

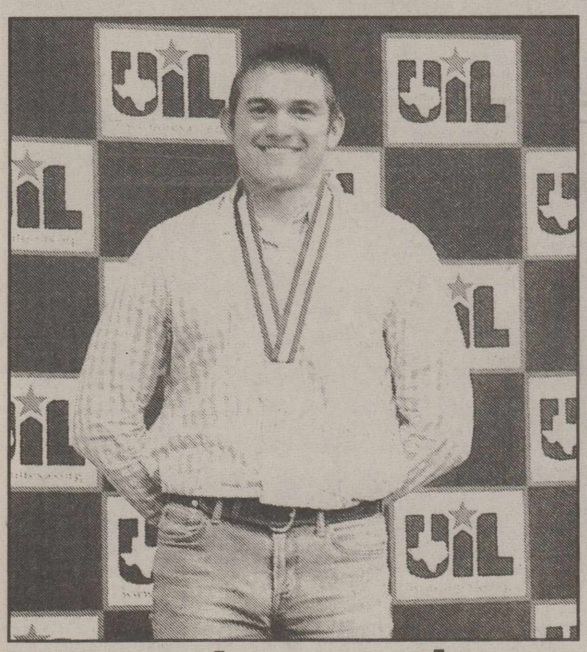
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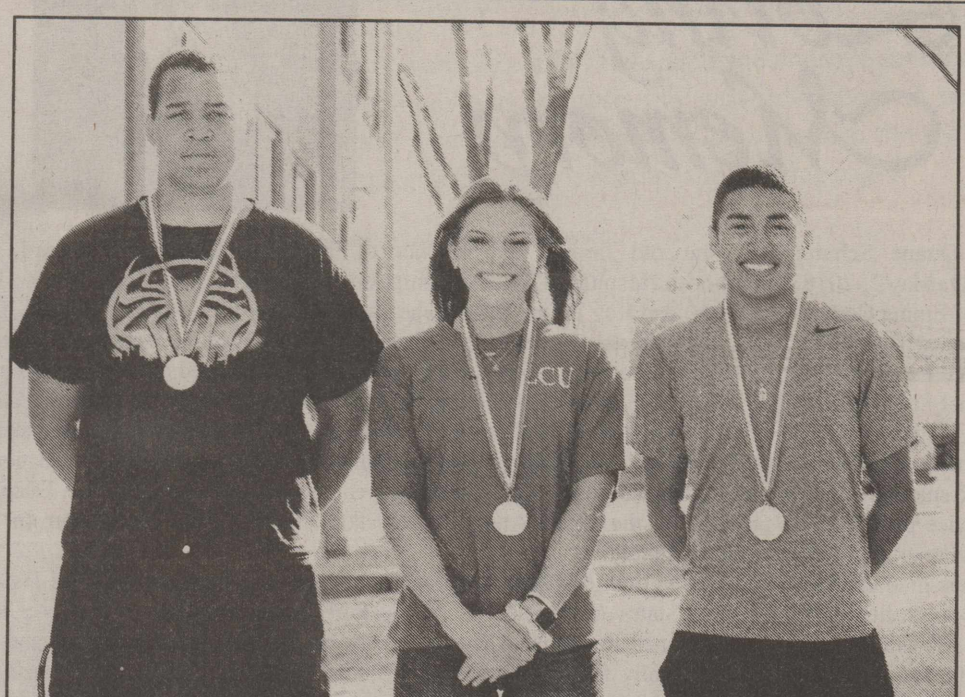
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## Lanning wins Gold in Austin

Senior Colten Lanning, son of Jimmy and Sheila Lanning, won 1<sup>st</sup> place in News Writing in Class 2A at the UIL State Academic meet held on the campus of the University of Texas Austin on May 4. Students are given a prompt and 45 minutes to write, edit, and print their story. Winning at the state meet is a huge accomplishment! Congratulations to Colten!!!



## Seniors to compete at State UIL Track Meet May 11 & 12 in Austin

Noah Harris, Laynee Burr, and Blake Rios all seniors at SHS will compete at the State UIL Track Meet May 11-12, 2018 in Austin, TX. Noah won the shot put at Regional Track Meet held in Odessa, TX April 27-28, 2018. Laynee won the triple jump to advance and Blake won the silver medal in 800 M run to advance to State. CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE ATHLETES AND GOOD LUCK!!



## Valedictorian Class of 2018

Kade McBryde has been named Valedictorian of the Class of 2018. His composite GPA for four years' worth of work is 101.7877. Kade is the 18 year old son of Brad and Kaci McBryde and grandson of Ken and Barbie Wight and Joyce McBryde. Throughout his high school career, Kade has been active in Football, Basketball, Track, Golf, FFA, FCA, Gifted and Talented, Student Council, Livestock Judging, Robotics Team Competition, UIL Accounting, Current Events, and Social Studies, and served as National Honor Society President. He has been a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church. Kade's honors include being named Homecoming King, All State Linebacker, Most Likely to Succeed, Academic All State Football and Basketball, All State Linebacker 2nd Team 201711-2A Defensive MVP and First Team All-District Quarterback, Amarillo Globe News Super Team - Football and Basketball, District Defensive MVP Basketball, ASCO All-Star Bowl and Greenbelt Bowl Qualifier, Sr. Swine Showmen, Top Hand, Amarillo College Academic Excellence Award, Best Role Model, Most



Athletic, Who's Who in Speech, and Who's Who In Business. Kade will attend the Spears College of Business at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma in the fall where he will study management.

