

*"A Cowboy Christmas"* 

**Theme Of December 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parade**

**Cowboy Music Show Afterwards!**

The 2010 Christmas Parade committee has chosen "A Cowboy Christmas" as the theme of their Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> Parade this year, and are planning a "Chili Supper" and real "Cowboy Music Show" immediately after the Parade in the Downtown area.



**Halloween On The Square**

Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> has been set for the Bonham Chamber's "Halloween on the Square" for 2010. 40+ merchants have already agreed to set-up on The Square and safely hand out treats to the kids that evening from 5:30 pm to 7 pm.

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The Parade will begin at 6 pm and the Chili Supper will begin immediately after the Parade. The Music Show will begin at 7:30 pm. The cost of advanced tickets for the Chili Supper and Show will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Children under 6 will be free.

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**You're Invited!**



**The Turner Business Complex**



**October 14<sup>th</sup>**

2501 N. Center St.  
 Thursday, October 14, 2010  
 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

*Neighborhood*

**See Story Page 3**

**You're Invited!**

**Summit Medical**



**OWENS-PARKER MEDICAL, INC.**

**October 21<sup>st</sup>**

420 N. Center St.  
 Thursday, October 21, 2010  
 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm



*Neighborhood*

**See Story Page 2**

# Owens-Parker Medical To Host October 21<sup>st</sup> "Network Nites"

Thursday, October 21, 2010 you will get an opportunity to learn more about a business that has been in the area for 16 years that you may not know about unless you have needed their services. Owens-Parker Medical at 420 N. Center Street will host the second October "Network Nite", and lots of surprises are in order for the evening. The event will be from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. See the RSVP form enclosed.



Bonham has always been a major provider of medical services for the Red River Valley. In fact, medical services such as the VA and others are the primary employee source for the area. A key part of that service is the medical equipment providers. Gabe Parker and Vick Owens recognized a need in the durable medical equipment field in Bonham and in 1994 formed Owens-Parker Medical, Inc. which now has the distinction of being the "oldest" DME in Bonham. Their premise for establishing their business was that home medical equipment permits folks to remain in their homes while enjoying the benefits of today's technology.

The acronym "DME" stands for durable medical equipment. Owens-Parker Medical, or OPM, supplies oxygen, respiratory therapy equipment, hospital beds, wheelchairs, diabetic supplies, walkers & canes, orthopedic wraps, bathroom safety equipment, and aids to daily living to the good people of Bonham. OPM services what it sells locally so that you can be assured that products and services will always be available when needed the most. OPM also has the distinction of being an approved VA vendor and the honor of servicing local veterans with their power operated vehicles and vehicle lifts repair and delivery of medical equipment.

Being a Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross Blue Shield and private insurance approved supplier, has allowed OPM to withstand the

challenges of the economy for the past sixteen years. And, according to manager Samantha Lumpkins, being a "mom & pop" organization has its benefits, as well. "We are in the people business and being local and small allows us a more personal touch with our patients than they receive from the large DME chains."

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# Turner Business Complex To Host October 14 "Network Nite"



The Fannin County Leader, W.R. Starkey, Woodall's Tax Service, and Victory Home Health & Hospice are teaming up to bring you the opportunity to get to know the staffs and products of each business. The Open House will be held on October 14, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be food and door prizes as well as the chance for networking with others in the community. This event will also serve as the Ribbon Cutting for Victory Home Health & Hospice. We will cut the Ribbon at 5:30 pm and then the festivities will begin.

The Fannin County Leader is the newest newspaper in Fannin County. Tom Turner, who was in the newspaper business for over thirty years, has gathered a top notch crew to publish a stellar product. They are dedicated to providing Fannin County with a source of reliable information as well as a medium which local businesses can utilize for effective marketing. Those in attendance at the Open House will be able to drop their business card in a drawing for a chance to win some free advertisement. Tom and the crew will be on hand to answer any questions about the publication.



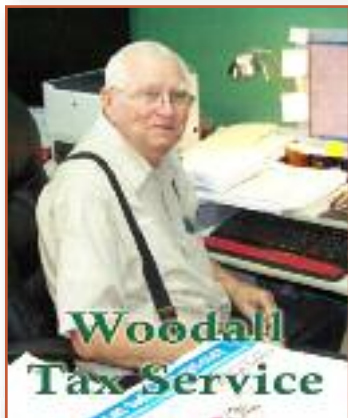
Sabrina Wegley, loan officer for W.R. Starkey Mortgage has been doing loans in Fannin County and surrounding areas for over twelve years. Sabrina is licensed in Texas and Oklahoma. Born in Fannin County and graduating from Bonham High School, Sabrina is here to help families realize the dream of homeownership. She understands the needs and uniqueness of small



communities, and put that knowledge to work for families in the area.

Mr. James Woodall, owner of Woodall's Tax Service, has been a tax preparer for 20 years in the Bonham area. He does federal and state tax returns for the general public. Mr. Woodall retired from the United States Air Force with 20 years of service.

