



"The Good Neighbor City"

Spencer Area Update

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Meets 2nd Monday each month 7:00pm at 8606 Main Street

Send your news to: SpencerChamber.news@gmail.com

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Next Meeting: **Mon., Feb. 8, 7:00pm**

Spencer Chamber website: www.spencerokchamber.org

COMMUNITY NEWS



Christmas Open House at Spencer Senior Center

Thanks to everyone who attended our Christmas Open House in December. Sorry we're just now getting the pictures into the newsletter.



FREE ONLINE LEARNING!
Learn something new! Did you



BUG Awards At Spencer Elementary



Third grade teachers Mrs. Mildred Heatrice and Mr. Howard Smith announced the winners of the 2 bicycles at Spencer Elementary School's Awards Assembly for

SPENCER CHAMBER ACTIVITIES

Chamber Member Spotlight:



John & Sue Shepard

Did You know one of the oldest continuously family-owned businesses in Spencer is also a great service company, with a fast response time when you need your expensive furnace or air conditioning equipment cleaned, repaired or replaced? SPENCER HEAT & AIR is a top contractor for RUUD equipment, but they service most other brands as well.

Owner John Shepard is a graduate of Star Spencer High School and a Bobcat Booster. He has participated in the Spencer Chamber of Commerce's BUG program at Spencer Elementary School by donating a bicycle for a third grader who has improved their grades, and is always looking for ways to support the Spencer community.

When you call, you may get to hear the friendly voice of John's sister, Sue, who serves as office manager and keeps on top of the schedule. Keep your tax dollars in town – and enjoy superior service while you do it! Give them a call!

Spencer Heat & Air is at 405-771-3439

ELECTION RESULTS: 2016 SPENCER CHAMBER BOARD AND OFFICERS

President ----- Cindy Van Kley
Vice President ----- Jim Scanlan
Secretary ----- Mary Watkins-Bradley

...and here's what else is going on in and around Spencer:

Jan 30 – Sat

Star Spencer High School Bobcats Basketball Game vs Douglass – 80th year DUNJEE NIGHT -- JV Girls 3:00pm, JV Boys 4:30pm, Varsity Girls 6:00pm, Varsity Boys 7:15pm / Johnson and Johnson Field House at SSHS

Feb 1 – Mon 7pm

Mid-Del Art Guild monthly demonstration meeting at the Tom Steed Community Learning Center at Rose State College. Guest artist demonstration in a different medium each month. No charge to attend.

Star Spencer High School Bobcats Basketball Game vs Southeast – ROGERS & SSHS STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT -- JV Girls 3:00pm, JV Boys 4:30pm, Varsity Girls 6:00pm, Varsity Boys 7:15pm / Johnson and Johnson Field House at SSHS

Feb 2 – Tue 7pm Groundhog Day

Fresh Start BREAKFAST 8:00am sponsored by the Black Chamber of Commerce of Metro OKC. On the first Tuesday of each month, usually hosted by a different member business each month to showcase their offerings, members and potential members gather to network. Hosted by B&B Catering at The Bryant Center, 2200 N. Bryant (south of NE 23rd on Bryant).

Spencer Historical Society monthly meeting 7:00pm Spencer residents with an interest in local history and lore will enjoy learning what was happening in our town 100 years ago, who some of our prominent citizens were, and some Oklahoma general history as well, with potluck refreshments. Documenting the lives and genealogies of longtime local families is an ongoing project. Additions to documenting the history of our Spencer schools (and their students), businesses, churches or neighborhoods are always welcome. You may even want to become a member: \$15 individual, \$20 family annual dues. At the Spencer Museum.

Star Spencer High School Bobcats Basketball Game vs Northwest Classen– COMMUNITY NIGHT -- JV Girls 3:00pm, JV Boys 4:30pm, Varsity Girls 6:00pm, Varsity Boys 7:15pm / Johnson and Johnson Field House at SSHS

Feb 4 – Thur 12 noon

EOCTC meeting

Location to be announced. EOCTC is trying to bring tourism dollars to our part of the county. Spencer Chamber is a member. Cities, businesses, chambers of commerce and other guests with an interest in promoting tourism in our area are welcome to join.

Feb 5 – Fri

Star Spencer High School Bobcats Basketball Game vs Mount St. Mary's– ALUMNI NIGHT -- JV Girls 3:00pm, JV Boys 4:30pm, Varsity Girls 6:00pm, Varsity Boys 7:15pm / Johnson and Johnson Field House at SSHS

Feb 8 -- Mon 7pm

Spencer Chamber of Commerce meeting 7:00pm at the Chamber Office on Main Street. Bring a business owner or manager who isn't yet a member!

Feb 12– Fri LAST HOME GAME!

Star Spencer High School Bobcats Basketball Game vs U.S. Grant– SENIOR NIGHT -- JV Girls 3:00pm, JV Boys 4:30pm, Varsity Girls 6:00pm, Varsity Boys 7:15pm / Johnson and Johnson Field House at SSHS

Feb 14 -- Sun Valentine's Day

Feb 15 Presidents Day

Feb 18 Thur

Spencer City Council meets 7:00pm at City Hall.

