

# COMMERCE CONNECTION

OCTOBER 2012

A PUBLICATION OF THE COMMERCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## INSIDE

Chamber President's Letter.....	2
Calendar.....	3
Our Town.....	4
Campus Connections.....	8
Commerce ISD.....	10
Business Directory.....	14
Bois d'Arc Bash.....	16
Sponsors	

## NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK

By: Stephanie Norman

Women's leadership roles and the increase in their opportunities for advancement in the business world are worth celebrating and recognizing. October 22-26 is National Business Women's Week. NBWW gives communities, companies and organizations the chance to recognize the contributions of working women and companies owned and operated by females.

"I think it's great that there is a week that celebrates women's role and history in business," Carrie Rosenbalm, President of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority Alumna Board, said. "Women have played a significant role in this country's business industry, and it ought to be celebrated. It's also a great way to bring awareness to the inequalities that women still face in the work place such as lower pay for the same work and gender discrimination."

Emma Partridge, Executive Secretary of the National Federation of Business and Professional Woman's Clubs from 1924 to 1927, originated National Business Women's Week. Her goal was to "focus public attention upon a better business woman for a better business world." The first annual observance was held April 15-22, 1928. Since then, slowly, but surely, business have begun to recognize their female leaders.

"If a woman is direct and business oriented, she is often looked at as mean - where men are looked at as ambitious," Texas A&M-Commerce Student Nick Albritton said. "Society places more importance on the mothering role of a woman, instead of the professional one. Women deserve appreciation for being in the workplace and somehow navigating what I still consider 'a man's world'.

Each day of NBWW was devoted to something different. The week started off with Legislative Day, focusing on national, state and local legislation women; Education Day, dedicated to educational opportunities; Club Rally Day, for recruiting new members; Community Day, to honor leaders within the community; and last, but not least, Goodwill Day, devoted to women's organizations working together.

President Herbert Hoover was the first president to recognize NBWW and issued a letter, which moved the event to the third week in October.

"I feel that women have not been appreciated and celebrated properly for their accomplishments," Captain of the Lions Volleyball team Rachel Robertson said. "I think that being a woman has many more challenges than being a man. Society has made it harder for women to succeed than men. When a woman does something awesome or amazing it seems like it is a bigger deal than if a man did it. I don't know why women are seen as the underdogs. Fighting to get our rights was over in the 1920s, it is time for women to get the respect and recognition they deserve for our accomplishments."

## CHAMBER President's Letter

## CHAMBER Board of Directors

Dear Valued Members,

Well my friends the 27th Annual Bois d'Arc Bash has come and gone and it was fabulous. First I have to say a huge thanks to all of our sponsors, without your generosity we could not support our community with events like the Bash. I have to say a very special thank you to the Bash Director Julie Gentle for putting on such a spectacular event. I know that it takes many to make the Bash happen but with Julie at the helm the Bash came together with wonderful results. Special thanks as well to all the volunteers, without your help the Bash would not be the same.

It is October my friends, fall is in the air. Fall is my favorite time of year with the warm colors of oranges, chocolate browns and dark greens and the air crisp in the morning and cooler days. If I could sum up the Fall Season I would say that it is Football, State Fair, Shopping and Celebrating. I love to have the windows open and hear the sounds of leaves blowing in the breeze.

There are many events in October to plan for such as visiting the State Fair and Autumn at the Arboretum, Boo at the Zoo and many more. Plan to visit at least one pumpkin patch; it is good for the soul. Remember it is important to spend time with family and friends even though our busy schedules make it seem impossible we should always take time to rest and play.

A philosophy professor stood before his class with some items on the table in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "Yes." "Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The rocks are the important things – your family, your partner, your health, and your children – things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter – like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else, the small stuff." "If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued "there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take your partner out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal. Take care of the rocks first – the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

Until next time my friends, remember to shop local and spend time on the things that matter.

Be Well,

Ladonna Patterson

**Executive Board**

President  
Executive Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Past President

Ladonna Patterson  
Julie Gentle  
Jalinna Jones  
Taylor Fore  
Michael Glas

**Board of Directors**

Marc Clayton  
Blake Cooper  
Taylor Fore  
Kent Holbert  
Bonnie Hunter  
Julie Gentle  
Dr. Dan Jones  
Jalinna Jones  
JoAnn Krischer

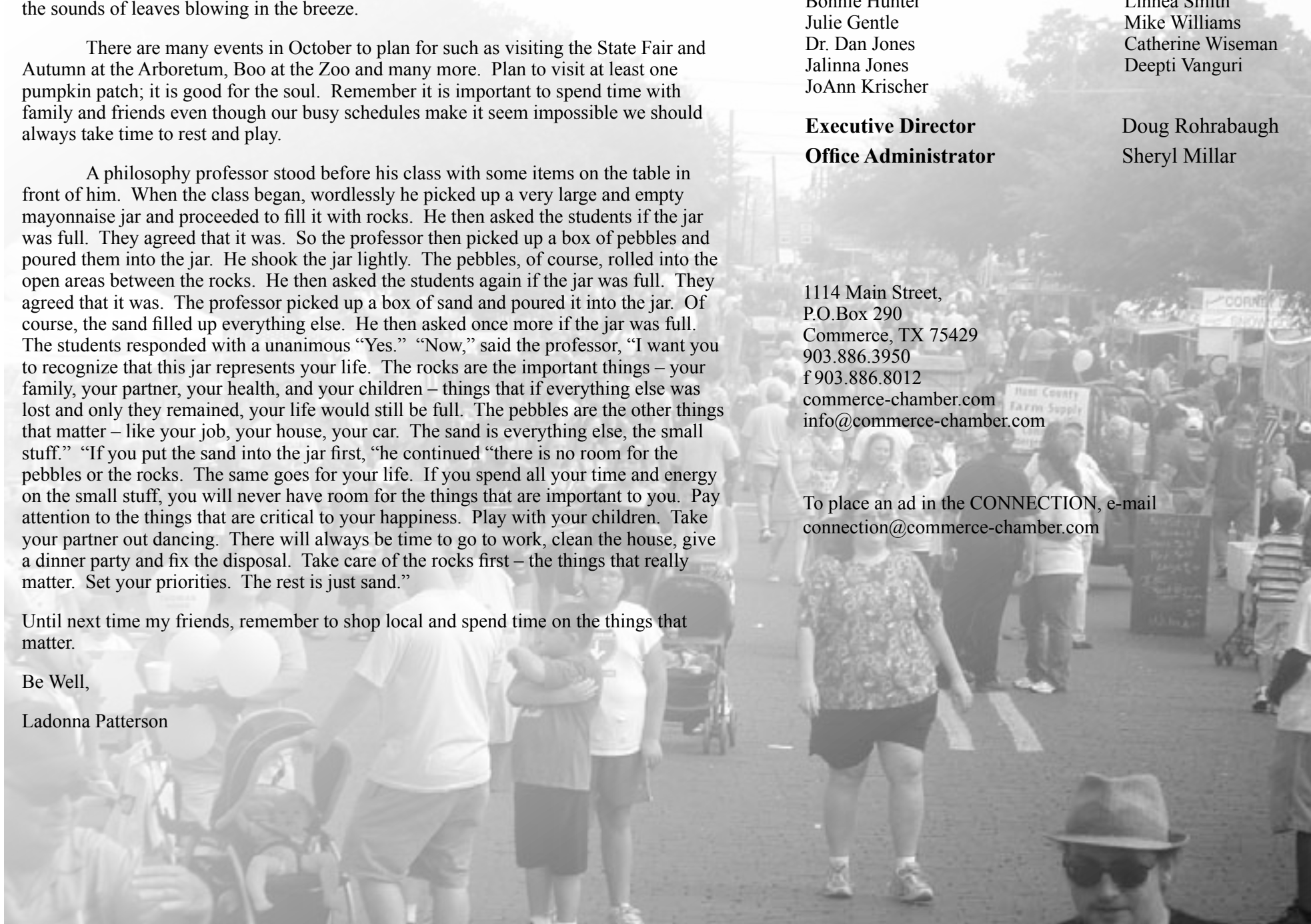
Lisa Martinez  
Marsha Morrison  
Michael Odom  
Joel Shanks  
Linnea Smith  
Mike Williams  
Catherine Wiseman  
Deepti Vanguri

