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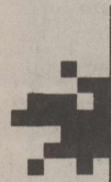
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**Fundraiser for
Joan Palmer
Sunday September 9th
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Biddy's on Main**

**Teachers and students
have a blessed and safe
school year.
Good Luck to all!!**

**Mike Smith to
Speak August 28th**
Stratford Education Foundation
and Stratford High School
Student Council present: Mike
Smith, Speaker, Consultant,
Ambassador and Author on
Tuesday, August 28, 2018 from 9
a.m. to 12 noon at the Stratford
Gymnasium. This will be
benefiting our Students and
Surrounding Community.
Everyone is welcome to join us .



**STRATFORD HOSPITAL
DISTRICT**

Dear Neighbor:

Stratford Hospital District provides medical and long term care in Sherman County through Coldwater Manor, Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Elk Pharmacy, and Stratford EMS. Stratford Hospital District is currently planning for the area's future care and service.

We believe that the best way to assure that we offer what people want and need is to ask them for their opinions and ideas. To that end, we invite you to participate in one of our focus groups (small discussion groups) that will be held at SCOT (Sherman County Older Texans) Hall. The purpose of these meetings is to hear your opinions and ideas regarding your future retirement plans and preferences, as well as your reaction to our proposed plans for additional care services. Please note that this is not a sales presentation; we are still in the early planning stages for these projects.

We truly value your time and input. To show our appreciation, a \$25 Visa gift card will be given to each household that participates in one of these groups. Light refreshments will also be served. The discussion groups will be held at SCOT Hall on September 17th at the following times:

<p>Session 1: 9:30am – 11:30am SCOT Hall 301 N. Main Street Stratford, TX 79084</p>
<p>Session 2: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm SCOT Hall 301 N. Main Street Stratford, TX 79084</p>

The consulting firm, CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) is organizing these focus groups for the Stratford Hospital District. We have limited space for each group, so reservations are required and will be granted on a first-come, first serve basis. To indicate your interest in attending, please RSVP by September 5th. On-line registration is the best and fastest way to reserve a space in one of these groups by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHDfuture>. If you prefer to RSVP by telephone, please leave a voice message at (267) 419-1186 with your contact information and the session that you wish to attend. CLA will contact you by e-mail or phone to confirm your session attendance within three to five business days of receiving your response.

Thank you in advance for your interest and participation in this important planning process for the Stratford Hospital District. I think you will find the experience to be interesting, informative and fun! We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Leo Sanders

Leo Sanders, CEO & Administrator
Stratford Hospital District

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Imagination Station Dates

September 14-15 Whale of a Sale
October 25 (6-9)-Haunted House
November 3 @ 6:30 p.m.-25th
Anniversary Gala (limited tickets will
be \$25 and available from any board
member in October)
November 28-Soup Supper in
Conjunction with the parade
December 8-Breakfast with Santa
(Limited tickets will be available early
November).

**A fund has been set
up at First State
Bank for Joan
Palmer's Medical
Expenses. Checks
can be made out to
Joan Palmer's
Medical Fund**

Meet the Elks

Thursday, August 23, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Meet all the 2018 JH and HS

Stratford Elks

Free Hot Dogs & Homemade

Ice Cream

\$5.00 Raffle tickets for 30

pounds of ground Beef

8th Annual Stratford Community Tailgate Party and Dance

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Stratford Country Club

No entry fee - Cash prizes for top three entries
Cook Applications are available at extension office.
You provide all items you need for cooking your item, equipment you need
for set up, electricity, etc.

Meal - 7:00 PM
Dance - 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship!

All proceeds go to Sherman County Livestock Association

Any questions call: Dinah - 806-753-7053, Dan - 806-753-7416, or Heather
- 620-629-1593

** All 2019 Sherman County Livestock Exhibitors are required to sell 3
tickets. Tickets can be picked up at the extension office.
Exhibitors will be charged \$45 for not selling tickets.***

Obituary

Ronald Larry Morrison
September 29, 1937-August 18, 2018

Ronald Larry Morrison passed from this life on August 18, 2018 at the age of 80. A memorial service was held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesday, August 21st at the First Baptist Church in Dumas, TX with Jake Minton officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Larry was born on September 29, 1937 in Estelline, TX to Morris & Juanita Morrison. Larry moved from Amarillo to Dumas in 1943. He was a graduate of the Dumas High School class of 1956. Following graduation, he attended Dallas School of Mortuary Science and became a Licensed Funeral Director. Upon completing Mortuary School, Larry went to work for Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors in Perryton, TX. In 1960 he returned to Dumas where he continued to work for the Boxwell Brothers until 1968 when his family purchased the funeral homes in Dumas and Sunray. In 1975, the Morrison family purchased the Stratford Funeral Home.

