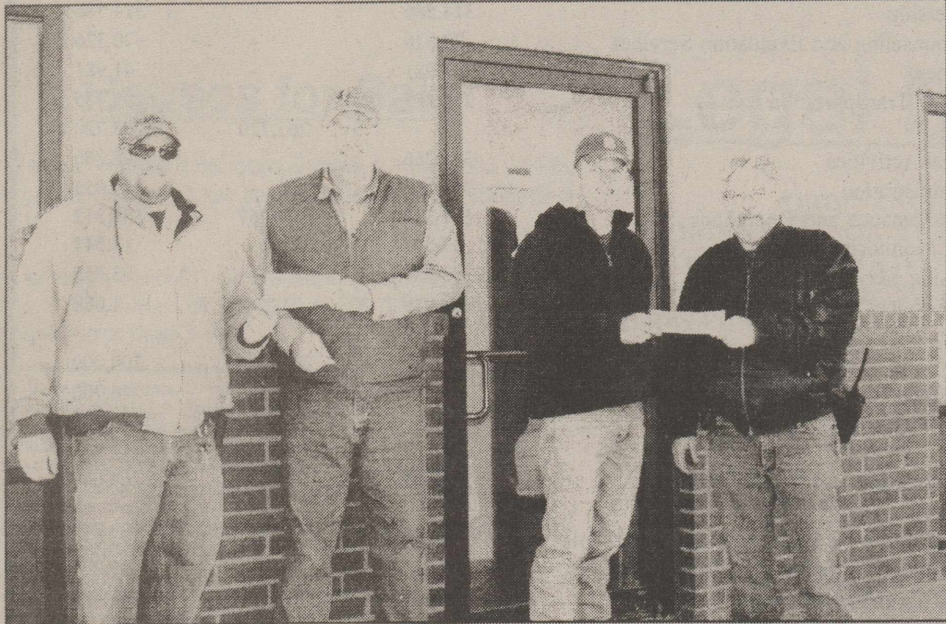


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Rita Blanca presents checks

Rita Blanca Electric recently presented checks to the Stratford Fire Department and Stratford EMS. Brent Spurlock and Brad McBryde represented Rita Blanca. Shown above left to right are Danny Davis-Stratford Fire Dept., Brent Spurlock, Brad McBryde and Jimmy Lanning-EMS.

Harrington Breast Center Mobile Coach Coming to Stratford

The Harrington Breast Center Mobile Mammography Coach will be in Stratford at the Stratford Family Medical Center on Wednesday, Jan. 9th from 9:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to provide women 35 and older in the area with their yearly mammograms.

Featuring the largest program of its kind in the state of Texas, the Harrington Breast Center Mobile Mammography Coach has provided mammograms to women of the High Plains region since 1989. Our program features full-field digital mammography equipment, screenings performed inside our self-contained unit, fast appointments at convenient times and quick reporting back to patients.

For appointments and cost information, please contact the Harrington Breast Center at 1-800-377-4673. The Stratford Family Medical Center is located at 1220 Purnell. We look forward to serving you during our visit.

Passed and approved by the
 Stratford City Council on
 December 17, 2012: caption

ORDINANCE #12172012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD, PROVIDING FOR ANIMAL CONTROL WITHIN THE CITY OF STRATFORD, TEXAS, WITH PROVISIONS PROVIDING FOR THE QUARANTINE, IMPOUNDMENT, REMOVAL AND DESTRUCTION OF NUISANCE, VICIOUS, AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS

Editors Note: I would like to thank Marty Bain for sharing the following, in memory of all the adults and children killed at Sandy Hook on Friday, December 14th, 2012.

"I'll Lend you for a little time, a child of Mine, He said,
 "For you to love the while she lives
 and mourn for her when she's dead
 It may be six or seven years, or twenty-two or three
 But will you, "till I call for her take care of her for Me.
 She'll bring her charms to gladden you and
 May her stay be brief
 You'll have her lovely memories as solace for your grief."

"I cannot promise she will stay since all from earth return
 But there are lessons taught down there
 I want this child to learn.
 I've looked the wide world over in My search for teachers true
 And from the throngs that crowd life's land I have selected you.
 Now will you give her all your love, nor think the labor vain
 Nor hate me when I call her back again."
 I fancied that I heard them say:

"Dear Lord, Thy will be done
 For all the joy Thy child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll run
 We'll shelter her form tenderness; we'll love her while we may
 And for the happiness we've known forever grateful stay
 But shall the Angels call her much sooner than we've planned
 We'll brave the bitter grief that comes, and try to understand."



Officer Devin Brust Sworn In

Devin Brust was sworn in as a Stratford Police Officer on December 19, 2012. Devin comes to the Police Department by way of the Sherman County Sheriff's Office. Swearing him in is newly appointed Stratford Chief of Police Aaron Sheehan. Chief Sheehan says that Devin will be a great addition to the police department. We would also like to congratulate Aaron Sheehan on his new position and wish him the best of luck.

Joe "Chief" Powell Attended Sheriff's Association of Texas 2012 Newly Elected Sheriff's School Training

Joe "Chief" Powell recently attended the Sheriff's Association of Texas 2012 Newly Elected Sheriff's School Training held in Austin, Texas, December 10-14, 2012.

The Newly Elected Sheriff's School is held every four years after election time for new sheriffs, educating, training, and preparing them for office. This year, participants received training on a variety of topics including: Duties and Responsibilities of the Sheriff, Critical Policy Liabilities for Sheriffs, Inmate Transportation, Open Records, Media Relations, Texas Department of Public Safety Resources, TDO Intake and Classification, Estray Law, Parole Warrants, Civil Process, Texas Commission on Jail Standards Regulations, Cold Case Review Team, Criminal Profiling, Evidence and Property Room Liabilities, New Technology, Labor Laws and Ethics, and many more.

