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· COWBOY CAPITAL AWARD ·

· CITIZEN(S) OF THE YEAR ·

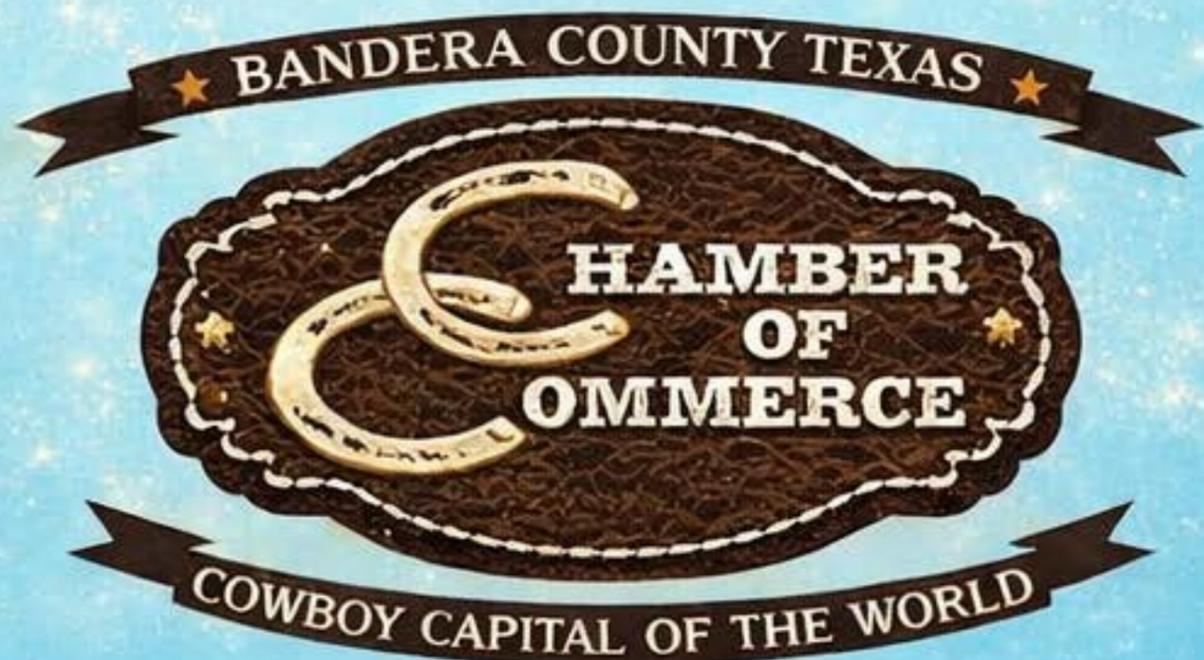
BUSINESS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

· NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR ·

★ BANDERA COUNTY TEXAS ★

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COWBOY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD





AWARD CATEGORIES



Cowboy Capital Award:

An individual/group who has made an outstanding contribution to Bandera's image as the 'Cowboy Capital of the World.'

Citizen(s) of the Year:

An individual/couple who has contributed extraordinary time, effort and assistance in enhancing the quality of life for citizens of Bandera County.

Business Community Service Award:

A business that has contributed extraordinary time, effort and/or financial assistance to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Bandera County.

Non-Profit of the Year:

A non-profit that has contributed extraordinary assistance to those in need. Whether it be food, clothing, emergency aid, or financial assistance. Changing lives and supporting those who need it most.

Email Your Votes to: james@banderachamber.com
Voting deadline is Friday, February 13, 5pm



COWBOY CAPITAL AWARD



Carita Jundt

For extraordinary contribution to Bandera's image as the Cowboy Capital of the World with the Smithsonian display, community display (free state jeans) and Free State of Bandera documentary.

Western Trail Gunfighters

For their steadfast dedication to entertaining tourists with western re-enactment shows, engaging visitors for hours with stories, talents and good old fashioned Cowboy spirit. Providing a classic chuckwagon, Polly the Palomino, custom props, and period correct costumes that make things come alive and keep our heritage visible.

Wagon Rides of Bandera

For Debra Slate's tireless efforts to bring horse drawn wagon rides to Bandera, and for getting the City involved to install wagon stops around town for tourists. Always an advocate in the community, Debra provides fun and informative tours of the Cowboy Capital with a big smile and is a great symbol of the Bandera way of life.

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Amy Ouellette

As CEO of Boys & Girls Club of Bandera and Uvalde she has done an incredible job in 2025! She continues to spend an extraordinary amount of time and effort in enhancing the quality of life for the kids and community of Bandera County. She's an incredible advocate for the kids and an even better human being!

