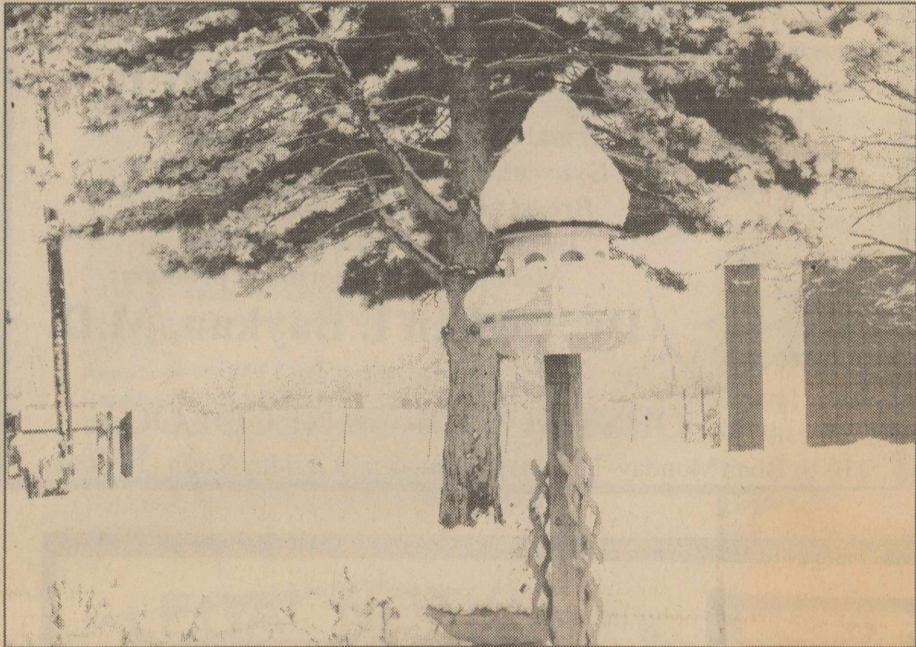




The Stratford Elks beat Shamrock 60-56 in a great game on Friday, February 22, 2013 to capture the 1-1A Area win! At press time, the Elks were scheduled to play Clarendon at Tascosa High in Amarillo at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26. Good Luck Elks!!



The Texas Panhandle received a record breaking blizzard starting on Sunday evening through most of Monday. Reports of snow totals anywhere from 2 inches to 19 inches. Drifts up to 6 ft. and places more. Stranded motorists'- highways closed down and all of the schools on Monday, February 25th, were closed and reports of many schools also being closed on Tuesday. Amarillo broke the record as the most snow falling in one day 19 inches since 1934 the last heaviest snowfall in a 24-hour period. Stratford has received three snows in the last two weeks. Photos shown at left and below were taken from the last snowfall. Moisture is welcomed.

A Medical Benefit Account has been set up at Happy State Bank for Jimmy Lanning. Jimmy is a dedicated, hardworking member of this community who daily gives his time and heart for all members of this community in their time of need. Will you please stop by Happy State Bank and show your support for Jimmy in his time of need. Thank you in advance.

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Is Spring just around the corner?

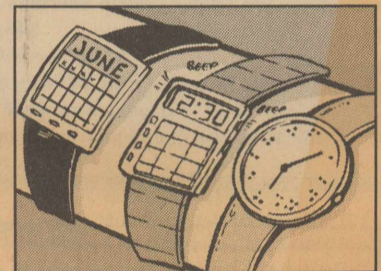
By Gaynelle Riffe

It is time to think about putting away winter and preparing for Spring. The winter decorations at the cemetery that have not blown away might need to be retired for next year. A cemetery clean up time will be in April to prepare for Memorial Day. What to do with some of the very nice flowers blown away in the fence? I have them captured but now what to do with them. If you have a solution, please let me know.



Snowmen falling from Heaven

(unassembled)



Special-purpose watches include the Braille watch for the blind, which has sturdy hands not covered with a crystal, and raised dots on the dial to mark the hours; the alarm watch for the pocket or wrist, which functions as a tiny, portable alarm clock; and the calendar watch, which shows the day of month and the week.

Any Individual or Organization wishing to offer a scholarship to the Class of 2013 please contact Desine Garza at 366-3322. Any current donors wishing to make changes to their current scholarship requirements please let Mrs. Garza know that as well as deadline for this year.

Fire Caution

We are NOT currently under a BURN BAN, but Sherman County is asking for everyone's cooperation in preventing fires. We are asking that you use caution with any fire. Please monitor any fires and make sure fire is completely extinguished before leaving the area.

