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Eufaula Area Chamber Board members become Platinum donors of the proposed Lake Eufaula Tourist & Multi Cultural Center with Chamber President Mike Rogers handing over a \$1,000 check to Bob Edgmon, President of the Lake Eufaula Association. Pictured (L-R): James Hickman, Chamber Board; Emily Rodebush, LEA Member Services Director; Connie Morris, LEA Executive Director; Bob Edgmon, LEA President; Mike Rogers, Chamber President; Bill Chaney (back), Chamber Board; Jimmie Phelan, Chamber Executive Director; Bill Beam, Chamber Vice-President; and Derek Hanson, Chamber Board.

Chamber becomes platinum donor of new tourist center

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The Eufaula Area Chamber of Commerce has joined others in support of the proposed Lake Eufaula Tourist & Multi Cultural Center.

The Chamber became Platinum donors with a \$1,000 sponsorship.

"We, the Chamber Board, felt if we helped expedite the construction of this center that it would benefit all of our members as well as the entire community," said Rogers.

Chamber Board members include: president, Mike Rogers; vice-president, Bill Beam; secretary, Judy Maxwell; members, Dian Dawson, Casey Loper, Brendon Bridges, Bill Chaney, Rodney Haltom, James Hickman, and Derek Hanson.

Chamber Executive Direction is Jimmie Phelan.

Other Platinum sponsors of the proposed center are

the Bank of Eufaula and Guarantee Pest, an in-kind donor.

Silver level sponsors have included Boulder Ridge Rentals, owned by Sally Holt Miller and Richard Miller of the Porum area; Preston and Melissa Smith of Edmond; and East Central Electric.

"We appreciate everyone who is stepping forward to help us build this new facility," said Bob Edgmon, LEA President.

"We think this center will provide many benefits to our community in drawing tourists, new residents and businesses."

Memorial contributions are a good way to honor a loved one or friend.

One Memorial contribution has been made in the name of Lela Underwood.

Another Memorial donation was made by Helen Hayes in memory of Dean Parkhurst.

The major sponsorship levels are as follows:

Platinum—\$1,000—Donors get their name or the name of a loved one engraved on a 4x4 brick in the sidewalk and the donor's name on a permanent plaque inside the facility.

Gold—\$500—Donors get their name on the permanent plaque inside the facility.

Silver—\$250—Donors get their name on the permanent plaque inside the facility.

Donations are tax deductible.

The new facility will feature LEA offices, a tourism information center, a multi-cultural center, and conference center large enough to host groups of at least 100 people.

To contribute any amount to the new facility and future economic growth of the Lake Eufaula area, please contact the LEA office at 701 S. Main in Eufaula or call 918-689-7751.