**Executive Director****Office Administrator**

Doug Rohrabough  
Sheryl Millar

1114 Main Street,  
P.O.Box 290  
Commerce, TX 75429  
903.886.3950  
f 903.886.8012  
commerce-chamber.com  
info@commerce-chamber.com

To place an ad in the CONNECTION, e-mail  
connection@commerce-chamber.com





## CHAMBER Calendar of Events for 2012

- Meals on Wheels Silent Auction ..... Oct. 1  
6 pm, Location: Rayburn Student Center on campus)
- 7th Annual Cotton Belt Symposium..... Oct. 5-6  
Sam Rayburn Student Center
- Recycling Day in Commerce..... Oct. 6  
Waste Water Treatment Plant on FM 3218 (Bus Barn Rd.)
- Northeast Hunt County Retired Teachers Association..... Oct. 9  
Topic: Lt. Co. Gregory A. Barber "Flying the U-2 Spy plane"  
10:00 a.m., Location: FUMC
- American Leigon Garage Sale.....Oct.13  
Brookshire's Parking Lot
- Miss Hunt County Pageant .....Oct. 27  
7 pm, Location: Commerce High School
- Halloween on the Square ..... Oct. 31  
Downtown Commerce
- Recycling Day in Commerce..... Nov. 3  
Waste Water Treatment Plant on FM 3218 (Bus Barn Rd.)
- Northeast Hunt County Retired Teachers Association .....Nov. 13  
Topic: "Everything you always wanted to know about Pawn Shops"  
10:00 a.m. , Location: FUMC
- Recycling Day in Commerce..... Dec. 1  
Waste Water Treatment Plant on FM 3218 (Bus Barn Rd.)
- Christmas Parade ..... Dec. 6  
Downtown Commerce
- Northeast Hunt County Retired Teachers Association .....Dec. 11  
Christmas Luncheon  
11:30 A.M., Location: FUMC

NEED FURNITURE? WE ARE...

*Affordable  
Furniture & Etc.*

NEW MATTRESS SETS  
NEW & USED FURNITURE

Ruth Reeves  
Owner

Gary Reeves  
Owner

RUSTIC & ANTIQUE FURNITURE

903-886-6096 • Cell: 903-366-6576

121 Hwy. 224 • Commerce, Texas 75428 (2 blocks W. of Hwy. 50)  
ALL MAJOR CARDS ACCEPTED • NO CREDIT CHECK FINANCING  
www.affordablefurnitureandetc.com • email: gareeves@embarqmail.com

**The Bradford Place Apartments**

3301 FM 3218, Commerce, Texas 75428

**(903) 886-8855**

- \* 24 Hour Fitness Center \* Free Tanning \* Playground
- \* Full Sized Washer and Dryer in Every Unit\*  
Dishwasher \*
- \* Free Cable with HBO \* Basketball Court \*
- \*Covered Parking Available\* Microwave\* Clubhouse \*
- \*Swimming Pool \* Walk-in Closets \* BBQ Pavilions \*

**www.bradfordplaceapartments.com****www.facebook.com/bradfordapartments**

1-800-216-0970

**Beverly Sloan, RN**  
**Nocona Clark, RN**  
**COMMERCE**  
101 Kings Plaza, Suite H  
Commerce, Texas 75428  
(903) 886-2666 - Fax 886-3773



## CHAMBER Our Town

**ANOTHER WONDERFUL BASH**

By: Doug Rohrbaugh

Laughter and music filled the air as thousands gathered in downtown Commerce for the 27th Annual Bois d'Arc Bash. The festival began with the Commerce Leadership Institute's Annual BBQ fundraiser. The 2012 CLI class worked tirelessly to prepare over 1,500 BBQ sandwiches for Bash participants, golfers, and loyal supporters. Reports indicate that this year's fundraiser was a huge success thanks to the dedication and hard work of the 2012 CLI members. The steel drum band from Texas A&M University-Commerce, Panimation, entertained the crowd with pleasant Caribbean sounds. The Birthright Blues Project kept the music going on the Ben E. Keith stage with their unique sound and amazing musical talent. Local residents were seen dancing in the square as Tutu Jones and the Soul Crew from Dallas brought a new sound to the Bois d'Arc Bash. The evening ended with a performance from former Commerce resident Graham Wilkinson. Graham's unique style of music was certainly entertaining but it was his stories of growing up in Commerce and decorating horse apples that made his performance truly spectacular.

The downtown streets were lined with vendors as residents and visitors filled the square on Saturday morning for more Bash festivities. Commerce City Councilwoman Sue Davis, along with Kiwanis Club President Becky Thompson and many other volunteers served hungry Bash participants as they lined up for the Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast. This annual event helps to support the Commerce Kiwanis Club's numerous community services projects. Runners of all ages and skill levels participated in the Bois d'Arc Dash 5K which began shortly after 8 a.m. Antonius Kleiboer was the 1st place overall finisher and Cary Sansing was the 1st female finisher. A list of all 5K participants and their finishing times may be found on the Bois d'Arc Bash website ([boisdarc-bash.com](http://boisdarc-bash.com)).

The Bash parade was a major success this year according to Bash Director Julie Gentle. Parade Director Kathleen Hooten chose a new route for this year's parade. "The idea was to highlight a different area of town" said Hooten. The new route traveled up historic Bonham Street to Bois d'Arc, Live Oak, and Washington before coming to an end on Main St. just east of Park. According to parade participant and owner of Affordable Furniture Ruth Reeves the crowds were larger for this year's parade. Reeves mentioned that there were many spectators on every street with large crowds on Live Oak and in the downtown square.

