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Severe Weather Awareness Week

Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas will be observed February 20-26, 2011. If variety is the spice of life, we're sure spicy in our region of Texas! Severe weather can mean different types of events depending on the season of the year. It could be blizzards, ice storms and snow. It might be bitter cold. It might also mean tornado producing thunderstorms with a little (or a lot of) hail and high winds thrown in. Or it could even be a threat of wildfire due to extreme dry conditions.

Whatever the event is, we should begin to prepare now. Getting ready doesn't mean living in fear. It just means doing all you can to take good care of your family, friends, and neighbors. Knowing you're prepared for an emergency can help you and those you love stay calm and act effectively.

So, how do we begin to prepare? A good start is by making safety a way of life. Think and plan ahead of an event so that you don't have to scramble around trying to make critical decisions in the middle of the mayhem. You should have a plan that considers each person in your household or your circle of friends. What are each person's age and special needs? What do you need to know if you must evacuate or shelter in place? Where should you find access to reliable information? Do you know our community's warning signals? What's the difference between a watch and a warning? If you must do without services such as, gas, electricity, water, and phone for at least 3 days, what would you do? Could you cope?

During the next few weeks, I'll begin a series of articles that will help answer some questions about preparedness. If there is a particular topic you'd like to see addressed, please come by and visit with me at the County Judge's office in the Sherman County Courthouse or give me a call at 366-2021.

Margaret Ewers
Sherman County Emergency
Management Coordinator

Mexican Pile-On Dinner March 6th

There will be a Mexican Pile-On Dinner benefiting Sherman County Depot Museum on Sunday, March 6, 2011 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the County Barn (Free Will Donation).

Proceeds raised will be matched by the Home Office of Modern Woodmen of America up to \$2,500. The money will be donated to the Sherman County Depot Museum and will be used toward repairs and updates to the museum.

Public asked to clear snow and ice around mailboxes for safety of letter carriers and to help with timely mail delivery

Stratford, TX - Winter storms and along with them the cold, snow and icy conditions can make delivery of your mail very challenging for letter carriers and your Post Office.

Support your letter carrier and Post Office in providing safe and timely delivery of your mail.

Following snowstorms and bad weather conditions, please always clear a safe path to your mailbox. This is especially important now during the winter weather season.

Postal residential and business customers are asked to clear your mailbox area of snow, sleet, slush, ice and debris, including clearing nearby sidewalks, steps and porches.

If mailboxes are blocked off and conditions are difficult, letter carriers must always consider safety and accessibility first. Letter carriers are instructed to not deliver to mailboxes and locations which are too hazardous or unsafe to access.

Whether you have a street-side, centralized neighborhood/cluster unit, house, or door mailbox, postal letter carriers need to have clear and safe access to deliver your mail.

Your local Post Office and letter carriers greatly appreciate the public's support.

NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT

Notice is hereby given that application for a place on the Stratford Independent School District Regular election ballot may be filed February 12, 2011 thru March 14, 2011. Office Hours: 8:00 AM — 4:00 PM Monday — Friday, March 14th office hours 2:00 PM — 5 PM. You may file applications in person at Stratford ISD Administration Office, 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX.

Board members whose terms will expire are Joe Reinart and Barney Willborn. Holdover members are, DeWain Traylor, Greg Wright, Michelle Lutes, Tres Hess and Chet Everett.

Red Hats to meet Thursday, Feb. 17th Red Hats will meet Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 5:30 at Elk Junction

The Community is invited to an update of the opening of
The Medical Center League House in Amarillo

Coffee/Tea Time

5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 21

The Imagination Station

The mission of the Medical Center League House is to serve as a home away from home for patients and their families coming to Amarillo, Texas for health care treatment. It seeks to provide comfortable and affordable lodging in a caring environment of support and assistance. The Medical Center League House is a charitable community project sponsored by Baptist Community Services, Harrington Regional Medical Center, Inc. and the Junior League of Amarillo.

Free Library Cards

The Sherman County Public Library is still issuing free replacement library cards through February 28, 2011. New library cards are always free, but if you have misplaced or lost your library card the cost to replace will be \$5.00 on March 1, 2011.

Due to the cost of databases which are based on the current number of users a library has, the Harrington Consortium, of which our library is a member, urged all libraries to delete users who had not used their library cards in the past three years. If your library card was deleted or if you are new to town, the library will be glad to issue a new card to you. When applying for a library card you will need to complete

And just a reminder, the library loves to accept your donations of books and videos. For more information, call the library at 366-2200.

Do you want to sponsor a Scholarship for Class of 2011?

Any organizations/individuals wanting to sponsor a Scholarship for the Class of 2011 please contact Desine Garza at 366-3322. You may also drop off applications at the school or mail them to PO Box 108.

Hamburger Fundraiser Postponed

The Hamburger Fundraiser sponsored by the American Legion Post 262 for the Boys State and Girls State delegates has been postponed. The fundraiser was originally scheduled for Sunday, March 6th. This happens to be the same day as the Depot Museum fundraiser. Therefore, to avoid conflict and to support the Depot in their effort, the American Legion will conduct their Hamburger Fundraiser on Sunday, March 20th. The Legion encourages everyone to support the Depot in the Fundraising efforts. Then come and enjoy a hamburger and all the fixing's on March 20th. Thank you.

City of Stratford to hold Election

The City of Stratford will hold an election on Saturday, May 14, 2011 to fill four expiring terms on the ballot. Council members who terms will expire are

Bryan Wright, Councilmember: two year term
Ann Johnson, Councilmember: two year term
Ricky Reed, Councilmember: two year term
Brad Williams, Councilmember: one year term

Holdover members are Marca Ewers, Mayor and Joe Zak, Councilmember.

Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so from February 12, 2011 through March 14, 2011. You may apply at City Hall, 518 N. Third, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.



New Sign at Stratford High School

A few Stratford High School students show off new sign in front of the Stratford High School and Jr. High. Top L/R: Jose Rueda, Aurelio Lozano, Adrian DePlessi. Bottom L/R: Ragan Foes, Haydee Rojas, Nayely Joven Marquez, Perla Reta, Kammi Birdsong and Jessica Ibarra.



The record number of hands shaken by a public figure at an official function was 8,513 by President Theodore Roosevelt at a New Year's Day White House presentation in 1907.

Stratford Little League

After six years of organizing and running Stratford Youth Baseball, we are asking for a replacement. This program has a life of its own because of the strong foundation put in place by Lance and Dinah Horsford. We have simply done what they did. We believe that their patterns will continue to sustain Baseball for years to come.

There are many responsibilities associated with running the League. Field maintenance, team uniforms, league drafts, team schedules, concession stands, fund raisers, team pictures, player awards, and All-Star selections are a few of the things that fall under the responsibility of the "Commissioner." We have always had a full and competent staff of volunteers willing to make sure that these things get done.

We realize that any organization is only as strong as its members. Our coaches, umpires, players, parents, contributors, and volunteers are what make Stratford Youth Baseball successful. The simple fact that we are stepping away from our roles should not change the culture of Stratford Youth Baseball. It has always been our goal to make youth baseball rewarding, enjoyable, and affordable for the kids of Stratford. The growing number of participants leads us to believe that we are reaching that goal.

For the 2011 season, we are asking for a replacement. We will give you enough room so that the League can become your own. Or, we will show you the plan put in place by the Horsford's and managed by us. In other words, we will be around as much, or as little, as you would like us to be. If you've got an interest in running the League, please let us know. Preliminary plans for the 2011 seasons will need to be addressed by March 1, 2011. Our home phone number is 366-5307.

Thank you for your support and consideration,
Gared & Misti McBryde

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Obits

William (Bill) Pool
July 11, 1955
February 6, 2011

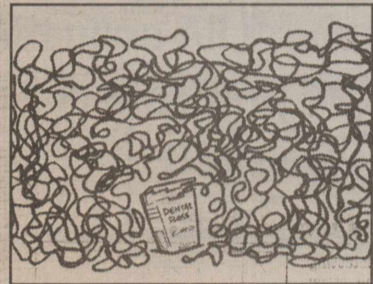
Bill Pool, formerly of Dumas, passed away in Regina, SK on Sunday, February 6, 2011 at the age of 55 years.

Bill is survived by his wife, Margaret, Alameda, Children, Janine Lloydminister, SK., Danny and Leah of Alameda, Tobi (Jason) Johnstone, Weyburn, David Pool, Alida. His mother, Joyce Pool, Amarillo, TX Grandchildren, Brittany and Dylan Nielsen, Page, Brooklynn and Brayden Pool. Siblings, Mike (Karen) Pool, Pittsboro, NC, Patty (Bob) Akins, Amarillo, TX Uncles, Bill (Beverly) Pool, Morse, TX Kenneth (Janice) Pool, Frederick, OK Aunts, Louise Creekmore, Oklahoma City, OK, Betty Beck, Dumas, TX Father and mother-in-law, Jim & Olive Hannah and their families, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, JC Pool, brothers, John & Tom Pool, grandparents, Ernie & Thelma Kinder, John Pool and Bessie Smart and uncle, Doug Beck.

A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 12, 2011 at Grace Calvary at 4111 Plains Blvd with Doug Ghem officiating.

Those wishing to make donations can do so to the Alameda Recreation Board, c/o Carri-Lee Rutten, Box 69, Alameda, SK, SOCOAO in Bill's memory.



It's estimated that over 3 million miles of dental floss are purchased in North America each year.

"Choo-Choo" Lollipop News

Lollipop Junction welcomed Brio Beckett as the new director for the child care center on January Pt.

Brio is a new resident to Stratford. She moved to Stratford 3 1/2 months ago when her husband, Brad accepted the position as preacher for the Church of Christ of Stratford. Brio, a native of Thailand, moved to Lubbock, Texas about five years ago.

Brio was named director after an extensive search by the center's governing board upon acceptance of Tammy Helmuth's resignation.

Brio is a certified Child Care Administrative Director by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. She is a graduate of Dhurakijpundit University and has experience in providing child care in Texas at Bright Horizons and Early Learning Centers of Lubbock.

"Helping children learn and develop socially and physically and getting to know each child's personality" are just a few of the things that Brio stated that she enjoys the most in her position. She shared her goals for Lollipop Junction to be a healthy learning environment for children and to offer a pre-school program that instills learning concepts to prepare children for school.

In Brio's spare time, she enjoys putting together puzzles, sewing, and scrapbooking.

Please join Lollipop children, parents, staff, and board members in welcoming Brio and Brad to our community. If you have not been to the community's non-profit child care center, stop by and see what the children are learning.

"Cottonwood" to perform at Country & Western Dance

A country and western dance with music by "Cottonwood" is taking place at the No Man's Land Center, 515 NE 15th in Guyton on Sat., Feb. 19th from 8 to 11 pm. There is no alcohol or smoking allowed in the building. For the \$6 cover charge, you are also able to enjoy the pot luck supper. "It's a chance for cooks to show off their skills or a chance to get rid of their leftovers," laughs Leita Andvik, the organizer for the monthly dances. "Bring a friend. Bring a dish. Or just come by yourself and have a great time with the folks that like to dance and enjoy live country and western music." For more information, call 580-338-7216. This is another Epic Saturday event through a partnership with Main Street Guyton and Epic Touch.

