



# Springtown Chamber Chatter

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## Chamber Luncheon



**REMEMBER** our **Chamber Christmas lunch** will be on **December 8, 11:30 AM start time**. We have very special guests with us again this year. Join us to hear and be blessed by **The Myers Family and Ms. Kandy Foster's 4th Grade class from Goshen Elementary School**. This is our special, once-a-year program hosted by the Springtown ISD. This lunch will be at the **SISD Admin Board Room, 301 E. 5th Street. Please RSVP** to the Chamber office **NO LATER THAN Friday, December 2nd** so we can report back to the school the number of lunches to prepare. Lunch is \$10 per person with reservation. We thank the Springtown ISD and Ms. Janet Moss for making this lunch special each Christmas!!

### **CHAMBER of COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, December 15, 2011

7:00 a.m.

Chamber Conference Room

## Chamber Spotlight

**KIM BROOM**  
*Owner*



**ALLEY CAT**  
pest and termite control Inc.

*Commercial and  
Residential*

**Direct: 817.469.4849  
817.220.8001**

Kim Broom, Founder and CEO of Alley Cat, is a loyal partner of the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce. Kim has served as a Board member for the Chamber and continues to serve on the Wild West Festival Committee and new fundraising initiatives. Due to his concern and service to the community and the Chamber, he started dialog with Enbridge Gatherings, LLC, about Chamber activities and opportunities to donate support. As a result, Enbridge Gathering donated \$2,500 to participate in Springtown activities through support of the Springtown Area Chamber. An announcement will be made as to the use of these funds once the Board meets to make that determination.

Alley Cat joined the Chamber at the beginning of the business due to encouragement from Judy Smerud, early Executive Director of the Chamber, and being convinced that the Chamber was a valuable tool for any business but particularly a new one. Kim founded Alley Cat eight years ago after working 15 years with another pest control company. Alley Cat services business and residential accounts in Dallas, Tarrant and Parker Counties. Kim's son, Michael works in the company as well. Kim was impressed at a conference with the top 100 ways to kill a bug. He said number one was CARE. Kim brings a lot of care into his business, community, Chamber and relationships.

Kim finds the science most interesting in pest control. His greatest number of service calls at the time are for bed bugs, human parasites. They are moving rapidly into Texas from Europe. The biggest contributor to many of the pests hitting our shores in the US are global travel. Bed Bugs were eradicated in the 1930's and '40's by using the chemical DDT. That is why we are unaccustomed to them today. They do not stay on your body but go back into hiding once they have made their attack—usually late at night or early morning. Many people move out of their beds when infested with bed bugs and move to the couch. While bed bugs are commonly found in mattresses, bed frames and box springs, they can reside in tiny cracks in furniture as well as on textiles and upholstered furniture. Pest control chemical types are used on a case-by-case basis. For the past 20 years, all pest control chemicals used are bio-degradable and not dangerous to humans. The bed bugs are apple seed size and are a cross between a tick and a roach. They have heat sensors on their antennas helping them locate human targets. A professional pest control company may be required to remove bed bugs from a home although the bites are not painful and there is no treatment required for the skin except in severe itching where steroid shots might be needed.

Our thank you to Kim and Alley Cat Pest Control for their valued partnership with this community and for keeping us free of bugs!!!



**FROM THE DESK OF...ANDREA HUNGERFORD**  
SISD SUPERINTENDENT

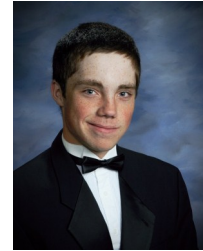
To my favorite chamber members – this is my farewell article. As most of you know, I am retiring as the Springtown ISD Superintendent of Schools at the end of December.