Activities on the Ben E. Keith Stage were underway at 11:00 a.m. with a performance by the Texas A&M University-Commerce Dance Team. Bash Director Julie Gentle, Mayor John Ballotti, and Chamber President Ladonna Patterson welcomed residents and visitors to the 27th Annual Bois d'Arc Bash as part of the opening ceremonies which also included the singing of "Happy Birthday" in recognition of the Northeast Texas Children's Museum's 10th anniversary. The first musical act of the day was a performance by the Bois d'Arc Dixieland Band. This group has been performing at the Bash since 1996 and has become a crowd favorite. They were followed by the Blandelles, Commerce Idol Winners, Outta Hand, Shaun Michaels, and The Cross Trails Band.

The Samuel Davidson Project energized the crowd with their alternative genre of music. Their rendition of Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean" was perhaps one of the best cover songs of the event. This Austin based band was thankful to perform at the Bash and said it was one of the best run festivals that they have played in a long time.

The event's music concluded with a stellar performance by Backseat Molly. This Texas red dirt band entertained one of the largest Saturday night crowds that Police Chief Kerry Crews had seen in the past few years. They played some wonderful music including hits from well know artists but their original songs were perhaps the best. Their original song "The Best Man" was fantastic. Backseat Molly invited the audience to keep the party going after their performance on the Ben E. Keith Stage as they performed inside the Drunken Mule.

New to this year's Bash was a carnival provided by Triple T Amusements. The carnival set up in Farmer's Market and was a welcome addition to this year's festivities. The rides and games provided activities for the whole family and gave teenagers with an activity that they could enjoy at the Bash.

The Bash concluded on Sunday afternoon with the 17th Annual Car and Truck Show. Sheryl Millar put together a wonderful event for auto enthusiasts. The car and truck show was well attended and participants had a wonderful time.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Huffman's Farm Supply, Keystone Custom Cabinets, Personalized Printing, and all downtown businesses and residents that had to make some adjustments to accommodate the Bois d'Arc Bash.

## CHAMBER Our Town

**MIKE AND JEANENNE OGLESBY**

By Stephanie Norman

Working to make Commerce beautiful has been one of Mike and Jeanenne Oglesby's goals for many years and still counting. Both alumni of Texas A&M-Commerce, they have pride in the school and hopes to see this town grow and continue to expand.

Mike was born in Commerce, interestingly enough in a hospital located where Oglesby Plaza now sits and the Sam Rayburn Student Center is situated on the site of his childhood home. "He graduated in '64 and spent two years in the Army," Jeanenne said. "I graduated in '66 and we married in '63. In fact, he was president of the student body when we got married, so I worked and he stayed in school and then I went back to school."

After they both graduated, they moved away for a while, living in the Rockwall area, and starting a family. After the death of their eldest son, at the age of 21, Mike decided to take up his father's trade, which was construction.

"He started development in '98 and it was complete in '99," Jeanenne said. "And then we started building homes. They were spec homes, but custom homes and there were a total of 11 houses. We bought the blueprints and he (Mike) was the general contractor. Recently, we drove through the area and we had been away long enough to really appreciate it. We were really proud. It looked better than we had remembered. Everyone had taken pride in their yard and it looked wonderful. We were pleased."

In Commerce, Mike and Jeanenne have about 35 rental units, which include houses, duplexes and apartments. After Mike's health started to fail, they decided living in Rockwall was too far to properly tend to their rental properties in Commerce.

"The rental properties brought us back to Commerce and Mike's health was failing so he couldn't do the driving back and forth from Rockwall," Jeanenne said. "It was just tiring. It's been very, very great to be this close. He needs a lot of assistance. It has been the best place for us to be this last year and a half. We've got doctors in Paris and doctors in Greenville. The only thing that would possibly motivate us to move is that this house is not real inductive to handicap."

All of the Oglesby rental properties are gone through and remodeled to their high standards. They would only rent out properties they would choose to live in themselves.

The building on Lee Street, next to the Baptist Student Ministries, holds a special place in the Oglesby's hearts. "We had an attachment to the building where College Corner Café was. When we were going to school, there was a restaurant there called Charquette and at that point, the student union, which was a wooden building, was right across the street," Jeanenne said. "I worked for the student union director and Mike was student body president so that's where we met. And the Charquette is where we would go have cokes and hamburgers. So, we watched that building for years and all the store front changes. And then it was abandoned. When it came up for sale, we knew we wanted it. It was more of an emotional thing than practical."

They purchased that building in spring 2010 and have had renovations and remodeling done. The upstairs of the building has five separate apartments and the downstairs is currently empty, but set up for a restaurant. They hope to get a restaurant up and running in there soon.

The Oglesbys are Chamber members and have been recognized for their efforts to improve Commerce's quality of living and appearance. Mike received a Builder Community Award in 2010.

"I am on the Foundation at Texas A&M," Jeanenne said. "Mike is on the Alumni Board and he received an award for partnership and all of the building he has done. The university has grown in size and enrollment terrifically. I think we had just under 3,000 students when we were in school. The school has had more press and certainly more people have heard about the campus."

This married couple has had many connections to the university and the community throughout the years. While they were students at the college, a women's organization on campus called the Tooanoowes, established the Gamma Zeta Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority on campus. Jeanenne was initiated into the organization soon after. "The Tooanoowes had just gone national the spring of '62, so I was in the second pledge class for Gamma Phi Beta in fall '62," she said. "It was a great experience."

The couple hopes to see the Commerce community progress and they plan to help as long as they can. "It's been very comfortable here," Jeanenne said. "We've enjoyed it and home is close to our rent properties."

## CHAMBER Our Town

## HALLOWEEN ON THE SQUARE

By Doug Rohrabough

The Commerce Parks and Recreation Department will host their annual Halloween on the Square event on Wednesday, October 31, 2012. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and last until 7:00 p.m. on the downtown square. Due to the large crowds that gather for this spectacular event the Commerce Parks and Recreation Department will close off traffic in downtown beginning at 2:00 p.m. on the 31st to allow for a safer atmosphere. There will also be signs posted on the sidewalks indicating a direction of travel for "trick-or-treaters" to follow in order to help with congestion.

All Commerce merchants, service groups, and churches are invited, and encouraged, to participate in this event which provides a safe "trick-or-treat" environment for the children of Commerce. If you are interested in participating in Halloween on the Square by passing out candy please contact the Commerce Parks and Recreation Department at 903.886.1150 to reserve your space.

HOTEL  
AZUL

2207 Culver St.

Commerce, TX 75428

Phone: 903-886-4777 • Fax: 903-886-8737



Cypress Bank

Federal Savings Bank

[www.cypressbanktx.com](http://www.cypressbanktx.com)1702 Live Oak Street  
Commerce, Texas  
903.886.7425\*New Drive-Up ATM  
\*Drive-Thru open Saturday  
\*Home & Auto LoansLIVE IT UP! AT THE COMMERCE  
SENIOR HEALTH & WELLNESS  
FAIR

The Chamber of Commerce and Hunt Regional Community Hospital announce the upcoming 10th annual Live It Up! Senior Health and Wellness Fair which will take place on Thursday, October 18, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. We have extended the hours this year to allow people to come by on their lunch hour.