## Salutatorian Class of 2018

Laynee Evan Burr is the Stratford High School Class of 2018 Salutatorian. Laynee has a weighted GPA of 101.705. She is the daughter of Ed and Christy Burr. Throughout her high school career, Laynee has participated in UIL Academics, FCA, Treasurer of the National Honor Society, and the Stratford Lady Elk Athletic program, where she has competed in basketball and track. During her time as a Lady Elk, Laynee has been awarded the District 1-2A Basketball MVP, Academic All District, TABC All-State/All Region and the TABC all-star game in San Antonio. She has also competed in the SLE track program and will be making her third trip to the state track meet May 12. Laynee is a member of the First Baptist Church and is active in her church youth group. Her plans in the fall include attending Lubbock Christian University. While at LCU, she will be studying Occupational Therapy and playing basketball for the Lady Chaps.



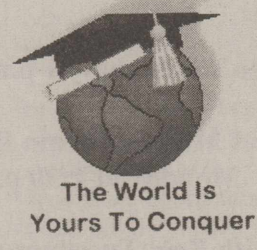
## Stratford Cemetery Clean Up

It is time to retire the winter and tired decorations and retrieve those blown into the fence. The tumble weeds are back. May is cemetery clean up-preparing for Memorial Day on May 28. The Sherman county Historical Committee will again assist the American Legion in remembering those who have served this country. A special remembrance of America's 100th Anniversary of WW I-1917-1919.

## COUNTY ELECTION RUNOFF DATES

MAY 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Early voting @ the County Clerk's Office  
 MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> Runoff Primary Election

\*Public Service Announcement courtesy of the Sherman Co. Republican Party & SCDC



## What's Happening

Waka School Reunion-June 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Beginning at 12 p.m. until?  
 Accepting Free Will Donations for non profit  
 FMI call Lori Borst at 806-202-4133 or  
 Bernie Olivariz at 806-202-5230

Prom Weekend May 5<sup>th</sup>

Stratford Grain Hot Dog Feed Thursday,  
 June 7, 2018

May is Stratford Cemetery Clean Up

Piano Recital- Sunday May 6, 2018  
 1:30 at First Christian Church

## ATTENTION EVERYONE

This notice is to everyone in Stratford and surrounding areas that may need a Fire Dept., EMS, and First Responders of any kind. That includes all of us. I was reminded last night- (I am slow at saying this again) but if you would like to help these folks, please think about dropping off water, snacks, gater aid, power aid, socks, Chap Stick or anything that you think the First Responders may need at this very scary fire season. And of course any monetary donations, small or large can be such a tremendous help. Donations of any kind can be left at Clements Insurance next to the post office. They will take anything you leave and get it to the fire dept. They also will have a box for you to drop off your monetary donations as well. These folks are volunteers I know not all of them but the majorities are Volunteers on the Fire Depts. Stratford was fortunate to have the aid of Goodwell, Sunray, Gruver, and Texhoma Fire Departments and with folks who brought fuel, food, water and snacks. It does not matter who these folks are they are working together to stop these fires because of our dry conditions. They need our help. We would be in trouble if we did not have these people helping all of the time to take care of us and keep us safe. Please think about dropping off items at Clements Insurance for the Stratford Fire Department. These donations can do so much to helping them when they are out protecting us. And I said all First Responders, because they are on the scene when we are home safe and snug in our beds. Thanks from the bottom of my heart. A special thanks to Clements Insurance for volunteering to help.  
 Marty



## Justin Duran

I have been invited to participate in the Down Under Sports Tournaments hosted on the Gold Coast of Australia. I will be an ambassador of not only my community and state, but also our country. I will be representing Texas on the cross Country team in the 2018 Down Under Gold Coast Classic. Your sponsorship will be a very important part of fundraising for me and my team. Please help me achieve this once in lifetime opportunity by contributing to my fund. You can contribute by visiting <http://downundersports.com/payment> or by sending a check to Justin Duran, P.O. Box D-0753-CEFB or mail donations to Justin Duran, 952, Stratford, TX 79084





## Obituaries

*In  
Loving  
Memory*



Kenneth Duane Schafer, 82 year old farmer and rancher of Texhoma Oklahoma, passed away Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at Memorial Hospital of Texas County, Guymon.

