



Springtown Chamber Chatter

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February 2011

Chamber Luncheon



The February luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. at the Springtown Senior Center and will be catered by Shinola's Restaurant. Susan Sodek, with United Way, will be the guest speaker. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, February 23, 2011.

Please remember to bring your business card for our "free lunch" drawing. If you have an item to donate for door prizes please contact the Chamber office @ 817-220-7828.

There will be NO LUNCHEON scheduled for March due to the Annual Awards Banquet to be held Saturday, March 5, 2011..

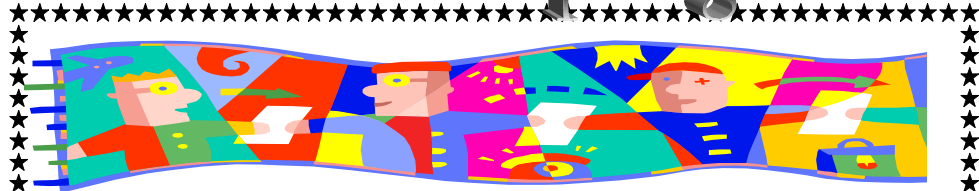


CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, February 17, 2011 @ 7am

SPONSOR A CHAMBER LUNCH!!!

For \$100 you get five minutes at the podium to talk about your business. Your information is the only handout in the dining room. Other businesses can offer information on a foyer table. Feel free to give away trinkets on the dining tables.

Chamber Spotlight..



Cares and Shares Annual "Have a Heart – Do Your Part" Day

February 14th is not only Valentine's Day but it is also the day of the annual fundraiser for Springtown's Cares and Shares Foundation. On this day, Cares and Shares Board members will canvas local businesses looking for locations to place pledge cards and to solicit donations. The Cares and Shares Foundation is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization that raises money to fund various community assistance organizations and functions.

The average amount Cares and Shares has been able to donate toward our local food bank, Neighbor to Neighbors, since 2000 is a little over \$14,000 annually. Neighbor to Neighbors has served over 300 families a month for the last 3 years. This works out to over 10,000 people having adequate food.

While Neighbor to Neighbors is the primary recipient of donations to Cares and Shares it is not the only community function assisted. School supplies are provided to local elementary schools to assist in the educational needs of our children. The annual dental health and hygiene program is funded as well. Other special needs have been addressed when the finances are available.

The only administrative costs associated with Cares and Shares is post office box rental and tax/financial filing and report fees.

Springtown ISD, the City of Springtown, and several other businesses handle donations through payroll deduction for their employees. Many other companies participate in annual donations. We are asking for your help to increase participation this year. "Have a Heart – Do your Part."

If you would like more information, please call one of the following individuals:

Mark Krey – 817-220-4834

Jhanna Bogan – 817-220-4834

Connie Ellis - 817-220-2921



FROM THE DESK OF...

**ANDREA HUNGERFORD
SISD SUPERINTENDENT**

The coming months will be very interesting as the 82nd Legislature convenes their session in Austin. Schools and entities that support schools are very anxious about how the budget deficit will impact how we will operate in the 2011-2012 school year. According to a publication released by the Equity Center, "State Comptroller Susan Combs released her revenue estimate of available funds for the state's 2012-13 biennium budget. According to Combs, the state has a net available revenue of \$72.2 billion (including a \$4.3 beginning negative balance for the current biennium) with a rainy day fund of \$9.4 billion. The state faces a budget shortfall of approximately \$26.8 billion for the 2012-13 biennium (as reported by Harvey Kronberg). Such a shortfall obviously paints a grim picture and will present extreme challenges for the legislature. Consensus around the Capitol indicates that cuts to public education remain likely, although the extent of such cuts remains unclear." SISD and the Board of Trustees have already begun preparing for the impact of receiving less money than would normally be paid to us by the State of Texas. Consensus among school district financial experts is that districts may be asked to cut five to ten percent from current budgets. A ten percent reduction in state revenue would mean approximately \$2.5 million to SISD. Reducing our already slim budget will be difficult. The Board of Trustees will explore all avenues in order to balance the budget and meet the state expectation regardless of the cuts demanded. This is an unprecedented time in our state and the impact on schools will likely be a challenge. Fortunately, Springtown has school board members that can meet the challenge with common sense.

