



Springtown Chamber Chatter

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Chamber Luncheon

The January Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2007 at Lorena's Mexican Kitchen. The program will begin at Noon, please come early so you can network and exchange business cards with other chamber members from our community.

Our speaker this month will be Antoinette Smith from the U.S. Equine Sanctuary & Rescue, she will speak on the mission, accomplishments and goals of their organization dedicated to saving horses.

The Vocational Student of the Month is Taylor Steward representing the Future Farmers of America, he will be presented at the luncheon by a club sponsor, Wes Jennings.

Don't forget to bring your business card for the door prize drawing to win a free lunch. Door Prizes are needed for our monthly drawings at the luncheon. If you would like to donate a gift certificate, an item or service from your business to be given out in the raffle at a luncheon, please contact our Door Prize Chairman, Judy Ray, from Highland Furniture. at 817-220-5570 or you may also call the chamber office at 817-220-7828.

2007

Luncheon Calendar

Jan. 25, 2007 -- Lorena's

Feb. 22, 2007 - Senior Citizens Center

Catered by Woody Creek BBQ

Mar. 22, 2007 -- Senior Citizens Center

Catered by Downtown Café

Apr. 26, 2007 -- Howell's Café

May 24, 2007 -- Lorena's

June 28, 2007 -- Woody Creek BBQ

July 26, 2007 - Senior Citizens Center

Catered by Downtown Cafe

Aug. 23, 2007 -- Howell's Café

Sept. 27, 2007 -- Lorena's

Oct. 25, 2007 -- Woody Creek BBQ

Nov. 15, 2007 - Senior Citizens Center

Catered by Downtown Café

Dec. (TBA) - Begins At 12:30 PM

Springtown Intermediate School



Chamber Spotlights Local Business

WORKOUT ETC.

817-221-4021

Workout Etc. is a family fitness and team sports center. It is a fully equipped, professionally staffed fitness center located on Hwy. 199 between Springtown and Azle. It is the perfect place for the whole family to get fit and have fun at the same time. **Workout Etc.** is located next to the Outreach of Love Church at Jaybird Lane, just east of Springtown. **Workout Etc.** is open Monday—Saturday, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. (Noon) to 6 p.m. to fit your hectic schedule.

Have a New Year's resolution to get in shape? Well **Workout Etc.** has a 9,500 square foot facility filled with a full array of exercise equipment, classes and activities to help you reach your fitness goal and keep that New Year's resolution.

Workout Etc.'s equipment includes exercise machines, a heated indoor pool, a hot tub, tanning beds, and an infrared sauna. **Workout Etc.** also offers several classes including Pilates, water aerobics and Taekwondo offered by Northwest ATA Black belt Academy. **Workout Etc.** recently opened a new 8,000 square foot gym hosting spring, fall and winter leagues for youth basketball and volleyball, and adult women's and coed volleyball every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m., just bring a team or show up.

Owners Kenneth and Debra Smith opened **Workout Etc.** on May 1, 2003 with a commitment to provide fitness programs and equipment for all ages. The staff of exercise professionals include: certified personal trainers Amy Styles, Ashley Arellano, Everett King and James Casey. Ashley Arellano and Valerie Logan are also certified water instructors offering swim classes and private swim lessons during the summer months and water programs for all ages. The pool is also available to be rented for team or birthday parties.

Workout Etc. offers special workout prices for senior citizens, students, teachers, law enforcement, military personnel, hospital employees and families. Group rates are also available for a company who may want to start a fitness program for their employees. Call Workout Etc. at 817-221-4021 to start your personal fitness program today.



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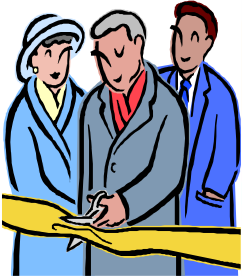
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RIBBON CUTTINGS



**Candle Light Inspections—
Licensed Home Inspector: Cynthia Daniels**

Ballots Included in Newsletter

Ballots for election of directors for the new fiscal year are included with this newsletter. **PLEASE** take a few minutes of your time to cast your ballots. Seven positions on the board are up for vote. All of our directors whose term will expire have agreed to serve if re-elected.

A total of 12 candidates will be listed on the ballot. Vote for the seven individuals you feel will best serve the needs of our Chamber over the next three years.

The primary responsibility of each director is to ATTEND the board meeting each month to help conduct the regular business of the Chamber. Our new board members will be installed at the March Banquet.

Also, at the bottom of the ballot is where you will cast your **VOTE for the Chamber Member of the Year!!**

Annual Awards Banquet—March 3, 2007 **Theme: “A Decade in Time”**

The Annual Banquet has been scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd, at Springtown High School Cafeteria the doors open for social time at 6:00 p.m., the buffet line will open at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20.00 each (tax included) and will be available from any chamber board member starting February 1st. You may order tickets by email at chamber@ntbb.net or by calling the chamber office, **817-220-7828**. Attendance the last three years has been 300+ and we anticipate a good turn out again this year.