The son of Emma Corene (Hamilton) and Roy Duane Schafer, he was born May 30, 1935 in Amarillo, Texas. Duane attended Texhoma schools, where he was valedictorian of his class and received the State FFA degree. He then attended Panhandle State College in Goodwell, where his sophomore year he received the highest honor from The National FFA, the award of American Farmer degree, being the first American Farmer out of Texas County, Oklahoma. He was also active in student government, Aggie Club, Museum Club, student housing leadership and was on numerous judging teams. Duane was instrumental in helping establish the Panhandle State Foundation that has assisted students and given scholarships to many Aggie students over the years. Always an Aggie, Duane had served as vice president and president of the OPSU Alumni Association and the OPSU Foundation. In 1989, Duane was honored as a Distinguished Alumni.

After Duane graduated from college, he married Grace Longbrake of Guymon, Oklahoma on April 19, 1958. He was soon drafted into the United States Army and was sent to Fort Carson and later to Fort McClellan, Anniston, Alabama, where he was trained in chemical warfare. After his military tour, he, Grace and baby Florene returned to Texhoma to the family farm and ranching business. Duane and Grace raised their girls, worked hard and invested in their community. Duane served his community as an active member and served on the boards of the Texhoma, Texas School Board, Texhoma Wheat Growers, Sherman County Water Board, Sherman County Appraisal Board and Board of Equalization. Member of First Baptist Church,

Duane was a friend and encourager to many. In the past, if you were to run into him on the street, he would shake your hand, wish you the best, leave you with a smile and tell you, "Always do your best!"

Duane is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Grace Schafer; their three daughters and their families that he adored and was so very proud of. Florene and husband, Jay Murphy reside in Texhoma and have taken over the farming and ranching. Their oldest, Jacob and wife, Ceciley, live in Colcord, Oklahoma, where he is pursuing his Master's Degree in Education and Ceciley is a political consultant. Daughter, Sarah Murphy is a student at OPSU and will be pursuing a degree in Chiropractic.

Middle daughter, Cindy and husband, Stephen Medicott live in Denton, Texas, where Cindy is a teacher and Stephen works in the Boy Scouts of American Headquarters. Their oldest child, Elizabeth, is a Registered Nurse in San Antonio, Texas. William Medicott and wife, Ansley, currently teach in Japan, but will soon transfer to London, England, where they will continue their education. Their youngest, Luke, is pursuing a Physical Therapy degree at Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Duane and Grace's youngest daughter, Mary and husband, Todd Bass, live in Crosbyton, Texas, where both teach and Todd is the boys' head basketball coach. Their son, Aaron and wife, Libby, reside in Jacksboro, Texas, where Aaron is also the head boys' basketball coach and Libby is a speech pathologist. They have blessed the Schafers with their first great grandchild, Dean Bass, born March, 2018. Mary and Todd's youngest daughter, Meghan Bass, is a missionary in Belgium, working with Sportquest Mission group.

Duane is also survived by two sisters, Lora Folsom of Dallas, Texas and Delma Dee Daniels of Florida; two brothers-in-law, Ronald Longbrake and wife, Dorla of Dayton, Ohio, Kenneth Longbrake and wife, Beth of Cushing, Oklahoma; and sister-in-law, Nelda and husband, Charlie Smith of Amarillo, Texas, and many other special nieces, nephews and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Corene Schafer, and his infant daughter, Lindy Sue Schafer.

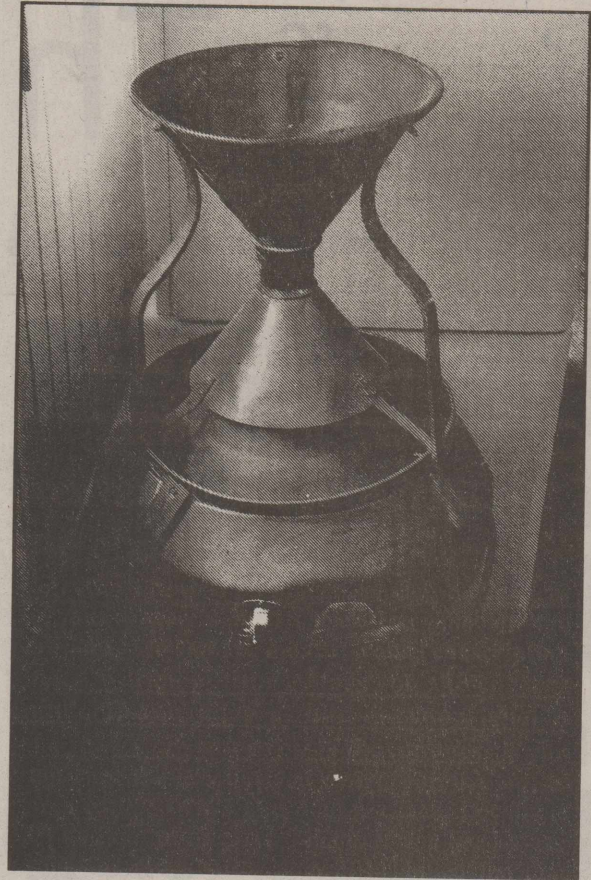
Funeral services will be Saturday afternoon, May 12th, 1:30 PM, at First Baptist Church, Texhoma, with brother-in-law, Deacon Kenneth Longbrake, officiating. Interment with military rites will follow in Texhoma Cemetery.

