



Springtown Chamber Chatter

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January 2011

Chamber Luncheon

The January luncheon will be held on January 27, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at the Springtown Senior Center and will be catered by Vance Godbey Restaurant & Catering. Kristi Cross with Cook Children's County-Wide Children's Health Assessment & Planning Survey will be the guest speaker and the luncheon will be sponsored by Ambit Energy—Kim Ware. Please RSVP no later than January 26, 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 @ 817-22-7828.

The next luncheon will be held February 24, 2011 at Shinola's.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, January 27, 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

FOCUS @ 5:30

"A Taste of Springtown"

January 11, 2011, 5:30—7:00 PM

Four Chambers of Commerce (Azle, East Parker County, Springtown and Weatherford Chambers) are coming together to increase member benefits for their combined members. During these difficult economic times it became obvious that we need to reach out a little further in our networking opportunities. While your membership with Springtown Chamber of Commerce gives you several events throughout the year to network with approximately 350 other businesses in the area, the Focus at 5:30 will extend that opportunity to approximately four times the number of businesses you can connect with.

The Directors of these four Chambers have met and agreed to host one meeting each quarter. The first will be held at the Springtown Chamber of Commerce office at 112 S. Main Street in Springtown. The event will start at 5:30 PM with our local restaurant members providing samples of their food for these special "taster" attendees. Our Ambassadors will be here to greet you with a raffle ticket for door prizes. There is no charge for this event. Everyone will be given the opportunity to introduce yourself and your business. We want to know about each other and how we can serve each of these communities together and make it better for everyone. Please come join us!

The Focus at 5:30 upcoming dates are: April 12, 2011; July 12, 2011; & October 11, 2011. More information furnished later in the New Year!



FROM THE DESK OF...

**ANDREA HUNGERFORD
SISD SUPERINTENDENT**

Springtown ISD students have received state recognition for their test performance.

The Texas ACT Council presented Springtown High School with a **2010 College Readiness Award**. The Texas ACT Council is comprised of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools and colleges. The award is in recognition of a significant increase in ACT Composite scores over the past five years. SHS had an increase in the number of students taking the test as well as the increase in the number of students being college-ready. According to Karen L. Pennell, Assistant Vice President and Regional Manager ACT, Inc, less than 6% of the high schools in Texas were able to accomplish this task.

The ACT test is a curriculum-based achievement test that is aligned with the Texas curriculum or Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Approximately 140,000 students took the ACT in 2010. Springtown High School students doubled the state average increase. The state score rose .5 from last year. Congratulations to the staff and students of Springtown High School for this achievement.

Texas Education Agency recently announced the state **Gold Performance Acknowledgements** resulting from the 2010 TAKS tests. Springtown ISD and campuses received five Gold Performance Acknowledgments.

College-Ready Graduates (Class of 2009) - Springtown ISD/Springtown High School

To be considered college-ready as defined by this indicator, a graduate must have met or exceeded the college-ready criteria on the TAKS exit-level test, or the SAT test, or the ACT test.

Comparable Improvement: Math – Springtown Intermediate School

Comparable Improvement is a measure that calculates how student performance on the TAKS test has grown from one year to the next. It compares this growth to that of 40 schools that are demographically most similar to the target school. For acknowledgment on this indicator, the campus must have an average vertical scale score growth within the top 25% of their 40-member campus comparison group for math.

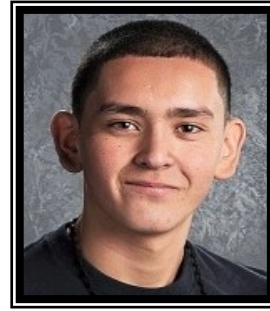
Commended Performance: Social Studies – Springtown Middle School

TAKS Commended Performance is the highest performance level set on the TAKS. Students who achieve Commended Performance have performed at a level that is considerably above the state passing standard and have shown a thorough understanding of the knowledge and skills at the grade level tested. For acknowledgment on this indicator, the campus must have 30% or more of its examinees scoring at or above the Commended Performance standard.

