

## **Chamber honors 2008 top achievers**

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“There are many businesses in Oldham County doing significant, unique things,” said Deana Epperly Karem, executive director of the Oldham County Chamber of Commerce. “This annual event gives us a chance to highlight and recognize how our Oldham County companies are contributing to the growth and prosperity of our region.”

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Beards Outdoor Power Equipment won the Small Business of the Year Award. Finalists also included Certified Transmission & Auto Service and The Oldham Era, which received an honorable mention.

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## Awards recognize businesses for outstanding performance



Applepatch executive director Chris Stevenson accepted the Large Business of the Year Award. The award was presented by Melissa Lyons of Republic Bank and Chamber board of directors chair Robin Lawson.



Judy Skidmore, left, Ruth Anne and Dick Beard accepted the Small Business of the Year Award for Beard's Outdoor Power Equipment.



Ginger Chapman, owner of Attitude Promotions, accepted the Home-Based Business Award. The award was presented by Melissa Lyons of Republic Bank and Chamber board of directors chair Robin Lawson.



Lynn Rigon of Baptist Hospital Northeast accepted the Community Service Award. Not pictured is Karen Eldridge, owner of Karen's Book Barn, who won the Woman-Owned Business Award.