Viewing will be at the Henson-Novak Funeral Chapel, 733 First Street, Texhoma, on Friday afternoon, 3:00-8:00 PM with the family being present, 6:00-8:00 PM.

The Schafer family has requested that in lieu of floral gifts, memorials be given to the Texhoma Cemetery; do Tom Hackler, P.O. Box 348, Texhoma, OK 73949.

Friends may sign the online guest book and send condolences at

## COME SEE US



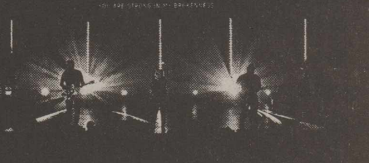
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## SCOT Monthly Activities

Men's Pool daily 1 p.m. M-F

Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes  
Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Yoga with Erin Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m.

Yoga with Cindy Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Monthly luncheon-4<sup>th</sup> Thursday-12 noon  
(covered dish Luncheon)

## Attention to all subscribers!!

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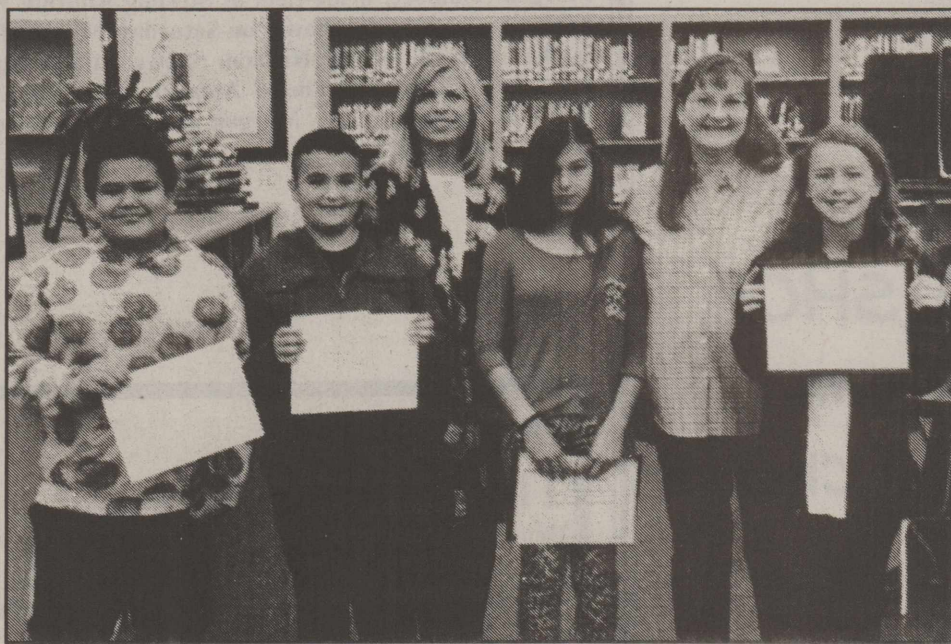
# BLOCK PARTY

The Block Party will be held during the Stratford Jamboree on Saturday evening, July 28, 2018. Non-profit and for-profit organizations, private businesses & citizens are invited to register for a designated space as early as possible. People have already signed up to sell cold drinks, water, ice & cups, jewelry & crosses and essential oils. There is no charge for spaces but you will be assigned a certain spot. If you have questions call SCDC at 366.2897, text me at 806.753.6897 or email [scdc@xit.net](mailto:scdc@xit.net).