Comparable Improvement: Reading – Springtown Middle School

Comparable Improvement is a measure that calculates how student performance on the TAKS test has grown from one year to the next. It compares this growth to that of 40 schools that are demographically most similar to the target school. For acknowledgment on this indicator, the campus must have an average vertical scale score growth within the top 25% of their 40-member campus comparison group for reading.

Vocational Student of the Month



My name is Mario Deleon and I am 17 years old. I am a senior at Springtown High School. After graduation I plan to attend UTI. My parents are Manuel and Consuelo Flores.

Mario was selected by Mr. David Owen, the Industrial Technology teacher @ SHS.

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!

FYI!

- 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 promote your business!



Mark your calendar!

Focus @ 5:30PM (until 7 PM)

January 11, 2011– Chamber Office

Meet with Azle, E. Parker Ctty. & Weatherford Chambers



Welcome New Chamber Members!

November 19, 2010—December 17, 2010



Brightside Boutique

116 Optimist Road, Suite B
Springtown, Texas 76082
(817) 523-5359
Jack & Ann Wolf

Burnt Orange Salsa

P. O. Box 249
Weatherford, Texas 76085
(817) 307-1800
David Evans

Texas A/C Services

181 View Court Street
Springtown, Texas 76082
8173202142
Steve Shearer



Grant from Verizon Supports Liberty Lighthouse

\$10,000 Grant to Benefit Victims of Domestic Violence

Verizon has awarded a \$10,000 grant to Liberty Lighthouse in Springtown to fund their education and counseling programs for battered women. Liberty Lighthouse rebuilds client's self-esteem and gives them hope by offering assistance with housing, education, job search skills and food and clothing. The Verizon grant will fund programs,, building better futures for women, families and for the community.

If you would like to contribute to Liberty Lighthouse, contact Darla Spillman at 817-523-0222.

January 2011 Anniversaries

27 YEARS

Larry D. Murphy, DDS

10 to 20 YEARS

Jim Nielsen Investment Advisor

5 to 10 YEARS

Boyd Raceway (9)

Howell, Moore & Popejoy CPA's, LLC (9)

Springtown Pony League (9)

First Assembly of God (8)

Coldwell Banker Encore Dunn & Elam (7)

Parker County Republican Party (7)

Ambit Energy, aka Kim Ware (6)

1 to 5 YEARS

Cornerstone Community Church (5)

Hopwood's Tax Service & Moore (4)

K&P Homes (4)

Bransom Real Estate (3)

Mineral Wells Chamber of Commerce (3)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND LOYALTY!!!!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

November 19, 2010—December 17, 2010

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

A+ Porta Kans

West Side Storage

White's Funeral Home



BONUS BUCKS WINNERS



Thank you to all Chamber members who participated in the 2010 Bonus Bucks program!

Prize :

\$100

\$100

\$100

\$100

\$100

\$200

\$300

Winners:

Theresa Hightower

Dawn Weyand

Raina Flanany

Tim Smith

Krystal Patterson

Jeremy Barber

Jeremy Barber

Registered :

Shinola's

Roadside Corner

McDonald's

Woody Creek BBQ

Taco Casa

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HAPPY WINNERS! SHOP SPRINGTOWN FIRST!



Getting into the Spirit...



Hispanics Helping Others... "Decorating the Chamber office"



Springtown Beautification presents...



*4th Annual
Miss Springtown Scholarship Pageant*

2011

~ Categories ~

Please keep this information for your records!
Miss Springtown Pageant Age Divisions

0-6 months	Miss Baby Springtown
7-12 months	Miss Crawl About
13-23 months	Miss Walk About
2-3 years	Miss Talk About
4 years to Kinder	Junior Lil' Miss Princess
1st-2nd grade	Lil' Miss Princess
3rd-4th grade	Junior Miss Princess
5th-6th grade	Miss Princess

The divisions listed above must check in Saturday, February 19, 2011 @ 8:00am. Pageant will begin @ 9:00am.