Victory was founded upon a love of family and a commitment of caring by owner-administrator Joan Weems. Fourteen years ago, from her own personal experience with an ill family member, she realized the need for a locally owned home health service to provide the high quality care she believed all patients deserved. Victory has grown to a company of twelve offices serving many rural communities. Victory is unique in that we provide continuity of care through utilization of our three services Home Health, Hospice and Medical Equipment. Our dedicated team of professionals provides the very best patient care available. Victory Home Health and Hospice is Committed to Caring, Dedicated to Teamwork, Steadfast in Integrity.



The Turner Complex, home to all four businesses, is located at 2501 N. Center in Bonham. For more information, call 903-583-3280. They all look forward to seeing you there!

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During the month of September the Bonham Area Chamber of Commerce has professionally handled 671 Inquiry Calls, 121 Administrative Calls, and 192 Walk-ins. We sent out 130 Tourism Packets, 42 Relocation Packets, and 0 Demographics. We also handled 173 calls about Special Events. The total number of referrals from the Chamber's website business directory this period was 2,512 and each day there was an average of 63 referrals from the Chamber's Website directory.

The summary of the top three categories referred most often this period from the Chamber's Website were the following: Events, Accommodations, and Restaurants.



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# Calendar Of Events

Check [www.bonhamchamber.com/events](http://www.bonhamchamber.com/events)  
For Up Coming Events. There Are Lots!

## October 1-31, 2010

### **Pumpkin Patch**

Cherry Creek Ranch

Every Saturday & Sunday in October

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Hayrides, Basketball, Horseshoes & Face Painting

Complimentary Hot Apple Cider

Kate's Country Store with gifts, candy, snacks & drinks.

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For more information call (972)548-0705, (214)695-5287 or  
(214)850-4878.

## October 6 - 9, 2010

### **Fannin County Fair**

Wednesday, October 6 - Saturday, October 9, 2010

Fannin County Multi Purpose Complex

Hwy 56 & FM 87

For more information

contact the Tommy Eskue at (903)583-8454

## October 7 - 10, 2010

### **Bonham Trade Days**

Thursday, October 7th - Sunday, October 10th

Fort English Park

Hwy 56 & Hwy 121

For more information contact

the Bonham Chamber at (903) 583-4811.

## October 9, 2010

### **Pumpkin Patch Bazaar**

Bonham Public Library

Saturday October 9th

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

305 E. 5th

For more information contact (903)583-3128  
or email [bonlib@cablone.net](mailto:bonlib@cablone.net).

## October 11, 2010

### **Witches Night Out - Hope Chest Collectibles**

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

An evening of fun, fright and a haunting good time

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Entertainment by Allison Cardile featuring Off the 4th Wall

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## October 12, 2010

### **"Meet the Candidates" Forum**

Sponsored by Texas Business Women of Bonham and KFYN

1420am Radio.

Tuesday, October 12th

7:00 pm

Bailey English Cafetorium

201 East 10th Street

For more information contact

the Bonham Chamber at (903)583-4811.

## October 14, 2010

### **Network Nights & Ribbon Cutting**

#### **The Turner Building**

Fannin County Leader & Victory Home Health

Thursday, October 14th

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

2501 N. Center

For more information contact

the Bonham Chamber at (903)583-4811.

## October 15, 2010

### **Fannin County Fall Beef & Forage Seminar**

1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

BBQ Dinner at 5:30 pm

Hall-Voyer Civic Center

520 N. 6th Street (on the square)

Honey Grove, Texas

For more information call Roger Skipper at (903)583-7453.

## October 14 - 17, 2010

### **"The Attempted Murder of Peggy Sweetwater" Murder Mystery Dessert Theatre**

Lake Fannin Wilderness Park

Thursday October 14th - Saturday, October 16th

7:30 pm

Sunday, October 17th

2:00 pm

Tickets \$20.00

Seating Limited, Box Office opens October 1, 2010

For more information contact [cyouree@cablone.net](mailto:cyouree@cablone.net)

## October 18, 2010

### **Fannin Pregnancy Care Center**

#### **Annual Banquet & Fund Raiser**

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

More information coming soon!

## October 21, 2010

### **Network Nights**

#### **Owens Parker Medical**

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

420 N. Center

For more information contact

the Bonham Chamber at (903)583-4811.

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Next Event**

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September 16<sup>th</sup>

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# Theme Of December 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parade

## Cowboy Music Show Afterwards!

Ticket prices at the door will be \$12 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Children under 6 will be free. Advance tickets will be available at the Chamber and other locations in November.

“This will be a real Cowboy Music Show and we have lined up 10 of the top professional “Cowboy” entertainers for this event,” said show coordinator Royce Smithey, who will also be one of the entertainers. “These are cowboy musicians who travel all over the country performing at shows like this,” Smithey said. “We are proud and honored to have them in Bonham.” he added.

The list of entertainer for the show are: *Devon Dawson & Outlaw Jessie, Allan Chapman, “Rodeo Kate” Chapman – WMA Instrumentalist of the Year, Buck “The Big Man” Helton, Judy James, Bob Miller, Stan Mahler , Teresa Burlison, and Royce Smithey.*

If you are a Cowboy Music fan you will recognize that these are some of the tops in the field.

