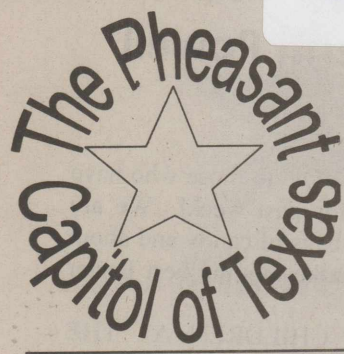


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Happy Easter

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Break a Leg

The Stratford High One Act Play cast and crew competed at the District UIL OAP contest held at West Texas High School on Wednesday, March 25. Stratford advanced to the next level of competition, and will head to Clarendon College for the Bi-District contest on Friday, April 3. Congratulation SOAP and Break a Leg at Bi-District!

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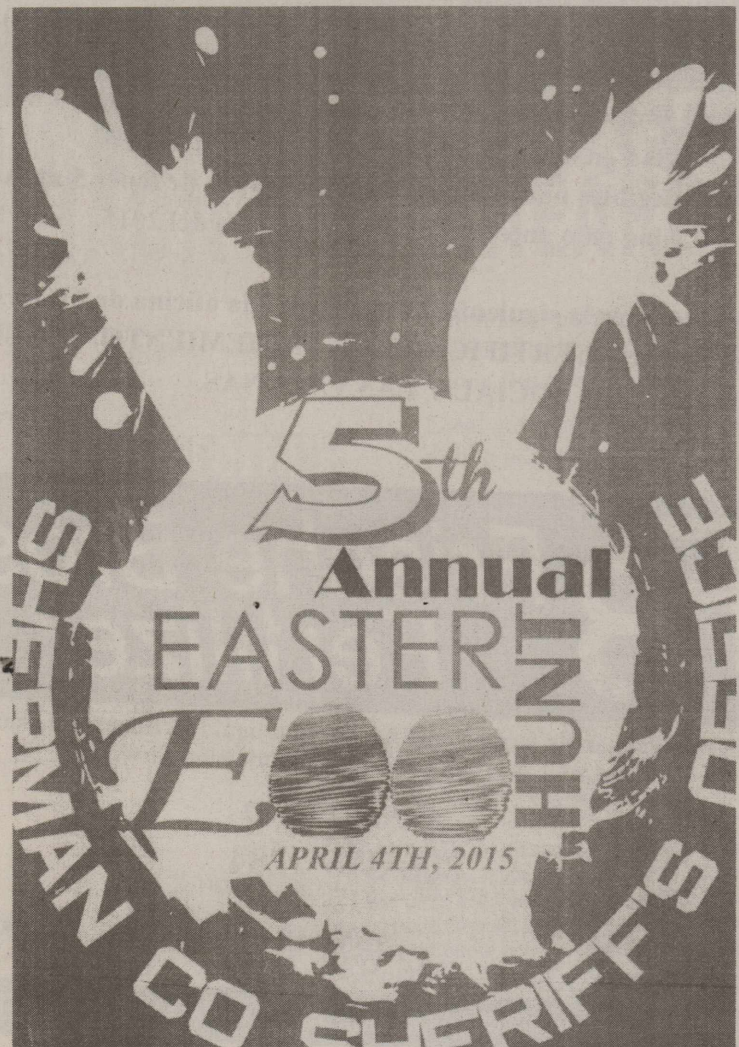
United States Department of Agriculture
DATE: March 27, 2015

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) are inviting the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group (LWG) meeting that will be held at the Happy State Bank in Stratford TX on April 15, 2015 at 9:00 am.

The purpose of the public meeting is to receive input from farmers, ranchers, local agencies, organizations, local agricultural leaders, businesses and other individuals that have an interest in natural resource concerns. Input received will allow the LWG to identify and prioritize the resource concerns that need to be addressed for eligible practices and ranking for county based funding.

Recommendations provided by the LWG meetings will be reviewed by the State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to help implement conservation programs offered by NRCS. Through stake holder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set natural resource concern priorities in their counties.

Sincerely,
Bruce Meyer
District Conservationist Bruce.Meyer@tx.usda.gov



What's Happening In Stratford

Check in paper for complete information

Good Luck to the Play cast at Clarendon on Friday, April 3rd

Hope Everyone has a safe and Blessed Easter

Schedule of all 2015 4-H & Clover Meetings
Dates are subject to change with weather or mandatory meetings

All meetings for both clubs are at 6 p.m.
April 13, and May 4

Clover Kid Meetings- March 30, April 27 and May 18

Stratford School Yearbook on Sale Now

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Spring Story Time @ Your Library
April 7, 2015, April 14, 2015, April 21, 2015 and April 28, 2015.