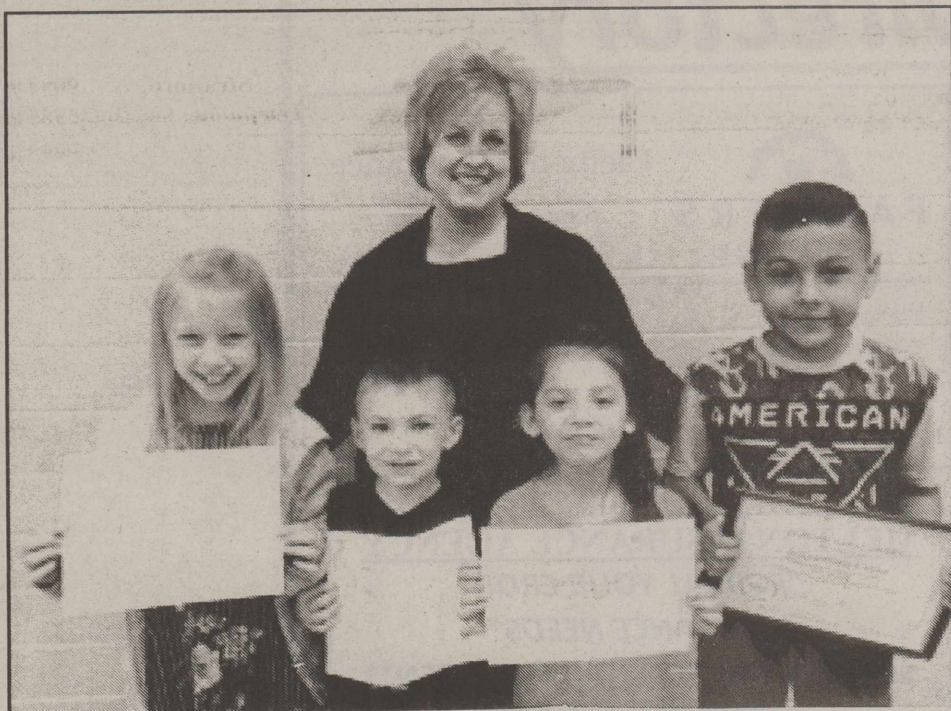




Pictured – High School – Arturo Vallejo, Jaci Brown, Hannah Sims and Sandi Wheeler



Pictured – Junior High – Jonathan Mendoza, Mauro Ortega, Marlet Quintero Hernandez, Morgan Clift, Stacy Metcalf and Linda Henderson



Pictured – Mary Allen - Abigail Murphy, Dominic Harkins, Monserrath Zamudio, Alejandro Casas, and Jennifer DeAnda

## DISTRICT & AREA WINNERS OF THE 2018 TEXAS CONSERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM

Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District presented certificates to the district winners of the 2018 Texas Conservation Awards Program. This year's theme was "Healthy Soils are Full of Life." The purpose of this program is to provide competition and incentives to expand and improve conservation efforts, resource development and increase the wise utilization of our renewable natural resources. Stratford students could participate in three different areas based on their age group – essays, posters and coloring pages.

Certificates were awarded as follows:

### Coloring Contest (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Alejandro Casas
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Dominic Harkins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Monserrath Zamudio

### Poster Contest (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Marlet Quintero Hernandez
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Abigail Murphy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Mauro Ortega

### Junior Essay Contest (13 & under)

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Morgan Clift
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Marlet Quintero Hernandez
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jonathan Mendoza

### Senior Essay Contest (14-18)

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jaci Brown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Arturo Vallejo
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Hannah Sims

The top two entries in the poster and essay contests advanced to the area competition. Results from the area competition are as follows: **Junior Essay – Morgan Clift – 3<sup>rd</sup> place.** Morgan and her family will be honored at an area wide banquet to be held in Plainview, Texas.

Scott Buckles, Chairman along with the Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District would like to thank all the Stratford students who participated, and the principals and teachers who helped facilitate the contest – Tracy Ferguson, Sandi Wheeler, Clint Seward, Stacy Metcalf, Linda Henderson, Jennifer DeAnda and all the teachers at Mary Allen Elementary.

## Fashion Show Planned for Legacy

By Paula Nusz

Legacy Assisted Living is planning a Fashion Show for their Mother's Day Celebration. The show will be on Friday, May 11, 2018, at Legacy beginning at 2:00. The female residents have designed Hobby Shirts that they will wear in the Fashion Show. Hobby Shirts have their roots in the 1970's and are either chambray or light denim shirt/jackets. The shirts are decorated with embroidery, lace, ribbon, appliques and other decorative items. The shirts make a great light-weight jackets. Legacy ladies are generally cold, so these snazzy jackets will provide a warm jacket to wear.

The ladies began designing their jackets the end of April. Legacy staff has been doing the sewing to complete the projects. Each jacket is as unique as the designer! The ladies have chosen a color-theme, topic, or other base idea for their designs. There is one with horses, another has bluebonnets, and another has photos of great-grandchildren. Area quilt clubs donated their orphan quilt blocks for use in this project. The community donated lace, ribbons, scarves, doilies, ties and other decorative items to be used as well. Thank you to everyone for their donations.

Refreshments and door prizes will be included in this day of fashion and fun at Legacy. Legacy Assisted Living is located at 301 Texas Boulevard, in Dalhart, Texas. If you need more information, please call Paula Nusz at 806-244-1450. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

**First Assembly of God**  
Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**First Christian Church**  
5th & Main  
Tim Boyer, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (Nursery)  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)  
No Sunday evening Worship Service

**First United Methodist**  
Rev. Damon Stalvey  
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Sunday School 9:20 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Junior & Senior High UMY 5:00 p.m.

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**First Baptist Church**  
Pastor Ron Whitt  
702 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
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Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.

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### Bride Elect Honored with Shower

Morgan Ashmore, bride-elect of Sterling Audrain was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, May 5, 2018 in the home of Tiffany Hudson, Shown with Morgan from left, Sheila Audrain of Amarillo, TX Mary Jo Black of Plainview, TX. Morgan and Cindy Ashmore of Spearman, TX.