This expo is designed to promote healthy living and fun while providing current information. Local and regional businesses specializing in products and services geared towards residents age 55+ will be participating. This year's Health Fair, as in the past, will be held in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church located in downtown Commerce at the corner of Washington and Sycamore.

Flu and pneumonia vaccinations will be available. Along with free health screenings, such as blood pressure, and oxygen saturation, local businesses will be providing information, tips for healthy living and good health maintenance, free goodies will also be distributed. There will be home health and durable medical equipment providers, long-term care insurance agents, pharmacy services and other representatives.

Door prizes and goody bags will be offered by Encompass Home Health Care and other participating expo vendors. Prizes will be awarded frequently throughout the event, but recipients must be present to win. The 10th Annual Live It Up! Senior Health and Wellness Fair on October 18 is an important event for the community. Questions about the Health Fair and information about being a vendor should be directed to the Chamber of Commerce at 903-886-3950.

COMMERCE  
LIVE IT UP!  
SENIOR HEALTH & WELLNESS  
FAIR



## CHAMBER Our Town

## LADIES FIRST PINTEREST PARTY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

By Cindy Jacobson

The Ladies First ministry of FBC Commerce invites you to a Pinterest party on Saturday, November 3, 2012, from 10:00 to noon in Fellowship Hall. Come learn about Pinterest, view demonstrations and completed projects, and have the opportunity to “make and take” an item home with you. Join us for fun, fellowship, and food made from Pinterest recipes. The make and take items will be provided on a “first come, first served” basis.

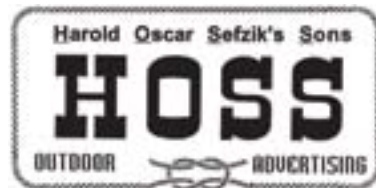
Tickets are \$7.00 and may be purchased from the FBC church office at 1401 Washington Street, the Northeast Texas Children’s Museum, and the Commerce Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street. The deadline for purchase of same is October 27th. A portion of the ticket proceeds will go to Refuge of Light, [www.refugeoflight.org](http://www.refugeoflight.org). For questions or additional information, please call FBC Commerce at 903/886-3189.

Want 1 million people a month-  
-to see your business?

Outdoor advertising reaches people where they live. When you strategically place a billboard along the I-30 corridor you are reaching a local audience with your businesses message. We are a longtime Commerce family interested in your business success.

Call  
972.212.9315

Find out how  
billboard advertising **works**.



Get Happy  
Make us your  
home!

Oak Meadows Town Homes  
150 Maple Street  
Commerce, TX 75428  
903.886.1555  
M-F 8a.m.-5p.m.  
Susan Oliver, Manager

## A&M-COMMERCE DEAN LANGFORD STEPS DOWN, RETURNS TO FACULTY & ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENT

By Christan Hilbrand

Dr. Hal Langford, dean of the College of Business and Entrepreneurship (CBE) since 2001, announced this week that he will step down from his post, effective September 19, 2012.

“As dean of the College of Business and Entrepreneurship, Dean Langford’s work has touched virtually every student on campus.” said university president, Dan Jones. “From the beginning, Dean Langford has been innovative, thought-provoking, and far-sighted. I’m grateful both for his service and for the fact he’ll remain on our faculty to continue enriching the lives of our students.”

Langford will return to a faculty position in the Department of Business Administration and MIS and will also serve as coordinator of recruiting and marketing for Texas A&M University-Commerce at Rockwall. He will begin by developing a marketing prospectus and will review and prepare curriculum for his upcoming teaching assignments.

The College of Business and Entrepreneurship is AACSB accredited, the highest level of accreditation for business schools. Only 25 percent of U.S. business schools achieve AACSB International accreditation, the hallmark of excellence in management education.

Under Langford’s management, the CBE received several awards, including the AACSB Online MBA Rankings Best Affordable Accredited Online MBA Programs, Top Ranked Best Buy Masters Management/Administration, and the #5 Rank for Online MBA programs in US News & World Report.

“I’ve had mixed reactions to Dr. Langford’s decision to step down from the deanship and return to the faculty” said Gary Peer, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “While his energy, creativity and good humor in the deanship and his forward thinking in the design and delivery of instruction will be difficult to replace, at best, his return to teaching will clearly be an asset to the College of Business and Entrepreneurship and, I trust, rewarding to him personally. I thank him for his many contributions and extend to him sincere best wishes in the years ahead.”

Dr. Dale Funderburk, interim dean of the College of Business and Entrepreneurship will continue to serve in his current role until a permanent replacement for Dr. Langford has been identified.

## CHAMBER Our Town

## RETIRED TEACHERS HOST LT. COLONEL GREG BARBER

By Bettina Zvanut

The Northeast Hunt County Retired Teachers will host Lt. Colonel Greg Barber (retired) at their October 9 meeting at First Methodist Church. He will begin his talk at 10:15 which will be accompanied by a video of his career and the planes he has flown. Mr. Barber has flown the T-38, B-52 and the U-2 planes as an instructor and also in combat in Kosovo, Korea's DMZ, and Iraq.

Mr. Barber graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in 1983 with a BS in Aerospace Technology. He received his Masters Degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle University. During this time, he entered USAF Officer Training School, and after graduation, he completed Undergraduate Pilot Training at Reese AFB in Lubbock, Tx.

In 1988, Mr. Barber moved to Fairchild AFB to fly the B-52 for 6 years leading to a three-year stint as the bomber training manager at Langley AFB in Virginia. Then Mr. Barber's life took a complete turn. He relocated to Beale AFB and started flying the U-2 spy plane around the world. In 2004, Mr. Barber was chosen to work at the National Reconnaissance Office's Liaison to Headquarters US-European Command in Germany until he retired.

Mr. Barber will also bring his flight gear to show at this meeting. Anyone interested in this program is invited to attend, and Northeast Hunt County Retired Teachers especially welcomes any retired school personnel to attend their meetings.



EVERN MORE FOR YOU AT  
GNTY.COM

**G**

FREE  
BUSINESS  
&  
PERSONAL  
CHECKING

ENHANCED  
WEBSITE

MOBILE  
&  
ONLINE  
BANKING

Guaranty Bond  
BANK  
The Relationship Bank

Commerce • 1108 Park St. • 903.886.2214 • www.gnty.com

**New! "French Dip" roast beef & cheddar only at Lonestar Eatery Grill & Bar.**

2203 Culver Street Commerce, TX 75428  
lonestareatery.com | facebook  
903.886.2121

LONE STAR  
Eatery  
GRILL & BAR



## Campus Connections



## COOPER SELECTED FOR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

By Ludonna Smithers

Blake Cooper, Superintendent of Commerce ISD, has been selected to participate in the Lamar University Superintendent Academy, an advanced leadership training program on Lamar University's Beaumont campus. Cooper has received a scholarship to attend through The Center for Executive Leadership at Lamar.