The seminar also allows them a comprehensive overview of the responsibilities of their new office and a chance to meet their peers to whom they can look to for support during the coming term.

The Sheriff's Association of Texas (SAT) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the effectiveness of local law enforcement in Texas. Through the support of their Members, SAT provides training, legal/technical information, and other critical resources to Peace Officers in Texas. SAT also offers scholarships to Peace Officers and their children who wish to continue their education. In addition, they honor Fallen Officers with their Lost Lawman Memorial. For further information on the Sheriff's Association of Texas and how to join as a member; visit www.txsheriffs.org or call (512) 445-5888.

Greentree Ranch to be Honored

The AMHA Awards Committee is pleased to announce the following individuals will be recognized at its annual convention, which will take place February 21-23 in Portland, Oregon. Congratulations to All. The Breeder's Hall of Fame honors breeders who have produced Morgans that have had a significant impact on the breed. This year's honorees are **Greentree Ranch- (Dave & Cece Yelek, Roy-El Farm and Ridgewood Farm.**



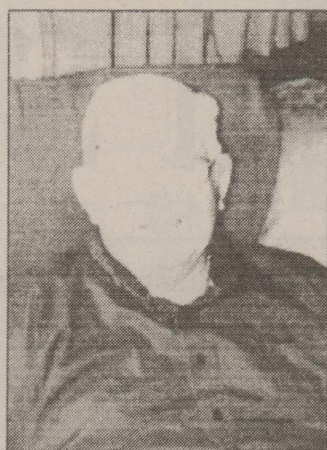
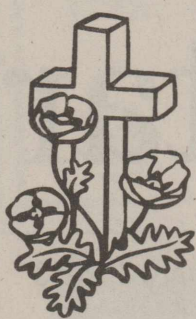
Library Receives Check

Sherman County Library recently received a check from the Community Closet Thrift Store in the amount of \$1000. Kay Bachman and Sandy Baskin are shown with big smiles after receiving the check. The Thrift Store continues to be amazed at the community response to their new business and wants to thank all who have donated items, volunteered their time, and shopped in the store.

 It wasn't until quite late in life
 that I discovered how easy it is
 to say "I don't know!"
 —Somerset Maugham

 I love quotations because it is
 a joy to find thoughts one might
 have beautifully expressed with
 much authority by someone recognized
 wiser than oneself.
 —Marlene Dietrich

OBITUARIES



Jim Berry
(July 21, 1947 - December 23, 2012)

Jim Berry, 65, lifelong Texhoma resident passed away Sunday afternoon, December 23, 2012 at the Odyssey Hospice in Amarillo, Texas.

Jimmy Glen was born on July 21, 1947 in Texhoma, Oklahoma, the son of Frank M. and Glenda Ruth (Nelson) Berry. He attended the Texhoma school system, graduating from Texhoma High School with the Class of 1965 and attended Okmulgee Technical School.

Following his schooling, Jim served in the U.S. Navy as a Seabee. He served two tours in Vietnam and a tour in Guam; he was honorably discharged on March 19, 1974.

Jim & Linda Sue Vinson were united in marriage on October 4, 1969 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. He was a farmer/rancher and member of the Texhoma United Methodist Church. Jim passionately served on the Texhoma School Board for 32 years, where he spent most of that time serving as President.

He was preceded in death by his son, Wade Alan Berry on May 8, 2004; his father, Frank M. Berry, Jr. on April 23, 2008 and one sister-in-law, Julie Berry.

Survivors include his mother, Glenda Ruth Berry; his loving wife of 43 years, Linda Berry of the home; one son, Walt Berry and wife, Nikie of Stratford, Texas; one daughter, Haley Kliewer and husband, Kasey of Weatherford, Oklahoma; four grandchildren: Katelin and Payton Berry and Sadie and Tyler Kliewer; and three brothers: Mike Berry, Nelson Berry and wife, Fran and Bob Berry and wife, Tonja all of Texhoma; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services were conducted Thursday December 27th at 2:00 p.m. at the Texhoma United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve Roach officiating. Graveside services were conducted Thursday morning at 11:00 a.m. at the Texhoma Cemetery. Services were under the care of the Bunch — Roberts Funeral Home of Guymon.

The family suggests that memorials in memory of Jim be made to the Texhoma Education Foundation and will be accepted at Bunch — Robert Funeral Home, PO Box 1112, Guymon, Oklahoma 73942

Friends can sign the online guestbook and leave condolences at www.bunchroberts.com