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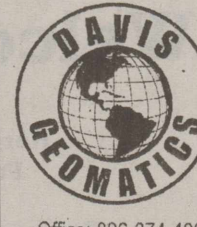
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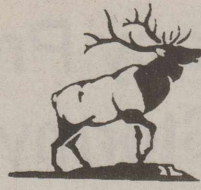
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2017-2018

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Reaghan Audrain
Alexia Guerra
Ashton Lavake
Dalia Martinez
Jennifer Morillon
Hannah Sims

10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Janeht Bravo
Jesus Duran
Abigail Gomez
Kenlee McBryde
Ty McBryde
Walker McBryde
Amahi Ruiz
Jacob Sanchez
Akira Vacio
Abraham Villgas

11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Shaylee Audrain
Emily Barajas
Jaci Brown
Adamaris Castro
Xenia Franco
Carlos Gonzalez
Luis Mendoza
Francisco Olmos
Nicholas Payne
Remie Seward
Joyce Spargur
Victor Torres
Yasmin Torres

12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Taylor Aduddell
Layne Burr
Luis Carrillo
Jazmine Castaneda
Aylyn Duarte
Sergio Guerrero
Noah Harris
Colten Lanning
Sonia Lopez
Zach Lujan
Giselle Marquez
Kade McBryde
Carlee Metcalf
Brandon Mireles
Natalia Niave
Kory Punch
Luccro Robles

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Lashala Anderton
Slate Anderton
Payton Berry
Tyson Brooks
Alondra Camberos
Ramon Torres
Dempsey Collums
Victoria Garay
Israel Guel
Alberto Guerrero
Benjamin James
Abby Law
Eryck Mendoza
Francisco Ortega
Josafat Reyes
Stephanic Ruiz
Lara Wells

10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Nadia Fierro
Gemma Lucero
Fernando Martinez
Luis Molina
Carlos Reta
Publio Reyes
Iuden Romero
Daisy Ruiz
Oscar Sauzameda
Tiffany Soto
Lilia Trayler

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Eugenia Almendarez
Katelin Berry
Alejandro Carlos
Justin Duran
Elizabeth Martinez
Eimy Mendoza
Nadia Ortega
Brenda Portillo
Flor Reta
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Matthew Smith
Turner Smith
Astrid Valenzuela

12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Erika Lopez
Mason McDaniel
Baruc Ortega
Pedro Ortega
Sydney Pottratz
Karl Punch
Blake Rios
Patrick Ruiz
Matthew Sandvig
Scott Thompson
Daniela Valdez

Pays to Look in the



Star Classifieds

Help Wanted

Help Wanted: Part time Secretary needed at First United Methodist Church. For an application call 396-2178 or 806 753-6255

Help Wanted for Spring cleaning. Call Gaynelle Riffe 1301 Beaver RD.806-396-5303

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

Property owners have the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the appraised (market) value of your property
the unequal value of your property compared with other properties
the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
any exemptions that may apply to you
the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
the taxing units taxing your property
the property ownership
the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
failure of the chief appraiser or appraisal review board (ARB) to send a required notice
any action taken by the chief appraiser, county appraisal district (CAD) or ARB that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

(Insert description of CAD's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

In office informal review M-F 8:00-5:00 @ Sherman CAD, 402 N 3rd, Stratford or call 806-366-5566 for a review over the phone or to schedule an in-office review.

Review by the ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the CAD, you file a notice of protest requesting to have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that hears and determines protests regarding property appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes based on evidence heard during the ARB hearing.

If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing and send you written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. You may use Comptroller Form 50-132, Property Appraisal - Notice of Protest, to file your written request for an ARB hearing.

Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. Before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD are required to provide each other with a copy of any materials (evidence) intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. Evidence may be submitted for any hearing type either in paper or on a small portable electronic device (such as a CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) which will be kept by the ARB. Do NOT bring evidence on a smart phone. The ARB's hearing procedures regarding all the requirements to properly submit evidence on a small portable electronic device must be reviewed.

To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person or you may by telephone conference call or submission of written affidavit to present

your evidence, facts and argument. If you decide to participate by telephone conference call, you must provide your evidence to the ARB with a written affidavit before the ARB hearing begins. You may use Comptroller Form 50-283, Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence to the Appraisal Review Board, to submit evidence for your telephone conference call hearing or for hearing by affidavit.

You and the CAD representative have the opportunity to present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented by both parties. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. ARB members are required to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the ARB's decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. As an alternative to district court, you may appeal through binding arbitration or the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) if you meet the qualifying criteria.

If you choose to go to district court, you must start the process by filing a petition with the district court within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If you chose to appeal through binding arbitration, you must file a request for binding arbitration with the CAD not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order. If you chose to appeal to the SOAH, you must file an appeal with the CAD not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

Tax Payment

You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your CAD at (insert CAD name, address, telephone number).

Sherman CAD, 402 N 3rd, PO Box 239
Stratford TX 79084-0239
806-366-5566

You can get Comptroller forms and additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

Usual Deadline

Not later than May 15 (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed for good cause if you miss the usual deadline. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the CAD informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a

protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the change was delivered to you.