Barbara Engel

For the years she has poured her heart into the Lakehills community, running her salon with kindness, and keeping the Lakehills Community Center thriving. Barbara dedicates her time every year to making the Cajun Festival a successful event, which helps draw people to our community and our local businesses. She's always giving, always helping, and our town is better because of her.

Tim & Vanessa Churchman

With boundless generosity, they have poured their time, talents, and unwavering commitment into numerous organizations and events, quietly lifting up their neighbors and strengthening the fabric of Bandera. Their volunteer hours span a wide array of beloved community initiatives, serving with enthusiasm and reliability. What sets this couple apart is not just the sheer volume of their service, but the heartfelt way they give: always arriving early to prepare, staying late to clean up, and stepping in wherever needed with a smile and a helping hand.

Jason Lopez

For his countless hours of dedicated service and unwavering commitment to the Bandera Sports Complex. Through his hands-on leadership, tireless volunteerism, and genuine passion for serving others, Jason has played a critical role in maintaining and improving the complex for the benefit of youth, families, and the broader community. His selfless contributions, reliability, and positive influence exemplify true civic pride and make a lasting impact that extends well beyond the fields.



BUSINESS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Buddy's Water Well & Septic Service

Buddy's has been a steadfast pillar of generosity and support in our Bandera community for many years. Through their extraordinary financial contribution and unwavering sponsorships of local fundraisers, they have consistently gone above and beyond to help make vital events possible; events that strengthen our schools, support our families, enrich our youth programs, and uplift those in need. What truly sets Buddy's apart is not just the generosity of their donations, but the heartfelt commitment behind them.

Lowe's Grocery

For their steadfast dedication to the Bandera community that supports them, Lowe's provides tremendous support through donations to the Bandera school district, Silver Sage and Meals on Wheels; provided critical aid in 2025 to flood victims and sourced 18-wheeler loads of water through their partnership with BEC; Lowe's also sponsors youth teams and the Boys and Girls Club. Always trying to give back where they can, Lowe's cares about our local community and is always there to give a helping hand.

Hyo Silver

Hyo Silver consistently invests back into Bandera through ongoing sponsorships that keep community events strong, always supporting non-profits and giving back in every way. They hire locally—not just for store operations, but also to market and promote their products in a way that creates real opportunity for residents. They also spark community pride with original initiatives like "The Free State of Bandera." On top of that, they actively support and collaborate with other local businesses, fostering a sense of community and strengthening the entire local economy.



NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR



Helping Hand of Bandera County

Organized in 1984 by local churches and community leaders to provide a safety net for people in crisis, their Helping Hand Crisis Intervention Center is always available to provide emergency aid. Their programs include: Food Pantry for food distributions, the School Supplies Program, House Furnishings Replacement (for homes destroyed in fire or flood), a Free Prescription Program, clothing drives, and so much more. Their mission includes referrals to public and private agencies in their fields of expertise to ensure that individuals and families in crisis get all the help that they need.

Bandera Sports Complex

The Bandera Sports Complex is a vital nonprofit resource that strengthens our community by providing a safe, inclusive, and welcoming space for youth and families to learn, play, and grow. Through affordable programming, dedicated volunteers, and strong community partnerships, the complex promotes teamwork, discipline, and healthy lifestyles while removing barriers to participation. Its commitment to service, accessibility, and positive youth development has created a lasting impact that extends far beyond the playing field.

Arthur Nagel Community Clinic

Offering cost-free healthcare for Bandera County residents. Restoring health and renewing hope since 2008. The Arthur Nagel Community Clinic is a life-changing community non-profit that believes every person deserves good health and well-being. The Clinic makes lives better for qualifying individual and families through excellence in health care, education, and community engagement with essential programs such as: Primary Care, Well-Woman Care, Men's Health, Elder Care, Mind Body Spirit Counseling, Risk-Busters Healthy Lifestyle, T.E.E.N., Prescription Assistance, Nurse Training in Rural Health, Telehealth, and Nutritional Health Cooking Classes.

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PRESENTS



2026

CHAMBER Awards CEREMONY

*Bandera County Votes!
The Best of the Best*



SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 21st

TICKETS
MEMBERS \$10
NON-MEMBERS \$15

THE LONGHORN
AT WAYBACK TEXAS
1307 MAIN ST., BANDERA

2-4pm

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD
DIRECTOR'S AWARD
THE WILTON CRIDER COWBOY PRESERVATION AWARD