ATTENTION: PROM TIME

We will begin working on prom decorations EVERY Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at the high school building, 2nd floor. We need EVERYONE to attend please.

Attention Parents

Stratford Youth sports will be meeting on February 28th at 7 p.m. at Happy State Bank. We need volunteers for our kids, baseball, basketball and soccer programs. Please come if you are interested in helping with any of these organizations. Any questions contact Brian Clift at 806-679-9421 or Jode Anderton at 396-2809



In memory of Blaine Killian, Stratford High School students held a balloon release on Friday, February 22.

Sheriff Powell visits the Capital

Sherman County Sheriff, Joe Powell was one of more than 150 Sheriffs from around the state that visited the 83rd Legislature on Thursday, February 19, 2013. The Sheriffs traveled from near and far in an effort to express their interest in what legislative actions are taken, show their support of lawmakers, and exhibit a strong unity among the Sheriffs of Texas.

The Legislative Committee and staff of the Sheriffs Association of Texas coordinated this special event to facilitate the Sheriffs involvement in the legislative process. Resolutions were passed in both the House and Senate recognizing the Sheriffs and the Sheriffs Association of Texas. Sheriffs spent the remainder of the day meeting with their individual Senators and Representatives to discuss pending legislation and provide input on bills that affect the citizens of the State of Texas. The Sheriffs feel this contact is crucial to providing meaningful law enforcement in their counties.

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs Association of Texas is a non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. The Legislative Committee is appointed by the President of the Sheriffs Association of Texas and is composed of Sheriffs from around the state.

When I go into my garden with a spade, and dig a bed, I feel such an exhilaration and health that I discover that I have been defrauding myself all this time in letting others do for me what I should have done with my own hands.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Health

(NU) - A recent study of 8- to 16-year-olds with asthma revealed that most did not perform all of the key steps when using a metered-dose inhaler, dry powder inhaler, peak flow meter or other asthma device.

"We found that very simple steps were being missed," said Betsy Sleath, Ph.D., the study's lead author. She added that parents and patients shouldn't be shy about asking for help. Their doctor, nurse, asthma educator or pharmacist can help by showing the proper technique, giving feedback on a patient's technique and answering questions. Visit www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/health-topics/topics/asthma/links.html.



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I found I could say things
with color and shapes that I
couldn't say any other way—
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—Georgia O'Keeffe

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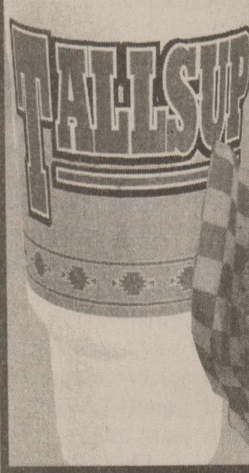
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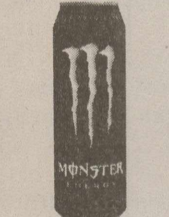
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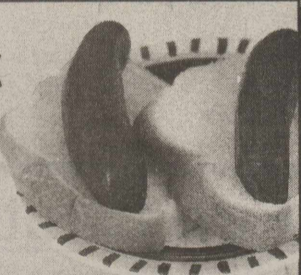
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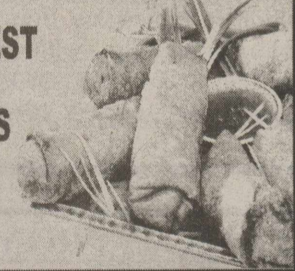
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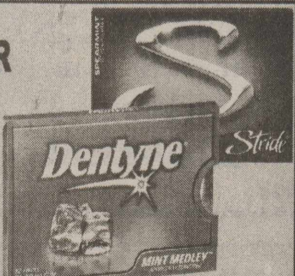
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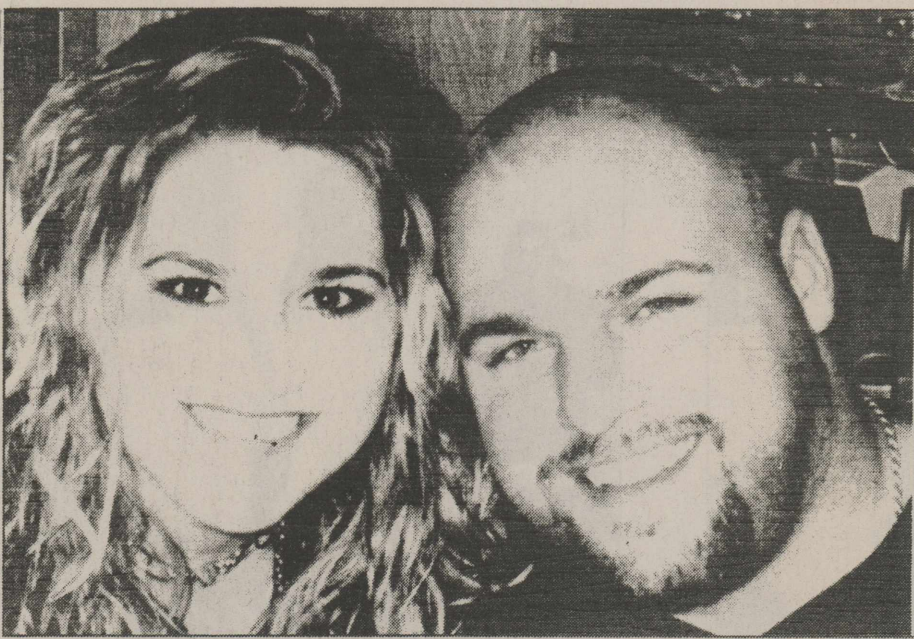