There is only one success: to be able to spend your life in your own way.
—Christopher Morley



Brio Beckett, director of Lollipop Junction, helps Hudson find his shoes to get ready for afternoon snacks at the child day care center.



Shown at right are Debbie Ferguson, Texas CASA Board of Directors President and State Representative Four Price meeting and discussing the issues related to all the CASA organizations here in the Panhandle. (See story below photo)

Panhandle CASA Programs Support Sufficient Resources For Services for Abused, Neglected Children

AUSTIN, Texas – Four volunteers from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) programs braved last week's Arctic front to join more than 300 children's advocates from around the state at the Texas Capitol on Tuesday, Feb. 1, to speak up for children in the foster care system.

Debbie Ferguson, a volunteer with CASA 69, Inc. in Dalhart and president of the Texas CASA board of directors, and Janet Watts, executive director for CASA of the High Plains in Pampa, and Lisa Blanford and Carrie Johnson from the Pampa program, attended CASA Day at the Capitol. The event was to raise awareness about funding needs for children in the Texas foster care system. The bad weather forced a team from Amarillo Area CASA to cancel their travel plans.

Last year, nearly 43,000 children were in the custody of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services because of evidence of abuse and neglect. Despite projections that the figure will grow to more than 51,000 children by 2014, the proposed budget before the Texas House of Representatives recommends cutting \$467 million from an agency that is already overburdened and underfunded. CASA advocates want to make sure there are sufficient resources for Child Protective Services caseworkers, services and CASA volunteers to keep children safe.

The CASA advocates from the Panhandle joined other child advocates from across Texas in leaving pacifiers, toys and other items at a poignant memorial in the Capitol honoring the 227 Texas children who died from abuse and neglect in the 2010. More than 80 percent of those children were under the age of 5.

"Our volunteers speak up for the best interests of abused and neglected children in our courts," said Ferguson. "I wanted to make sure these children's voices are also heard at the Capitol."

"I believed it was necessary to go to Austin and share stories about the children we stand up for who have suffered in ways we don't want to think about. We want our elected officials to know that there are vulnerable children, more than half who are under the age of 6, who will be directly affected by their decisions," said Ferguson. "The safety of our children must be a priority for our state."

"With the \$27 billion shortfall, we understand that legislators have difficult choices to make for our state," said Ferguson. "But we think that at a time when every eight minutes a child is abused in the state of Texas and we average 19 children a month dying from abuse and neglect, this is not the time to cut Child Protective Services funds."

"We do think it is important to invest in high-impact programs like CASA, which not only are good for children, but are good for taxpayers because we have a track record of helping children move through the foster care system and into safe loving homes as quickly as possible," said Ferguson.

The abused and neglected children that are represented by CASA programs in the Panhandle deserve a voice at the Capitol, said Joe Gagen, chief executive officer of Texas CASA, a network of 69 local CASA programs that serve foster children in 204 Texas counties.

"In partnership with these programs, we are speaking up for foster children's needs and adequate funding to meet those needs – enough caseworkers, services, and CASA volunteers to keep children safe and placed in permanent homes as soon as possible," said Gagen.

Debbie Ferguson, representing Amarillo Area CASA, CASA of the Rolling Plains (Childress), Great Plains CASA for Kids (Hereford), CASA of the High Plains (Pampa) and CASA 69, Inc. (Dalhart), met with Rep. Walter "Four" Price of Amarillo to share concerns about funding for foster children and CASA programs.

The five CASA programs in the Panhandle recruited, trained and supported 216 volunteers who spoke up in court for 598 children in the foster care system in 2010.

CASA volunteers are specifically trained to advocate for children in foster care. Volunteer advocates get to know the child and speak to everyone involved in the child's life, including their family members, teachers, doctors, lawyers, social workers and others.

The information they gather and their recommendations help the judge overseeing the cases make informed decisions. CASA volunteers commit to a child until the case is closed and the child is in a safe, permanent home.

Statewide, 6,619 CASA volunteers advocated for 20,861 foster children last year. Only half the children in the Texas foster care system have CASA volunteers.

For more information about CASA, visit www.BecomeACASA.org or call (877) 894-2272.

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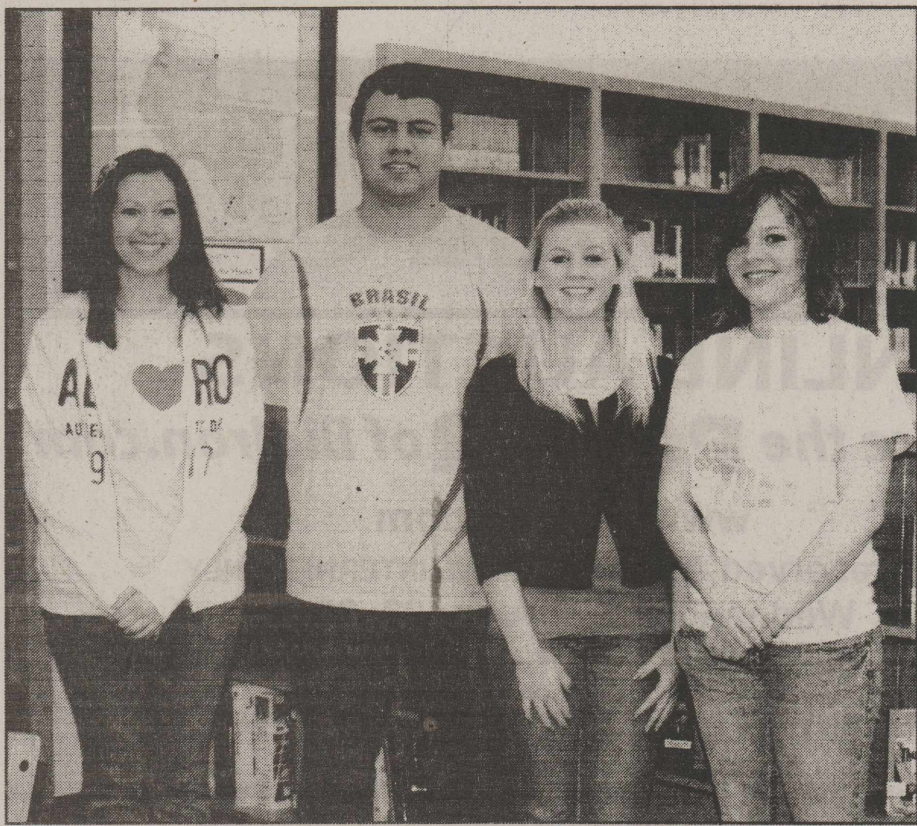