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended August 31, 2012

| Data Control Codes | | 10 General Fund | Other Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|---|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES: | | | | |
| 5700 | Total Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 4,708,945 | \$ 281,978 | \$ 4,990,923 |
| 5800 | State Program Revenues | 1,648,816 | 41,046 | 1,689,862 |
| 5900 | Federal Program Revenues | - | 567,482 | 567,482 |
| 5020 | Total Revenues | 6,357,761 | 890,506 | 7,248,267 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| 0011 | Instruction | 3,536,774 | 371,523 | 3,908,297 |
| 0012 | Instructional Resources and Media Services | 23,980 | - | 23,980 |
| 0013 | Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development | 16,813 | - | 16,813 |
| 0023 | School Leadership | 314,586 | - | 314,586 |
| 0031 | Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services | 70,326 | - | 70,326 |
| 0033 | Health Services | 41,981 | - | 41,981 |
| 0034 | Student (Pupil) Transportation | 295,485 | - | 295,485 |
| 0035 | Food Services | - | 263,720 | 263,720 |
| 0036 | Extracurricular Activities | 305,266 | - | 305,266 |
| 0041 | General Administration | 349,055 | - | 349,055 |
| 0051 | Facilities Maintenance and Operations | 546,245 | 4,067 | 550,312 |
| 0052 | Security and Monitoring Services | 17,541 | - | 17,541 |
| 0053 | Data Processing Services | 93,755 | - | 93,755 |
| 0061 | Community Services | 1,089 | - | 1,089 |
| Debt Service: | | | | |
| 0071 | Principal on Long-Term Debt | - | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| 0072 | Interest on Long-Term Debt | - | 16,700 | 16,700 |
| 0073 | Bond Issuance Cost and Fees | - | 400 | 400 |
| Capital Outlay: | | | | |
| 0081 | Facilities Acquisition and Construction | 266,647 | - | 266,647 |
| Intergovernmental: | | | | |
| 0091 | Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools | 73,017 | - | 73,017 |
| 0093 | Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA | 59,277 | - | 59,277 |
| 0099 | Other Intergovernmental Charges | 141,485 | - | 141,485 |
| 6030 | Total Expenditures | 6,153,322 | 856,410 | 7,009,732 |
| 1100 | Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | 204,439 | 34,096 | 238,535 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): | | | | |
| 7912 | Sale of Real and Personal Property | 3,800 | - | 3,800 |
| 7080 | Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | 3,800 | - | 3,800 |
| 1200 | Net Change in Fund Balances | 208,239 | 34,096 | 242,335 |
| 0100 | Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) | 3,073,921 | 94,602 | 3,168,523 |
| 3000 | Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending) | \$ 3,282,160 | \$ 128,698 | \$ 3,410,858 |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Five Crop Protection Clinics set for 2013

By Kay Ledbetter

Amarillo-Five Crop Protection Clinics have been scheduled by the Texas A&M Agri Life Extension Service, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, DuPont and Oklahoma State University Extension. The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day and are scheduled Jan. 7 in Dumas, Jan. 8 in Dalhart, Jan. 9 in Panhandle, Jan. 10 in Spearman and Jan. 11 in Goodwell, Okla.

Topics and speakers for each day, along with the continuing education credits requested, are as follows:

-Canola Production: Agronomic and production issues on growing dryland and irrigated canola; Heath Sanders, oil seed agronomist for Producers Cooperative Oil Mill; one crop management (CCA).

-Resistant Weed Management: Weed identification, economic threshold levels and herbicide recommendations to help prevent occurrence of glyph sate-resistant weeds, as well as drift control and laws and regulations on pesticide labels; Jack Lyons, regional account manager for DuPont; one crop management (CCA), one hour drift control credit (CEU) and one-half hour for laws and regulations.

-2013 Market Outlook: Marketing strategies and opportunities for wheat, feed grains, oil seeds and cotton Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist. Request 1 credit for crop management (CCA).

-Managing Declining Ground Water Resources for Irrigation: Groundwater district rules and regulation and the latest research in limited irrigated corn. Steve Walthour, general manager, North Plains Ground Water District, and Leon New, groundwater district irrigation consultant; one soil and water management (CCA), one half hour for laws and regulations (CEU).

-Best Management Practices for Irrigated Corn; The latest concepts in reduced-tillage fertility planning placement, Dave Collins, Collins Agronomics; one nutrient management (CCA).

-Spider Mite Control in Corn; Mite control research for the irrigated High Plains, Dr. Ed Bynum, Agrilife Extension entomologist; one integrated pest management (CCA).

-New Equipment Concepts for Strip and No-Till: The newest planting and tillage equipment for strip, an planters and fertilizer application equipment for no-till; Barry Crowe and Kevin Williams, Crowe Precision Planting Service; one soil and water conservation (CCA).

-New technology in Corn Hybrids and Bt. Refuge Regulations: Grower update on the newest technology corn hybrids and discussion of laws and regulations on Bt. Refuge requirements; Dr. Robert Bowling, Pioneer Hi-Bred Agronomist; one integrated pest management (CCA) and one-half hour of laws and regulations (CEU).

For more information on each meeting, contact the local AgriLife Extension office in the county hosting meeting.



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Elk Pharmacy

Mon. - Fri. 9 AM - 5:30 PM
366-5505 Angie Hipp, RPh

Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility

396-5568 Karl Punch, LNFA

Stratford EMS

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

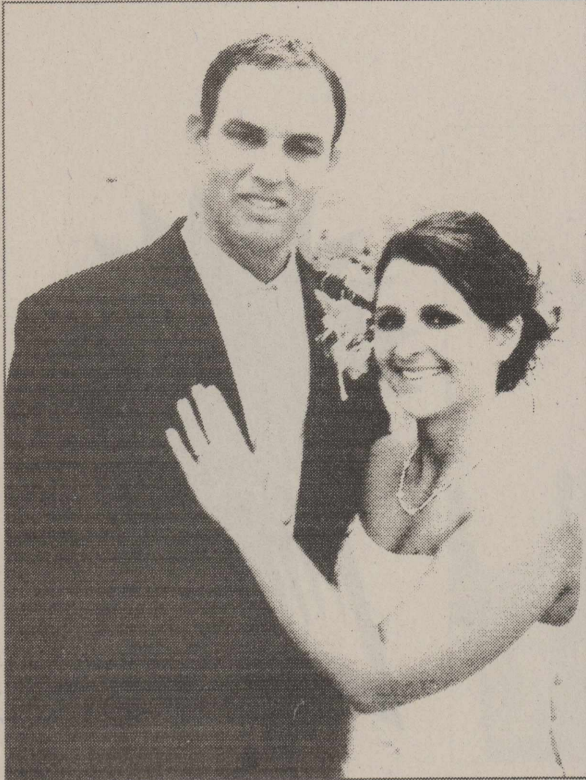
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Thanks-Marty



Couple Exchange Vows Franks & Swain

Miss Megan Noel Franks and Mr. Brock Aaron Swain were united in marriage on Saturday, May 26, 2012, in the garden gazebo of Moonwater Weddings in Amarillo, Texas. The officiant at the double ring ceremony was Ray Perryman of Shallowater.

