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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Dec. 17** – UMHB Men's Basketball Coach Ken DeWeese  
**Jan. 7** – John Wood, Clinician – VA Continuum of Care, Low Vision Care

## LIONS CALENDAR

**Dec. 13** – Wildcat Cleanup at Edwards Academy, 7:30am – 1:30pm  
**Dec. 17** – Regular meeting, noon, Gober  
**Dec. 24** – No meeting, MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
**Dec. 31** – No Meeting, HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
**Jan. 5** – Executive Committee meeting, Sammons

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a **"Wildcat Cleanup"** on Sat. Dec. 13 from 7:30am to 1:30pm. Breakfast and lunch will be served. A signup sheet was and will be passed around.

Brochures for the Lions Junction Family Water Park commemorative brick campaign, along with a letter soliciting member support, will be mailed to each member. Please make every effort to let friends and family know about this offer as it a way for citizens to honor loved ones, living or deceased, in a way that will be visible for many, many years .

If anyone knows of someone who is interested in joining Lions here in Temple but cannot make Noon or Breakfast meetings, please let District Governor Charley Stout know. Lions is trying to start a Temple Evening club.

We still have several members who have not turned in their money from the sale of Lasagna tickets. Please do so as soon as possible.

## GREETERS

**Dec. 17** – Jamey Secrest and Dave Fette  
**Jan. 7** – Neil Graeff and Elwood Smith

## GUESTS

**Michael Haynes** was the guest of Lion Gary Gosney and is anxiously awaiting an application to fill out.  
**Don Garland** was the guest of Lion Tex Burrows  
**Harriet Brodie** was the guest of Lion President J. Brown  
**Jim Hightower** was the guest of Lion Gary Jones

## BIRTHDAYS

**Dec. 14** – Lion Neil Graeff  
**Dec. 19** – Lion Marvin Kiskey  
**Dec. 20** – Lion Jake Herndon  
**Dec. 21** – Lion Bob Gosney  
**Dec. 22** – Lion President J. Brown  
**Dec. 23** – Lion T. A. Cook  
**Dec. 29** – Lion District Governor Charley Stout  
**Dec. 31** – Lion Alan Brown

## UPCOMING MEAL

**Dec. 17** – Susan's – baked potato w/meat topping, corn, salad, and roll

## THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

Our very own **County Judge Lion Jon Burrows** gave us an update on Bell County and some insight into the county's future growth. He has held this office for the last 10 years. Over the last several years, our county government has been recognized and has been the recipient of several awards for innovation and financial management. Since 2000, a year in which we were ranked 19 out of 254 counties in size, we have grown by over 39,000, a rate of 16.4%, and are now ranked at 17. Bell county, from 2006 to 2007, was the 12<sup>th</sup> fastest growing county in Texas and 62<sup>nd</sup> fastest in the U.S.. Bell County has practically reached its previously projected population of 279,000 to occur in 2010. From 2006 to 2007, the MSAs that comprise Bell county experienced exceptional growth with Killeen-Temple growing at 3.5 %, 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest in Texas and 14<sup>th</sup> fastest in the U.S.. The city of Killeen alone was the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest in the state and the 6<sup>th</sup> fastest in the U.S. during that period. From 1996 to 2006, Belton ISD and Killeen ISD enrollments have grown 25% and 29%, respectively. Temple ISD has decreased enrollment over that same period by 3%. The birth rate at Metroplex Hospital (Killeen) has doubled over that same period with one third of the births being to military families. Financially, the county bond rating has improved from A to AA and has a fund balance with over 5 months in reserve. It is among the lowest in Ad valorem tax rates in the region and state. In April 2008, the county's jobless rate hit a record low statewide. Judge Burrows briefly reviewed many recent projects plus future projects. 2008 had over \$37 million in capital projects.

Whew! I'm tired! Thanks Lion Jon.