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26 Students Compete in Canadian

Twenty-six students competed in Canadian at the UIL practice meet on Saturday, February 12, and these students placed in the top 6 of their event. L/R: Mary Ann Spurlock 5th in prose, Gabriel Tarango 5th in headlines, Shyanne Acker 4th in poetry, and Erin Wilkins 2nd in editorials. Not picture Ransom Lermon 6th in computer applications.

Sherman County Appraisal District Board of Directors Met Friday, January 21, 2011

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The Sherman County Appraisal District Board of Directors met on Friday, January 21, 2011 in the appraisal district board room. Board members present were Roger Wells, David Jackson, Tim Hudson, Jeff Crippen, Mel Yates, Tom Moore, Chet Everett and Valerie McAlister. Chief Appraiser Teresa Edmond was also present.

The statement and Oath of Office were signed by new board members Tom Moore and Chet Everett and David Jackson who is starting a new term of office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Chairman Roger Wells. Wells opened the floor for nominations for board chairman. Hudson nominated Wells for chairman, and Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed. Crippen nominated Tim Hudson for secretary. Everett seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Yates moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Hudson seconded the motion, and the motion passed. There was no Old Business. The preliminary December 2010 Financial Report was presented and discussed. Hudson moved that the December 2010 Financial Report be approved and the bills be paid. Crippen seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

An engagement letter from Doshier, Pickens & Francis was presented. After discussion, Everett moved that Doshier, Pickens & Francis be engaged to do the appraisal district's 2010 audit. Jackson seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The fund balance for Legal Bills is \$5,950. The 2010 budget has \$2,300 for legal bills that has not been spent. Edmond explained that a law suit is still pending. After discussion, Jackson moved that the 2010 budget amount of \$2,300 for legal expenses be retained in the legal fund balance. Everett seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Line item adjustments for the 2010 budget were presented and discussed. Crippen moved that the adjustments be approved as presented, and Hudson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Appraisal Review Board members whose terms expired at the end of 2010 are Craig Cartrite, Cindy Miller, and Joe Morris. They are all willing to serve another term if appointed. Remaining members are Jo Hinds and Martha Mitts. One new member needs to be appointed to replace Chet Everett. Everett is no longer eligible to serve on the Appraisal Review Board since he was elected as a Stratford School Board Member. It was agreed that Edmond would go down the list of possible ARB members, and the first one who agrees to serve would be appointed. It was also agreed that those members whose terms expired at the end of 2010 be appointed for another term.

No executive session was held, since the district's attorney reported there were no new developments in the law suit to discuss.

Meeting dates for 2011 were selected. Board meetings will be at 7 a.m. on the third Friday of March, May, and December and the second Friday of September. These dates are March 18, May 20, September 9 and December 16.

Chief Appraiser Edmond reminded board members of the requirement for board members to take the Open Meetings and Open Records training. Edmond reported that the district's information for the MAPS Review by the Texas Comptroller's office was submitted on January 6, 2011. Personal property renditions for 2011 and second notice statements are being mailed. Possible members for the Agricultural Advisory Committee were discussed.

The appraisal district has a website now with property appraisal records. It is located at: www.shermancad.org

There being no further business, Jackson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Yates seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.



Theodore Roosevelt was the first president to ride in an automobile. He toured Hartford, Conn. in a Columbia Electric Victoria Phaeton on August 22, 1902.

You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation.
—Plato

You cannot run away from a weakness; you must sometimes fight it out or perish. And if that be so, why not now and where you stand?
—Robert Louis Stevenson

Lead your life so you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.
—Will Rogers

District Champs



Stratford 8th Grade Elks District Champs in basketball with a 13-2 record. Standing L/R: Chisum Rutherford, Trevor Melton, Rett Schoonover, Aron Villegas, Samuel Brown. Kneeling L/R: Tucker Turner, Victor Ortega, Jesus Tarango and Jiovani Romero.



The 7th Grade Elks are District Champs with a perfect 15-0 record. Standing L/R: Jorge Ramirez, Tanner Stone, Bransom Palmer, John McBroom, Broedy Burris, Julian Licon. Kneeling L/R: Gerardo Romero, Kevin Hernandez, Jack McBryde, Ty Hess and Erasmo Robles.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Experts say detecting a tumor at an early curable stage would be a major benefit for women afflicted with ovarian cancer. The College of American Pathologists provides a website to help a woman learn more about her diagnosis. For more information, visit MyBiopsy.org.