Parents of the bride are Eddie and Kim Franks of Amarillo. The bride's grandparents are Gary and Chyrel Pelfery and Betty Franks, all of Amarillo, and the late Jimmy Franks.

Parents of the groom are Jack and Linda Swain of Stratford. Grandparents of the groom are Clarence and Jane Parker of Amarillo and the late Jack and Dale Swain of Lubbock.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a strapless, floor-length gown accented with scattered appliquéd flowers. The bridal veil was designed for the bride by Brenda Brownlee, a friend of the groom's family. The veil, worn low in the back of the bride's hair, was accented with a flower. The bride's bridal bouquet was a vivid arrangement of fuchsia, yellow, and orange Shasta daisies.

Maid of honor for her sister was Macy Franks. Bridal attendants were Sara Escoe, Krista Errington, Ashley Young, Shanda O'Neill, and Missy Macon, all of Amarillo. The attendants wore kelly green, strapless, knee length dresses and wore matching sandals. They carried bouquets in the same wedding colors as the bride. The flower girl, Keegan Errington, wore an A-line dress of white organza and carried a single daisy. All bouquets and boutonnières were designed by the bride's mother and friends.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with an ivory vest and tie. Best man for his brother was Ryan Swain of Kearney, Nebraska.

Groomsmen were Corey Naugle of Stratford, Ross Macon of Amarillo, Levi James of Dalhart, Roy McCracken of Amarillo, and Danny Davis of Stratford. Ring bearer was Reid Macon. They all wore black tuxedos with kelly green vests and ties.

The ushers were Skyler Walden of Amarillo, Nathaniel Walden of Stratford, Eric Macias of Lubbock, Hagen Henderson of Hereford, and Michael Henthorn of Houston, cousin of the groom. The ushers wore black tuxedos with black vests and ties. The attendants wore boutonnières of rose buds.

Greeting guests and presiding at the guest book table were Marissa Smith, Trisha Franks, and Brittany Fansler.

The groom escorted his mother down the aisle. She placed a slender vase of colored sand at the altar table. The bride's mother was escorted by her two nephews as she also carried a vase of colored sand to the altar table. The sands would be layered by the bride and groom into a unity vase during the ceremony and then topped by white sand poured by the officiant.

As the bridal party walked down the aisle, Tennessee Westfall played her guitar and sang, "Marry Me." The ring bearer and flower girl released balloons as they reached the

end of the aisle. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the groom walked his new wife down the aisle to the Texas Tech Fight song.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Will Rogers Range Rider's Clubhouse that was catered by Desperados. Special decorators were the groom's aunt, Melissa Henthorn, and her associate, Linda Wasson, both of Houston.

The wedding reception and dance were held under the tent at Moonwater Weddings. An array of hors d'ouvres were served buffet style. The bride's table featured the snickerdoodle multiple-layer wedding cake. The groom's table featured chocolate covered strawberries on chocolate cake, accented by all things red and black for his alma mater.

The bride is a graduate of West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is a second grade teacher at Hamlet Elementary in Amarillo.

The groom graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He is a loan officer with Amarillo National Bank at the Coulter Street branch.

Following a honeymoon trip to Negril, Jamaica, the couple is at home in Amarillo.

FOOD

Winter Recipes are Knocking: Hello Onions

NewsUSA

(NU) - Cooking without onions is like trying make a BLT without the tomato—it's possible to fill the void with something else, but you'll probably feel like you're missing something. Plus, now that it's time to put on layers and nestle up to a fire, winter recipes are a'brewing, and they're full of tasty onions.

Yellow onions, in particular, that are harvested during cold weather months are perfect for roasts, soups, slow-cooked dishes and other winter favorites. Specifically, yellow onions are ideal for these applications to help build flavor profiles because of their robust, savory taste.

Whether headlining a dish, such as french onion soup, or playing a more subtle, supporting role, like meatloaf with onions, this vegetable lends itself to a variety of uses, making onions about as flexible as a yoga master.

Regardless of how you use the staple vegetable, onions offer a great deal of nutritional value, and they are associated with lower risks of heart disease and cancer.

Try out a new recipe from the National Onion Association—it's easy, affordable to make, and rich in cumin, onions and tomatoes.

PASTA ITALIANO WITH ONION AND PORK
1 1/4 pounds pork loin sirloin chops or pork shoulder blade steaks
2 teaspoons each ground cumin and chili powder



Pasta Italiano with Onion and Pork uses convenient ingredients and only takes 30-45 minutes to prepare.

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 medium onion (10 ounces), cut into narrow wedges
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) Italian recipe stewed tomatoes
1 package (9 ounce) fresh linguine pasta
Grated Parmesan and fresh or dried minced herbs

Trim the fat from the chops or blade steaks. Trim the meat from bones, and cut into small cubes. Dust pork with cumin and oregano. Heat oil in skillet over medium-high heat. Add onions and pork and sauté until cooked through, about 8 minutes. Add tomatoes and heat. Cook linguine in boiling water about 2 minutes or as package directs. Drain and serve with pork-onion sauce on top. Sprinkle with cheese and herbs. Makes 4 servings.

Find more recipes at www.onions-usa.org.

Food & Drink

(NU) - In a world of constant upheaval, cognac makers have always taken pride in how their centuries-old techniques never change. It's big news that these days the brandy is enjoying quite the renaissance among bar and restaurant patrons of all age groups, cultures and regions.

