



A GOODYEAR: Peter Bos ended 2007 by being named the Destin Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year at the chamber's annual awards banquet Friday night.

Bos named Destin's Business Person of the Year

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Peter Bos did more than just change the skyline of Destin in 2007, the Destin Area Chamber of Commerce said in awarding the developer the Business Person of the Year award.

The Legendary CEO was to be named the Destin Area Chamber of Commerce's top business leader at the chamber's annual awards dinner Friday night at the Sandestin Hilton.

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Shane Moody, president and CEO of the chamber, said Bos' vision has helped mold Destin's future and current business landscape.

"The thing about Peter that most people don't get is his passion and love for the Destin community. He has an uncanny skill to look into the future and see things in a way that

are beyond what most others can comprehend — it's a talent, and you either have it or you don't," Moody said. "It's a component of being in economic development that you can't teach.

"Whenever a creative thinker begins to develop in a community, the landscape changes.

"This kind of thinking sets the community in a forward-thinking direction. It truly sets the future in place."

According to the nomination form, Bos was

nominated "because of his commitment to the community and the impact he has on Destin."

Bos' Legendary was also the first ever corporate sponsor of the Destin Seafood Festival, when they sponsored the event in 2007.

Moody said nomination forms for the Business Person of the Year and Ann Gibson Community Service Award, which was awarded this year to Tim Edwards of Fudpucker's, are sent out to all chamber members.

"We send nomination forms to the entire membership each week for about five weeks from October into early November.

"The nominations are presented to the board at their November meeting, and they decide the winner at that time," he said.

Others receiving awards Friday night were Bill Bruening of O'Sullivan Creel, LLP who was given the Jim Darling Seafood Festival Volunteer of the Year for his work before and

during October's seafood festival; Brian Haugen of UBS Financial Services, who took home the James D. Neilsen Sr. Chairman's Award for Volunteer Service for his "dedication to success in all areas of the chamber's mission;" and Richard Barrington of Holiday Isle Properties, who won the Chamber's Paul Woolman Ambassador of the Year Award for his work in recruiting and helping new members and assisting staff during ribbon cuttings and other chamber functions.