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Engagement Announced

Carolyn Allen Tarver of San Antonio, Texas and Lee Arthur Tarver of Floresville, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Deidre Lee, to Jud Daniel Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jud Ray Allen of College Station, Texas. Deidre Lee is the granddaughter of Katie (Hester) Allen and the late William (Bill) Allen of Stratford, Texas. Deidre Lee is a graduate of Stratford High School and of Texas A&M University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Leadership. She is employed with "Health by Choice", Kevin B. Amen D.C. CCSP of Spring Branch, Texas. Jud is a graduate of Brazos Christian High School and of Texas A&M University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology, with a Specialization in Applied Exercise Physiology. He is currently employed with "Allen On Top Roofing". The couple plan to wed on April 6, 2013 in San Antonio at the Omni La Mansion del Rio. They plan to reside in San Antonio, Texas.

5 Wintertime Traps That Hurt Your Heart

NewsUSA

(NU) - The winter season may be full of heart- and soul-warming celebrations, but cold weather can also pose some unknown risks to your heart.

The rate of deaths and hospitalizations for heart disease and stroke tend to increase dramatically during the winter. A recent study in "Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association" discovered that in some cases, the number of heart-related deaths increased by more than 50 percent.

It looks like winter is hard on the heart, for reasons both obvious and obscure. Take a look at five wintertime traps outlined by Life Line Screening, a provider of preventive health screenings.

1. Shorter, colder days. Darker days can upset the balance of heart-related hormones, increase levels of stress hormones like cortisol and lower the threshold for a cardiovascular event. Cold weather can reduce blood flow to the heart by tightening your arteries. If you must go outside, it helps to warm up indoors with some stretches first and, of course, dress warmly.

2. Disrupted routines. From chores to eating and sleeping, many routines are thrown off by winter. For instance, doing something strenuous like shoveling snow in the morning, a time when you're usually inactive, can raise your blood pressure and increase the risk of a cardiovascular event. In any case, go slow and don't overexert yourself.

3. Flu season. As we all know, winter is flu season. The flu usually causes inflammation, which can make arterial plaque less stable and trigger a heart attack. The best way



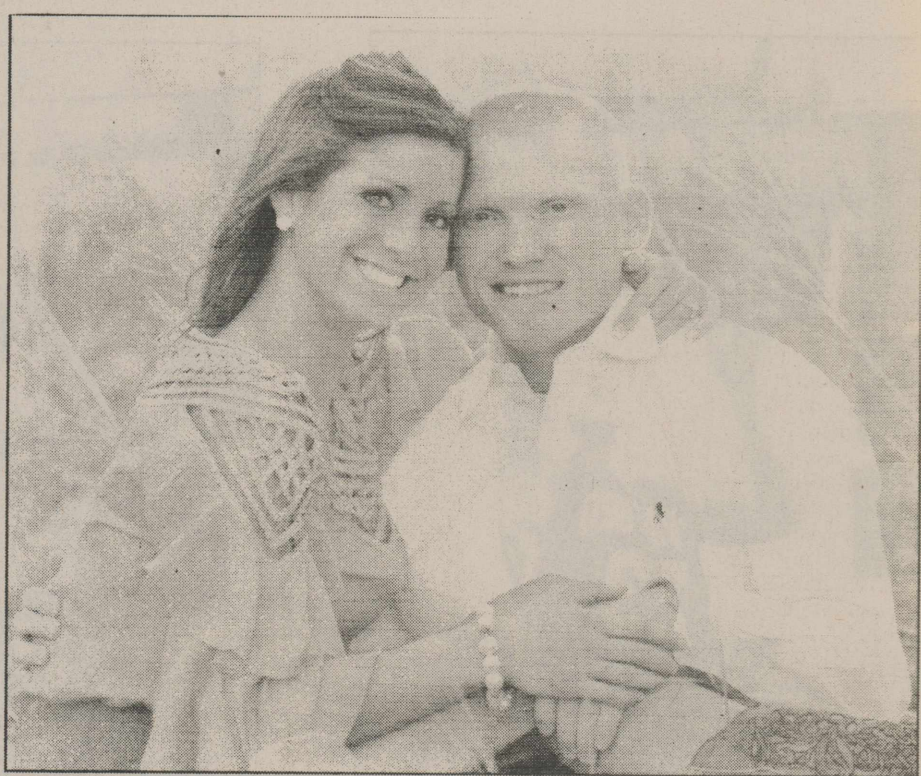
Take care not to raise your blood pressure when shoveling snow.