Sherman County Public Library
9:30-10:00 a.m. for more information contact the library at 366-2200

BUSINESSES

Don't get hit with a penalty!
Render your property now!
Deadline: April 15, 2015

If you have not rendered your business personal property, such as inventory, equipment, and fixtures you must do it now to avoid a penalty of 10-50 percent. If you need additional information, contact the Sherman County Appraisal District at 402 N 3rd in Stratford or call 806-366-5566.

Medical Fund

A Pauline Griffin fund has been set up for help with funeral expenses at The First State of Stratford.

We appreciate all who have helped us so far. It means so much to us.
Thank you

CHET EVERETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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The Chet Everett Memorial Scholarship has been set up at the First State Bank in Stratford. If you would like to contribute, please see Cindy Larence at FSB or mail your check to:

First State Bank
ATTN: Cindy Larence PO Box 48
Stratford TX 79084

All proceeds will go to Chet & Paula's children, Hunter & Bethany! This account will be available for contributions until August 1st, 2015.

Need your sidewalk numbers painted or redone?

Sherman County 4-H Sr. Council would love to do it for you for a suggested donation of \$15!

Send in your \$15 or donation with the form below (address below) or take it down to the AgriLife Extension Office by April 17th!

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Obituaries

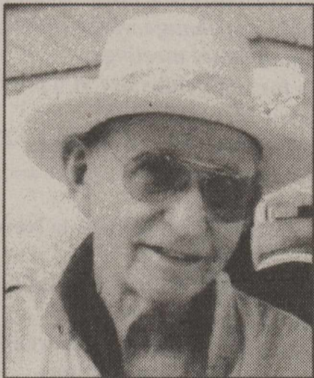
Brett Allen Farris March 22, 2015

Brett Allen Farris, 52 of Stratford, passed away on March 22, 2015. Memorial Services were held at 2 o'clock in the Stratford City park officiated by Glenn White on Friday, March 27th, 2015.

He is preceded in death by his mother: Juanice Harbour and brother: Leon Harbour.

Brett is survived by his long-time companion and best friend: Sarah Keener; his son: Nathan-Bennett Farris; father: Weldon Farris; step-father: Charles Harbour; brothers: Rusty Harbour and wife Gara and their children: Aaron and Dallas; Chuck Harbour and wife Angela and their children: Amanda and Charlie; sisters: Virginia Reynolds and husband Richard and their children: Desiree and Lacy; Vickie Rivera and her daughter Gabby Rivera; nieces and nephews: Cassie, Cody, Katherine and Colman Harbour; and many great-nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to First United Methodist Church, Youth Group Meals on Wheels, P0 Box 1289, Stratford, TX 79084.



Don Gurley April 27, 1930-March 29, 2015

Don Gurley, 84, of Stratford, died Sunday, March 29, 2015. Services were held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at the First Christian Church in Stratford with Rev. Gary C. Smith, pastor, officiating. Burial was at the Stratford Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers at Stratford.

Don was born on April 27, 1930 in Ochiltree County, Texas to Homer and Versie Gurley. He had farmed in Sherman County most of his life where he had been awarded farmer of the year by the Farm Bureau. He had served on the Stratford School Board when his children were growing up. He loved to play golf and was a member of the Stratford country club. Don was a member of the First Christian Church where he had served as an elder.

He married Elaine Dietrich on Sept. 18, 1948 in Perryton. She preceded him in death on April 5, 2005.

He is survived by a son, Randy Gurley and wife, Lana of Amarillo; a daughter, Cathy Rapp and husband Bob of Granbury; a brother, Eldon Gurley of Perryton; two sisters, Rozella Gift of Perryton and Carolyn Goostree of Verden, Ok., three grandchildren, Anita Rapp, Amanda Rapp, and Trudy Strain; and a great grandchild, Mykaela Marshall.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the First Christian Church, P.O. Box 626, Stratford, Texas 79084. Sign the online guestbook at boxwellbrothers.com

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Taylor Wright and John McBroom perform in Stratford's One Act Play *Moon over Buffalo* at the dinner theater held Monday, March 23, 2015.



Allissa Palmer and Branson Palmer are shown in one of their scenes at the dinner theater at Stratford's One Act Play dinner theater held Monday, March 23, 2015.



