



Sallisaw Chamber of
Commerce

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SALLISAW

A CITY OF CHARACTER!

June Character Trait:

Humility – Acknowledging that achievement results from the investment of other in my life.

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SALLISAW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Racing Toward the Future, while cherishing the Past.

Diamond Daze 2007 a Huge Success!

Every event of the 2007 Diamond Daze Centennial Festival was a huge success. From the old photo exhibit, which brought people of all ages to the Library, to the fantastic entertainment by Confederate Railroad and Ricochet, everything went well. Mother Nature tried to put a damper on the festival week, but wasn't able to do so. It is estimated that over 5,000 people came to the festival either Friday night, May 4th or Saturday, May 5th. With over 35 cooks on hand for the KCBS Cook-off, there was plenty of good barbeque for over 500 people to enjoy while visiting the arts & crafts booths or enjoying the car show which brought over 250 cars to the festival. Along with great cars, the motorcycle show gave people a chance to see bikes of all styles and types. With over 75 on view, the judging was not an easy task for the celebrity judges. Also being judged that day were the Famous Oklahomans. Seventeen children ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade chose their favorite famous Oklahoman and portrayed them in full costume. The top three winners were given gift certificates to be used at Wal-Mart. While enjoying the Famous Oklahoman Contest, spectators were treated to free birthday cake as 100 cakes were assembled in the shape of Oklahoma, surrounded by the 100 Centennial Candles. Directly following the Centennial Celebration, the crowd was entertained by Straight Shooter Band from Oklahoma City and Ricochet which features several

Vian natives. Straight Shooter also opened for Confederate Railroad on Friday night. An array of food vendors and arts & crafts vendors were on hand for all the week-end activities. All activities of the festival were made possible by the direction of the Festival Committee and every volunteer involved. If you made a cake, bought a Centennial candle, parked cars, coordinated the entertainment and everything in between, the Chamber of Commerce thanks you! You made Diamond Daze a success! Planning for the 2008 festival will begin in December. Dedicated volunteers will once again be needed. Please be ready to say "yes" when called upon. Our goal is to make each year better than the past, with your help we can do that!

Mock Land Run Enjoyed by 4th Graders

Even though the rain delayed the Mock Land Run as a part of the festival week, the 4th grade students at Eastside Elementary were still able to enjoy the full event only a week later. Overstreet-Kerr Historical Farm was the scene where over 250 children dressed in 1907 clothing ran for prime land to make it their homestead. After staking out their claim, while eating their sausage & biscuit lunch, they discussed what improvements should be made to the land in order to keep it for their family. Students were also able to visit stations setup depicting activities of that time such as whittling, churning of butter and the making of Indian Fry Bread. Our thanks to everyone who made this event possible for the children.



2006 Sallisaw Fireworks Show.

4th of July Celebration Relocated

Through the coordination of the Chamber of Commerce, City of Sallisaw, Choctaw Blue Ribbon Downs and several of the local churches, plans are almost complete for the upcoming 4th of July Celebration. Due to the fact that the size of the fireworks display has grown considerably in the past couple of years, the City of Sallisaw was quite pleased when approached by Choctaw Blue Ribbon Downs at the possibility of moving the entire event to their facility. According to Fire Chief, Mike Tubbs, we had literally outgrown the facilities at the football field.

Because of the generosity of the local churches, the Chamber of

Commerce Members and the City, we are able to provide even more fun and exciting events on the multi-acre facility. The activities will begin at 6:00 p.m. on the 4th with food, inflatable games and live entertainment. Entrance to games and entertainment will be free of charge to everyone. Food will be available for a small donation. The fireworks will begin at approximately 9:00 p.m. Again, because of the generosity of so many, we are going to be able to present a \$15,000 fireworks show to all spectators. Don't miss out on this great Sallisaw event! Come join us at Choctaw Blue Ribbon Downs this 4th of July!

Chamber Receives Main Street Grant

Through the generosity of the Sallisaw Main Street Organization, the Chamber of Commerce will be erecting an outside brochure holder in the front area of the Chamber Building. The Chamber was one of

many businesses awarded a grant for the beautification and increased accessibility of downtown Sallisaw. Research done by the Oklahoma Department of Tourism, shows that communities who have information accessible to traveler's on the week-ends and after hours, have a 50% better chance of having those traveler's stay over night or possibly several nights in their community. Upon completion of the information rack, we are, hopefully, increasing the profits of our local motels, restaurants and downtown merchants. Thank you, Main Street for supporting the efforts of the Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce through your generosity.

Main Street Plans Annual Event

Sallisaw Main Street is gearing up for their 3rd Annual Bikers n' BBQ which will be held on Saturday, August 4th. The festivities will actually start on Friday the 3rd with "Moonlight on Main Street" from midnight to 3:00 a.m. with a D.J. and music for the cooks.

Registration for the Poker Run starts at 8:00 a.m. and end at 10:00 a.m. the morning of the 4th or you can enter online at:

www.bikersandbbqsallisaw.com.

Bikers should be back downtown by 11:00 a.m. for the "Power Parade".

Several trophies and prizes will be given for the Poker Run including \$500 for Best Hand, \$200 for 2nd Best Hand and \$50 to Lowest Hand. Free Poker Pins will be given to the first 150 who enter. All local BBQ cooks are encouraged to enter the cook off which will be held on Saturday. Entry fee is \$40 with trophies being given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place People's Choice Winners. Also a Celebrity Grand Prize will be given. For more cook-off information contact Leslie Stump at 776-3136.

