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ARDMORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Partnerships celebrated at banquet

By **STEVE BIEHN**
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The Ardmore Chamber of Commerce celebrated the value of its many partnerships and recognized several of its outstanding members during its annual banquet Friday at the Ardmore Convention Center.

The theme of this year's event was "Building Ardmore Through Partnerships." The banquet gave chamber leaders the opportunity to recognize all those who serve on the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Ardmore Development Authority, the Ardmore Tourism Authority and the Chamber of Commerce Foundation Inc.

Chamber Chairman, recognized the 2011 Board of Directors and stressed the importance of partnerships in the community.

"Partnerships work," he said. "There is magic in partnerships."

Teresa Brown, Past Chairperson of the Ardmore Development Authority, recognized the 2010/2011 officers and trustees. Ardmore Tourism Authority Chairperson David Plesher recognized the 2010/2011 officers and the 2011 trustees. And Chairman Glenn Gee introduced the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Foundation Inc.

Alan Bynum, chairperson of Ardmore Young Professionals, presented the Rising Star Award to Natalie Graham. The award is

presented annually to one young professional who — in the spirit of bettering Ardmore — has distinguished himself/herself through continuous leadership, involvement and service to the Ardmore community. Bynum said Graham's vision and commitment to the community and her active involvement in leadership activities made her the perfect choice for the award.

Molly Ann Cypert presented the Bob Cypert Leadership Award, sponsored by Southern Oklahoma Women's Health, to Bob Bates.

This annual award is given to an individual who exhibits a positive attitude, works behind the scenes to enhance the com-

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T. J. Riley, 2010-11 Ardmore Chamber Chairman, talks about the importance of partnerships during the chamber's annual awards banquet Friday night.

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On the road again



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Mercy Auxiliary volunteers are Teata Dolezal, left, Joe Jay, Phyllis McArthur and Claudean Angel.

A2A is back for a second year with plenty of opportunities to volunteer

By **LEAH J. SIMMONS**
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Making a difference in Ardmore comes in many forms — even under the umbrella of one event.

Last year, the Arbucksles to Ardmore Race for Mercy drew more than 1,200 runners in the inaugural event to raise funds to build a new cancer center in the city.

But there was just as much of an impressive effort going on behind the scenes. In everything from registering runners to cheering from the sidelines to providing communication and safety patrol along the route, volunteers

of all ages kept the whole process running smoothly from ... well ... start to finish.

"The runners who came to Ardmore last year saw the community and they commented on it," said Alison Smalley, the creator and organizer of the A2A. "In other places where there are marathons, the only people runners see are other runners. Here, they saw people — children to senior citizens — putting the event on. It was our town that did it."

"Volunteers make a big difference. It's exciting and it gives everyone who volunteers a sense of accomplishment," she said. "We

need that effort. Without volunteers, we can't put the race on."

Smalley emphasized that there is a volunteer spot for everyone, from children to adults to seniors and people of all physical abilities.

Last year, the local Camp Fire USA group wanted to participate, but didn't know what they could do. It was finally decided that the youth could help serve and clean up at the pasta dinner, which is served on Saturday night at the Ardmore Convention Center for the runners to "carbo load" before the big day, Smalley said.

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ARDMORE POLICE

Woman caught in stolen truck; police say bank heist was next

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An Ardmore woman is behind bars facing state and possible federal charges after her plans to steal a vehicle to use in a bank robbery went awry minutes after she put her plan into action Wednesday.

Tara N. Richardson was taken into custody by Ardmore Police Officer Chris Hassler shortly before 11 a.m. in the 1100 block of 15th Avenue N.W. At the time, all Hassler knew was that Richardson was behind the wheel of a stolen Ford pickup.

The truck had been stolen less than 15 minutes earlier near the old Ardmore Middle School building, when the current owner of the building arrived to

unlock doors for Ardmore Police Department canine officers, who were going to use the building for training purposes. The victim immediately reported the theft to the officers at the scene and an immediate search for the truck was launched.

During the initial arrest, Hassler also discovered Richardson was not only driving the stolen truck, her driver's license had been suspended. If those two crimes weren't enough, Richardson's attire also drew the attention of officers.

"She was dressed completely in black — black hat, black sunglasses, black shirt, black pants," said APD Public Information Officer Chad Anthony.



Richardson

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Drive-by shooting leaves home riddled with bullets

By **MARSHA MILLER**
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Ardmore police are investigating a drive-by shooting that occurred late Thursday and left a north-east side residence sprayed by a hail of bullets.