7th-8th grade	Junior Miss Springtown
9th-12th grade	Miss Springtown

The divisions listed above must check in Saturday, February 19, 2011 @ 3:30pm. Judges interview will begin @ 4:30pm and the Pageant will begin @ 6:30pm.

~REMINDER~

If you paid to participate in any additional categories the following are just helpful reminders:

Photogenic: Boys/Girls—Babies-12th grade (Does not require a professional photo)

Choice wear: Babies—12th grade (can be any costume or outfit)

Talent: Middle/High School only (cannot be over 3 minutes long)

Contestant Entry Fee (includes formal & casual dress. Formal wear is after five or Sunday best and casual is everyday)

~ Don't Delay ~

This application and a \$55.00 non-refundable entry fee will secure your place in the pageant. A photograph for Junior Miss and Miss Springtown is required. Photo must be a 5x7 but does not have to be professional quality. Photos for all other ages are optional. If you are competing in any additional categories, please check below and include the \$10.00 fee per category. All paperwork, entry fees and photograph must be postmarked by Saturday, February 12, 2011.

Please mail application & entry fee payable to
Springtown Beautification Committee to:
Miss Springtown Pageant
P. O. Box 296
Springtown, Texas 76082
Attn: SBC

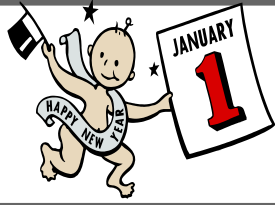
For an additional fee contestants may enter any or all of the following categories:

- ___ \$10. Photogenic: Boys/Girls—Babies-12th
(Does not require a professional photo)
- ___ \$10. Choice wear: Babies—12th grade
(can be any costume or outfit)
- ___ \$10. Talent: Middle/High School only
(cannot be over 3 minutes long)
- ___ \$55. Contestant Entry Fee (includes formal & casual dress. Formal wear is after five or Sunday best and casual is everyday)

Total Amount Paid: _____

Evening Pageant contestants are required to wear their pageant provided t-shirts and jeans for the opening act.

Contact Wendy Dusek for additional information @ 817-658-6554 or e-mail @wdusek08@gmail.com..



JANUARY 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 Christmas - OFFICE CLOSED	27 Christmas - OFFICE CLOSED	28 Christmas - OFFICE CLOSED	29 Christmas - OFFICE CLOSED	30 Christmas - OFFICE CLOSED 7:00pm Historical Society	31 Christmas - OFFICE CLOSED	01 Christmas - OFFICE CLOSED New Years - OFFICE CLOSED
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10 1:00PM N2N Board Meeting	11 Focus at 5:30 "A Taste of Springtown"	12 8:05pm Lions Club	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 12 noon Springtown Education Foundation	20 Chamber Board Meeting	21	22
23	24	25	26 8:05PM Lions Club	27 11:45AM Chamber Luncheon 6:30PM City Council Meeting 7:00pm Historical Society	28	29
30	31	01	02	03	04	05

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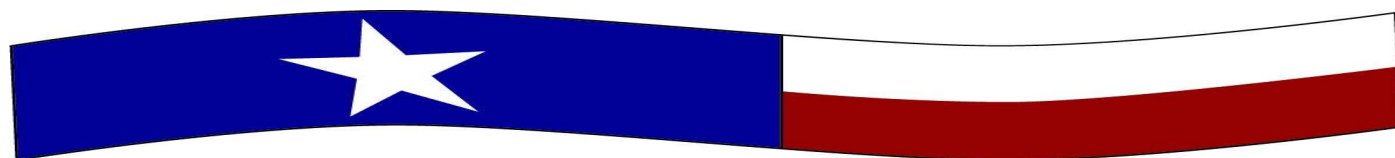
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John Conway, Dir.
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Jhanna Bogan

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AREA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

Home of the Wild West Festival