According to its Executive Director Dr. Bob Thompson, participation in the Academy is by invitation only. The 22 superintendents in the 2012-2013 class were chosen from a list of approximately 75 nominees from Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. To be selected is an honor not only to the superintendent, Thompson said, but also to his or her board and district. Without the support of forward-looking boards, no superintendent could have achieved the level of success and recognition necessary to be selected to the Academy, according to Thompson.

At the Academy, Cooper will review the latest technology for enhancing student learning, participate in advanced leadership training from some of the nation's foremost trainers of company executives, and get training in the Decision Support Center, a high tech laboratory for improving the speed and quality of management decision making. Cooper will also have an opportunity for field trips to visit other school districts to review practices that have helped make those districts be successful.

Thompson says the knowledge superintendents glean from work in the Academy is immediately applicable to any district, regardless of size or location. To assist districts in incorporating these management concepts, the Academy will host a three day Visioning session in the spring for Academy superintendents and their boards where they will be led through joint leadership training and planning activities. They will also meet with boards and superintendents from similar sized districts to share ideas for increasing student achievement and developing a vision for the future.

The year-long Academy is designed, Thompson says, to provide the most professional growth opportunities with the least amount of time away from the district.

**BRIARCLIFF HEALTH CENTER**

*Care, Comfort, Concern*



- Spacious Private & Semi-Private Rooms
- Medicare Certified • Medicaid Certified
- Hospice • Private Pay & Insurance Accepted
- Physical Therapy • Occupational Therapy • Speech Therapy

24 Hr Skilled Nursing Care **903-455-8729**

**4400 Walnut St, Greenville TX**



***Dyer Insurance Agency, Inc.***

*Serving Commerce and the University  
for over 75 years*



**1504 Washington St., Commerce, TX 75428**  
903-886-2131 [dyerinsurance.com](http://dyerinsurance.com)

## Commerce ISD

## CISD STUDENTS RESTOCK THE COMMERCE FOOD PANTRY

By Ludonna Smithers

When CISD administrators and Communities in Schools Inc. managers heard the cupboards were bare at the Commerce Food Pantry, they knew the giving spirit of CISD students would save the day. With a goal of one can donated per student, organizers were overwhelmed when the total reached almost twice that within one week of the call for help.

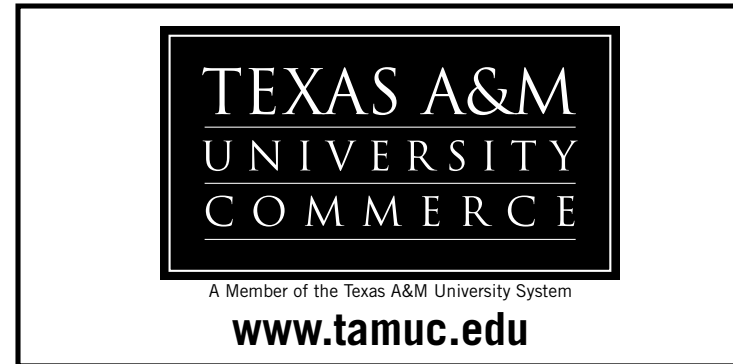
Matt Wolcott, CIS area team manager, said donations were still coming in for the drive as the cans were being delivered.

The pantry, which is housed at the First Presbyterian Church, distributes non-perishable food items to needy families once a week at its location on Monroe Street. Families may apply to receive items to feed their families once a month.

Dr. James Norwood, a member of the Commerce Food Pantry board, says he has seen demand for help over the past 18 months increase from serving seven or eight families a week to approximately 30 families each week. Norwood said the pantry accepts donations of food or money through the church.

Campus principals normally conduct food drives in conjunction with holidays, but this year the need surfaced earlier than usual.

Filling the pantry—Commerce ISD students delivered over 2800 cans of food to the Commerce Food Pantry Friday. The trailer of food was unloaded at the pantry located at First Presbyterian Church by students from each campus. Students included (left to right) Patricia Hackler and Cameron Smith, CHS; and Keshai Kirby, Caitie Wells, Claire Dobbs and Lizbeth Mojica, CMS. CHS students Liz Hernandez, Amanda Hill, Rebekah Cooper and Juan Martinez (back row) and ACW students Dakota Halbrook, Kaylee Jackson, Haley Abrams and Ruben Castaneda helped with the effort. CES students helping included Jayden Brown, Jenna Gossett and Rubi Almagait.



## Commerce ISD

## IPADS ABUNDANT AT COMMERCE HIGH SCHOOL

By Ludonna Smithers

Every Commerce High School student will have an iPad 24/7 thanks to community support and a recent grant awarded to Commerce ISD. The devices, coupled with a strong technology infrastructure, set CHS on course for essentially unlimited potential in terms of internet and learning resources accessibility.

As a plan to bring more digital devices into school was formulated last spring, CISD administrators felt students would benefit most from owning their own device. To approach this goal, the Commerce Educational Enrichment Foundation pledged an initial amount of \$30,000 to reduce the iPad cost from \$379 to \$300. An additional effort to gain support from individuals in the community, called the I Give for iPad initiative, raised over \$6900, which included a \$2000 contribution from Cypress Bank.

After their initial purchase, parents with more than one child at CHS could purchase an additional iPad at half price. Parents were told students would have access to an alternate device if they did not want to take the opportunity to purchase one.

Sales for the iPads took place over the summer with an initial order placed for 113 devices. Guaranty Bond Bank helped by financing the iPads at a low interest rate over the school year without regard for credit history. Students not buying iPads during the summer were given another opportunity during the first week of school for the full price of \$359.75, which included insurance and sales tax. A total of 41 iPads were purchased during this offering.

Also during the summer, administrators applied for a Technology Lending Program Grant which would provide matching funds to purchase additional iPads. Through the \$50,000 grant, which administrators learned they received on August 31, and matching district funds, using the Instructional Materials Allotment, iPads will be available for every student at the high school who doesn't already have one.

Students will be able to use the district-owned iPads at home during the school year, but only applications used at school will be accessible. The district is purchasing over \$25,000 in apps (applications) for student use on the iPads.

"We are turning the page with our instruction this year. More teachers have been trained in electronic instruction and we expect that as the year progresses, we'll see more devices in the classroom. We truly believe this approach will increase our academic achievement," said Blake Cooper, Superintendent of Commerce schools.

"iPads will make learning more relevant and help our students be more 'future ready' for life after high school," Cooper said.