Upgrading your kitchen can be a smart investment in any economy. The luxury brand Dacor has a new "Distinctive Series" line of appliances, including a range, dishwasher, cooktops and wall ovens that provides an upscale look and quality for less. For more information, visit www.dacor.com.

To make sure children get the reading tools and resources they need, Target and First Book, which are committed to promoting childhood literacy, provide new books to children. For more information, visit hereforgood.target.com, www.VolunteerMatch.org or www.FirstBook.org.

Information about avoiding fraud is featured in the FINRA Investor Education Foundation's free documentary, "Trick\$ of the



Trade: Outsmarting Investment Fraud," which is airing on public television stations nationwide. Learn more at www.SaveAndInvest.org and (888) 295-7422.

To help educate consumers about the importance of using space heaters properly, the Electrical Safety Foundation International has a variety of tools and resources, including an animated space heater safety video on the Web at www.electrical-safety.org.

For information on planning an unforgettable family vacation in Mexico, the Caribbean or other destinations, contact Pleasant Holidays at 1-800-448-3333 or visit www.PleasantHolidays.com.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Pat Boren and Ciccy Harris made a trip to Amarillo last week on the bad day.

Kenna Collums and Peggy Hawkins kept an appointment in Amarillo on a bad day. They spent the night with Peggy's daughter, Chandra.

Red Hats meet Thursday night.

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 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church
Pastor Dan Elliott
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. David Terry
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Senior High UMY 5:00 p.m.
Junior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic
6th & Pearl
Rectory 366-5687
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade Wed. Afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed.-6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
N. 3rd & Chestnut
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Worship Service-10:30
Wed.-Children-6 p.m. youth-7 p.m.

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How To Prevent Heart Disease

(NAPS)—There are several ways—from eating right to buying jewelry—to combat the No. 1 killer of women in the U.S.: heart disease.

What You Can Do
To protect yourself, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute recommends:

- **Eat for heart health.** Have plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables. Foods low in saturated fat and cholesterol and high in fiber can help prevent high blood cholesterol. Limiting sodium in your diet can also lower blood pressure.
- **Maintain a healthy weight.** Being overweight can increase your risk for heart disease.

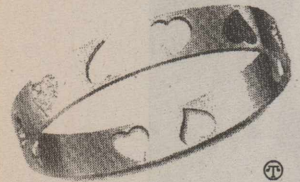
- **Exercise regularly.** Physical activity can help you maintain a healthy weight and lower cholesterol and blood pressure. The Surgeon General recommends adults engage in moderate-intensity exercise for at least 30 minutes on most days of the week.
- **Don't smoke.** Cigarette smoking greatly increases your risk for heart disease. If you do smoke, your doctor can suggest ways to help you quit.

- **Know your numbers.** Talk to your doctor to determine your personal risk factors for heart disease.

What Others Are Doing
Swarovski is the fashion industry's biggest supporter of women's heart disease awareness and has contributed more than \$2 million through partnerships with the heart health movement.

For the seventh year, the leading designer and producer of glamorous jewelry is a national sponsor of *The Heart Truth* Red Dress Collection Fashion Show, which raises awareness that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of American women.

As part of its effort, the company created a special jewelry collection to raise funds for women's heart health research in partnership with *The Heart Truth*. The collection includes a

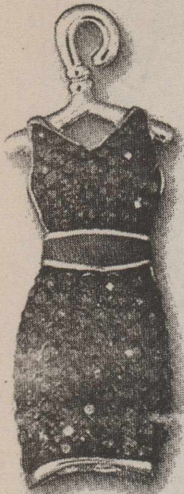


A stunning crystal bangle can be a heartfelt way to help shine a light on how to support research on women's health.

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Senior Lady Elk Kelsie Keener goes up for the shot in the Lady Elks play-off loss for third place in District to Sunray on Saturday, February 12.



Stratford Elk Trevor Christian pulls up for the shot in the Elks win against Sunray on Friday, February 11.

Life has a tendency to obfuscate and bewilder, such as fating us to spend the first part of our lives being embarrassed by our parents and the last part being embarrassed by our children.
—Ogden Nash

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1-3-tfn

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2-18-tfn

Help Wanted

Lollipop Junction daycare is seeking a motivated, loving individual to care for children. If interested, please inquire at Lollipop Junction or call 366-5886 ask for Breco
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Cargill AgHorizons in Kerrick, TX is currently looking for a part-time elevator operator. This position will have the potential to move to full-time, which will include a competitive hourly wage and a comprehensive benefits package. Applicants must be willing to work some: nights, weekends and holidays.

Requires the ability to speak, read and write English. Some of the job responsibilities will include operating grain elevation equipment, track mobile, tractors & loaders, operating scale & grain quality testing equipment. If interested, please call the Kerrick elevator at (806)727-4618 and talk to Heath.

Successful candidate will be required to pass a company paid medical exam, which includes a drug/alcohol screening, reference checks and a criminal background check. Cargill is an Equal Opportunity Employer
2-10-c

JBS Five Rivers-Cimarron Feeders needs a full time member to join the Processing Crew. Excellent facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Great benefits that include: Medical & Dental insurance as well as 401 K, vacation, & bonuses. Come fill out an application or call Juan @ (970) 475-6541. Pre-employment drug screen required. EOE M/F
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JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding-Cimarron Feeders is accepting applications for a Part-time Feed Truck Driver. Excellent facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Flexible hours. Apply in person at Cimarron Feeders. Pre-employment drug screen required. EOE. M/F
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Coldwater Manor is seeking full time RN and LVN. Please apply in person at 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX Phone # (806) 396-5568
2-17-tfn

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sherman County Commissioners' Court will hold a Public Hearing on the establishment of minimum infrastructure standards for manufactured home rental communities located in the county outside the limits of a municipality. The hearing will be March 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Sherman County Courthouse, 701 N 3rd St, Stratford, Texas.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, February 17, 2011 & Thursday, February 24, 2011

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

The City of Stratford, Texas is accepting bids for the possible sale of the real property located at the northwest intersection of South Spruce Street and Highway 54 (Texas Street), comprising approximately 0.482 acres, and described as Lots 6 through 10, Block 88, Original Town of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas.