January was School Board Recognition Month proclaimed by Governor Rick Perry in order to spotlight the many men and women that voluntarily serve our local schools. Springtown ISD is fortunate to have an outstanding group of dedicated individuals that give of their time and make educating students their first priority. Please let them know that their service to the district and community is very much appreciated.

Springtown ISD Board of Trustees



Back Row: Vicky Trichel, Secretary Keith Springfield, Vice President Kelly Mayo, Jody Lowery

Front Row: Superintendent Andrea Hungerford, Larry Don Carter, Mike Ray, President Amy Walker

Vocational Student of the Month



FELICIA SMITH

I am Felicia Smith and I am an 18 year old senior at Springtown High School. I have recently narrowed down my choices for college, but my top choice at the moment is Howard-Payne University where I plan to go into the educational workforce. I am involved in two organizations at SHS; Vet Tech Club and TAFE which I am the president.

ATTENTION CHAMBER MEMBERS!



"Spotlight" articles are available for the 2011 Chamber Chatter Newsletter. The article is featured on the front page of our monthly newsletter and is a free service to you! Call the Chamber if you are interested!

**THINGS CHAMBER MEMBERS
SHOULD KNOW...**

- Members can get a list of Chamber member mailing labels for just \$20.
- Members can insert a flyer in the Chamber Chatter for \$35.
- Members are invited to write a feature article for the monthly newsletter in the "Spotlight" section

These are just a few of the ways we can help!



Welcome New Chamber Members!

December 17, 2010—January 21, 2011



Costco

5300 Overton Ridge Blvd.

Fort Worth, Texas 76132

Tammy Hedge

Thompson Veterinary Services

2320 Jaybird Lane

Springtown, Texas 76082

Tommy Thompson, DVM

Klement CJD—Beau Leewright

500 N. Hwy 287

Decatur, Texas 76234

Beau Leewright

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

December 17, 2010—January 21, 2011

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

Ambit Energy

Boy Scouts of America—Troop/Pack 303

Bransom Real Estate

Chicken Express

Cliff's Auto Service Center

Coldwell Banker Encore -
Dunn & Elam

Farmers Insurance—Phillips Agency

Howell, Moore & Popejoy CPA's, LLC

Jim Marrs

K & P Homes

Larry D. Murphy, DDS

Pad Stores, Inc. (Valero)

Parker County Republican Party

Saddle Up Cowboy Church

Shinola's Texas Café

South Oaks Learning Center

Springtown Education Foundation

Springtown Optimist Club

Weichert Realtors—Team Realty

Miss Springtown Pageant 2011

The Springtown Beautification Committee will host the 4th Annual Miss Springtown Scholarship Pageant on Saturday, February 19, 2011 in the SHS Auditorium. The pageant is open to girls from infants to high school seniors. Separate divisions are set up for each age group. The Junior Miss and Miss Springtown pageants will get underway Saturday @ 6:30 pm. The pageant helps raise funds and awareness for the Springtown Beautification Committee which used proceeds to help build two entry signs in Springtown. Please come out and cheer on these beautiful and talented young ladies as they vie for the crown of Miss Springtown. If you know of a young lady who might be interested in participating please contact Wendy Dusek at 817-658-6554 or e-mail her at wdusek08@gmail.com



February 2011 Anniversaries

32 YEARS

Bryants Company

10 to 20 YEARS

Fidelity National Title Agency, Inc. (12)

Neighbor to Neighbors of Springtown, Inc. (10)

5 to 10 YEARS

Kim Sullivan (8)

DCI Dauenhauer Contractors, Inc. (8)

SunTex Homes, Inc—Chuck Lambert (7)

TNT Hair Designs (7)

United Specialty Advertising, LLC (6)

Duncan Disposal (5)

New York Life—Zan S. Prince (5)

Springtown Cares & Shares Foundation, Inc. (5)

Public Transit Services (5)

Exxon Tigermart #55 (5)

Two Wright Arms (5)

1 to 5 YEARS

Jacksboro Chamber of Commerce (4)

Anne Land Real Estate (4)

Brace Chiropractic and Wellness Center (4)

Impact Construction & Steel (4)

Faith Baptist Fellowship, SBTC (3)

Haley Carter State Farm (3)

Humana (3)

Tony's Pizza & Pasta (2)

DJ's Graphic Design (1)

Craig Doyle (1)

Christy's Smoke Shop (1)

Eureka Masonic Lodge #371 (1)

Baxter Hearing Specialists, LLC (1)

Thrivent Financial (1)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND LOYALTY!!!!