to prevent the flu is to get a flu shot, especially if you're older than 65 and have risk factors for heart disease.

4. Stress on top of stress. The holidays tend to usher in stress as well as merriment and cheer, especially with family obligations and financial responsibilities. Levels of pre-existing anxiety and depression — both of which are associated with heart attacks and strokes — can peak for some people during the holidays.

5. Too much cheer. Winter festivities often lead to overindulging on drinks and rich food. Most people tend to eat more, drink more, smoke more, sleep less and gain weight. Plus, you're probably not sticking to a work-out routine, if you have one. Try to avoid excess amounts of nicotine and caffeine, since those especially stress the heart.

To check your heart health, schedule a health screening at www.lifelinescreening.com.

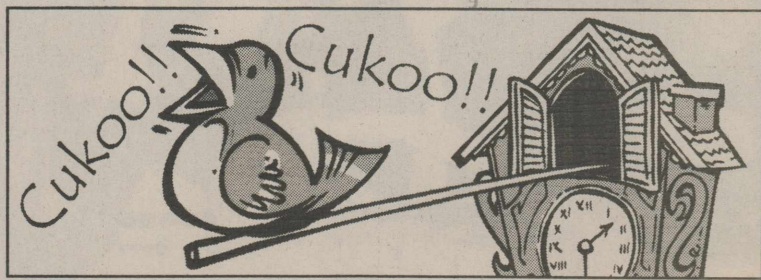


Engagement announced

Dario and Michelle Garza of Amarillo, TX are pleased to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Cassi Rae, to Scott Lane Hudson, son of Gregg and Shari Hudson of Stratford, TX. Cassi is a 2006 graduate of Stratford High School and a 2010 graduate of WTAMU. She is currently employed at Goldstar Trust Company in Canyon, TX. Scott is a 2007 graduate of Stratford High School and a 2012 graduate of WTAMU. Scott is currently employed with Spurlock Farms. The couple has planned a July 13, 2013 wedding at Starlight Canyon.

History is the present. That's why every generation writes it anew. But what most people think of as history is its end product, myth.