He married Jo Ellen Baker in 1961 in Dumas Texas, while serving in the United States Army at Fort Hood, TX. Larry and Jo were blessed with two daughters. Larry was a former member of the Dumas Noon Lions Club, Jaycees, Texas Funeral Directors Association and was the building chairman for the new North Plains Country Club.

Larry was a very compassionate man and served countless families in their time of need with the upmost respect and dignity. He touched the lives of the young men who worked for him over the years and chose to follow his profession.

He spent many hours and traveled many miles to watch his grandchildren participate in numerous activities. He became quite the rodeo fan due to his great-grandson's participation in the sport. This not only brought joy to his life, but to theirs as well. He will be missed by them all.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; Morris and Juanita Morrison, a brother Gene, a nephew Lance Morrison, a granddaughter Kelsey Jo Patterson and a great grandson, Rhett Alexander Lujan.

He is survived by his loving and faithful wife of 56 years, Jo Ellen. Two daughters, Melinda and Guy Patterson, of Bushland; Marlis and Shaun Scofield of Dalhart. A brother, Jim Morrison of North Carolina. Seven grandchildren Zach, Meisha, Josh, Kaitlyn, Alix, Dreagan and Charming, and four great grandchildren, Khamdyn, Haidynn, Hudson, Breck & soon to be born, Rex.

The family suggest memorials be made to your favorite charity.



Pre-Season Timeout With Rog:

The grass is green and guess who is playing on it. Stratford Elks 2018 version. When the dog days of summer approach us that means football is among us. A new regime is in place. This year's theme is an ATV climbing up Wallace Hill, we are going all the way to the top and kicking up dust! There might be some new faces under that beautiful blue and white helmet, but it's the same Stratford Elks! We had our first scrimmage this week against the Dalhart Golden Wolves, they should be called the Golden arches because they are as bad as two day old French fries. This year we have another McBryde quarterback, but hopefully he isn't dating a girl from Canadian. The coaches are happy with our progressiveness. I've even heard a Lubbock Sportswriter had even filmed our practice with a drone. So, I guess that means even people from outer space are watching the Stratford Elks. I have heard the Claude Dirtclods were so scared to play us that they dropped down to six man. And by the way, there is no "e" in Claud because "e" are for sissies. Let's all get our 4-Wheelers out this week as we travel to Texas Wanna Be, Hooker Oklahoma! In Stratford, Texas, we stand for the flag because we are proud it and the people defend it. Thank you Lord for all the rain you have provided us, Once an Elk always an Elk.

Roger Malon Allen

Class of 1981

P.S. My present scribe writes a lot better than my past scribe

P.S.S. There is no P.S.S. this week

Excel Energy awards \$79,500 in non-profit grants

Area nonprofits working in education, economic sustainability, get funds for programs

AMARILLO, Texas (Aug. 15, 2018) – The Xcel Energy Foundation has awarded \$79,500 to 25 Texas-based nonprofits supporting education and economic sustainability missions.

"Our job is to provide our customers safe, clean and reliable energy at a reasonable price, but we also know that the quality of life in our communities is equally important to their continued success," said David Hudson, president, Xcel Energy – Texas. "Our nonprofits are key partners in this success, and we are pleased to be able to support their good efforts."

Through the Foundation's focus area grants, Xcel Energy supports nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations through multiple focus areas. Texas nonprofits that improve science, technology, engineering, economics and math education and help individuals achieve economic self-sufficiency were invited to submit applications this year. Area nonprofits receiving funding this year are:

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Canadian Independent School District
Don Harrington Discovery Center