The shooting was reported shortly before 11 p.m. at a residence located in the 100 block of I Street N.E.

Cpl. Chad Anthony, Ardmore Police Department Public Information Officer, confirmed officers recovered 30 shell casings from the gunfire storm.

However, Anthony said the number of bullet casings alone is not an indication of the number of shooters or the number of guns that may have been used in the attack.

"The bullet casings were all the same caliber. That could indicate all the rounds were fired from one automatic weapon or more than one gun was involved," he said.

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Members and leaders of the Camp Fire USA group participate in the 2010 A2A marathon. From left: front row — Simone Grant, Skylar Qualls and Katlyn Green; middle row — Nelda Grant, Riley Green, Natalie Miller, Autumn McCarthy and Hannah Blanton; and back row — Stephanie Miller and LynEd Green.

A2A

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"This is not a glamorous job, but they were there in their A2A volunteer T-shirts and worked very hard," Smalley said. "The runners attending the dinner were not used to seeing young people volunteering in this way and we have received many unsolicited compliments about the positive impression they made."

Many of the Camp Fire USA kids had personal reasons they wanted to work for the A2A, such as family members or friends who had been lost to cancer.

Margaret Gilbert, region manager for the Heart of Oklahoma Council, said last year, five Camp Fire members and three adults volunteered for A2A. This year, they will be joined by another group and both will work at the pasta dinner. One of the groups even plans to run in the March 20 event.

Like the runners in A2A, volunteers can work in support or memory of

someone who has had cancer. "We decided to volunteer last year not just because of individual stories of cancer but because it is a good community event and everyone is touched by cancer in some form or another," assistant Camp Fire leader Stephanie Miller said. "We look forward to volunteering and participating this year and for years to come."

Volunteering isn't just for the youth, however. Seniors get their turn offering a hand with race preparations, as well. Members of the Mercy Memorial Health Center Auxiliary were more than eager to help out with the A2A project.

Shelly Antuna is the manager of the Mercy Memorial Health Center Auxiliary. Last year, the auxiliary group volunteered to stuff the information packets the runners receive as they arrive in Ardmore to pick up their registration in-

formation and T-shirts.

Their job turned out to be a bit more than they anticipated. Originally, they expected to put together about 250 to 300 packets, but when registration virtually exploded, they ended up preparing more than 1,200.

"The volunteers are always dedicated to help with whatever they can. They are so open-minded and willing," Antuna said. "With the cancer center, they wanted to help sponsor the race. Besides stuffing the packets, some of the other volunteers helped with registration."

The group plans to sponsor the race again this year, and also plans to give money directly to

the cancer center itself.

"They were a magnificent example that you are never too old to give of yourself to a good cause," Smalley said.

Anyone who wants to volunteer is more than welcome to participate, but they must register in a specific area on the Web site www.a2amarathon.com.

There are several opportunities for volunteers to participate in the March 20 A2A event. Individuals can volunteer "in memory" or "in honor" of someone. A list of volunteer jobs follows.

Pre-race Opportunities:

- Sponsorship — To contact area businesses and individuals regarding sponsorship opportunities.
- Packet assembly and pickup — To assemble and distribute packets for runners at expo.
- Registration — To assist during race registration at the Ardmore Convention Center.
- Pasta Dinner — To assist with planning, set-up, serving and cleanup.
- Cleanup — To assist with trash pickup along the race course.

Race-day Opportunities:

- Starting and Finish Lines — To assist with staging, teardown and cleanup of race sites.
- Registration — To assist during race registration at Noble Stadium.
- Water/Aid Stations — To assist with serving water and/or sport drinks to runners along the course.
- Medical Support — For trained medical professionals to provide assistance, if necessary.
- Gear Check — To collect and transport bags of runners' clothing, etc., from start lines to stadium.
- Spirit Groups — For bands, drill teams, civic clubs, etc., to provide spirit and cheering along the course.
- Communications — For licensed ham radio operators to provide communication along the course.
- Safety Patrol — For cyclists to patrol race route to provide assistance, if necessary.
- Traffic/Parking — To direct runners along the race course or vehicles to parking.
- Awards — To assist with presentation of medals, etc., at finish line.
- After-race Refreshments — To stage and serve refreshments to runners at the finish line.
- Most Valuable Volunteer — I am not picky. I will help wherever you need me the most.

All volunteers must register for their favorite committee online at <http://www.a2amarathon.com>



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