From the Desk of Sheriff Powell

We'd like to say THANK YOU to those who have donated eggs and candy this past week! We are still in need of a few more bags of candy and about 200 more plastic eggs to make this the best Easter Egg Hunt EVER!!

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILDREN AT THE PARK BY 11AM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH.....

THE HUNT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR AGE GROUPS THIS YEAR, FROM AGES 0-12.

This is our fifth year in a row and our Easter Egg Hunt in the Stratford Park is always so much fun for our children, so for just one hour, please bring them by for the fun!

We hope to see you there!

-Sheriff Joe- / Proudly Serving Sherman County, Texas

Power of the Purse April 9th

Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health, will present keynote speaker, Lauren Bush Lauren, (related to President George Bush and Ralph Lauren). Lauren is the founder and CEO of FEED, a social business whose mission is to "Create Good Products that help FEED the World". The Luncheon and Purse Silent Auction is Thursday, April 9 at 11:30-1:00 at the Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Ballroom. Tickets available at LWB Institute for Women's health 806-414-9949

Stratford EX-Student Planning Meeting April 7

Stratford Ex-Student classes in the year ending in 5-1945, 55, 65, 75, 85,95,2005; are ask to meet at 7:00 p.m. at The Imagination Station to make plans for the student reunion July 24-25 during Stratford Jamboree. Please have each class represented. Address corrections need to be completed by May 1.

Legacy Continues the Trek

By Paula Nusz

Legacy Assisted Living is participating in the Walk Across Texas program sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. This week (week #11), our walkers traveled a total of 244.55 miles. The total mileage to date is 2,191.54! This week we cross (going west) on 1-20 onto 1-10 and made it to El Paso. Currently the group is heading home, and is located on Texas Highway 62/180, 25 miles east of El Paso crossing the Hueco Mountains. The beautiful spring weather has encouraged more activity. One on the Legacy Legends has made a vow to walk two miles every day!

MARY ALLEN ELEMENTARY 2015-16 Early Enrollment for Mary Allen Elementary PK/New KG students BEGINS, MONDAY April 6th (from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm).

- To be eligible for Pre-K, student must be 4 years of age on or before September 1st, 2015.
- To be eligible for Kindergarten, student must be 5 years of age on or before September 1st, 2015.

Please bring the following information to the Mary Allen Elementary office to register: BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD & SHOT RECORD

Thank You!

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Para el año escolar 2015-16 para
Estudiantes de PK/Nuevos KG de Mary Allen Elementary
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- Para ser elegibles para kínder, su hijo(a) debe de tener 5 años de edad en o antes del 1º de Septiembre del 2015.

Por favor de traer la siguiente información a la oficina de Mary Allen para el registro: CERTIFICADO DE NACIMIENTO, SEGURO SOCIAL Y LAS VACUNAS.

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Jesus Christ came to Earth as the Son of God to rescue his people from the consequences of sin: "For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace." (Romans 6:14 NIV). Christ establishes himself as savior: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23 NIV). The Pharisees, keepers of the law, resisted God's message of salvation and plagued Jesus with unrelenting challenges to his authority attempting to expose him as a fraud in order to retain their positions of religious authority. One such example is John chapter nine. They announce he is not from God because he is a Sabbath lawbreaker, and point to themselves as true disciples of Moses.

The Good Shepherd is the true owner of the flock--as opposed to these "wolves in sheep clothing." Jesus came to lead mankind out of the Mosaic Law into his grace. In response to their many criticisms Jesus makes the following declarations: "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. (John 8:23 NIV). "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6 NIV). The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me." (John 14:10 NIV).

Jesus proclaims his origin: "They answered him, 'We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?'"

"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" (John 8:58 NIV) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14 NIV) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1 NIV). Jesus removes all ambiguity about his purpose: "For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Matthew 9:12-13 NIV). Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." (John 6:35, 51 NIV)

He professes his dedication to us: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. (John 15:9 NIV) Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13 NIV). He showed his great love through his prayer for believers: "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them." (John 17:25-26 NIV).

He was hated, mocked, spat on, and beaten.

To manifest his love great for us, he gave everything he had: his body, soul, and spirit. He suffered, bled and died--nailed to a tree. He released his Holy Spirit to guides us home. Meditation: Have I received God's gift of eternal life with him?

John 10:11 Romans 6:14; 23 John 8:23 John 14:16 John 8:58 John 1:4 John Chapter 19 Feedback Welcome.