Foundation for Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology

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Los Barrios de Amarillo
South Plains College Foundation
Stratford Education Foundation
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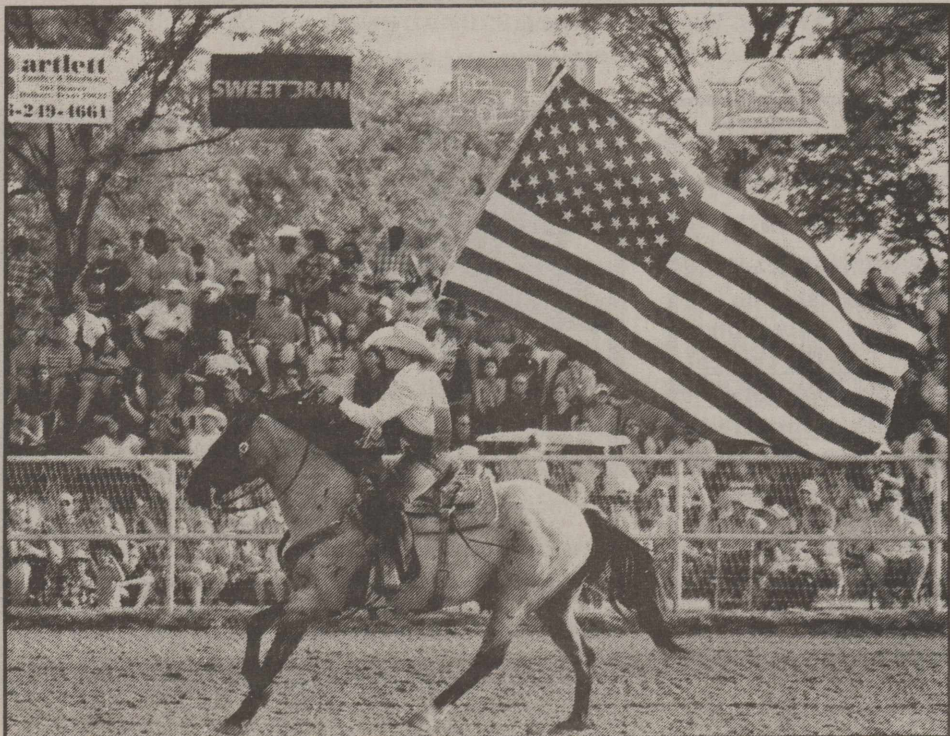
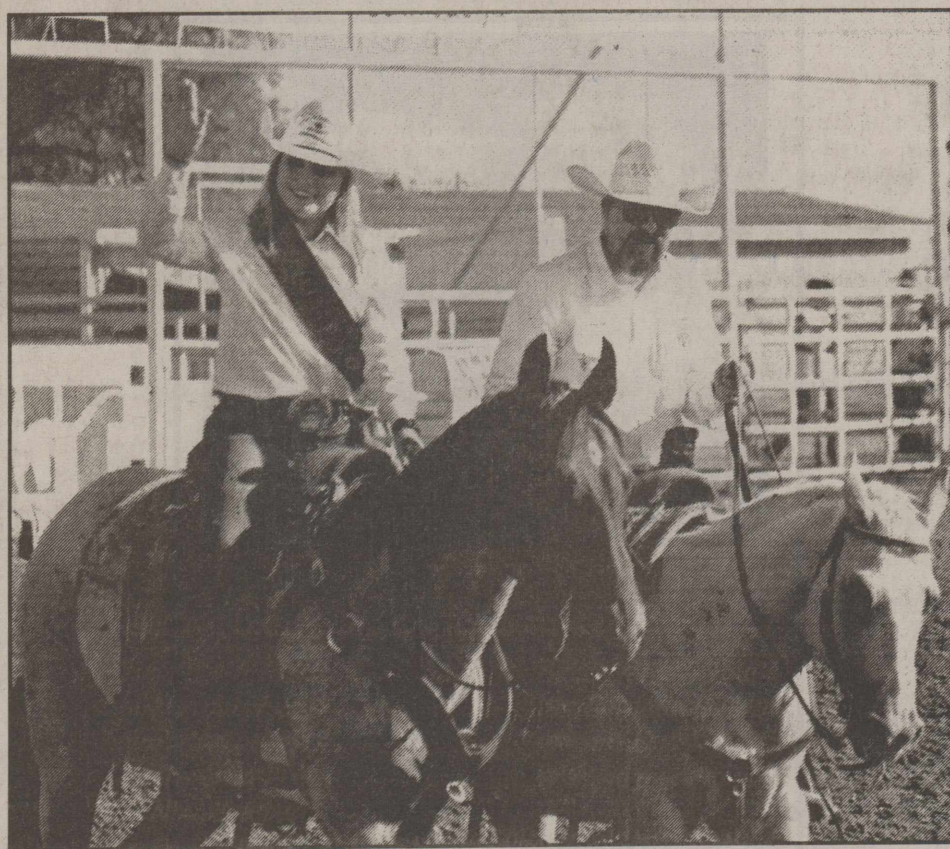
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Congratulations Jaci, XIT Queen

Jaci Brown the daughter of Krista and Billy Brown is shown above after being crowned 2018 XIT Queen. She represented Stratford extremely well at Dalhart. Congrats Jaci, Way to Go!!!! She is shown above with one of the XIT Directors.