On behalf of the district, I want to take this opportunity to thank all those in the community who have supported various efforts to make Springtown ISD an outstanding school system. It takes an entire community to sustain the many organizations and programs our district offers. Springtown citizens should be proud of the numerous awards and recognitions that our students and staff have received throughout the past years. Our district and community have a strong sense of pride that has been steeped in tradition. The following is a list of just a few awards of which our community can use as bragging rights:

- 2010 and 2011 Texas ACT Council College Readiness Award – SHS
- Sound of Springtown SMS and SHS students – state qualifiers
- Texas Math and Science Coaches Association – SIS and SMS state qualifiers
- Disney Plant Challenge Award – SIS
- Chamber of Commerce Beautification Award – District
- TEA Gold Performance Awards – state academic recognition
- SISD Choral Department – state qualifiers
- Business Professionals of America – state qualifiers
- 2010 National FFA Band – SHS student
- State Board of Education Heroes for Children Award – community volunteer
- All-District Honors – basketball, football, volleyball, tennis, and soccer
- UIL Academic Meet – elementary, SIS, SMS, SHS win numerous awards
- Track – state qualifiers
- Texas Reading Bee Championship – Score a Goal in the Classroom competition
- TASA/TASB Architecture Award – Porcupine Stadium
- Heroes in the Community Award – SMS instructional assistant
- H-E-B Excellence in Education Award – among 4A and 5A school districts

Personally, I would like to thank you for the support shown to me through your words of encouragement, notes, emails, and phone calls. I have been richly blessed by the company of so many fine individuals who serve this community and school district. Because of you, I know Springtown will continue to enjoy growth and success for many years to come.

**VOCATIONAL STUDENT  
OF THE MONTH:  
HUNTER PETSCH**



Hunter, a senior at Springtown High School, has been chosen as the November Vocational Student of the Month by Tony Pearson for his involvement in FFA. He is the son of Stephanie Griffin and the step-son of Travis Griffin.

Hunter enjoys showing his heifers and steer wrestling. After graduation Hunter plans to attend a four year university and participate in ROTC. After college he plans to join the military.

**SPRINGTOWN LITTLE ANGEL TREE**

Look for Angel Trees at various locations in Springtown to adopt an Angel!



The Springtown Chamber office will be closed December 26th—30th for the Christmas holiday.



We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

**11/17/2011  
RIBBON CUTTING:**



**The Dog House Pet Salon**  
**1103 North Main Street**  
**Springtown, Texas**  
**817-503-5114**

**For all your dog and cat grooming & supplies**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

**October 21, 2011 - November 18, 2011**

- Amy Kaplan Agency—State Farm Insurance
- Boomtown Furniture
- Burnett A/C & Heating
- FCC Environmental
- Kay's Donuts
- Lone Star Ag Credit
- Mansell Trucking & Excavating
- Shinola's Texas Cafe
- The Texas Star Ranch & Retreat
- Theresa's Creations
- Tri County Electric Cooperative
- William K. Clary, PC

**Your continued support of the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce is greatly appreciated!**

**DECEMBER 2011 ANNIVERSARIES**

**20 YEARS**

Pinnacle (20)

**16 to 19 YEARS**

Weatherford College (17)  
Lorena's Mexican Kitchen (16)

**11 to 15 YEARS**

McDonald's (11)

**6 to 10 YEARS**

United Way of Parker County (9)

**1 to 5 YEARS**

Garcia Lawn Service (4)  
Marjorie King (4)  
Premier Flooring (3)  
Audio Arts (3)  
Catty Roo's (2)  
Costco (1)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND LOYALTY!!!!**



**Welcome New Chamber Members!**

**October 21, 2011 thru November 18, 2011**



**The Dog House Pet Salon**

*Tracey Napier, Owner*  
1103 North Main Street  
Springtown, Texas 76082  
817-503-5114

*Dog & Cat Grooming & Supplies*

**Snap Fitness**

*Billy Ford, Gym Manager*  
511 East Highway 199  
Springtown, Texas 76082  
817-382-4343

*e-mail @springtown@snapfitness.com*  
*Fitness Center, Health & Wellness*

**Melody's Hot Rod Tattoos**

*Atojan Burkhart, Owner*  
1230 E. Hwy. 199 #101  
Springtown, Texas 76082  
940-799-7005

*e-mail @atojanburkhart@yahoo.com*  
*Tattoo Parlor*



Heroes Caring for Others (HCO) and Ms. Letty Camacho painting playground equipment at Optimist Park. Ms. Camacho was nominated for Telemundo’s “Hero In the Community” for her work with HCO students as they learn to give back to the community.