Why the resurgence in appeal? According to spirit aficionados, it's largely due to the emergence of new ranges of the amber liquid that defy the drink's image as best enjoyed in winter. Two of the latest stand-outs, the aromatic CAMUS Elegance V.S. and V.S.O.P., are perfect year-round for their smoothness.

Card of Thanks

IT IS REALLY DIFFICULT TO FIND THE RIGHT WORDS TO SAY THANK YOU. SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN THERE FOR ME RECENTLY WITH FOOD, PHONE CALLS, CARDS AND LOTS OF PRAYERS. THANK YOU TO PATTY MELTON FOR BEING A GREAT FRIEND AND COVERING FOR ME AT WORK. THANK YOU TO SUE HUDSON FOR ALL THE INFORMATION AND 'STUFF' THAT PREPARED ME FOR MY 'BATTLE'. AND THANK YOU TO JACKIE GILLEY FOR BEING MY 'CANCER WARRIOR'. I HAVE THE BEST FAMILY WHO WAS ALWAYS BY MY SIDE. DONNIE, THANK YOU FOR TAKING SUCH GOOD CARE OF ME AND NEVER COMPLAINING. AND DANNY, THANK YOU FOR HELPING ANYTIME YOU WERE ASKED AND FOR COOKING THANKSGIVING DINNER! ALL OF YOU AND SO MANY MORE ARE SUCH A BLESSING TO ME. STRATFORD REALLY IS THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE!

DIANE COALY

Card of Thanks

WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE HELPED US THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME. ALL OF THE THOUGHTS, PRAYERS, FOOD AND VISITS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND WELCOMED. ALL OF THE STORIES SHARED ABOUT OUR LOVED ONE, DON, MEANT A GREAT DEAL TO US. TO KNOW WE HAVE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS IN THIS COMMUNITY MEANS A LOT. TO HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE COME TO COMFORT US CAN NEVER BE THANKED ENOUGH. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE HELPED IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE, WE SEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HONOR OUR LOVED ONE PLEASE SEND A MEMORIAL DONATION IN HIS NAME CHARLES DON MITCHELL TO: OPERATION ENDURING CARE, PO Box 96860, WASHINGTON, D.C. 2077-7677.

THANKS YOU AGAIN WITH LOVE

ANN MITCHELL

ANGELA WOPPERER & KIDS

DIANE, DONNIE COALY & FAMILY

Card of Thanks

DEAR STRATFORD STAR

FIRST I WANT TO TAKE A LITTLE TIME TO THANK YOU FOR THIS PAST YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION. I'VE REALLY COME TO ENJOY SUCH A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY WITH SO MANY BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE. THE SHORT TIME I LIVED THERE I WAS WELCOMED BY SO MANY GREAT PEOPLE AND GREW TO CARE ABOUT. I WAS HONORED TO HAVE CALLED STRATFORD MY HOME, AND WILL AGAIN SOON. A FEW YEARS AGO I WAS WRONGFULLY CONVICTED OF A CRIME THAT NEVER HAPPENED THE WAY THEY SAID IT DID. SO BEING ABLE TO READ THE PAPER FROM A COMMUNITY I GREW TO LOVE AND CARE ABOUT, AND SEEING AND READING ABOUT PEOPLE THAT I GIVE A GREAT DEAL OF RESPECT TO AND WAS PROUD TO HAVE CALLED THEM FRIENDS AND EVEN MORE HONORED TO HAVE BEEN CALLED FRIEND BY THEM, IT A TOUCH OF WARMTH IN A PLACE SO COLD. AND REMINDS ME OF A LOVE I WILL SHARE AND EARN AGAIN IN A TOWN I WAS LUCKY TO HAVE FOUND AND CALLED HOME.

THANK YOU STRATFORD COMMUNITY, LOVE AND MISS YOU ALL MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

BENJAMIN ALLEN D. BENGE

Humility is to make a right estimate of one's self.
—Charles Haddon Spurgeon

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

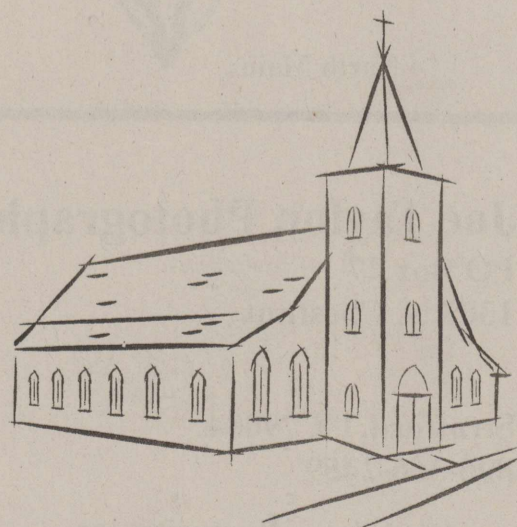
First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
Pastor Gary Smith
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist
Rev. Jim Smith 396-2178
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 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
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Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.
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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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Community Building
10 a.m. Worship Service

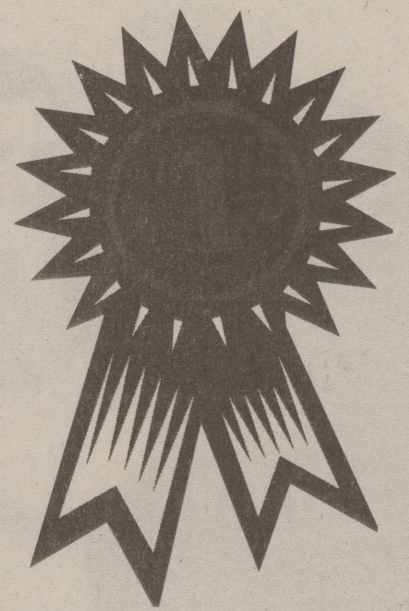
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Domingo (Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.
Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m. Estudio
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Servicio De Adoracion 6 p.m. se Cuidamos
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Gaynelle Riffe showing some pictures of Stratford. Also pictured Ann Johnson, Prospectus Study Club member.