---

## THE LION'S DEN

**Student and Corporate Lodging**

\*No Credit Check \*All Bills Paid

3000 Hwy 24

Commerce, TX 75428

**903.246.3174**



CHAMBER Member Spotlights

**Commerce Chamber of Commerce  
Mission Statement**

The purpose of the Chamber of Commerce shall be to promote the common business interests of merchants and citizens living and working in the City of Commerce, Texas, and in the immediate area; promote the free enterprise system; encourage the commercial, industrial and agricultural development of the City of Commerce and the immediate area; assume a role of active leadership in community improvement. The Chamber shall stand for local harmony, cooperation, and progress and shall be non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-sectional in its activities.



**encompass™**  
HOME HEALTH

Freida Teet, R.N.  
Director of Nursing  
1106 Main Street  
Commerce, TX 75428

fteet@ehhl.com  
903-886-8877 Office  
800-450-7683 Referral Line

**Hunt Regional Medical Center - Greenville  
Hunt Regional Community Hospital -  
Commerce**

We're growing to serve  
the Commerce community's health care needs

**Hunt Regional Community Hospital  
Commerce**  
2900 Sterling Hart Drive  
903-886-3161


**Hunt Regional Medical Center  
Greenville**  
4215 Joe Ramsey Blvd.  
903-408-5000



2248 Live Oak St. Commerce, Texas 75428  
903.886.2518

**NEED A LOAN FOR A NEW OR USED CAR?  
TO HELP WITH CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? A  
FALL VACATION? CONTACT THESE CHAMBER  
MEMBERS FOR ASSISTANCE:**


Alliance Bank	903-886-3244
Cypress Bank	903-886-7425
Guaranty Bond Bank	903-886-2274
Inwood Bank	903-886-2126
Lone Star Credit Union	800-588-6928
State Farm Bank-Dixie Turman	903-886-7774



**INWOOD  
NATIONAL BANK**

1312 WASHINGTON STREET - COMMERCE, TEXAS 75428  
903 / 886-2126 - FAX 903 / 886-4552 - METRO 972 / 226-0969  
WWW.INWOODBANK.COM

MEMBER FDIC



**M E M B E R S H I P**

Do you want to run an ad in the Connection?

Chamber Membership Levels

Student .....	\$ 25
Individual .....	\$ 50
Clubs and Churches .....	\$ 50
Business Membership .....	\$.150
(1-10 full-time employees)	
Business Membership .....	\$.200
(over 10 full-time employees)	
Hotels, Motels & Apartments .....	\$.200
Banks .....	\$.250
Manufacturers .....	\$.500
Utility Companies .....	\$.500
Website Link Fee .....	\$ 25

Connection Ad Rates

Running an ad in the Connection is a great way to increase your businesses visibility beyond the Connection or Chamber website Directories.

Display Ad.....	\$ 30
Back Cover Ad.....	\$300
Website Link Fee.....	\$ 25



Call 903.886.3950 to join the Chamber today!

## CHAMBER Member Spotlights

READY TO START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?  
REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THESE CHAMBER MEMBERS:

Dressing Divas, 1215 Washington St.	903-246-3053
The Funky Attic, 2006 Monroe St.	903-886-0100
The Bargain Box, 1223 Washington St.	903-886-8306
My Sister's Closet, 2534 Mangum St.	903-886-1224
Goodwill Industries, 2214 Live Oak	903-886-3600
Violet Spell-Avon products	903-453-5916
Betty Teel Malone-Mary Kay products	903-456-0162
Ginger Hall-BeautiControl products/Southern	
Spa Sisters	903-886-6124

*Chaney's*  
**CHECK CASHING EXPRESS**  
**DISCOUNT TOBACCO**

Bill Payments  
Money Orders

**We Cash All  
Types of Checks**

Pre-Paid Visa  
Western Union

**1601 Live Oak**      **903.886.8080**

**CASH EXPRESS**

MAKE TODAY YOUR PAYDAY!  
CASH ADVANCES & CAR TITLE LOANS

2210 A Live Oak St.  
903-886-6252

[www.cashexpresstexas.com](http://www.cashexpresstexas.com)

 **COVIDIEN**

*positive results for life™*

400 Maple Street, Commerce, Texas 75428, 903-886-3153

**KEN PARKER SERVICE, INC.**

SALES - SERVICE - INSTALLATION

HEATING-AIR CONDITIONING-RESIDENTIAL-COMMERCIAL

[kenparkerservice.com](http://kenparkerservice.com)

GREENVILLE 903-883-2829  
800-945-1310



COMMERCE 903-886-6990  
903-886-3567

TACL-A-000548E

**CONWAY COMPANY CPAs, PC**

---

ACCOUNTANTS AND ADVISORS  
[www.conwaycpas.com](http://www.conwaycpas.com)

Office 903-886-2123  
Facsimile 903-886-6580

1021 Park Street  
Commerce, TX 75428

## COMMERCE Business Directory

YOUR GUIDE TO EVERYTHING  
COMMERCEACCOUNTING – CPA's

Conway Company CPAs, PC	886-2123
Kenneth Foust	886-3106
Naeem Ahmad, CPA.P.C.	214-808 0551

ADVERTISING | SPECIALITIES

Giggles & Grins	450-4746
Hoss Outdoor Adv.   Billboards I-30	972-212-9315

AIR CONDITIONING|HEATING

DMP Services	903-274-7637
Ken Parker Service, Inc	886-6990
Progressive Air and Heat	886-8322

AMUSEMENT|ENTERTAINMENT

Eagle Golf & Gift	886-4653
NE TX Children's Museum	886-6055
Planetarium	468-8652

ANIMAL WELFARE

Commerce Humane Assn	903-496-2412
----------------------	--------------

APARTMENTS|PROPERTY MGMT

American Eagle Properties	886-4430
Bradford Place Apts.	886-8855
Charlinda Villages	886-8807
Churchill at Commerce Apts. (Culver)	886-4444
Gant Apartments	886-6863
Landmark Properties	886-7038
Maple Place Apartments	886-4050
MyApartmentMap.com	603-319-1712
Oak Meadows Townhomes	886-1555
Oglesby & Associates	972-742-5099
Sparks Enterprises	817-460-3347
Valentine Properties	886-8881

ART GALLERY/STUDIO

Commerce Office of Cultural Affairs	217-8050
A Space	325-760-8869

ASSISTED LIVING/RETIREMENT

Colonial Lodge Retirement Inn	454-6636
Country Homes Estates	886-7754

ATTORNEYS

Curtis, Alexander/McCampbell & Morris	455-8113
Edgar J. Garrett	886-3146
The Law Offices of Jim D. McLeroy	885-6476

AUTOMOBILE DEALERS

Commerce Auto Group	886-4014
Commerce Chevrolet/Buick	886-2188
North TX Hyundai	455-4949

AUTOMOBILE SERVICES/PARTS

D & E Auto Supply	886-8040
Hoover's Automotive	886-7781
J J's Quick Lube	886-8775
O'Reilly Auto Parts	886-1755
Talley Auto Parts	886-2191