**IMPORTANT RIBBON CUTTING INFORMATION**

A new business, a new location or a remodeling are all deserving of a grand event so we would like to invite ALL Chamber members to attend our Ribbon Cuttings as we welcome new businesses to our community. We would love to have as many attendees as possible at these events. Check your weekly EBlast for upcoming Ribbon Cuttings and plan to attend.

**HAVE YOU HEARD?  
THE NEW MARQUEE IS HERE!**

The Chamber has a new LED Marquee to replace the old sign at the Optimist Park. We will be able to run multiple ads at a time and the Chamber staff will be able to enter your information remotely. So, no more standing on the hood of your car in hot or cold weather! Please call and let us know if we can reserve a spot for your advertisement!

Rental Prices:	Members	\$70/week
	Nonprofits	\$40/week
	Future Members	\$150/week

The sign can be scheduled a maximum of two weeks at a time ONLY, with a one week break and then another two weeks together at a separate time if the space is available.

**SPONSOR A CHAMBER LUNCH**

Sponsor a Chamber lunch for \$100.00 and you will have a five minute spotlight to greet members and promote your business. You will also be able to distribute information in the dining room (other businesses can offer information ONLY In the foyer). The Luncheon Agenda will highlight your company as the luncheon sponsor and your company will be promoted in the Chamber Newsletter, e-Blast and other Chamber correspondence regarding the luncheon. The luncheons are a great opportunity to meet fellow Chamber members and learn what is going on with the Chamber and local commerce. If you would like to sponsor a luncheon, please contact the Chamber office at 817-220-7828.

**Magic Shred**

Mobile Document Destruction A Safe & Affordable Solution available to our Chamber members!

The Springtown Chamber has a locked shredder bin in our office for your use. Members are welcome to bring a box full of paper and any documents they would like to have shred for a small fee of \$5.00 per box. Our bin is emptied once a month by Magic Shred, a mobile document destruction company. Your paper is never touched once you place it in the bin. The paper is emptied into the shredder on the truck onsite at the Chamber office. You can rest assured that our confidential document shredding service will help you reduce the risk of identity theft. Document Shredding protects not only your privacy but also the environment.

## BONUS BUCKS



The Springtown Chamber of Commerce has Bonus Bucks boxes out at several participating merchants in Springtown and the surrounding area. This is the Chamber's "Shop Springtown Area First" campaign connected to *Christmas on the Square* and your holiday shopping.

If you are a participating merchant, please make sure each registration form has your name stamped or written on the back. Only one per customer per visit is allowed. Employees and family are ineligible.

Customers will register at participating locations for a chance to win up to \$300.00. The total amount to be given away will be \$1,000.00 in play money to be spent ONLY with participating merchants. The drawing will take place December 10th, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. on the Tabernacle stage during Christmas on the Square. Winners must be present to win! Only one winning prize per person. If a person's name is drawn twice, they will get the highest dollar prize amount and another name will be drawn.

Winners may pay for merchandise, goods or services just like CASH with their Bonus Bucks through February 2012. At the end of the program, merchants with Bonus Bucks will contact the Chamber office to request a reimbursement check for the amount collected.

Registration boxes must be returned to the Chamber office no later than Wednesday, December 7th!

**Don't forget: Winners will be announced during *Christmas on the Square* celebration the evening of Saturday, December 10, 2011 on the Tabernacle stage and winners must be present to win!.**

**Thank you to all our participating merchant members!!!!**

*LET'S SHOP SPRINGTOWN AREA FIRST!*

## IT'S TIME TO RE-STOCK NEW RESIDENT WELCOME BAGS!

It is time to re-stock our Welcome Bag supplies and we need your help! We hand out Welcome Bags to new residents as they apply for their water service at either the City or Walnut Creek Water. This is a great way to introduce your business to new residents to our area. The following members have a good supply of at least 50 items currently in our Chamber office:

*Alley Cat Pest Control, Amy Kaplan Agency—State Farm Insurance, Brookshire Grocery, Crazy J's Pet Sitting n More, Hopwood's Tax Service & More, J & J Satellite Services, Meria Aulds, MD, Moss Rehabilitation Center, LLP, Springtown Educational Foundation, Springtown Sports & Fitness, Tow It Up*

IF YOU DO NOT FIND YOUR NAME LISTED ABOVE WE ARE EITHER OUT OR RUNNING LOW ON PROMOTIONAL ITEMS FOR YOUR BUSINESS. Please bring 50-100 items for us to have on hand to fill the Welcome Bags for our new residents. This is a great "FREE" marketing tool which reaches our community!

