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La Grange Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Community Leaders at Annual Awards Banquet

LA GRANGE – The La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Awards Banquet last night, welcoming approximately 50 attendees for an evening dedicated to celebrating local businesses, civic leaders, and community partners.

The event began with a festive cocktail hour featuring live piano music by John Dujka, setting the tone for a night of recognition and connection. Guests were welcomed by Chamber Board Chair Mac Brooks, followed by remarks from the Fayette County Judge candidates. Attendees then enjoyed a catered dinner from Oakridge Smokehouse before the awards presentation.

The Chamber proudly recognized the following 2025 award recipients for their outstanding contributions to the La Grange community:

- **Business Achievement Award:** John Bartos, Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center
- **Most Valuable Citizen Award:** Jack Thompson, City of La Grange Manager
- **Outstanding Philanthropic Group Award (Tie):** Colorado Valley Communications and Greater Fayette Community Foundation
- **Rising Star Award:** Alejandra's Mexican Grill

The Chamber extends sincere appreciation to the evening's table sponsors—Hey Poppy Floral Design, Round Top State Bank, and FayCo Printing LLC—for their generous support. Special

thanks are also extended to Brown Distributing Co., along with Mac and Kelsey Brooks, for donating beverages for the event.

“We are grateful to everyone who attended, sponsored, or supported this event,” said Board Chair Mac Brooks. “Your involvement strengthens our business community and helps make celebrations like this truly meaningful.”

The Chamber looks forward to another year of collaboration, growth, and community success.



Photo caption: Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center Board President John Bartos received the Business Achievement Award from Board Chair Mac Brooks (left). City Manager Jack Thompson received the Most Valuable Citizen Award from Board Chair Mac Brooks (right). Representatives from Colorado Valley Communications, the Greater Fayette Community Foundation, and Alejandra’s Mexican Grill were unable to attend.

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