BAKERIES

Braum's	886-6242
Brookshire's	886-3252
Sweeties Donut Shoppe	886-6111

BANKS/CREDIT UNIONS

Alliance Bank	886-3244
Chase Bank	886-2112
Cypress Bank	886-7425
Dixie Turman/State Farm Bank	886-7774
Guaranty Bond Bank	886-2274
Heritage Land Bank	455-2835
Inwood National Bank	886-2126
Lone Star Credit Union	800-588-6928

BOOKSTORES

East Texas Book Store	886-3248
-----------------------	----------

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING

Center for Applied Leadership	886-5086
Commerce EDC	886-1121
Northeast Texas Teambuilding	903-886-5164

CABINET MAKING

Keystone Mfg. Co.	886-1551
-------------------	----------

CARPET CLEANING & RESTORATION

Jeff's Carpet Cleaning & Restoration	885-1320
--------------------------------------	----------

CATERING/MEETING FACILITIES

The Lodge/Catering Company	886-7586
Sodexo	468-7586

CELL PHONES AND SERVICE

ACN-Independent Rep.	903-335-6034
Wireless TNT (AT&T)	886-1062

CHECK CASHING/LOANS

Chaney's Check Cashing Express	886-8080
Commerce Cash Express	886-6252

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

DNJ Learning Center	886-2414
Wee Care at Sha's Sha's World Care Center	886-4911

CHIROPRACTORS

Jensen Chiropractic	886-4333
---------------------	----------

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTITIONER

Judy Biggs	903-413-5086
------------	--------------

CHURCHES

Bread of Life Church of Nazarene	886-1515
Commerce Community Church	513-2699
Disciples of Faith Bible Fellowship	886-3644
First Baptist Church	886-3189
First Christian Church	886-2542
First Presbyterian Church	886-3783
First United Methodist Church	886-3220
Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship	886-8585
Healing Waters Assembly of God	886-7112
Ridgecrest Baptist Church	886-6034
St. Joseph Catholic Church	886-7135
Word of Life Family Church	886-0917

CLEANERS

Country Cleaners	886-1609
------------------	----------

CLOTHING/GIFTS

The Bargain Box	886-8306
Dressing Divas	903-272-4198
My Sister's Closet	886-1224

COMMERCIAL CLEANING

Quality Home Service	903-243-1854
----------------------	--------------

COMPUTER SERVICES/FORENSICS

Wolf Security Analysts	366-6721
------------------------	----------

COPIERS

Advantage Copy Systems	885-3375
------------------------	----------

CONCRETE

D. L. Lennon, Inc.	886-3174
--------------------	----------

CONVENIENCE STORES

Flying L Fast Mart	886-8091
New Way	886-7684

COSMETICS/SKIN CARE

Mary Kay Cosmetics - Betty Teel Malone	496-2292
Southern Spa Sisters/BeautiControl	886-6124
Violet Spell, Avon Cosmetics	903-453-5916

COUNSELING

Lakes Regional MHMR	903-455-5770
---------------------	--------------

COUNTRY CLUBS

Sand Hills Golf/Country Club	886-4455
------------------------------	----------

DENTISTS

Cozart's Dental Office	886-3081
Mary/Marc McDaniel, DDS	886-6945

DIRECT SALES/PRODUCTS & SERVICES

AML - Direct Sales Marketing	903-513-3636
------------------------------	--------------

DISTRIBUTORS

Ben E. Keith Company	886-2158
Coca-Cola Bottling Co.	903-784-3336

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Commerce Economic Dev. Corporation	886-1121
------------------------------------	----------

EDITORIAL SERVICES

Word Magic	886-6498
------------	----------

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University.-Commerce	886-5081
Commerce ISD	886-3755
Paris Junior College	782-0330

ELECTRONIC SUPPLIES

Kartridge Korner	886-3312
Country Cleaners & Electronics	886-1609

EMBROIDERY/PRNTG/PROMO PRODUCTS

All Star Enterprises	903-390-7022
----------------------	--------------

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATIONS

Air-Evac Lifestream	886-1551
---------------------	----------

EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

Kelly Services	454-4227
----------------	----------

ENERGY PROVIDERS

ACN-Independent Rep	903-335-6034
Atmos Energy	800-460-3030
Eagle Energy	903-422-2960
FEC Electric	455-1715
Oncor Electric Delivery	888-313-6862

ENGINEERS

Hayer Engineering, Inc.	785-0303
-------------------------	----------

FARM SUPPLIES/FEED

Fix & Feed Commerce Hardware	886-7917
------------------------------	----------

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Active Wealth Management	455-6956
AIS Financial Services	886-8050
Continental Credit	886-8500
Edward Jones & Company	886-3333
Financial Network Investment Corp	886-2823
Dixie Turman/State Farm Bank	886-7774

FLORIST

Bickham Florist	886-3141
-----------------	----------

FOOD STORES

Brookshires	886-3252
-------------	----------

FUNERAL HOMES

Commerce Funeral Home/Cremation Serv.	886-8600
---------------------------------------	----------

FURNITURE

Affordable Furniture & Etc.	886-6096
The Funky Attic	886-0100

GOVERNMENT

City of Commerce	886-1100
State Representative Dan Flynn	455-0971

GRAPHICS

1st Choice Spirit, Grvl	454-8326
Pride Shop	886-5818

HAIR/BEAUTY/NAIL SALON

Tanasha's House of Style	886-1607
--------------------------	----------

HARDWARE

Fix & Feed Commerce Hardware	886-7917
------------------------------	----------



## COMMERCE Business Directory

YOUR GUIDE TO EVERYTHING  
COMMERCEHOME BUILDERS

Legacy Housing 886-7394  
Siena Home/Dale Stotts 214-957-8549  
Under Construction 903-468-2683

HOME HEALTH

1st Choice 886-2666  
Encompass Home Health 886-8877  
Home Health Associates 886-0612  
Visiting Angels 903-784-3902

HOME INSPECTION

JK's Professional Inspections 903-886-3069

HOME REPAIR/MAINTENANCE/REMODELING

American Eagle Home Maint/Remodeling 886-4430  
Under Construction 468-2683

HOSPICE

Odyssey Hospice 454-1107

HOSPITALS

Hunt Reg. Comm. Hospital-Commerce 886-3161  
Hunt Regional Medical Center-Greenville 408-5000

HOTEL/MOTELS/B&B's

Bois d'Arc Bed & Breakfast, 886-7705  
Commerce Inn 886-8756  
Holiday Inn Express, Sulphur Springs 903-885-6851  
Hotel Azul 886-4777

HOUSING

Commerce Housing Authority 886-2946

INSURANCE

Diversified Insurance 886-6943  
Duncan Insurance 886-2183  
Dyer Insurance 886-2131  
Farm Bureau Insurance 455-6782  
State Farm Insurance 886-7774

INTERNET/COMMUNICATIONS

ACN-Independent Rep 903-335-6034  
CenturyLink 800-788-3500

LIBRARIES

Commerce Public Library 886-6858

MANUFACTURING

Mohawk 886-4153  
Covidien 886-3153  
Hydro Aluminum Metal Products 468-5012  
Legacy Housing 886-7394  
Zurn/Pex Hydronics 886-2580