The Committee is currently looking at Bailey English Cafeteria, and the High School Auditorium as locations for the Chile Supper and Show. We are trying to settle on a location where you can just quickly walk over after the Parade and warm up with a hot bowl of Chili with all the trimmings before enjoying the best music show Bonham has ever seen.

Of course, the Parade will feature some great floats, bands and units all decorated in the “Cowboy Christmas” theme. You can start planning your float entry for the Parade now with the “Cowboy Christmas” theme in mind, and mark Friday, December 10, 2010 on your Calendar as a full evening of fun, food, and entertainment.

We will keep you updated on the location and any change in the entertainment as the date draws nearer.

“This is a really great opportunity for us in Fannin County to be able to have this caliber of entertainment. We owe a great big THANK YOU to Royce Smithey who has been traveling around the country himself for many years performing at these Cowboy Shows. His association and friendship with these top entertainers has allowed us to bring them to Bonham to make the Christmas Parade evening one to remember at an affordable price,” said Chamber Executive, Bill Jones.

“Let’s make sure we have a great turnout to this event to show our appreciation to these wonderful entertainers who have given of their time and talent to help make this event possible,” added Jones.

If you plan to participate in the Parade, you will find an entry form enclosed in this Newsletter. Please fill it out and return it to the Chamber soon, so we can start planning the parade.

**Don't Miss “Cowboy Christmas” 2010  
In Bonham, TX  
Friday, December 10, 2010**

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# *Chamber Board Minutes*

## **Minutes of the Bonham Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Wednesday, September 8, 2010**

Voting Members Present: James Clark, Doug Kopf, Melody Michaud, Jack Bonds, Mandra Caplinger, Jack Lipscomb, Joe Ward, Hosea Montague, Jarrod Besch

Voting Members Not Present: Jack Bonds, Terry Floyd, Jeremy Morton, Jeannie Robertson, Bryon Royce

Associate Members Present: Patti Hicks, Richard Glaser, Corby Alexander, Sonny Cruse, Elizabeth May

Associate Members Not Present: Kirk McMurray, Sonny Cruse, Corby Alexander, Judge Lauri Blake, Judge Eileen Cox

Staff: Bill Jones

The meeting was called to order at 4:10pm by Mandra Caplinger. The motion was made by Doug Kopf to approve the August minutes. Motion was 2nd and carried. Treasurer's report was given by Bill Jones and approved for audit.

The motion was made to approve the 2011 Directors, Jarrod Besch, Kevin Biggar, Melody Michaud and Milton Glenn, by Jack Bonds. Motion was 2nd and carried.

The officer nominations committee was formed with members Jack Bonds, Joe Ward, James Clark, Elizabeth May and Melody Michaud.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

Melody Michaud

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# Upcoming "Network Nites"

October 14, 2010

*Fannin County Leader  
Victory Home Health  
Woodall Tax Service  
W.R., Starkey Mortgage  
2501N. Center  
Bonham TX 75418*

October 21, 2010

*Owens-Parker Medical  
420 N. Center  
Bonham TX 75418  
903-583-7708*

November 18, 2010

*Legend Bank  
503 N. Center  
Bonham TX 75418  
903-583-2163*

December 16, 2010

*El Dorado Jewelry & Loan  
2005 N. Center  
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January 20, 2011

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*"Halloween on the Square" was started by the Bonham Chamber of Commerce 5 years ago to acquaint kids and their parents with the Downtown Merchants, and to provide a safe atmosphere for kids to "Trick or Treat" during the holiday. Since that time it has grown into a great event attracting thousands to the Square each year to meet the merchants around the Square and other merchants who join in the festivities.*

*We have over 40 merchants who have already committed to participate in the event. If you would like to join in the festivities and get your business noticed by the thousands who gather each year, please call Gayle or Jerry at the Chamber @ 903-583-4811 soon to sign up before we print the advertising posters with merchant names on them.*

*The only cost involved is your cost of providing treats for 1,000 or more kids. If your business is not on the Square, you can get permission from some of the businesses on the square to set-up a table to distribute from, or set-up in front of some of the vacant buildings.*

**Call Today & Join In!**



BONHAM, TX - Texoma Housing Partners (THP) Board Chairman, Frank Budra, Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) Executive Director Susan Thomas, Fannin County Literacy Council, Bonham Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as City and County officials were on hand to celebrate the much anticipated ribbon cutting of the new THP T.E.A.M. Center, a multi-service center located at 806 W. 16th Street in Bonham, TX.

THP Chairman Frank Budra said, "the THP Board of Commissioners are thrilled to see the T.E.A.M. Center come to life and invites everyone to come and take advantage of the THP housing program as well as the other programs offered in our new facility."

The T.E.A.M. Center will house a variety of programs and services designed to Teach, Empower, Assist and Motivate public housing residents as well as residents of the community at large.

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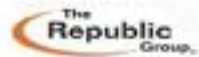
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