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## **“On The Verge” to perform at the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber Awards Banquet**

**Clarksville, Arkansas** – The 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Clarksville-Johnson County Chamber of Commerce Banquet is slated for Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at the University of the Ozarks Seay Student Center. The format of the upcoming event is a party ambiance allowing guests the opportunity to socialize. Join us as we come together during this fun time of good food, live music by “On The Verge”, awards and a silent auction. Dining will be in a buffet setting with a menu that includes a variety of tempting delicacies that will be presented throughout the evening.

Awards will also be presented in the following categories: **Community Pride:** an individual or an organization that is a Chamber member who has contributed to the beautification of the county and/or has contributed to the enhancement of the quality of life of citizens of Johnson County. **Small Business of the Year:** A business with no more than 25 employees that has contributed to the growth and betterment of Johnson County through their involvement in the Chamber and other civic/governmental organizations. **Corporate Business of the Year:** A Business with over 25 employees that has contributed to the growth and betterment of Johnson County through their involvement in the Chamber and other Civic/governmental organizations. **Community Volunteer of the Year:** An individual who has volunteered as chairperson and served committees established by the Chamber. The recipient should also serve on other local/state national organizations that address the enhancement of quality of life issues in Johnson County. **Chamber Member of the Year:** An individual who has served in a volunteer leadership capacity for the Chamber; serving on the board, chairing and serving on committees, attending monthly meetings, and a visible representative in Johnson County and Arkansas. **Pillar of Progress/Lifetime Achievement:** A Chamber member that possesses leadership qualities whose outstanding actions over a period of years has enhanced the quality of life of the citizens of Johnson County. The individual should also possess qualities that include: honesty, integrity and the respect of the community. **Ambassadors Award:** will be presented to the Chamber Ambassador’s Club member who has received the most points in accordance with the club rules. **Educator of the Year and Youth of the Year:** awards will be presented in both

categories in all Johnson County School Districts and to the University where nominations are received. **Lee White Legacy Award:** an individual that is a Member of the Chamber, in Leadership Position, Lived in Community for a minimum of 10 years, Retiring or Leaving the Community, Made a Difference, Visionary, Committed to Community and Committed Personal Time and/or Resources.

Nominations will be accepted from the community in typed (10 or 12 font) or written form on 8 ½" x 11" paper. The nominee's name, address, where employed, and reason you are making the nomination should be included. All nominations are required to be signed by the nominator and received in the Chamber office, 101 N. Johnson Street, Clarksville, AR, 72830 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2008.

Tickets to the banquet are \$30.00 and are available at the Clarksville-Johnson County Chamber of Commerce office starting February 2010. For more information on the banquet or awards criteria/procedures please call (479) 754-2340.