Sealed bids should be submitted by 12:00 PM on, Tuesday, February 22, 2011 to, Kathy Rendon, City Secretary, 518 N. 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas 79085. In order to be eligible to bid, all prospective bidders are required to obtain a copy of the "Notice of Bid Opening for Real Property" which contains detailed bidding instruction requirements. This can be requested at City Hall which is located at the above mentioned address.

The City may award the bid that is determined to be the best value to the City. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, January 11, 2011, Thursday, February 3, 2011 and Thursday February 20, 2011.

Help Wanted

JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding-Cimarron Feeders is accepting applications for a full time Feed Truck Driver. Excellent facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Great benefits that include: Medical & Dental Insurance as well as 401 K and paid time off. Apply in person at Cimarron Feeders. Pre-employment drug screen required. EOE M/F
2-10-tfn

The City of Stratford is accepting applications for the Recycle Department. Must be able to perform a variety of tasks associated with the operation of the Collection Station. This position may require lifting equipment parts or recycled materials as heavy as 100 pounds. Must be able to operate various pieces of equipment and machinery. Applications will be accepted through February 11, 2011. Submit applications to City Hall, PO Box 188, Stratford, TX 79084-0188 or deliver to 518 N. 3rd.

JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding-Cimarron Feeders is accepting applications for a full time Mill Maintenance Worker with experience in such areas as, but not limited to; welding/cutting, maintenance of gear-boxes, motors, and bearings, and experience operating heavy equipment. Excellent facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Great benefits that include: Medical, Dental & Vision insurance as well as 401 K and paid time off. Apply in person or call Cody @ (970) 475-6544 leave a message. Pre-employment drug screen required. EOE M/F.
2-10-4x's

Card of Thanks

A special thank you to the great community of Stratford, to Larry Norris and Tonya Burris, a great EMS Team, you'll never know how special. Thank you for the many prayers lifted for Bill during this time. We thank you for all the food, cards, visits, calls, gifts and more. A special thank you to Donnie and Martha Ellison for sitting with us. Jason Stone, Clint Seward and Tyler for bringing the car and clothes. James Lutes and Chase for watching the gym. Nita and Pat Barnard for keeping Prissy, so many others we'll never be able to thank you enough. What a wonderful church family we have. God Bless You All

Bill & Kay Mires

Card of Thanks

Duane and I would like to thank the Methodist Youth for the delicious meal brought to us on Sunday Night. All of you who are participating in this effort are so special. Thanks again. May God Bless You.

Duane & Marty Robertson

Card of Thanks

Stratford Country Club would like to thank Boy Scout Troop #38 for their service hours. Russell Spurlock, Alex Riffe and Brett Barnard are a wonderful group of young men. It is nice to have organization like this being active in our community.

Lost & Found

Lost: 15 month old Shih Tzu Wednesday night. Tan & Crème color. 18 pounds. Please return him if found. He has been neutered and a prominent under bite Call 396-5845.
2-24-c

For Sale

Used Parts Sale at Duncan Chevrolet. Tool Boxes, Grill Guards, bed liners, etc.
Duncan Chevrolet 366-5557
11-8-tfn



Let us reform our schools, and we shall find little reform needed in our prisons.
—John Ruskin

Card of Thanks

On behalf of Mary Allen Elementary, I would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who donated money for our Hoops for Heart Event and the American Heart Association. The students did a great job of getting out and getting donations for this great cause. What a great community we live in! Mary Allen Elementary raised \$6250.00 to send to the American Heart Association!

Thank YOU!!!!

Card of Thanks

Thank you so much for the lovely meal brought by the youth from the Methodist Church Sunday evening. God Bless you as you do this in his name.

Marcelle Sutton

Card of Thanks

Thank you for supporting me in the 2011 Stock Show.