Kathy Switser in a classroom back in the Dust Bowl era.



Study Club visits "Dirty Thirties" Exhibit

On December 5, 2012, Prospectus Study Club met at The Imagination Station. They were then treated to a tour of the Fall 2012 Exhibit of "Dirty Thirties" which was our Texas Heritage Program. Gaynelle Riffe showed some pictures of Stratford from the Dust Bowl and explained about the reason behind all the ground erosion - we even got to play in the dirt. Kathy Switser then took us back to a classroom from the thirties. She gave a great presentation of what it would be like having to go to school then. We also got to see some home life objects that were provided by Jill Killian. Next Mary Ann Spurlock read two poems associated with the Dust Bowl - they made you stop and think. We were so glad to get to see this exhibit. Thank you Imagination Station for the wonderful program.



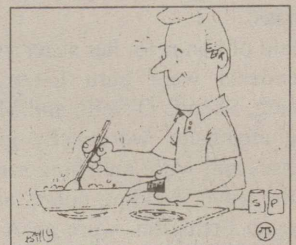
Mary Ann Spurlock reading two poems.



Some of the visitors enjoying the Study Club Program

Cooking Ideas

(NAPS)—Students at Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts learn the foundational techniques necessary to develop the skills to create exceptional dishes. Classes are available in several communities around the country, as well as online. For recipes, cooking tips and information, visit www.chefs.edu.



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To add color and flavor to appetizers, beverages and entrees, as well as desserts, keep jars of versatile maraschino cherries on hand. For more tips and recipes, visit the blog [Louannes Kitchen](http://www.louanneskitchen.com) at www.louanneskitchen.com.

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Texhoma Independent School District, Texhoma, Texas, is seeking applications for two paraprofessional aids for the elementary school. Applications may be obtained by calling Superintendent Hope Appel at 806-827-7400 or by email at hope.appel@texhomaisd.net. Applications will be taken until the position is filled. Texhoma ISD is an equal opportunity employer. 1-3-13-1x

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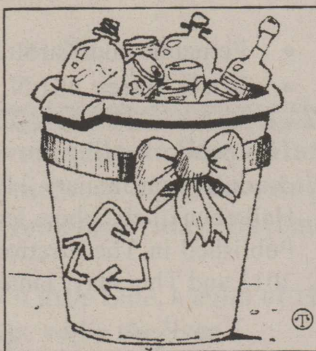
The brochure "Winter Warmth and Safety: Home Energy Tips for Older Adults" provides valuable information to older adults on how to deal with cold weather challenges. It's produced by the Elder-care Locator. For a free copy, call (800) 677-1116 or download it at www.eldercare.gov.

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If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away.

—Henry David Thoreau



Disney's latest holiday movie, "Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups," available on Blu-ray and DVD, follows a new litter of adorable talking Great Pyrenees pups as they prove they're responsible enough to become Santa's Helpers by spreading the Christmas spirit all by themselves. Learn more at www.disney.go.com.

Board-certified dermatologist Dr. Jody Levine recommends a gentle at-home peel, like Algenist Triple-Action Micropolish & Peel, to provide the retexturizing and brightening agents the skin needs, without the risk of redness or irritation. You can find it at www.algenist.com, Sephora and QVC.

Legal Notice

ORDINANCE 12172012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD, PROVIDING FOR ANIMAL CONTROL WITHIN THE CITY OF STRATFORD, TEXAS, WITH PROVISIONS PROVIDING FOR THE QUARANTINE, IMPOUNDMENT, REMOVAL AND DESTRUCTION OF NUISANCE, VICIOUS, AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is dangerous and unsafe to allow animals to run at large within the City of Stratford, and that the regulation of these animals constitutes a compelling public need to protect the property, health, and safety of the public,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD, TEXAS,

I. Definitions

The following words, terms, and phrases, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Animal control officer means an employee of the city designated by the mayor to enforce animal control ordinances.

Cat means Felis Domestica.

Dog means Canis Familiaris.

Guard or attack dog means any dog professionally trained for security purposes.

Harboring means the act of keeping and caring for an animal or providing a premises to which the animal returns for food, shelter, or care for a period of 72 hours.

Impounding means taken into custody and placed into an animal control facility.

Owner means any person, firm, corporation, association, partnership, or trust who has a property right or interest in an animal or who harbors an animal or who allows an animal to remain on a premises for a period of 72 hours or more.

Pet means a domesticated animal including, but not limited to a cat, dog, rabbit, rodent, bird, and any other species of animal which is sold or retained in a household, but shall not include livestock, a skunk, nonhuman primates and any other species of wild, exotic or carnivorous animal.

Quarantine by owner means:

(1) The animal must be inside an enclosed structure, i.e., house or garage and must remain there for ten days.

(2) If maintained outside, the animal must be behind a fence from which it cannot escape and on a chain from which it cannot break loose or inside a covered pen or kennel from which it cannot escape.

Running at large means an animal not completely confined by a building, cage, container, wall, leash, rope, chain, vehicle, or fence of sufficient construction to restrain the animal, whether on or off the owner's premises. An animal being physically held by the owner within the limits of the owner's private property is not an animal running at large.

Vaccinated means properly injected with a rabies vaccine licensed for use in that species by the United States Department of Agriculture and/or Texas Department of Health and administered by a veterinarian licensed to practice in the state.