—E.L. Doctorow



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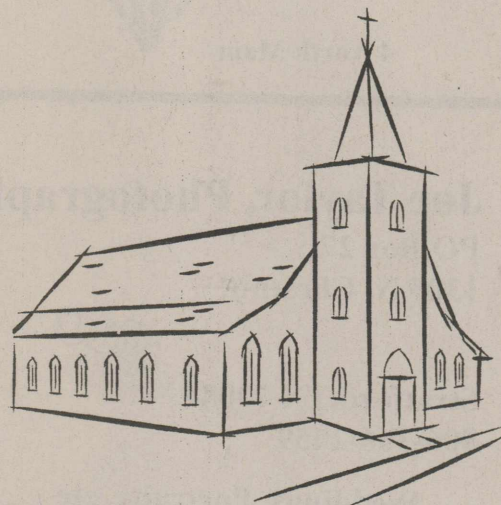
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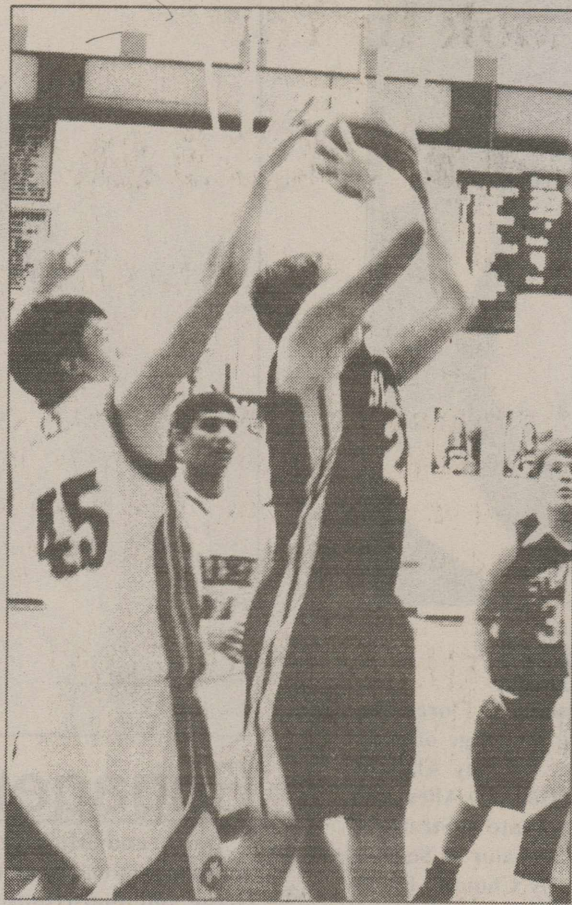
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Congratulations Boys



Stratford Elk Tanner Wright scores for the Elks in their area win over Shamrock on Friday, February 22.



Trevor Melton goes up for two points in the Elks area win over Shamrock.



Kelby Hartman breaks free for the lay-up in the Elks 60-56 Area win over Shamrock.

We are so proud of you



St. Joseph's Catholic Church held their Annual Sausage dinner on Sunday, February 24th at the Sherman County Barn. It was reported a good crowd came out and it was a very successful fundraiser. If you missed going you missed out on a delicious meal. Shown above and right are just a few of the folks who helped serve and put this meal on. There are many who had a hand on helping to get this meal ready. Thank you all!!



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Editor's Note: Mary Menduni gave me permission to print this poem written by her mother, Oline Caraway, former longtime resident of Stratford. Thanks Mary and please enjoy the poem. It is a wonderful story about Stratford, Texas and the folks who lived here years ago and fits in today also.

A Saga of Stratford

By Oline Caraway

I'd like to tell you about our town,
Stratford is known as the "tip Top Town in Texas".
We are proud of our heritage bold,
And some of our story I'll now unfold.
Coldwater was once our county seat,
But in 1901 when the railroad went north -
Farsighted citizens moved the records by night
And stashed them in a tent by the railroad track.
Feelings ran high - the opposition brought suit,
And numerous citizens began packing guns!
Judge Wallace feared things might get out of hand
So he appealed to the Governor to send The Texas Rangers in!
The governor did, but the Rangers got lost -
And didn't find Stratford until the court-battle for county seat was already crossed.

Our county was organized in 1889
It was named for Col. Sidney Sherman - hero of the battle of San Jacinto.
Walter Colton named our town Stratford,
For the boyhood home of Robert E. Lee, whom he admired.
Our county has been by excitement fired:
Billy the Kid was indicted for horse theft here.
And in 1905, when the quiet pool hall by day -
Became loud and boisterous by night
Where dogs and cats were turpentine,
And went howling down Main Street in fright,
The Women's Christian Temperance League decided it was time for action!
So, they bought the Pool Hall's furnishings - and set them to the torch!
The Pool Hall Wags sang with glee, "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?"
Yes, this is a true story of our town.

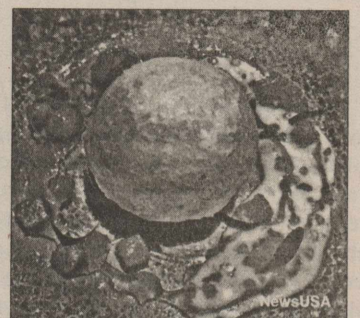
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Some people think there's nothing to do in a small town,
Well, just let me tell you about Stratford:
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Pheasant hunts, bridge, golf and SCOT -
Believe me these activities keep us on the trot!

We are a community of ranchers and farmers,
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We have a weekly newspaper name "The Stratford Star",
Our Depot Museum's exhibits are far above par.
Our Elks win honors in sports, it's true,
But UIL Events and Band are winners too.
So whether you move or just visit our town -
Our residents will greet you with a smile - not a frown!