Feb 25 Thur

OPEN HOUSE at the Spencer Post Office celebrating its 113th Birthday! Stop in the lobby between 8:30am and 12:30pm for refreshments and to see a display of historic photos from the Spencer Museum. Sponsored by the Spencer Historical Society.

Black Chamber of Commerce of Metro Oklahoma City Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at The Bryant Center. Chairman's Reception 5:30pm. Visit www.okcblackchamber.com for more information and to order tickets, or call 405-595-4874. Catered by B&B Catering.



HEADS UP! Get your February & March events published here. Please send information now while you're thinking about it! spencerchamber.news@gmail.com so we can share it in our NEXT update.

If your event is missing, let us know the details so we can share it!



Spencer Post Office 113th Birthday
OPEN HOUSE
THUR. FEB. 25
8:30am to 12:30pm
Refreshments
Historic Photos
in the
P.O. Outer Lobby

Treasurer ----- Rosalin Tipton-Stevenson
Board of Directors -----
Mary Hammon, Dale Ellis, A.D. Anderson,
Virginia Lawrence, Lamont Harris

Many Thanks to Past President Tony Wangler for his year of diligent service, excellent steering and conducting of the Chamber meetings, and representing the Chamber at ribbon cuttings and community activities! We so appreciate all you have done!

Thanks also to board members **Bob Cowles** and **Gary Egbert**, who have resigned from the board this year, and to **Erlene Jones**, whose term on the board expired. Your dedicated years of service to the Chamber and the community of Spencer have benefitted both greatly.

Lamont Harris, Rosalin Tipton and Mary Watkins were elected to fill 1-year positions on the board. Virginia Lawrence was elected to complete the 3-year term vacated by the resignation of Gary Egbert.



RIBBON CUTTINGS

If you know of a new business in Spencer, one getting ready to open in the future, or one that is under new management/newly remodeled/introducing new services, please contact the Spencer chamber of Commerce so we can schedule a Ribbon Cutting or other special recognition! Help us shine a light on what's new and different in our town, please.



Join the
Spencer Chamber of Commerce
Individuals can join for only \$15
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Small Business \$50
Corporate members \$100

Spencer Chamber of Commerce Membership Application Dues:

\$15 Individual \$25 Church \$50 Small Business \$100 Corporate Level \$300 Premium Level
(includes 30" x 62" banner)

Business Name: _____ Owner Name: _____

Type of Business: _____ Contact Person: _____

Business Location: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Business Phone No: _____ FAX# _____ CELL # _____

E-mail: _____ Web Site: _____



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accomplishments during the Fall semester. Third graders who increased their scores by at least one letter grade were eligible to be in the drawing for one of the bicycles.

Jaylan Woody won the boy’s bike and **Georgia Porter** was the winner of the girl’s bike. The two winners were presented their bicycles by one of the two donors, **Advantage Bank President Danita Hayes**.



The bicycles were donated this time by Advantage Bank and Frank’s Custom Trailer Sales. Unfortunately, owners **Frank and Tammy Witcosky** were out of town on the date of the awards assembly so were unable to be present to help congratulate the winners, but they sent their regrets and congratulations.

The Midwest City Kiwanis Club donates BUG certificates for presentation to students who improve their grades, and Spencer Chamber of Commerce member businesses donate bicycles each semester. The Chamber also provides safety helmets for each winner.

DONATE A BICYCLE - \$100

If you are a member of the Spencer Chamber of Commerce and your member business would like to donate \$100 for a bicycle to

encourage and motivate local students to improve their grades, please contact Chamber President Cindy Van Kley at cvankey@advantagebank.biz or 405-419-1000 ext 219 as soon as possible. The Chamber purchases the bicycles and displays them in the hallway in front of the school office throughout the current semester so students are reminded what they could win by working hard at their studies. The new bicycles will be purchased in early February, following the Feb. 8th Chamber meeting.

The Reserve at Spencer – Fully Pre-Leased!

The new apartment complex on NE 36th street isn’t even quite finished, but there is already a waiting list as all units have been pre-leased. There are still lots of finishing touches to do on the interiors of each unit, and the grounds have yet to be landscaped, but they hope to be finished by SPRING.

CHAMBER “WELCOME PACKAGES”

The Chamber hopes to be able to put together some “welcome packages” for the new residents, including a Chamber Directory of all the local member businesses and coupons, brochures or small promotional gifts from businesses as well. If you are interested in participating, please email Jim Scanlan at jscanlanok@hotmail.com and let him know what items you’d like to contribute for the welcome packages and when someone from the Chamber can come to pick up your items. There are 48 two- and three-bedroom apartment homes in the complex, plus the managers, so please provide 50 brochures or other promotional items.

For More information about the complex, call 1 (888) 231-4699 or go to www.YourNextPlaceToLive.com to see pictures and floorplans.