

People's Choice Awards-You decide the winners!

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For the second year in a row, the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce is turning over the voting of their awards, to you, the people. Our thoughts are who better to make the decision, than the community as a whole! Your choice should be made taking into consideration those that have exceeded your expectations and exemplify the "best of the best" in service, volunteerism or both depending upon the award. The awards will be: Chamber Business of the Year (this business must be a member of the chamber or the vote will not count), Chamber Member/Members of the Year (this award will be presented to an individual, couple or group, and also must be chamber members or the vote will not count), Outstanding Educator of the Year, and the Dwayne Hoppe Outstanding Community Citizen of the Year in honor of the many, many years of time and service Mr. Hoppe gave to our community.

Ballots can either be delivered to the Johnson City Visitor Center, e-mailed to info@johnsoncitytexaschamber.com or mailed to the Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 485, Johnson City, TX 78636. Votes must be received by noon on February 9, 2012 or they will not be counted. The winners will be announced at the Old West Casino Night at the Blanco County Show Barn on the evening of February 23, 2011.

Last year was the first year to include the Casino Style Gambling at the banquet and it was a huge success. Not only was it a success, but it was a SELLOUT! We are expecting this year's event to be a sellout as well, so hurry and get your tickets while they're still available. Seating is limited! Tickets are only \$30 per person and include dinner, drinks and gambling (gambling will be game style with chips) by a professional casino party company. Also included that evening will be a silent auction with many fabulous items. Tickets can be purchased from any of the Chamber Directors or by calling the Chamber of Commerce office at (830)868-7684. We accept checks, cash and credit cards. The theme of the evening is Old West, so put on your best western attire whether it be an outlaw, a saloon gal, or whatever you choose, you're sure to have fun at this sell out event!