(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

Protest Deadline 6-14-2018
Appraisal Review Board Meets 6-29-2018

If you believe the CAD or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or legal, state or national holiday.



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First United Methodist Church of Stratford invites children of all ages to experience the ride of a lifetime with God at Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School! This white water rafting adventure includes exciting new music, creative crafts, a delicious meal, fun recreation and memorable Bible stories that will help children know God is always with them as they ride the rapids of life!

The adventures runs from June 3-5, 5-8 p.m. at FUMC Stratford, 520 N. Main Street, Stratford, Texas.

Join us for the ride of a lifetime at Rolling River Rampage VBS by calling Macy Begley at (806) 759-7770 or visit us online at rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcstr!



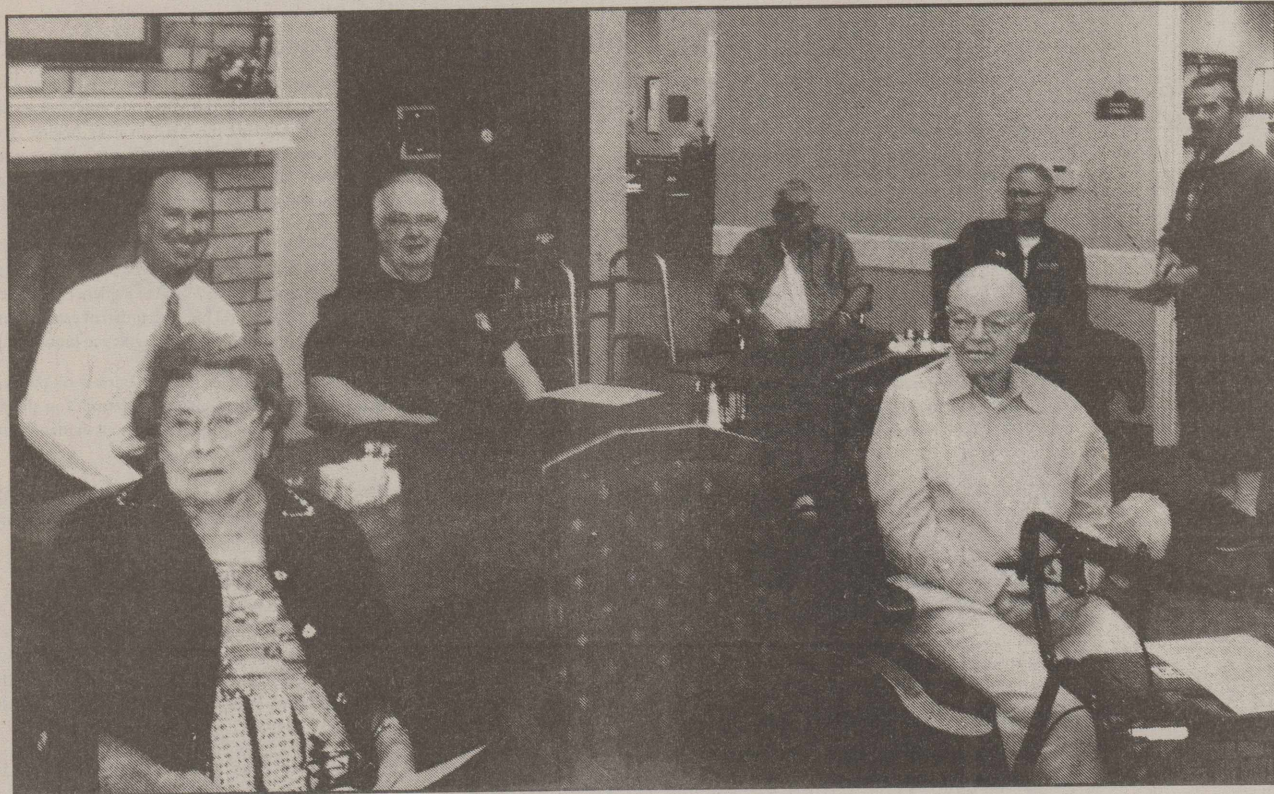
## Legacy Prepares for Stormy Weather

By Paula Nusz

Legacy Assisted Living held their annual Storm Awareness & Preparedness class on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Meteorologist, Steve Kersh, from Amarillo's KVII TV Channel 7 presented a wonderful storm awareness program. Steve told about the different types of severe weather: lightening, hail, tornadoes, and fire weather. He took time to explain each type of weather and why it can be dangerous. He further explaining tornadoes and the difference between a Watch and a Warning.

Following Steve's program, Paula Nusz, Resident Services Coordinator, gave each resident an Emergency Procedures Instruction Sheet. This flyer covers the information/instructions for Severe Thunderstorms, Tornado Watches, and Tornado Warnings. Each resident has a specific place designated as their 'Safe Place' within their apartments. Residents were instructed when to go to their 'Safe Place'; and what staff actions would be taken during each type of weather incident. The flyer was printed on bright orange paper, and intended to be hung on their refrigerator doors or 'Safe Place' location as a reminder of procedures for severe weather issues.