Sincerely
Jorge Gonzalez



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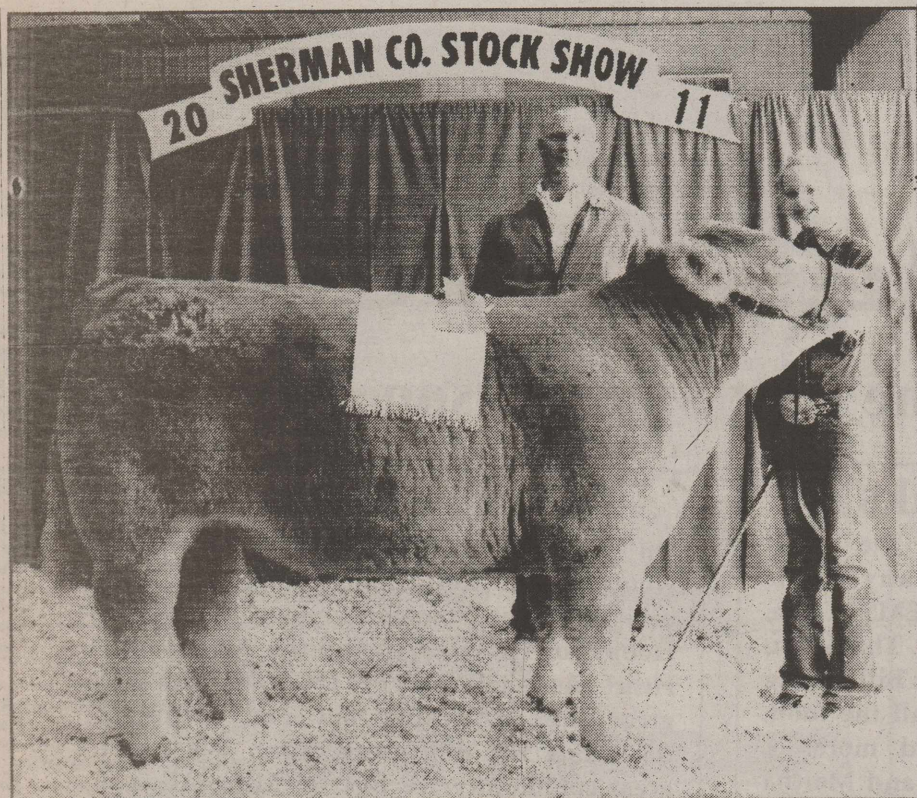
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2. The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest by Stieg Larsson
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5. Dead or Alive by Tom Clancy
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10. What the Night Knows by Dean Koontz
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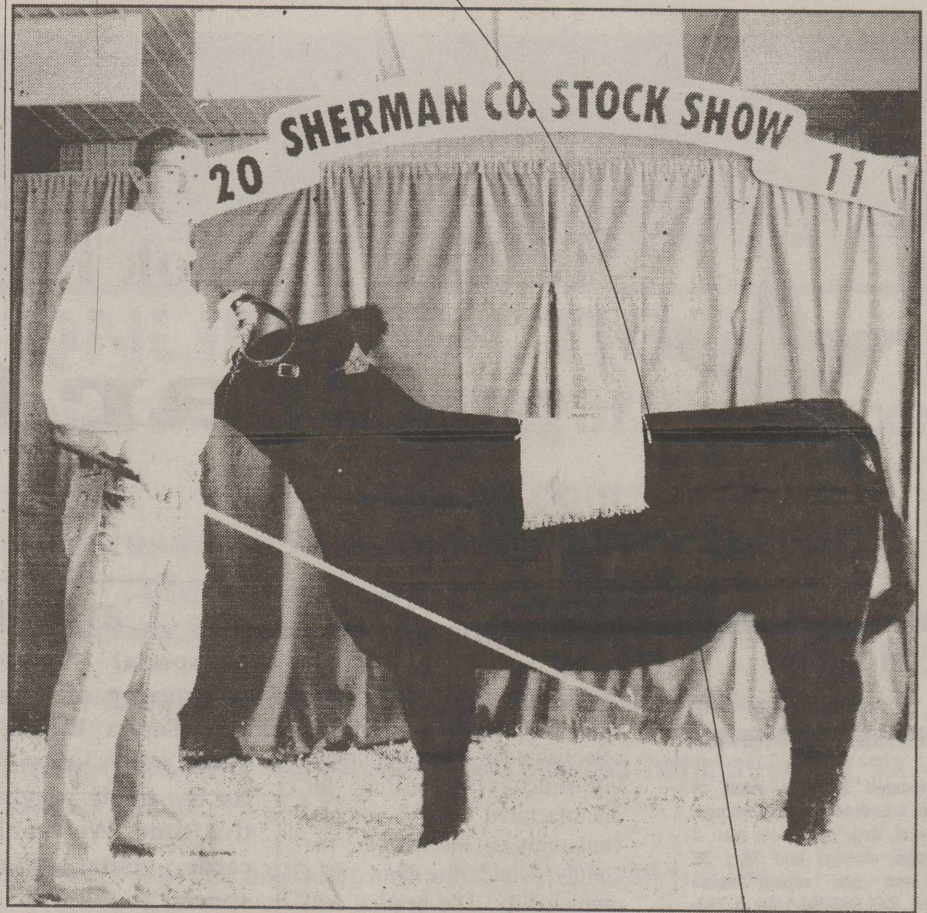
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2. Decision Points by George W. Bush
3. Cleopatra by Stacy Schiff
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5. Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell
6. __ My Dad Says by Justin Halpern
7. Earth (the Book) by Jon Stewart
8. Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo
9. Committed by Elizabeth Gilbert
10. The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls
11. What the Dog Saw by Malcolm Gladwell
12. Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert
13. Barefoot Contessa: How Easy is That by Ina Garten
14. The Carb Lovers Diet by Ellen Kunes
15. The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman
16. Eat This, Not That! By David Zinczenko
17. The Love Dare by Stephen Kendrick
18. Cook This, Not That by David Zinczenko