## 2011 SENIOR ANGEL TREE PROJECT

The Senior Angel Tree program is in full swing at the Springtown Chamber office. If you haven't already adopted a Senior Angel and are able to do so, please stop by the Chamber office and choose one. We need your help to ensure that our Senior Angels are remembered during this holiday season. All gifts must be returned to the Chamber office (in a gift bag) on or before December 7, 2011. Please remember to include the Angel tag with your gifts. Deliveries are scheduled for December 16th. Please let us know if you would like to help deliver gifts by contacting the Chamber @ 817-220-7828.



## CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

Saturday, December 10, 2011, 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.



The City of Springtown is currently taking applications for the annual Christmas on the Square celebration. Vendor and concession booths are available for rent for this event. If you are a vendor (or know someone who might be interested in participating in this event, please contact the City of Springtown at 817-220-4834. Mark December 10th on your calendar and plan to attend this fun event as a vendor, attendee or volunteer. Don't forget to bring the children to visit Santa Claus!

## 2011 Christmas Tour of Homes

Saturday, December 3, 2011

5:30—8:30 p.m.



The 2011 Springtown Legends Museum Annual *Christmas Tour of Homes* will be held Saturday, December 3rd. We will have five beautiful homes on the tour this year and we know you will enjoy each home. Tour tickets will be available for purchase at the Legends Museum and at the Springtown Chamber. For more information please contact Amy Walker @ 817-233-9040.



# DECEMBER

## 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	01 Snap Fitness Ribbon Cutting Ribbon Cutting: Stillwater Retreat	02 Senior Center Mtg & Pot Luck Lunch	03 Legends Museum Christmas Tour of Homes
04	05 11:00am to 1:00pm Senior Christmas Dinner	06	07	08 Chamber Christmas Lunch	09 Senior Center Mtg & Pot Luck Lunch	10 Christmas on the Square- City of Springtown
11	12 1:00PM N2N Board Meeting	13	14 10:00AM Ambassadors Meeting 8:05pm Lions Club	15 Chamber Board Meeting	16 Senior Center Mtg & Pot Luck Lunch	17
18	19	20	21 12 noon Springtown Education Foundation	22	23 Senior Center Mtg & Pot Luck Lunch	24 Christmas - OFFICE CLOSED
25 Christmas - OFFICE CLOSED	26 Christmas - OFFICE CLOSED	27 Christmas - OFFICE CLOSED	28 Christmas - OFFICE CLOSED 8:05PM Lions Club	29 Christmas - OFFICE CLOSED	30 Christmas - OFFICE CLOSED Senior Center Mtg & Pot Luck Lunch	31 Christmas - OFFICE CLOSED

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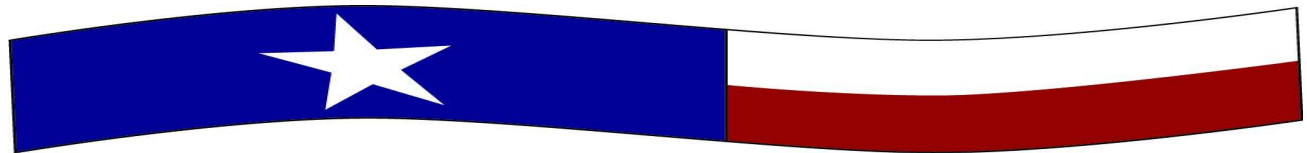
## Officers/Directors

*Pastor Doug Harris, President*  
*Dr. Robert Moss, MPT, COMT, 1st VP*  
*Pastor John Conway 2nd VP*  
*Oleta Parker, Executive Dir.*  
*Brandon Conway, Dir.*  
*Randy Eagleton, Dir.*  
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## Ex-Officio

*Jhanna Bogan*

**DECEMBER 2011**



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**AREA CHAMBER**  
**OF COMMERCE**

Home of the Wild West Festival

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