Executive Board – 2007

- President** – Matt Caldwell, NBS
- President Elect** – Debbie Edgmon, BorgWarner Morse TEC
- Treasurer** – Terry Nation, Armstrong Bank
- Past President** – Cheryl Mills, Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative

Board Members – 2007

- Gary Schaefer** – BHC Insurance
- Larry Randolph** – Charlie's Chicken
- Buddy Spencer** – President, SIC-Blue Ribbon Auto
- Ronda Vinson** – ARVEST Bank
- Dwight Spencer** – Blue Ribbon Auto Group
- Terry Nation** – Armstrong Bank
- Darlene Pearson** – First National Bank
- Buddy Holt** – Red Bird Smith Health Services
- Bill Baker** – City Manager, City of Sallisaw
- Shannon Vann** – Mayor, State Farm Insurance
- Ron Wyrick** – Superintendent, Sallisaw Public Schools
- Jayne Hadley** – McDonald's
- Holly Martens** – Sequoyah Memorial Hospital
- Dr. Bob Wells, DDS** – Family Dentistry
- Judy Martens** – Executive Vice-President
Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce

Community News

Dedication of CASC Library Slated

The Carl Albert Development Foundation and Delories O'Guin Mitchell invite all of us to join them in the dedication of the Delores O'Guin Mitchell Library at the Sallisaw Campus on June 18th at 10:30 a.m. The new 33,000 sq.ft. Library and classroom building was constructed through passage of a half cent sales tax for the City of Sallisaw residents and funds allocated from the State legislature. This expansion will give the Sallisaw Campus the ability to educate up to 1,800 students, which compares to the current capacity of 711. Please make plans to join us as we dedicate this great expansion and opportunity to further educate our Sequoyah County residents.

June Chamber Membership Meeting Features Legislative Update

Please make plans to join us for our **June Chamber Membership Meeting** which will be held at the Carl Albert State College Multi-Purpose Room on the Sallisaw Campus on **Wednesday, June 27th**. We are honored to have District 4 State Senator Kenneth Corn, State Representative Glen "Bud" Smithson and District 3 State Senator Jim Wilson join us as our keynote speakers. They will each be bringing a legislative update from the past session. Lunch will be catered for a cost of \$7 each. When paying for your lunch, also be sure to sign in with Robin. The names of Chamber members who attend all membership meetings will go into a

drawing for a \$100 Chamber Check which will be given away at the January 2008 meeting. Those who attend 8 of the 10 scheduled meetings will go into a drawing for a \$50 Chamber Check. We hope to see all of you at the June meeting.

Chamber Welcomes New Member

The Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce along with the Roland Chamber of Commerce welcomes Sequoyah County Properties, LLC to our groups. Scott Looper, Owner is excited to share in the growth and prosperity of our communities. The ribbon cutting ceremony for this new company was held on Monday, May 21st at the Roland Office.



Chamber Wishes to Celebrate Your Success!

If you have owned and/or operated a business in Sallisaw for 10, 20, 30 or more years, the Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce would like to celebrate that success with you! Please notify the Chamber Office if your business fits one of these categories. We will be more than happy to invite other Chamber members to come and share a time of celebration along with a photo in the Sequoyah County Times. Businesses with longevity should be rewarded and recognized. They are the backbone of our community!

HERE WE GROW AGAIN!

NEW MEMBERS FOR:

April & May-2007

DATANATIONAL

**D & R BACKHOE & DOZER
MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT**

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

RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

AGENT FUNERAL HOME

MONTGOMERY LAW OFFICE

BRENDA'S FLOWERS

CLIP'S PHARMACY – DR. CORLEY

CASC – DWIGHT MISSION

MALLORY-MARTIN FUNERAL HOME

MICROTEL – THE INDIAN STORE

OVERSTREET-KERR HISTORICAL FARM

ABC CLEANERS – DAYS INN

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB – McDONALDS

FACTORY CONNECTION

S. DANIEL GEORGE ATTORNEY

PARLEY HUBLER, D.D.S.

THE GREEN HOUSE

TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.

KFC & TACO BELL

PROFESSIONAL HOME HEALTH AND

HOSPICE

SOUTHWEST HOME HEALTH CARE

US LIME ST. CLAIR COMPANY

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

JUNE 2007

- June 13** Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
12:00 noon – Chamber Building
- June 15-16** Relay for Life Celebration – football field
- June 20** SIC Monthly Board Meeting – Chamber
Conference Room 12:00 noon
- June 23** Annual Retirement Fair – High School
Commons Area
- June 27** Chamber Membership Meeting – CASC
Multi-Purpose Room, 12:00 noon
- July 4** Fireworks Celebration! Choctaw Blue Ribbon
Downs – Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m.

Chamber Champs!

The Chamber would like to recognize Journey Church for sponsoring our Character banners for the month of June. Thank you for your generosity and desire to see Sallisaw encourage good character.

The Sallisaw Relay For Life will be held Friday, June 15th and Saturday, June 16th at the football field. This is always a meaningful and time-worthy event. Please take a few minutes and come join in the festivities.

Be sure to come join the Chamber as we participate in the upcoming Retirement Fair on Saturday, June 23rd in the Sallisaw High School Commons Area.



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