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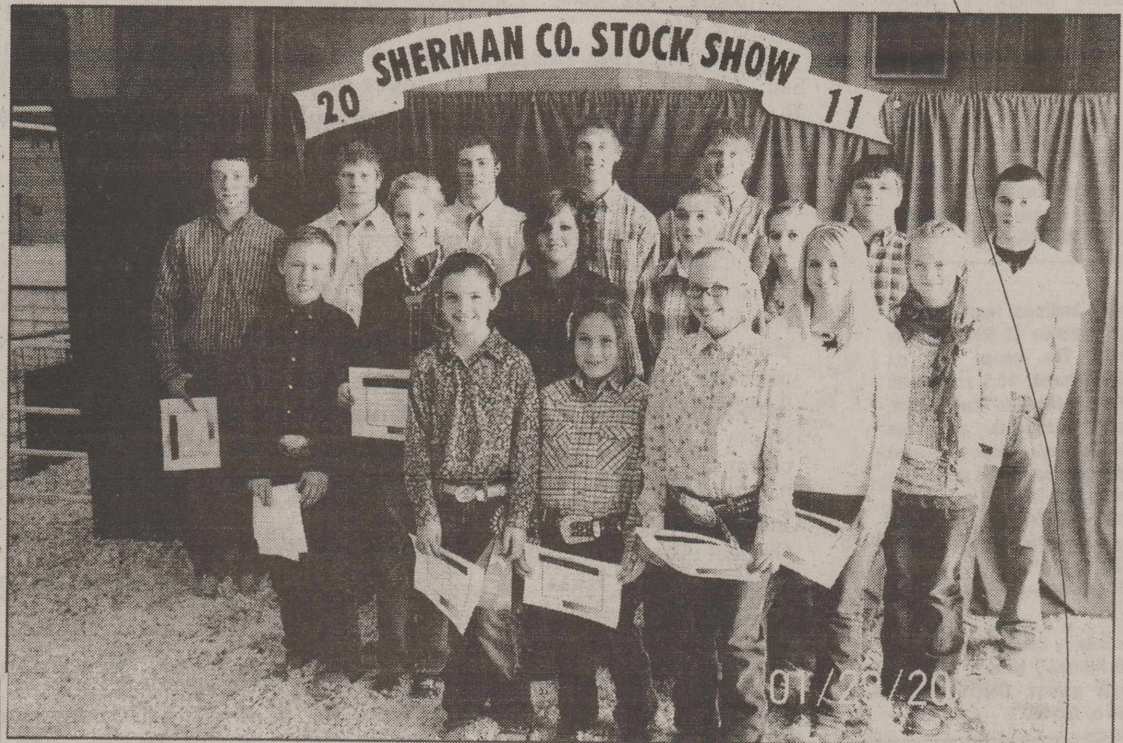
Reserve Grand Champion Steer exhibited by Allie James.



Reserve Grand Champion Heifer exhibited by Bryce Cummings.

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 —Charlotte Brontë

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**Attention All Producers of Groundwater
 in the North Plains Groundwater
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Your 2010 production reports are due in the Dumas
 office by 5 pm on March 1.

Submitting your reports by the March 1 deadline is especially important this year, since 2010 is the beginning of the District's Conservation Reserve Program. The District's Conservation Reserve Program will allow you to reserve unused allocation from 2010 and apply it to your 2011 or 2012 crop. Only producers who submit their completed reports by the March 1st deadline will qualify for the District's Conservation Reserve Program for 2010. Remember, annual allowable production will decrease in 2011 from 24 inches-per-acre to 21 inches-per-acre, and then to 18 inches in 2012. If you want to have the option of applying unused allocation from 2010 to your 2011 or 2012 crop year, your 2010 production reports must be in the Dumas office of the:

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District

PO Box 795, 603 E 1st Street

Dumas, TX 79029

by 5 pm on March 1st

For more information about 2010 production

reporting, call the office at

806-935-6401

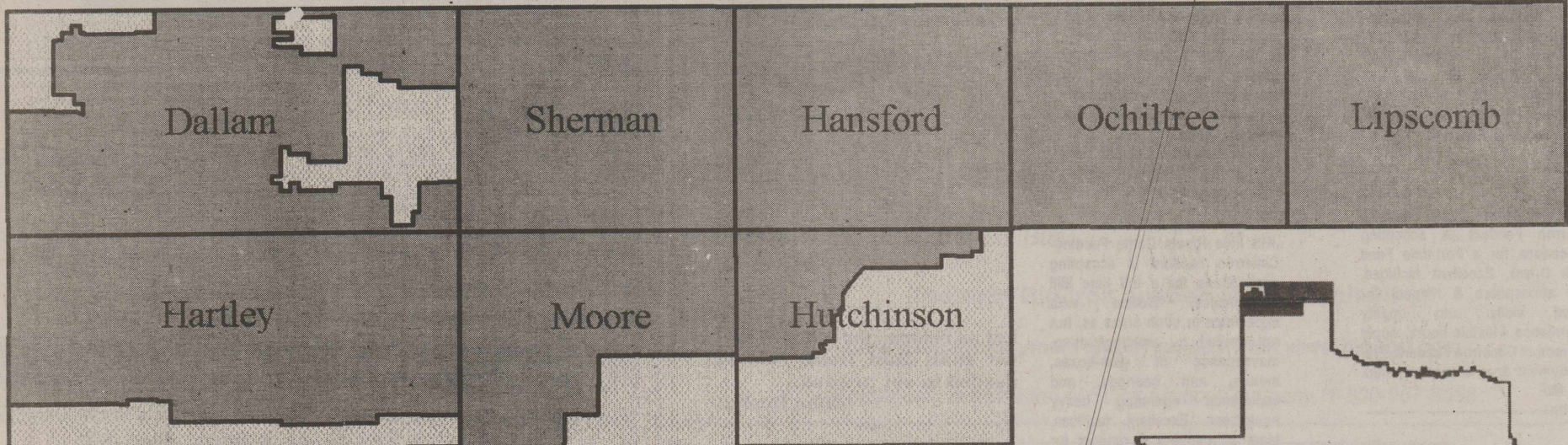


Students attend Concert in Amarillo

The Kindergarten classes of Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Walden and Mrs. Barnett recently received a grant from the Stratford Education Foundation to attend the Stephen Fite Concert in Amarillo Civic Center. They did so on Friday, February 4, 2011 Shown with the kids are Superintendent Jerry Birdsong, Board Member Becky Asher and D'Lynn Reed and Mary Allen Principal Misti McBryde.

 Freedom is man's capacity to take a hand in his own development.
 It is our capacity to mold ourselves.

—Rollo May



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