Engagement Announced

Mr. Mike McDaniel & Mr. and Mrs. Bill Riffe are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Merilee McDaniel to Christopher Barrios, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Drake and the late Mr. Richard Barrios.

Merilee graduated from Stratford High School in 2007. She received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and a Master of Science in Accounting with a concentration in tax from Texas Tech University. Merilee is currently a Senior Tax Advisor for USAA in San Antonio, TX

Christopher graduated from James Madison High School in 2005. Christopher is an Electrical & Instrumentation Technician for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in Catarina, TX.

The couple will marry on April 20, 2019 in Spring Branch, TX and will reside in San Antonio, TX.

In June, the couple will be having a reception in Stratford to celebrate with family and friends!

INSCRIPTIONS FOUND ON TOMBSTONES

*Here lies the dust
of Marvin Peeper
swept up at last
by the Great
Housekeeper*

*Beneath this stone
lies Dr. John Bigelow,
an atheist all dressed up
with no place to go.*

*Here lies my wife
in earthy mould
who when she lived
did naught but scold.
Good friends, go softly
in your walking
lest she should wake
and rise up talking.*

*William Jones
Beloved husband of Elizabeth
Jones
Rest in peace until I come*

*Epitaph on a waiter's
gravestone:
"God finally got his
attention."*

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
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Junior & Senior High UMY 5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
6th & Pearl
Rectory 366-5687
Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.
Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Pastor Ron Whitt
702 N. 3rd
Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.

Heritage Bible Baptist
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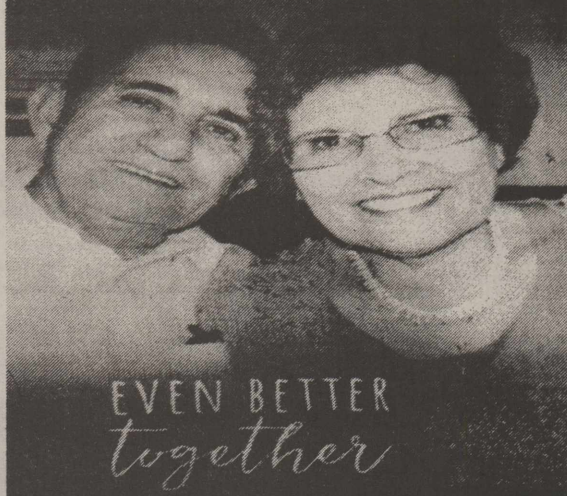
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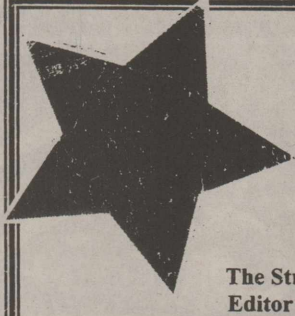
The Family of Joe & Viola Abeyta
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Unfortunately, Joe has been diagnosed with
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We offer our Thanks to you all

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Thank you

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The article submitted below was brought in by Pat Johnson

Article written By Dennis Prager

If every school principal gave this speech at the beginning of the next school year, America would be a better place.

To the students and faculty of our high school: I am your new principal, and honored to be so. There is no greater calling than to teach young people. I would like to apprise you of some important changes coming to our school. I am making these changes because I am convinced that most of the ideas that have dominated public education in America have worked against you, against your teachers and against our country.

First, this school will no longer honor race or ethnicity. I could not care less if your racial makeup is black, brown, red, yellow or white. I could not care less if your origins are African, Latin American, Asian or European, or if your ancestors arrived here on the Mayflower or on slave ships.

The only identity I care about, the only one this school will recognize, is your individual identity -- your character, your scholarship, your humanity. And the only national identity this school will care about is American. This is an American public school, and American public schools were created to make better Americans. If you wish to affirm an ethnic, racial or religious identity through school, you will have to go elsewhere. We will end all ethnicity-, race- and non-American nationality-based celebrations. They undermine the motto of America, one of its three central values -- e pluribus unum, "from many, one." And this school will be guided by America's values.

This includes all after-school clubs. I will not authorize clubs that divide students based on any identities. This includes race, language, religion, sexual orientation or whatever else may become in vogue in a society divided by political correctness. Your clubs will be based on interests and passions, not blood, ethnic, racial or other physically defined ties. Those clubs just cultivate narcissism -- an unhealthy preoccupation with the self -- while the purpose of education is to get you to think beyond yourself. So we will have clubs that transport you to the wonders and glories of art, music, astronomy, languages you do not already speak, carpentry and more. If the only extracurricular activities you can imagine being interested in are those based on ethnic, racial or sexual identity, that means that little outside of yourself really interests you.