Plans are underway for the 2011 Annual Awards Banquet and YOU ARE INVITED! Please call the Chamber office for your reservations. Sponsor a table of 8 and decorate the table for your guests using this year's theme: "Every Day is a Gift". That conjures different meanings to so many people so it will be an interesting walk around the room to see all the visions of gifts that we receive every day.

Ticket prices are \$20 per person. The tickets will go on sale Wednesday, Feb. 16th at the Chamber office. Be sure and make your reservations today. This is a community event and your guests are welcome. A silent auction will be an event again at this year's banquet. Contributions of silent auction items are a wonderful way to advertise your business to the community. Business to evening casual is the suggested attire for the evening.

Michael Hall, founder of Strong Fathers, Strong Families is back to emcee by popular demand. Motivational speaker Peter Rearden will present "Oops... Your Attitude is Showing" to give us a positive approach to how our attitudes affect our performance, lives and work. This makes for a humorous, motivational and uplifting evening.

Awards for the Evening go to:

SISD Educator of the Year

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

Judy Smerud Spirit of Springtown Award

Public Works Employee of the Year

Outstanding Organization of the Year

Outstanding New Business of the Year

Outstanding Business of the Year

Woman of the Year

Man of the Year

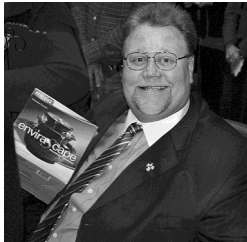
Chamber Member of the Year

Volunteer Firefighter of the Year—Springtown

Volunteer Firefighter of the Year—LaJunta

1st Annual "FOCUS @ 5:30" A Great Success!

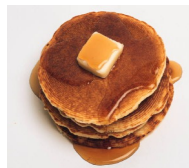
Focus @ 5:30 had a great turnout for our first event! Thank you to all the Springtown Chamber Ambassadors for hosting and for gathering all door prizes. Special thanks to Tony's Pasta & Pizza, Woody Creek BBQ, Lorena's Mexican Restaurant, Brookshire's and Shinola's for participating in the "Taste of Springtown" portion of the event. The food was wonderful! We look forward to the next Focus @ 5:30 to be held April 12, 2011 and hosted by East Parker County Chamber of Commerce.



8th Annual Pancake Supper

Served by Springtown Optimist Club

Supporting Youth and Community Activities



Thursday, March 3, 2011

4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Springtown High School Cafeteria

\$5.00 per plate

Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice

5 years and under FREE

Silent Auction Items Available for Bid

Come and eat pancakes and help raise money for local scholarships!



FEBRUARY 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09 10:00AM Ambassadors Meeting 8:05pm Lions Club	10	11	12
13	14 1:00PM N2N Board Meeting Cares & Shares Campaign Valentine's Day	15	16 12 noon Springtown Education Foundation	17 Chamber Board Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23 8:05PM Lions Club	24 Chamber Lunch 6:30PM City Council Meeting 7:00pm Historical Society	25	26
27	28	01	02	03 Optimist Club Pancake Supper	04	05 Spring- town Chamber Annual Awards Banquet

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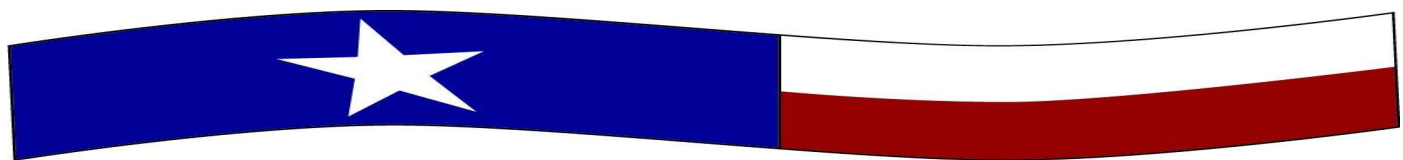
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