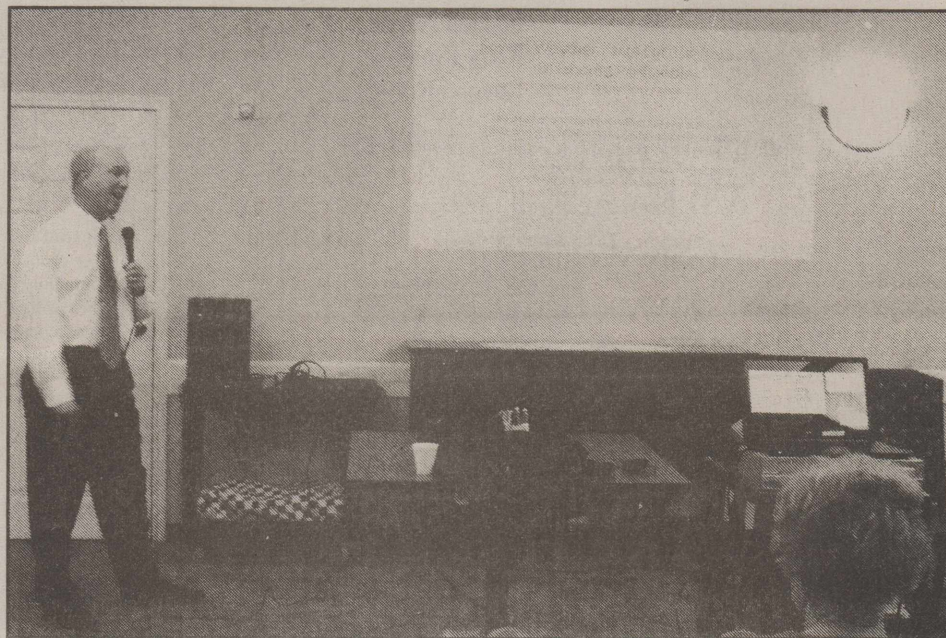
Steve was so kind to answer questions and give further information that was relevant to the questions. He took time before leaving to greet each group of residents and pause for photographs. The residents were excited to meet a TV celebrity. One resident replied how handsome he was in person! Thank you Steve. Legacy Assisted Living is located in Dalhart, Texas.



Seated L-r Mildred Metcalf, Jimmy Summerour, (back row l-r) Steve Kersh, Charlie McClain, Ferol Beckner and son, Jerry Gerakines



Wid Stevenson, Steve Kersh, Margaret Harbert



Steve Kersh (KVII TV Channel 7-Amarillo) presents program



### Join Us For a Party!

Come have fun with Linda as she celebrates her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Sherman County Barn at 2 p.m. at 501 S. Maple, Stratford, TX

### Stratford Hospital District

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Stratford Family Medical Clinic

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Mon. - Thurs 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

396-5583 Tommy Brian, ANP & Krista Brown ANP

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Mon.-Thurs 9 a.m. - 5:30 PM

Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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366-5505 Shelly Worley, PharmD, RPH

#### Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility

396-5568 Leo Sanders, LNFA

#### Stratford EMS

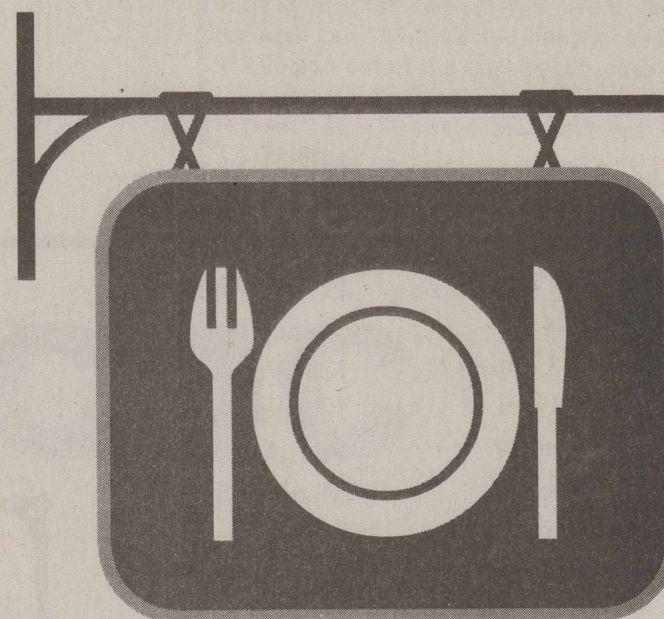
9-1-1 or 396-2844 Jimmy Lanning, Director

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## Biddy's On Main

207 N. Main

366-2111



NEW HOURS  
STARTING MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

We will be open Monday-Thursday  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

CLOSED SATURDAYS

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