The chamber will change the banquet format this year to focus more on recognizing individuals, organizations, and businesses who have made significant contributions to our community. All nominees for the following awards will be recognized with a certificate at the banquet in March. The Chamber will be soliciting nominations this year from our community with an article published in the Springtown Epigraph for the following awards:

Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Community Beautification Award, Spirit of Springtown Award, Outstanding Organization Award, Outstanding New Business of the Year, and Outstanding Business of the Year. (your ballot is included with this newsletter)

We will also recognize the following awards which will be voted on with in their own organizations:

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Public Works Employee of the Year, Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year, Educator of the Year, Ambassador of the Year, Chamber Member of the Year.

Nominations/Ballots may be submitted in writing to the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce, c/o Nominations Committee, by mail (P.O. Box 296 Springtown, TX 76082-0296) by email (chamber@ntbb.net), or by fax (817-523-3268) .

DEADLINE TO CAST YOUR BALLOT/NOMINATION IS FEBRUARY 10, 2007.

Decorate a Table for the Banquet

Businesses or individuals who wish to decorate a table, should contact chamber office by calling (817-220-7828) as quickly as possible. This is a great way to reserve the amount of seats you will need for the banquet; however, you need not purchase all the seats at the table you decorate. Awards will be presented to the top three tables picked by a panel of judges. Decorations can be as simple or as fancy as you want. Remember you just pick a “Decade” that you wish to decorate for.

Banquet to Include Silent Auction

This year’s banquet will feature the Silent Auction and Hat Raffle again. We hope to have some large items donated this year along with the smaller items that will help draw some good bids and raffle tickets. To make donations for the auction and raffle call **Rachèl at the Chamber Office 817-220-7828**, or contact our Auction Committee: **Dr. Gene McDaniel, 817-523-5402** Springtown Family Health Center or **Kim Ware, 817-270-3340** at the Springtown Epigraph / Azle News and leave a message for one of them to get back in touch with you.

Reserve a Spot to Hang your Banner

Any chamber member may reserve a spot to display their banner at the banquet for “FREE” by calling the chamber office and reserving the spot. **Banners may be 4’ X 10’ or smaller** and must be at the Chamber office no later than Monday, February 29th at 4 p.m. if you would like it displayed at the Banquet. The banners will be hung behind the serving lines of the caterer so that they are visible for all banquet attendee’s to see.

**Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce
2006 - 2007 Annual Awards Banquet
Nomination & Voting Ballot**

This year the Chamber of Commerce plans to recognize the many citizens, community organizations and businesses for their notable contributions to the community of Springtown. We would greatly appreciate your participation and assistance in doing so. Please fill out the Nomination/Voting Ballot below. Each nomination for a particular individual, organization, or business will be counted as a vote by our awards committee, but your reasons why they are worthy of the honor will carry a great deal of weight for any tie breakers needed.

Please make your nominations on the ballot below and return this form to the Chamber Office by February 10, 2007. Return via fax (817-523-3268) by mail (P.O. Box 296, Springtown, TX 76082) or by email to: chamber@ntbb.net. Attach additional paper if needed for reasons.
The categories are:

Man of the Year

A person in our community who has made lasting contributions to the betterment of the Springtown Community during the past year (or over many years).

I nominate _____ for the following reasons:

Woman of the Year

A person in our community who has made lasting contributions to the betterment of the Springtown Community during the past year (or over many years).

I nominate _____ for the following reasons:

Spirit of Springtown Award

A Business or Organization who displayed the most overall sense of community pride through involvement and sponsorship of community projects and/or events during 2006.

I nominate _____ for the following reasons:

VOTING DEADLINE: February 10, 2007:

Community Beautification Award

A Business or Organization who has made the most improvements inside or outside their business or who has made major contributions on improving their businesses overall appearance.

I nominate _____ for the following reasons:

Outstanding New Business of the Year

A Business who has opened between January 2006 and December 2006 and has contributed the most to the community of Springtown, Parker County and/or the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce during the first year in business.

I nominate _____ for the following reasons:

Outstanding Organization of the Year

This category includes: Churches, Clubs & Organizations as well Non Profit Organizations

A Non-Profit Organization that has contributed the most to the community of Springtown, Parker County and/or the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce during the past year.

I nominate _____ for the following reasons:

Outstanding Business of the Year

A Business that has contributed the most to the community of Springtown, Parker County and/or the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce during the past year.

I nominate _____ for the following reasons:

2006 Annual Christmas Luncheon



On Thursday, December 7th the Chamber Luncheon was held at Springtown Intermediate School and the entire meeting was lead by the SIS Student Council who did everything from sell Raffle Tickets to conducting the chamber business meeting from beginning to end. Thank You Principal Joe Brown and Student Council Sponsors Terri Shaw & Debbie Parker.



We were also entertained at the Luncheon by the SHS Jazz Band, SHS Show Choir & the SHS Dance Team.



