



Photos by Craig Baird High River Times (L-R) Chamber president Harry Ziel, Executive Director Lynette McCracken and Don Moore present the award for Business of the Year (1-4 employees) to Ross's Bakery (not in photo).



Above: Cohesion Media won the Business of the Year (5 to 15 employees) award, which was presented by Jamie Kinghorn. Above Middle: Tim Whitford (R) presents Debra Handler of TD Canada Trust with the Business of the Year (16 or more employees) award.

A successful year for the Chamber



Dr. Ron Gorsche accepts the 2011 Community Partnership Award on behalf of the Charles Clark Medical Facility Physician Group from Mayor Emile Blokland.



Left: Betty Hiebert presents the Business of the Year (16 or more employees) award to Doug Robb from the Highwood Golf & Country Club. Right: Al Brander presents the Business of the Year (16 or more employees) award to Don Green of High Country Chevrolet Buick.



➤ **The Charles Clark Medical Centre Physician Group earned the 2011 Community Partnership Award from the Chamber**

By Craig Baird
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At the Highwood Golf and Country Club on Friday, the evening was all about awards, appetizers and annual reports as High River and District Chamber of Commerce members came out to celebrate another year

of success.

Things began with the introduction of the various honoured guests, which included most of High River town council.

Following introductions, Mayor Emile Blokland spoke on the past year for the Town and the Chamber of Commerce.

"It is hard to believe that a year has gone by so quickly," Mayor Blokland said.

During his speech, Mayor Blokland stated that this past year has been very busy for High River with the construction of 12 Avenue and the roundabout.

"The centre of it [the roundabout] is 12 to 15 feet in diameter and that is going to be open to the public

next year," Blokland said. "We are going to take that to the public to see what they want in the middle of the roundabout."

Stating that one of the things he is most proud of in his term as mayor is the Charles Clark Medical Centre, Mayor Blokland looked at the future of High River.

"(We) have taken an aggressive approach with annexation that includes the entire northeast square. We anticipate this will give us about 30 more years of growth," Blokland said. "This council is going to continue to be aggressive and move this town forward."

Following Blokland's speech and Chamber

business, it was time for the awards, which were presented as follows:

1-4 Employees
Ross's Bakery

5-15 Employees
Cohesion Media

16-Plus Employees:
Highwood Golf & Country Club
High Country Chevrolet Buick
TD Canada Trust.

Following various reports on the Chamber's new website, as well as the upcoming Santa Claus Parade, the most prestigious award of the night was presented. The 2011



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Community Partnership Award was given to the Charles Clark Medical Facility Physician Group, which was accepted by Dr. Ron Gorsche.

"I accept this award on behalf of the 17 other physicians who are on this project, on behalf of the Town of High River that is a partner of this project, the employees of the Town and the MD of Foothills," Dr. Gorsche said. "The physicians as a group are just so proud of everything that everyone in this town and MD have done."

Speaking of the legacy the group will leave, Dr. Gorsche said it would be the recruitment of doctors to the community by the new doctors who are here now because of the new medical centre.

"This project has been just wonderful in how you have supported it."