

Chamber seeking Citizen of Year nominations

Who are the county's top citizen and business owner? It's up to you to decide.

The Brownfield Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for Business Leader and Citizen of the Year.

Both will be announced during the Chamber's annual banquet, now sched-

uled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 at the Brownfield High School commons area.

Submit your nominations at the Chamber office, 221 Lubbock Rd., or online at www.brownfieldchamber.com. The ideal candidates should be hard-working and committed to progress in the community, according to the event's organizers.

"It's got to be somebody who has had a positive impact on Brownfield and has worked to move Brownfield forward," banquet committee chairman Buzz Timmons told the *News*.

Timmons and fellow committee members are Steve Osborn, Lorena Valencia and Sabrina Bandy are currently brainstorming ideas for whom to invite as a

guest speaker.

The Brownfield High School Silver Spoons will cater the dinner. The committee is planning seating for 300 people, about 100 more than last year's event.

"Reviews from last year's banquet were the best ever, and we hope to get a 'best ever' review again this year," Timmons said. "It's going to be a fun night."



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HARVEST OF THE MONTH ONIONS

Use the code!

Did you know...

- The average American eats about pounds of onions per year.
- The largest onion on record weighed pounds, ounces.
- There are colors of bulb onions: yellow, white and red. Yellow onions make up about % of the world's onion crop.

SOURCE: National Onion Association

Pickled Red Onions

1 red onion
1 dried chile pepper
3/4 cup vinegar
3 tsp sugar
1 bay leaf
1 pinch of salt
5 dried cloves

With an adult, heat vinegar, salt, seasonings and chile until boiling.

Add sliced red onions, then let simmer for about a minute.

Remove from heat and let cool completely.

Refrigerate the onions and liquid. Use with grilled meats and in salads.

Nothing to Cry About

If you've ever _____ an onion, or been in a kitchen when someone else does, you know that onions can bring _____ to your eyes.

Cutting an onion breaks down the onion's _____, causing acids inside to mix, releasing an invisible gas. This gas reacts with the water in your eyes, causing them to _____ and tears to flow.

No More Tears

One of the secrets _____ use to avoid all those tears is to chill the onion before cutting it. This _____ down the chemical reaction, allowing the chef to slice up the onion and get it _____ without tears.

Another way is to cut the onion under water. This keeps those stinging _____ submerged.

SLOWS COOKING
STING
TEARS
CHEFS

VAPORS CELLS SLICED

It's Only Natural

One of the best ways to get rid of "onion breath" is to chew a little fresh parsley.

Can you find your way to the center of this onion in under 30 seconds? GO!

ANSWER: C & D are the same.

Extra! Extra! Searching and Searching

Look through the newspaper for ten or more words with an **ing** ending added. Rewrite the word without the ending.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Onions add flavor to countless recipes from soups to salads to main courses and side dishes, too. Cross out the word ONIONS each time it appears below to reveal more about this multi-layered veggie.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Double Double Word Search

REACTION
ONIONS
FLAVOR
RECORD
YELLOW
BRIGHT
BREATH
VAPORS
TEARS
AVOID
ACIDS
SLOWS
BULB
FLOW
CRY

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

N S R O P A V A V W
O L O N I O N S O O
I O D I B F D L S T
T W I S T R L E N B
C S O A O E I O R R
A B V V Y C A G W E
E U A O R O R R H A
R L N Y U R T T S T
F B A C I D S A R H

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Measuring Madness
Measure two pictures in today's newspaper. What is the TOTAL area of both pictures? Now find three smaller pictures and calculate the area. Do the two larger photos have a greater area than three photos combined?

Standards Link: Math: Measurement.

Why did the kid sleep with a ruler?

ANSWER: He wanted to know how long he could sleep.

Kid Scoop Together: FUNNY FILLER

Ask a friend to give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then read your silly story aloud.

Fragrant Finish

Last summer, our state fair held an onion eating contest. All of the contestants sat in front of a long _____ and had a plate piled high with onions. They had 10 minutes to _____ as many onions as possible. But to make it even more challenging, each person had to wear a hat made out of _____!

ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN

After the first two minutes, many of the contestants couldn't eat any more of the _____ onions. Soon only two _____ were left in the contest. The audience began to _____ loudly.

ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN VERB

After eating five onions, Lori Foster gave up, promising that next year she would _____ her way to the championship.

VERB

The winner was Hal Etosis, with a total of six and a half _____ onions. He _____ asked for some mints to freshen his _____ breath.

ADJECTIVE

When he did, the fresh flowers decorating the stage wilted!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word TEARS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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E			T
A		T	
R	T		
S	T		

Write On! Chopping Onions

Write a legend that tells why chopping onions makes people cry.