Second, I am uninterested in whether English is your native language. My only interest in terms of language is that you leave this school speaking and writing English as fluently as possible. The English language has united America's citizens for over 200 years, and it will unite us at this school. It is one of the indispensable reasons this country of immigrants has always come to be one country. And if you leave this school without excellent English language skills,

I would be remiss in my duty to ensure that you will be prepared to successfully compete in the American job market. We will learn other languages here -- it is deplorable that most Americans speak only English -- but if you want classes taught in your native language rather than in English, this is not your school.

Third, because I regard learning as a sacred endeavor, everything in this school will reflect learning's elevated status. This means, among other things, that you and your teachers will dress accordingly. Many people in our society dress more formally for Hollywood events than for church or school. These people have their priorities backward. Therefore, there will be a formal dress code at this school.

Fourth, no obscene language will be tolerated anywhere on this school's property - - whether in class, in the hallways or at athletic events. If you can't speak without using the f-word, you can't speak. By obscene language I mean the words banned by the Federal Communications Commission, plus epithets such as "Nigger," even when used by one black student to address another black, or "bitch," even when addressed by a girl to a girlfriend. It is my intent that by the time you leave this school, you will be among the few your age to instinctively distinguish between the elevated and the degraded, the holy and the obscene.

Fifth, we will end all self-esteem programs. In this school, self-esteem will be attained in only one way -- the way people attained it until decided otherwise a generation ago -- by earning it. One immediate consequence is that there will be one valedictorian, not eight.

Sixth, and last, I am reorienting the school toward academics and away from politics and propaganda. No more time will be devoted to scaring you about smoking and caffeine, or terrifying you about sexual harassment or global warming. No more semesters will be devoted to condom wearing and teaching you to regard sexual relations as only or primarily a health issue. There will be no more attempts to convince you that you are a victim because you are not white, or not male, or not heterosexual or not Christian. We will have failed if any one of you graduates this school and does not consider him or herself inordinately lucky - - to be alive and to be an American.

Now, please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. As many of you do not know the words, your teachers will hand them out to you.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to the Class of 1978 for their memorial gift to the Stratford Education Foundation in memory of their class mates. It's good to be remembered and it's good to give back.

Pat Johnson

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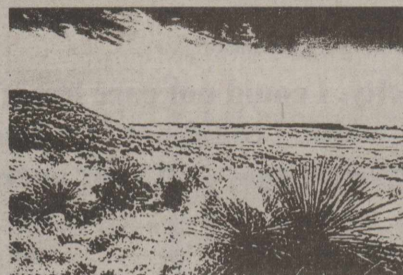
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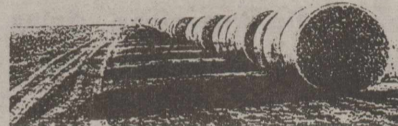
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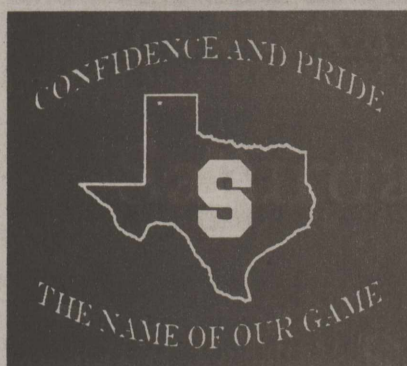
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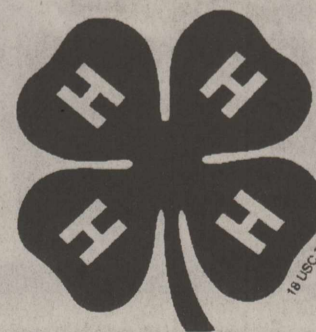
Saturday, September 8th @ 7:00PM

Dance 8-11PM

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Imagination Station Summer News

By Laurie Spurlock

We had a busy and exciting summer 2018 at The Imagination Station. It started off in June with Amarillo Museum of Art coming and presenting a program on Impressionism. We (20 of us) all then painted our very own version of Van Gogh's "A Starry Night". We continued the painting theme and late June we had an adult only painting class taught by Erica Kolb from Hugoton, KS. Twenty-one ladies painted some great, beautiful and unique cacti. July means Drama Camp - this year we had a pirate theme. Twenty-four children participated and performed three plays (all in one week) and were absolutely adorable. In August, we had another Main Street Art program where Cindy Russell came and instructed 28 of us on making pinch pots and coil pots. She took them all home from firing and glazing - can't wait to see the results. Follow us on Facebook to keep us with all the current happenings. Hope to see you soon!!



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