Coconut Snowball

Servings: Makes 1 snowball

Custard ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cups coconut milk
- 2 1/2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 egg yolks

Combine all the ingredients in a small pot, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Cook on medium-low heat while stirring constantly until the custard thickens slightly. Strain the custard and allow it to cool at room temperature.

While the custard is cooling, start making the mousse.

Mousse ingredients:

- 2 cups heavy cream (whipped)
- 14 ounces white chocolate
- 1 ounce Camus cognac
- 2 gelatin sheets

Whip the heavy cream with a whisk until it forms medium-stiff peaks. Melt the white chocolate over a double boiler. Soak the gelatin sheets in ice water until it's softened (5 minutes), and strain the gelatin to remove any excess liquid. Add the gelatin to the Camus cognac and melt them together (30 seconds at a time). Add the cognac to the custard, stir in the white chocolate, and mix until completely smooth. Fold in the heavy cream. Place the mousse in an airtight container and refrigerate overnight.

Assembly:

- 4 ounces pineapple juice
- 1 ounce Camus cognac
- 3 ladyfinger cookies
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut
- 1/4 cup diced pineapple (garnish)
- 2 leaves fresh cilantro (garnish)
- 1/4 cup coconut milk (garnish)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil (garnish)

Combine 4 ounces of pineapple juice with 1 ounce of Camus cognac. Cut 3 ladyfingers in half and dip quickly in the pineapple juice. Using a 4-ounce scoop, position the mousse onto a sheet of parchment paper. Place the ladyfingers in the middle of the mousse. Place the mousse in the freezer for 30 minutes (or until firm).

When the mousse is firm but pliable, roll it into a ball, and coat it in shredded coconut. Place the snowball in the refrigerator and start the final plating - positioning the snowball in the middle of an attractive plate or bowl, garnishing the dish with diced pineapple, cilantro leaves, coconut milk and a little olive oil.

The Green Bay Packers won the first two Super Bowls in 1967 and 1968. They did not win another one for 30 years.

Health

(NU) - Health problems associated with atrial fibrillation (AFib) are increasing. According to the Atrial Fibrillation Association, approximately 2.5 million people in the U.S. have AFib. Since most strokes are asymptomatic, preventive health screenings (www.lifelinescreeninghospitals.com) that can identify the possibility of a stroke are key. Spotting a debilitating stroke before it happens can benefit a person in more ways than one.

By implementing healthy habits in your daily routine, you can promote your own lifelong health. Don't become another individual faced with AFib.

Muumuu
Vacuum
Continuum

There are only three words in the English language with the letter combination "uu": muumuu, vacuum and continuum.

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION February 14, 2013

The Stratford ISD board of trustees met in regular session on Thursday February 14, 2013. President Joe Reinart established a quorum of members present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Chet Everett, Tres Hess, Brad McBryde, and DeWain Trayler.

Board members absent: Barney Willborn, and Michelle Lutes

Staff present: Misti McBryde, Clint Seward, Paul Uttley, and Lynette Kautz.

Mr. Seward led the invocation.

Mr. Birdsong gave the superintendent's report. He read a thank you card from Jeannie Sikora. He reported on the district enrollment. He then explained the anti voucher resolution that will be on the agenda for next month. He went over everything that he had learned at the Mid Winter Conference and discussed some of the educational bills that have been filed. The Level II training will be on February 28th at 6:00 PM. The ESL adult classes have begun with 23-27 adults participating. We had 90 people that were screened for the program. These classes are being made possible by a grant that is being facilitated by Region 16. He then discussed HVAC issues and the upcoming bank depository proposals that will be going out.

Lynette Kautz gave the business manager's report. Monthly expenditures are at 34.37%, revenue 80.16%, and tax collections are at 97.42%. Transportation costs for the month was \$99.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. She went over her monthly recognition. She congratulated the 2013 Sherman County Stock Show winners. They were: Lambs - Abby Law - Grand and Reserve Grand Champion, Pigs - Res Breed Champion WOPB - Benjamin James, Breed Champion BOPB - Ashton Lavake, Res Breed Champion BOPB - Kaytly Clift, Goats - Jr Showmanship - Hannah Sims, Heifers - Jr Showmanship - Payton Berry. Benjamin James also won Breed Champion WOPB at the Fort Worth Stock Show and placed 6th with his steer.

The K-4th grade students are participating the Soil and Water Conservation district poster contest. Benchmark testing for the spring STAAR test for the 3rd and 4th grades continues. Based on the results of the tests, students have been placed in intervention groups for extra practice. She reported on campus attendance during the flu season. The PE classes have been participating in "Hoops for Hearts". All proceeds collected by students will go to the American Heart Association. The check from the MAE will be approximately \$9000.00. She reported on the 3rd six weeks honor roll. She reported a campus enrollment of 279.

