either of these locations, please contact Buddy Holt at 775-6150 or Holly Martens at 774-1189. Prizes are a great incentive to get men of all ages out for these important health screenings!

REI Specialist Slated as Chamber Speaker

Mr. James Ray, Business Development Specialist for REI (Rural Enterprises, Inc.) is slated to be the October Chamber of Commerce Monthly Membership Meeting speaker. The mission of REI is to create and retain jobs and stimulate the rural economy through business and community assistance programs. Some of these programs include; operation of business incubators, business loan services, housing programs and equipment purchasing programs.

Mr. Ray will be speaking to our group on the importance of retaining and growing our current businesses here in Sallisaw. He will also touch on business incubators and their importance in rural Oklahoma communities. Please make plans to join us for this meeting on Wednesday, October 25th at Indian Capitol Technology Center, 12:00 noon.

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Conference Room on Tuesday, October 24th at 3:30 p.m. This meeting is open to any member of the community concerned with the level of character within our community.

Emily Farmer, Sallisaw High School Teacher, will bring a presentation to the Council on "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens". She will educate the Council on how this program will be implemented at the high school and allow for discussion among the group as to how it can be used within the Character Council.

Again, this meeting is open to anyone interested in hearing this presentation.

Remember, character counts in all aspects of our lives!

*HERE WE GROW
AGAIN! NEW
MEMBERS FOR
SEPTEMBER*

*A-OK PRINTING
WILLIAMS CONSTRUCTION*

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

*RENEWING YEARLY
MEMBERSHIPS-SEPTEMBER*

*CHARLIE'S CHICKEN
EASTERN OKLAHOMA
WORKFORCE BOARD
ED'S TRUCK STOP
SALLISAW TRAVEL
CENTER
GRDA - SONIC DRIVE IN
JOURNEY CHURCH
SALLISAW PASTOR'S
FELLOWSHIP
DR. ANNETTE MILLARD*

*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

Chamber Champs!

The Chamber would like to recognize BorgWarner Morse TEC and State Farm Insurance-Shannon Vann Agency for sponsoring our Character banners for the month of October.

November is coming soon with many Chamber Sponsored Community Events:

*Veteran's Day Ceremony
Christmas Lighting
Merchants Christmas Open House*

Be watching for more information on all of these events!

- October 11 Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
12:00 noon – Chamber Building
- October 14 Main Street – “StamSpeed”-Car Show and Chili Cook-Off – downtown Sallisaw
- October 18 SIC Monthly Board Meeting – 12:00 noon
Chamber Building
Women’s Fair Expo-11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Blue Ribbon Downs-Turf Club-Sponsored by Sequoyah County Times
- October 24 Character First! Council Meeting
3:30 p.m. – Chamber Building
Sequoyah County Visioning Committee Meeting
- October 25 Monthly Chamber Membership Meeting
12:00 noon-Indian Capitol Tech. Center



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