WELCOME GOODY BAGS

If you wish for your business to participate in the “Welcome Goody Bags” given to new area residents when they come in for their Springtown Phone Book, then please provide at least 50 flyers, coupons or gift items to the chamber office **EVERY MONTH.**

This is a “FREE” benefit given to you as part of your membership fee and it is a great way to advertise your business to new residents to our community.

Please, help us with keeping your flyer basket full at the chamber office as there are just too many members to try and call each time your flyer box is running low. We will try to call and remind you but the traffic through the chamber office has increased so much that volunteers are needed to just help answer the phone’s and keep the “Welcome Bags” stocked in the cabinet. It is up to you to take advantage of this great marketing tool for you and your business.

Thank you for your help,
Debbie Edwards, Pioneer Times Soaps
“Welcome Bag” Committee Chair

Chamber Member Benefits Include:

Chamber Chatter Advertising:

\$15 — business card Ad
\$30 — 1/4 page Ad
\$35 — Newsletter inserts

Discounts prices available if you purchase 3 or more months of consecutive advertising.

The Chamber Chatter is now posted on our new chamber website. This will enable anyone who visits the website to see your advertisement.

Check it out at:
www.springtownchamber.org

Website Sponsorships still available, call for information.

Chamber Marquee Rental

\$10 per day
\$50 key deposit required

Banner Board Rental

\$5 per day
4' x 10' Space

\$10 Per Day
4' x 20' Space

*Discount rates for
Non Profit Organizations
And Churches*

- *Each chamber member receives up to 3 business listings in the chamber directory/business guide and on the chamber website*
- *“Free Link” to your business website from your directory listing on the new chamber website.*
- *Display your business cards at the chamber office in the business card display board with 180 card spaces available.*
- *Opportunities to purchase and advertisement in the new chamber directory published each year and distributed to the community.*



**FROM THE DESK OF
SUPERINTENDENT LONNIE SEIPP
HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Each year during the month of January we take time to recognize our school board members for their gift of service to the children and residents of the school district. Our board members spend many hours in meetings and training sessions over the course of the year. The time spent is truly a gift as they receive no compensation for their service.

Our Board members provide oversight for curriculum, financial management, construction and long term planning. Oversight of such a broad range of activities requires much study and preparation. We are blessed to be served by dedicated men and women who take their job seriously and strive to provide the best education possible for our students.

Springtown ISD Board members are:

Vivian Rogan, President
Steve Broyles, Vice President
Amy Walker, Secretary
B.D. Smith, Member
Jody Lowery, Member
Darrell Mathis, Member
Kelly Mayo, Member

If you see our Board Members make an opportunity to say thank you to these individuals. Please join us at the Springtown Elementary Auditorium for a reception on January 22, 2007 at 7 pm to recognize our Board Members for their gift of service to the children of Springtown ISD.



**Vocational
Student
Of the Month**

Taylor Steward

Taylor is a senior this year at Springtown High School where he enjoys showing cattle through Future Farmers of America. Taylor is currently serving as the FFA Vice President and he also works at Boyd Animal Hospital after school and on weekends.

After he graduates in May, Taylor plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in Agriculture Education.

Taylor is the son of Donald and Elsa Steward.



Cares & Shares Kick-Off Campaign

It's that time of year again—when our minds turn to affairs of the “heart” as in *“Have A Heart-Do Your Part”* for the annual Cares & Shares fundraising campaign. The scenario will be same as last year. Cares & Shares directors and National Honor Society students will be visiting local businesses the week of February 26th to distribute pledge cards and then they will return a few days later to pick up the pledge cards and / or your donations.

For those of you who may not be familiar with Cares & Shares, it is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that raises money to fund local organizations, such as Neighbor to Neighbors, Good NEWS, and REACT, along with providing school supplies for needy children, and helping fund the pre-kindergarten dental hygiene program. All the money raised stays right here in our own community. It's Springtown's own homegrown version of United Way.

Volunteers who represent a cross-section of our community totally run the foundation. The only expenditures for administrative costs are the post office box rental and the annual financial review. Over 99% of the funds received go for their intended purposes.

More than 50% of our support comes from Springtown ISD employees who participate in payroll deductions. The City of Springtown and a few local businesses also offer payroll deductions for the convenience of their employees. We are asking for your help to increase that participation this year through out our business community. If you have employees and would like for one of our Directors to come to your business to give a brief power point presentation, please call Wayne LaCava at 817-220-4363. It's amazing what a small community can do when we work together for a common cause.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thank you to the following members who renewed this past month:

Larry D. Murphy, DDS
M & M Supply
A Affordable Limo Service
Edward Jones
Cornerstone Community Church
Boyd Raceway
Springtown Optimist Club
Howell & Moore, CPA's
Agnes Community Association
Lorena's Mexican Kitchen
Jim Marrs, Individual
D & D Remodeling
Vance Godbey's
United Way of Parker County
Nationwide Insurance



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Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce



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18	19 President's Day Observed	20	21	22 12:00 PM Chamber Luncheon @ Senior Ctz. Center 7:00 PM City Council Mtg. Washington's Birtday	23	24			
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