MEDICAL SERVICES

Hulsey Therapy Services 886-7669  
Live Oak Professional Ctr. 886-8818  
Lowery Medical Supplies 395-4508  
Raffa Clinic 877-707-2332  
Air-Evac Lifeteam 903-390-7022

MENTAL HEALTH

Lakes Regional MHMR 903 455-5770

NEWSPAPERS

The Commerce Journal 455-4220  
The Commerce Connection 886-3950

NURSING HOMES/LONG TERM CARE

Briarcliff Health Center 903-455-8729  
Oak Manor Nursing Home 886-2510

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Advantage Copy Systems 903-885-3375

OFFICE SUPPLIES/PRINTING

Latson Office Supplies/Printing 886-2710  
Personalized Printing 886-7173  
Pride Shop 886-5818

ORGANIZATIONS

A&M-Commerce Alumni Chapter 886-6175  
A&M-Commerce Athletics 468-3033  
A&M-Commerce Interfraternity Council 468-3087  
Aglaiia Club 886-1968  
American Legion Post No. 1 886-8479  
Beginning Farmer & Rancher Dey 886-5353  
Boys & Girls Club of NE Texas 903-455-9233  
Celebrate The Children, Inc. 886-8365  
Commerce Bells of The Red Hat Society 886-6547  
Commerce Classroom Teachers Assn. 886-3758  
Commerce Humane Society 496-2412  
Coterie Culture Club 886-6263  
Commerce Office of Cultural Affairs 903-217-8050  
Commerce Parks Foundation 886-7697  
Keep Commerce Beautiful 453-7201  
Kiwanis Club 886-4733  
Lions Club 886-4034  
Louise Drake Garden Club 886-6263  
Masonic Lodge 886-3549  
N. Hunt Co. Retired Teachers Assn. 886-7695  
Pi Kappa Alpha 903-422-0316  
Pi Sigma Alpha 886-5317  
Psychology Club 886-6078  
Republic of Texas Parrot Head Club 366-2737  
Rotary Club 886-7047  
Silver Leos Writing Club 468-7391  
Thalian Culture Club 886-6209  
Woman's Culture Club 886-2624

PECANS

Campbell Pecans 903-366-1141

PET SUPPLIES/GROOMING/BOARDING

C&P Bark & Purr 886-2524  
Pet Degrees 886-8469

PHARMACIES

Total Care Pharmacy 886-8888

PRINTERS, PUBLISHERS & GRAPHICS

All Star Enterprises 886-0300  
Latson's 886-2710  
Personalized Printing 886-7173  
Pride Shop 886-5818

PLUMBERS

Ashley Plumbing 886-2355  
DMP Services 903-274-9987  
Powers Plumbing 886-3300

RADIO STATIONS

E TX Broadcasting, Inc. (95.9) 885-1546  
KETR 88.9 886-5848

RAILROADS

Blacklands Railroad 438-1324

RANCHES

Oats Ranch 886-7951

REAL ESTATE

Century 21 First Group 886-1200  
Jack Chapin Real Estate 886-6373  
Janet Williams Real Estate 903-450-5407

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS

Oglesby & Associates 972-742-5099

RESALE SHOP

Goodwill Industries of NE TX 886-3600  
My Sister's Closet (WIN) 886-1224  
The Bargain Box 886-8306

RESIDENTIAL CLEANING

Quality Home Service 903-243-1854

RESTAURANTS | CLUBS

Braum's 886-6149  
Domino's Pizza 886-2116  
The Grazing Buffalo 886-8160  
Lone Star Eatery, Grill and Bar 886-2121  
Los Mochis Mexican 886-8200  
Lulu's Burgers 886-3888  
McDonalds # 10645 886-7771  
McKay's Country Kitchen & BBQ 886-8160  
Panda Chinese 886-4008  
Plain & Fancy Sandwich Shoppe 903-246-3048  
Pizza Hut 886-9600  
Sonic Drive-In 886-7166  
The Drunken Mule 886-3289

REMODELING REPAIR

Under Construction 468-2683

RETAIL

Wal-Mart 886-3108

SAND AND GRAVEL

Speight Sand & Gravel 886-6457

SELF-STORAGE FACILITIES

All-American Self Storage 886-7575  
The Guard House Self-Storage 886-6040

STUDENT & CORPORATE LODGING

Lion's Den 903-246-3174

TANNING SALONS

Healthy Glow Tanning Salon 886-0100

TAX PREPARATION

H & R Block 886-7252

TITLE COMPANY

North Texas Title of Hunt County 454-3364

TOBACCO

Chaney's Tobacco Station 886-8080

TRANSPORTATION

Hill Grain Company 886-3133

TRASH HAULING-COMMERCIAL

City Sanitation 886-2314

TRUCKING

BL II Logistics L.L.C. 886-2900

VETERINARIANS

Commerce Vet Clinic 886-7941  
Gregg Animal Clinic 886-3911

WEBSITE DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

Luminous Productions 903-851-3183

WEDDING

The Lodge/Catering Company 886-7586  
Sodexo 468-4890

WRECKER SERVICES

Benson Bros. 886-2765



27th Annual

# Bois d'Arc Bash

SEPTEMBER 21-23 2012

## THANK YOU TO THESE 2012 BOIS D'ARC BASH SPONSORS

### **CORPORATE LEVEL**

Texas A&M-Commerce  
Ben E. Keith  
City of Commerce  
Commerce ISD  
Herald-Banner  
KETR

### **MAJOR LEVEL**

BL II Logistics  
Commerce Auto Group  
Commerce Chevrolet Buick  
Dr. Pepper  
Hydro  
Live Oak Professional Center  
Lone Star Eatery

### **GOLD LEVEL**

Alliance Bank  
Brookshire's  
Covidien  
Encompass Home Health  
Farmers Electric Cooperative  
Hunt Regional Healthcare  
Inwood National Bank  
Oncor

### **SILVER LEVEL**

Affordable Furniture & Etc.  
Atmos Energy  
Churchill at Commerce  
Colonial Lodge Assisted Living &  
Alzheimer's Care  
Commerce EDC  
Cypress Bank  
Drunken Mule Saloon  
Guaranty Bond Bank  
Hayter Engineering  
Ken Parker Service  
Morris Recreation Center  
Powers Plumbing  
Under Construction  
Zurn

### **BRONZE LEVEL**

ACN - Niki Grobe  
Advantage Copy Systems  
City Sanitation  
Commerce Housing Authority  
Country Cleaners  
Dressing Divas  
Fix & Feed Commerce Hardware  
Hoover's Automotive  
Huffman's Farm Supply  
Hunt County Farm Bureau  
Jalinna & Dan Jones & Aislinn  
Kenneth A. Foust CPA, PC  
NE Texas Int'l Wine & Food Society  
Oak Meadows Townhomes  
Panda Restaurant  
Quality Home Services  
State Representative Dan Flynn