Vicious animal means any unprovoked animal who approaches a person or domestic animal and exhibits vicious or terrorizing behavior in an apparent attitude of attack, whether it inflicts injury or not. Vicious animal includes, but is not limited to any dog with a known propensity to attack without provocation or otherwise cause injury or endanger the safety of human or other domestic animals and a dog trained, owned, or harbored for the purpose of dog fighting.

Wild animal means all animals and reptiles which commonly exist in a natural, unconfined state and are usually not domesticated, regardless of the circumstances or duration of captivity. Examples of wild animals include, but are not limited to the following: lions, tigers, bobcats, cougars, panthers, leopards, cheetahs, bears, javelinas, wolves, coyotes, elephants, gila monsters, water moccasins, coral snakes, rattlesnakes, copperheads, king cobras, and any poisonous snake or reptile, crocodiles, and alligators.

II. Enforcement

(a) **Enforcing article.** The enforcement of this article shall be the responsibility of the designated animal control officer. The animal control officer is designated as the local rabies control officer.

(b) **Citations** Any police officer, the animal control officer, ordinance officer, and the local rabies control officer shall have authority to issue citations for violation of the provisions of this article.

(c) **Quarantine facilities.** The animal control officer has the authority to approve or disapprove quarantine facilities.

(d) **Shelter and holding facilities.** The animal control officer shall select a place for impounding animals under any provision of this article.

III. Injuries to persons or animals caused by other animals

(a) **Reporting animal bites.** Any person having knowledge of an animal bite to a human or to an animal, shall report the incident to the local rabies control officer as soon as

possible, but not later than 24 hours from the time of the incident. The owner of the biting animal is then required to quarantine the animal in accordance with this article.

(b) **Removal of animals from city.** If an unprovoked vicious animal bites or attacks a human or another animal, removal of that animal from the city will be required or euthanasia shall be administered

following the quarantine period. If any other pet bites or attacks a human or other animal, a warning will be issued to the owner. A second incident in which the pet bites a human will necessitate the removal of that animal from the city or euthanasia shall be administered.

III. Animal bite quarantine

Observation. The owner of any currently vaccinated animal that has bitten a human is required to quarantine the animal for a period of ten days at the owner's expense. If the biting animal exhibits signs of illness during that ten day observation period, the illness must be reported to the local rabies control officer.

Impoundment. If the owner of the biting animal cannot provide current vaccination records and/or maintain a secure quarantine, the animal will be impounded at the owner's expense, or the animal will be humanely destroyed and the brain submitted to proper authorities as required by state law.

Wild animals. A wild animal will not be placed in quarantine. A wild animal involved in a biting incident will be humanely destroyed and the brain submitted to proper authorities as required by law.

Release. The owner of an animal placed in quarantine must obtain a release from the local rabies control officer upon expiration of the quarantine period.

Refusal or interruption. It is unlawful for a person to:

(1) Fail or refuse to quarantine an animal that has bitten a human; or

(2) Interrupt the quarantine observation period before obtaining a release from the rabies control officer.

IV. Animal nuisances

The following circumstances and conditions are declared to constitute a public nuisance:

(1) The harboring of an animal, which causes frequent or continued barking, crying, bellowing, braying, crowing, or bleating noise, for a period longer than ten minutes that reasonably disturbs any person;

(1) The harboring of an animal in a manner that endangers the public health by the accumulation of animal wastes which create foul and offensive odors or creates a breeding place for flies and mosquitoes, including, but not limited to animal pens, stables, or enclosures in which an animal may be kept or confined; or

V. Impoundment

An animal can be impounded for any of the following reasons:

(1) Dogs not wearing a current metal registration tag;

(2) Any animal kept under conditions which could endanger the lives or health of a person or animal, such as a rabid animal;

(3) Any animal that creates a nuisance as defined in this article;

(4) Any dog running at large;

(5) Any animal treated in a manner determined by the animal control officer and verified by a licensed veterinarian to be cruel or inhumane;

(6) Any animal that has bitten a human or requires observation for a suspected case of rabies;

(7) Any animal that has been abandoned within an enclosure upon posted 48-hour notice;

(8) Any animal found in violation of this section.

VI. Notification of impoundment

The animal control officer shall make reasonable efforts to contact the owner of any animal impounded. The owner may resume possession of the impounded animal upon payment of impoundment fees, handling fees, and any veterinary expenses incurred, and upon compliance with the vaccination, registration, and quarantine provisions of this article.

VII. Disposition and Destruction of animals

(a) Any vicious dog, certified guard dog, or dangerous wild animal found running at large may be destroyed by any peace officer or animal control officer, if in the judgment of the officer, the animal constitutes an immediate threat to the health and safety of any person, other animal, or the public in general.

(b) Any nonquarantined animal not reclaimed by the owner may be humanely destroyed after a period of at least three days.

(c) Quarantined animals not reclaimed by the owner may be humanely destroyed after the quarantine period.

(d) If the owner no longer wishes to keep the animal, a fee will be charged for euthanasia and other pound fees. However, no animal that has bitten a human being shall be administered euthanasia before the expiration of the quarantine period.