Mr. Seward gave the junior high report. He went over the monthly recognition. Congratulations go to all band students for their hard work and effort given to represent Stratford Schools so well at the Solo/Ensemble Contest. On Friday, February 8, 47 Stratford Band students traveled to Canyon to perform in the UIL Regional Instrumental Solo and Ensemble contest. Of 25 separate events entered, 20 received Division I (Superior) Ratings. This is the highest rating given at UIL music contests. The 47 students received a total of 48 medals for their efforts. Receiving Division I (Superior) Ratings on their ensembles were the following: Jasmine Castaneda, Daniel DeCasas, Sergio Guerrero, and Pedro Ortega (percussion quartet). Nicolle Law and Francisco Barajas (percussion duet). Shay Hess, David Hernandez, and Tucker Summers (brass trio). Erika Lopez and Brandon Mireles (brass duet). Shay Hess, Colten Lanning, and Blake Rios (brass trio). Karl and Kory Punch (woodwind duet). Giselle Marquez, Rae Lynn Mungia, and Daniela Valdez (woodwind trio). Ailyn Duarte, Sonia Lopez, and Blake Rios (brass trio). Ruben Gonzalez and Noah Harris (brass duet). Jennifer Chavez and Courtney Griffin (mixed duet). Laynee Burr and Lucero Robles (clarinet duet). Taylor Aduddell and Vanessa Gonzalez (flute duet). Amanda Harbour and Karina Henderson (clarinet duet). Hannah Franklin and Yasmin Medrano (flute duet). Agustina Eizmendi, Yasmin Medrano, and Daniela Reyes (saxophone trio). Nancy Garay and Hannah Franklin (woodwind duet). Stephanie Vasquez and Nancy Garay (clarinet duet). Zorro Daniels and Daniela Reyes (alto saxophone duet). Julio Duran, Kobi Garza, and Fernando Jacquez (brass trio). Karina Henderson and Stephanie Vasquez (clarinet duet). Receiving Division II (excellent) ratings on their snare drum solos were Francisco Barajas and Nicolle Law. Receiving II ratings on the ensembles were the following: Levi Norby and Colten Lanning (trumpet duet). Chantal Guel and DarCee Robinson (woodwind duet). Marina Barajas and Juan Machado (bass clarinet duet).

He congratulated the 2013 Sherman County Stock Show winners. They were: Lambs - Jr. Showmanship - Turner Smith, Pigs - Grand Champion - Carlee Metcalf, Breed Champion York - Russell Spurlock, Res Breed Champion York - Walker McBryde, Breed Champion Duroc - Kenlee McBryde, Hamp Breed Champion - Carlee Metcalf, Cross Res Breed Champion - Kade McBryde, Jr Showmanship - Kade McBryde, and Reserve Grand Prospect Show - Angel Guerra. Heifers - Grand Champion - Katelyn Berry, Junior Top Hand - Kade McBryde.

He reported a campus enrollment of 146. The JH basketball seasons are complete. The 7th boys, 8th boys and 7th girls finished as district champs. The 8th grade girls finished their season with a record of 8-6. The Sherman County spelling bee will be on Friday, February 15, 2013. SJH will hold a parent meeting on Monday, February 18 to share information and results from the 2011-2012 STAAR test. SJH purchased 15 iPads for classroom use. Two classes have already completed projects using them.

Dr. Uttley gave the high school report. He went over the monthly recognition. He congratulated the Sherman County Stock Show winners. Those included Reserve Grand Champion Swine - Kaylee Mungia, Breed Champions (Swine) - WOPB - Kaylee Mungia, Cross - Kaylee Mungia, Hamp - Madison Mungia, Prospect-Erin Wilkins, Goats - Grand Champion - Kaylee Mungia, Reserve Grand Champion - Trenton Stone, Senior Showmanship - Madison Mungia, Steers - Grand Champion - Kaylee Mungia, Senior Top Hand Award - Trenton Stone.

The National Honor Society Induction ceremony was held on February 3, 2013. Seniors inducted into the NHS included: Shyanne Acker, Meghan Brooks, Macy Everson, Grayson Gonzalez, Kelby Hartman, Karen Lozoya, Kaylee Mungia, Elizabeth Reyes, Kenny Ruiz, Itzel Salcido, Tyler Seward, M'Lynn Wells and Erin Wilkins. Juniors included Sterling Audrain, Victor Castro, Ellen Daniels, Janette Daniels, Madeline Drake, Adrian du Plessis, Hunter Everett, Ricky Garay, Ana Guerra, Dennis Mace, Suzzette Palma, Citlaly Soto, Mary Ann Spurlock, Selina Terrazas, Carlos Trejo, Logan Uttley, Mazie Vincent and Emily York.

