

Chamber of Commerce and EDA Awards Banquet

The Belle Plaine Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Authority hosted the annual awards banquet on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at Emma Krumbie's General Store. This annual event honors business owners who have chosen Belle Plaine as the city to establish their business. Awards are also given for new ownership, those who have made alterations or repairs, or received Façade Improvement grants.

Belle Plaine welcomed three new businesses in 2009. They were Second Skin Tattoo, which is owned and operated by Candace Sander-Gallup; and Kwik Trip and Cenex, two convenience stores with fueling islands and car washes. Rex Ernst and Cliff and Becky Martens were recognized as new owners of Ruck's Meats. The following businesses were recognized for relocating their business, completing improvements to their building or receiving Façade Improvement Grants: ALT Properties, Dawn's Salon, Pizza Plus, Foline Auto, Michelle's Art Gallery, and Salon 129. Please remember to support these businesses and all of the business which help makes Belle Plaine a vibrant community.



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Among those who received awards, pictured above, from left to right:
Alan Tholkes (Main Street Professional Building), Cliff and Becky Martens (Ruck's Meats),
Shawn "Skip" Foline (Foline Auto), Tracee & Jeff Misgen (Pizza Plus),
Ruth Hoefs and Chuck Valek (Cenex Convenience Store) and Julie Walker and Sue Cunat (Kwik Trip)

There were three individuals who passed away in 2009 and were remembered for their contributions to the City of Belle Plaine and to the Chamber of Commerce. Brad Krick was remembered as the Mayor of Belle Plaine, as a former Planning and Zoning Commissioner, and his 28 1/2 years as a City employee. Tim Kornder, owner and operator of Brewery Creek Farm Market and Chamber of Commerce member, was remembered for the beauty his flowers brought to every place they touched and for his expertise and knowledge of herbs and other plants. Paul Keup, co-owner of Keup Motors, was remembered for fifty plus years as a dedicated member of the Chamber of Commerce and his 13 years as the Bar-B-Q Days chairman. Each of these men will be greatly missed, but always remembered for their time and dedication given to the City of Belle Plaine.



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Family members of influential city and business leaders who passed away in 2009 are pictured above, from left to right:
Members of the Tim Kornder Family: Alison Kornder holding son, Lake, Ashley Kornder and Lori Kornder.
Members of the Brad Krick Family: Brooks Krick, Brett Krick, LeeAnn Krick, Jane Krick and Kim Krautkramer.
Members of the Paul Keup Family: Karl Keup, Carolyn Weber, Pat Keup and Karen Fogarty.