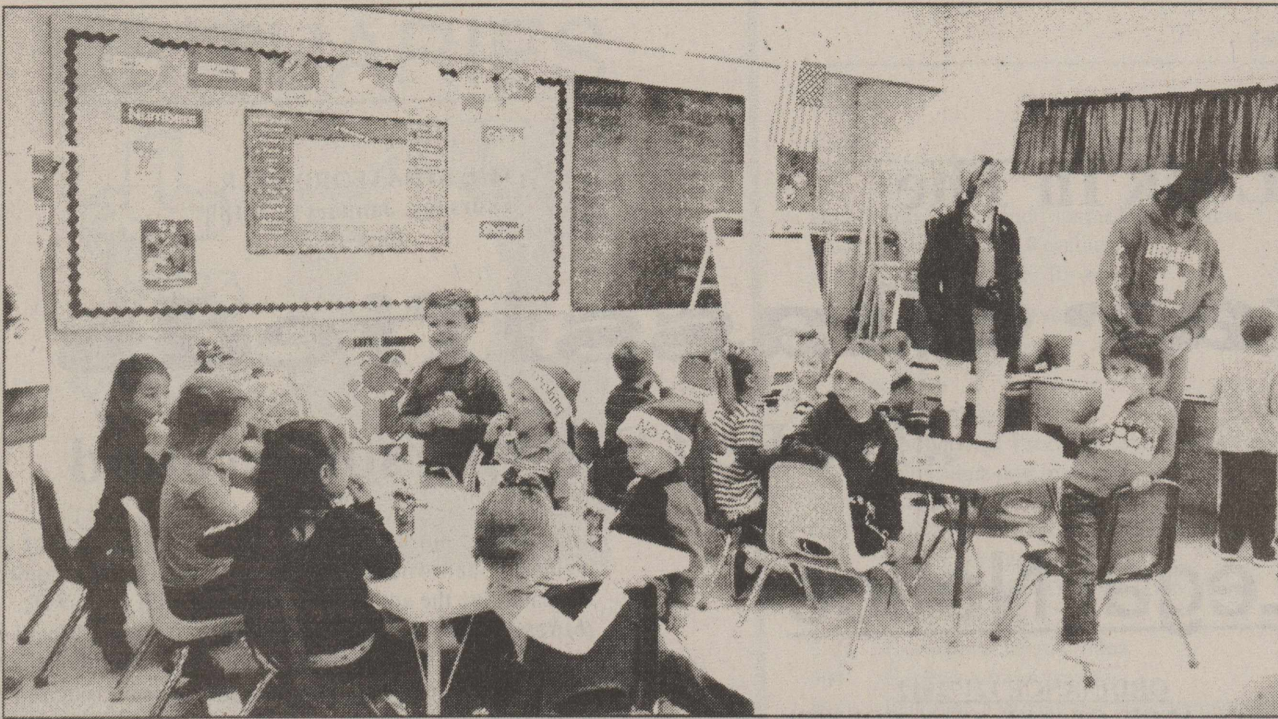
(e) Any impounded animal that appears to be suffering extreme injury or illness may be administered euthanasia or given to a nonprofit humane organization for the provision of veterinary medical care, as determined by the control officer.

VIII. Dangerous animals

(a) **Prohibited.** It is unlawful for a person to knowingly or intentionally possess, keep, or harbor a vicious animal or a wild animal in the city.

(b) **Transport** It shall be unlawful to transport a wild animal, dangerous reptile or insect through the city without the same being secured in a padlocked cage or container.

LEGALS CONT. ON PAGE 6



Children at Lollipop Junction enjoyed a snack after a visit from Santa Claus.



This young man is all smiles with Santa at the Lollipop Junction Christmas Party



Parents shared the excitement of Christmas at Lollipop Junction's Christmas party held at the child daycare center.



Santa visited Lollipop Junction on December 20 and gave each child a present and candy cane.

Choo, Choo Lollipop News

Santa Claus visited Lollipop Junction December 20 at the child daycare center's Christmas Party. Twenty-nine children and 17 parents and 8 staff members attended the party. Each child told Santa their Christmas wish, then received a gift and candy cane from Jolly St. Nick. After opening their gifts, the children enjoyed snacks of cheese, crackers, and fruit.

Lollipop Junction expresses appreciation to Scott Buckles for volunteering to help with the party by donning on a Santa suit. Thank you is also expressed to Scott's wife, Dana for her help at the party.

The board of directors would like to express appreciation to the community for supporting the Zak's Cheese fund raiser. \$1583.00 was raised through cheese sales. This money will be used for operational expenses of the center.

Lollipop Junction has received several generous donations during the month of December. A big THANK YOU is also extended to those who have remembered the center with their end of year gifts. This act of generosity is greatly appreciated and allows the center to serve an average of 25 children needing daily child care.

Lollipop Junction hopes that everyone celebrated a very Merry Christmas and extends New Year greetings to everyone to come and visit the center and learn more about this service to the community. If you cannot come and visit in person, visit Lollipop Junction at its website, www.stratfordchildcare.com.

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LEGAL NOTICES

©Destruction. A vicious or wild animal found running at large may be destroyed by any peace officer or animal control officer in the interest of public safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED on December 17, 2012

City of Stratford, Texas

By Ricky Reed, Mayor

Attest: Kathy Rendon, City Secretary

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, January 3, 2012.

Notice of Public Hearing

Please be advised that the City of Stratford has received applications for zoning variances from:

- Fernando and Karol Jacquez, 202 N. 3rd
- Rocio Torres, 401 N. 7th

The public hearing for the zoning variances will be conducted on January 24th, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the City Hall council chambers located at 518 N. 3rd Street. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, January 3, 2013 and Thursday, January 7, 2013

Legal Notice

Application has been made for a beer and wine off premise beverage permit by Frontier Fuel LP, dba, Express Lane #5 located at 119 E. Texas Street, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, officer of said company is Richard D. Rogers, president. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, December 13, 2012, Thursday, December 20, 2012, Thursday, January 3, 2013 and Thursday, January 10, 2013.

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BOOK NOTES

(NAPS)—A new book, "Portraits of Service: Looking into the Faces



of Veterans," by photographers Robert Miller and Andrew Wakeford and published by Patton Publishing, presents a cross section of living war veterans. Copies are available on www.Portraitsofservice.com and www.Amazon.com.

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