He reported that the Lady Elks basketball team finished their season 2nd in district. They lost the bi-district game against Claude. The JV Lady Elks finished with a record of 19-3. The Elks basketball team finished 1st in district. They have two practice games scheduled and are waiting to see who they will play in the playoffs. He congratulated all of the basketball coaches and athletes on a successful season. Kaylee Mungia won Reserve Breed WOPB at the Fort Worth Stock Show. Madeline Drake was 5th with a hamp and M'Lynn Wells was 5th with a WOPB at the San Angelo Stock Show. He reported on the Canadian UIL practice meet. The district UIL meet will be on March 22 at Amarillo College. The OAP has participated in several festivals. The dinner theater will be on March 18th and the zone competition will be on March 21st in White Deer. The TAKS Exit level retest will be March 5th and 6th. He reported that Tanner Wright signed a letter of intent to play football at New Mexico Highlands. He reported a campus enrollment of 173.



Children at Lollipop Junction Celebrated Valentine's Day with a party. These "Valentines" are enjoying the party snacks served after exchanging Valentine gifts at the child care center.



RECIPE

Celebrate the Winter Season With Easy Ginger Glazed Ham Recipe

NewsUSA

(NU) - Hosting a dinner party soon? If you're like most, the thought of preparing a delicious and memorable meal for your special guests can be daunting to say the least. Let the experts at Cook's Ham help by providing an array of mouth-watering entrée ideas that are sure to please everyone in the house. Spend less time in the kitchen and more time sharing memories with family and friends.

At MyCooksHam.com, you will find a wide variety of resources to assist you in pulling off the perfect ham:

- Recipes, heating times
- Instructional videos about carving and serving ham
- Lots of other helpful information

When you're ready for a tasty, festive crowd pleaser (which doubles as a gorgeously delicious centerpiece), Cook's Ham recipe for Pomegranate Ginger-Glazed Ham is sure to make everyone smile, mouths watering! (Recipe below.) If you're lucky enough to have leftovers, explore fun and flavorful recipes, available at MyCooksHam.com.

COOK'S POMEGRANATE GINGER-GLAZED HAM

Ingredients:
1 Cook's Bone-in Spiral Sliced Half Ham
1 cup red currant jelly
1/2 cup pomegranate juice
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh ginger

Preparation:
Remove and discard glaze packet from ham or reserve for an-



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other use. Prepare ham according to package directions, uncovering and brushing occasionally with 1/4 cup of the Pomegranate-Ginger Glaze for the last 30 minutes of the heating time.

Pomegranate Ginger-Glaze: Cook jelly in medium saucepan over low heat for 2 minutes, or until completely melted, stirring frequently. Set aside. Mix pomegranate juice, cornstarch and ginger in small bowl until well blended. Add to jelly; mix well. Increase heat to medium; cook for 2 minutes or until thickened, stir constantly.

Carve ham. Serve with the remaining glaze.

When a large ham is too much, consider Cook's Everyday Cuts, a new line of fully cooked, ready-to-eat meal options for your any-day-of-the-week, easy, flavorful dinner. Be sure to like Cook's Ham on Facebook and find us on Pinterest for easy sources for all your ham recipes.

The board took a short recess.

Tres Hess made the motion and Chet Everett seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong explained the staff development and early release waiver for the 2013-14 school year. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong went over the 2013-14 school calendar. This calendar was recommended by the SBDM committee. Chet Everett made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to approve the calendar as present. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong went over the resolution to suspend the 15% requirement on the end of course assessments for 2012-13 as allowed by the commissioner of education. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Brad McBryde seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented Eddie Metcalf for contract extension. Tres Hess made the motion and Brad McBryde seconded to extend the contract thru 2015. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented Paul Uttley for contract extension. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to extend the contract thru 2015. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented Clint Seward for contract extension. Brad McBryde made the motion and Chet Everett seconded to extend the contract thru 2015. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented Misti McBryde for contract extension. Tres Hess made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to extend the contract thru 2015. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented Desine Garza for contract extension. Chet Everett made the motion and Brad McBryde seconded to extend the contract thru 2013-14. Motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 8:15 PM and reconvened at 8:20 PM.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.