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Make plans to join us as we once again showcase businesses in West Baton Rouge to our community.

The Business EXPO will be at the West Baton Rouge Conference Center off I-10 and Lobdell Road. The EXPO

Greetings!

Welcome to the new and improved e-newsletter for your Chamber of Commerce. We invite you to share your thoughts with us.

--The Staff

Baton Rouge Business Report and Junior Achievement to Honor Chamber Members

Dow Chemical Named Company of the Year

Roland Toups, CEO of Turner Industries, Named Hall of Fame Laureate

Success in business is worthy of recognition and local companies make a major contribution to the quality of life in our community.

We are pleased to report that two Chamber members have been named as recipients of the 2007 Business Awards and Hall of Fame by Baton Rouge Business Report and Junior Achievement.

will be open from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, followed by "Business After Hours" for Chamber members and invited guests. Admission is free.

The "State of the Parish" luncheon will be held at noon. The cost is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Call the office at 225-383-3140 for reservations or more information.

The Business EXPO is produced by the West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce. The focus of the event is to provide a venue for development of "business to business" relationships and create awareness of the goods and services offered to West Baton Rouge Parish and surrounding areas.

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The Dow Chemical Company has won the Company of the Year award for employers with over 100 employees. The Chamber is proud to have two Dow employees on our Board of Directors: Lucius Boudreaux, Immediate Past Chairman, and Kirk Anderson, Board Member.

Roland Toups, CEO of Turner Industries, was named as Hall of Fame Laureate. Turner Industries has long been a member of the Chamber. Its pipe fabrication facility is in Port Allen.

Other winners are:

Company of the Year-under 100 employees: SJB Group

Business Person of the Year: Benny Alford, Benny's Carwash

Young Businessperson of the Year: Joseph Agresti, Mercedes of Baton Rouge

All will be honored at an awards banquet on April 17 at the Holiday Inn Select. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Junior Achievement at 225.928.7008 or email Pud'n Waller at pudn@jabatonrouge.com

The Business Awards were started in 1984 by Business Report in order to pay tribute to those individuals and companies within the business sector in recognition of their many accomplishments.

In 1993, Business Report brought in a partner, Junior Achievement, and added the Hall of Fame category to recognize a lifetime of achievement. Nominations are received and presented to a

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community panel of judges. Business Report and Junior Achievement do not vote on the recipients; their role is to recognize and honor the companies and individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievements within the Greater Baton Rouge region.

Congratulations to all of the winners!

Golf Tournament June 11

The Annual Chamber Golf Scramble will be held Monday, June 11 at The Island Golf Course. Registration and lunch begin at 11:30 am with shotgun start at 1:00 pm. Registration forms will be posted on the website soon!

Small Business Insurance Seminar:

Health Insurance Options for Small Business



The Louisiana Health Care Commission's signature project is Cover the Uninsured Week, which is a national event sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This event will take place during the week of April 23-29, 2007. In support of the week, the Louisiana Department of Insurance and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana are sponsoring a free seminar for small business owners seeking affordable health coverage solutions for their employees.

The seminar will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Area Foundation Conference Center located at 402 N. Fourth Street in Baton Rouge.

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Boy Scouts Celebrate 75 Years



The West Baton Rouge Museum will be hosting an exhibit depicting the 75 years of Boy Scouts in Port Allen.

Troop 38 was founded by Gordon Andrew Webb with the help of Newton Plaisance on March 19, 1932. Scout leaders James C. Hebert, Jeff Rials and Rodney Bankston were dedicated volunteers and leaders for many years. Maurice Pecquet joined the troop during World War II and is credited for the survival of the troop. Mr. Pecquet has the distinction of leading the troop during three different decades and three scoutmasters. His dedication was letting the boy scouts lead the group and encouraged the scouts to gain from the experiences scouting offered. Many scouts today recant their enjoyment of the variety of activities, the love of being outdoors, and the many field trips they went on to discover their and other surroundings. The Port Allen based troop has produced; 23 Eagle Scouts, 14 District Awards of merit, and six Silver Beaver, scouting highest award, recipients.

Displayed in the collection are scouting uniforms, a backpack with tools used for camping, 1929 Scout Master Handbook and the Boy Scout handbook. Badges from the Last Jamboree held in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia will be displayed along with pictures of Troop 38 dating back to 1950 highlighting the Boy Scout National Jamboree in 1950 on the Mall in Washington, D.C. Other items on display will be compasses, Boy Scout t-shirts from Camp Avondale in Natchitoches. This exhibit will include a copy of the troop's 1st charter, which identifies the names of the original boys in the troop, the scout master and the troop committee.

The WBR Museum is proud to be a partner in the community, working to preserve the history of the parish and their citizens. The Boy Scout exhibit will be available for viewing until April 29, 2007.

The West Baton Rouge Museum is located at 845 North Jefferson Avenue in Port Allen just minutes away from Baton Rouge. Phone 336-2422. Museum Hours Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Sunday 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

We welcome your news. Items will be printed if space is available and time sensitive to our publication dates. Send to your news items to info@wbrchamber.org.