



Business Review

Be thankful for local businesses

Local shops and businesses are stepping up to the plate to provide a variety of needed resources to the consumer. Now is a great time to look to nearby business owners for goods and services.

Palady Air

Jim Palady of **Palady Air**, based in Brownsboro, is experienced and can get your home ready for the winter months.

"I started Palady Air around 1995," Jim said. "I've been in AC and refrigeration work about 30 years."

Palady Air is licensed for both air conditioner work and refrigerator work, and with a Class A license.

The service number is 903-852-7888.

New Visions Water Treatment

New Visions Water Treatment is there to take care of problems with the quality of water. Whether the job is commercial, residential, municipal or industrial in nature, the company is well-prepared to get it done.

R.W. "Skip" Inks, owner, said New Visions has service from its location on Highway 110 in Whitehouse all the way to Athens, Longview, Kilgore, Rusk and Mineola.

"If someone came in and said, 'Hey, this is coming out of my faucet'," Skip said as he revealed a jar full of brown water, "we can fix it."

New Visions' service line is 903-534-4855.

Smith and Sons Tractor and Equipment

Hard working land owners with many an acre would do well to check out **Smith and Sons Tractor and Equipment** in Murchison. Located on Highway 31, Smith and Sons provides a host of durable engines designed to get the job done efficiently.

The business is owned by Lloyd Smith and his sons, Jeremy and Greg Smith.

It started in early 2006 when Greg called Lloyd and proposed that they go into business together. Greg had worked for Owner's Management Company out of Dallas, a company for storage facilities and gates.

In June of 2007 the company signed on with the Agco Corporation and became a Massey Ferguson supplier.

"Massey Ferguson means everything to our company," Lloyd said. "Our business had steadily grown, and there had not been a Massey Ferguson dealership since Larry owned it about 12 years ago."

Tim's Trucking

Tim Drawbond, owner of **Tim's Trucking**, is always hard at work to make sure the materials his customers need get to where the materials need to be.

"I haul sand, dirt and gravel for various people in the area," Drawbond said. "What got me into the business is I didn't want to go back and work in Houston; I wanted to stay close to my son in Lindale."

Since starting the business about a year ago, word of Tim's Trucking has spread mostly by word of mouth from his satisfied customers.

Tim's number is 903-752-8715.

Wagon Wheel Antique Mall

Wagon Wheel Antique Mall provides a truly massive collection of all different types of antiques and collectibles to choose from. With up to 40 separate dealers who are all set up in the mall, there is plenty to choose from.

David Michelini, one of the mall's three owners, said its current location in Murchison along Highway 31 was chosen because of its high visibility. It's almost impossible to miss.

"It's really the best location for us," Michelini said. "In terms of visibility and traffic flow, it's much better than Athens."

Farmers Insurance

Farmers Insurance and Financial Services Agent Jeff Smiley knows his job well. He's been in the insurance business nine years, and for him, the name of the game is helping people.

"I was formerly a manager for Farmers in Tyler and decided to open the business in Brownsboro," Smiley said.

Smiley's agency is located in Brownsboro on Highway 31.

To Smiley, the best part of the job is dealing and talking with people.

"This is a people industry," Smiley said. "And it gives me a flexible schedule."

He is also a minister, and so a flexible schedule is a big plus.

With Farmers Insurance Agency, Smiley offers all kinds of coverage.

"We do auto, home owner, commercial property, liability, farm and ranch insurance, animal mortality, health insurance, life insurance, bonds and various financial services products such as mutual funds," he said.

You can reach Jeff at 903-852-6092.

Future Leaders of East Texas

For the little ones, **Future Leaders of East Texas Child Care** is here to serve. Owners Diana Raincrow and Bobbi Mathis make sure the kids get what they need to start life on a high note, and the building, located at 207 Second Street in Chandler, has recently been redecorated from the ground up.

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Dreams Come True Travel Agency

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