Naugle presented Fireman of the year at Annual Fireman's Banquet March 28th

Cory Naugle was presented the Fireman of the Year award at the Stratford Fire Department Yearly Banquet. Shown above presenting Cory was Danny Davis, Stratford Fire Department Fire Chief. Congrats Cory!

Legacy Makes Easter Cards

By Paula Nusz

Easter is approaching fast, so Legacy residents and friends made special cards on Monday, March 23, 2015. Three residents assisted by four friends spent an hour making homemade cards. Ink stamps, assorted stickers and colored-ink pens were the tools for this craft. Even more important than the card making, it was the fellowship with loving volunteers that made the difference in the lives of these sweet ladies. Residents making cards included: Grace Lyles, Frances Stipe, and Margie Cleavenger. Volunteer helpers were: Theresa and Jonathan Green, Leisa Massey, Cindy Ballard and Tonia Rivas. Shown at right are left to right and seated: Margie Cleavenger, Grace Lyles, Frances Stipe. Standing behind: Theresa Green, Tonia Rivas, Leisa Massey, Jonathan Green and Cindy Ballard



Legacy Enjoys Dinner Theater

By Paula Nusz

(Shown at Left) Legacy Assisted Living of Dalhart, held their family dinner party on Thursday, March 12, 2015. This year's theme was a mystery dinner theater. The play was "The Great Canine Follicle Debacle". The storyline was about the Bestbred Dog Show (like the Westminster Dog Show) and the favored dog suffered from a terrible accident. Someone exchanged her shampoo with hair removal cream, and left her totally bald! The mystery involved solving the crime. Each character in the play was a pageant participant dog (played by a person). The residents and their guests were given clues and ultimately had to solve the crime and reveal the Guilty Dog! One out of the four groups chose the correct "bad dog"! The sit-down dinner was Beef Wellington, asparagus, wild rice, and chocolate mousse. The dinner was served in courses that coincided with the multiple scenes of the play.

A big thank you to the brave souls who volunteered to be dogs 'actors' included: Jon and Theresa Green, Anthony Lovato, Jennifer Turner, Brady Watley, Cindy Ballard, Leisa and Werner Massey, and Rita Lucas. The crime victim was Rita Lucas - who played Petunia the Poodle, and the criminal was Cindy Ballard - whose character was Daisy the Bassett Hound! Everyone- residents, guests, actors and staff has a wonderful evening.

A special thank you is due to these businesses who graciously allowed Legacy to borrow decor items to supplement the dog theme of the evening. Please go by these businesses and show your support. Businesses included: Wolf Creek Mini Mall, Guymon, Oklahoma; Forever Treasures of Dalhart; and Acquisitions of Stratford. A variety of props were supplied by Patricia Hartman of Stratford, and Dallam/Hartley Counties 4-H.



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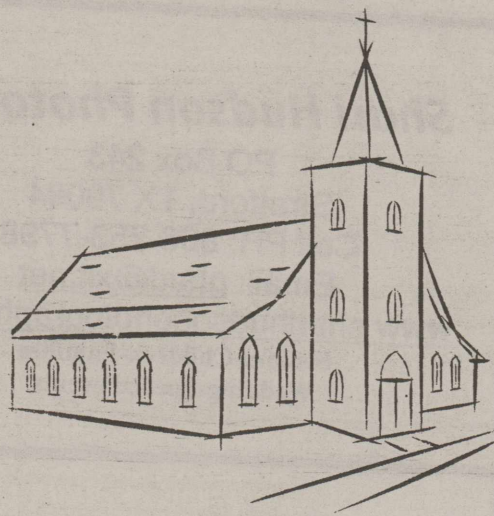
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ROSE MARIE GROSS, were issued on the 30th day of March, 2015 in Cause No. 2235, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, as Independent Executor to:

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Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

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DATED this the 30th day of March, 2015.

HUNTER & OELKE, PC

BY: GREG OELKE
STATE BAR CARD NO. 15219700

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Card of Thanks

Nathan and I wanted to take a minute to thank everyone who helped Nathan with his dad's memorial. Especially Brett's family. Nathan couldn't have done it without your help. Virginia, you are a rock! Also to my Dad and Jeanie who were there for Nathan every step of the way. We love you so much and couldn't ask for better family.

Thank you to Connie Biddy for providing the food for the family meal, and for Glen and Caroline White and Lori Smith for serving it.

Glen, your message at Brett's memorial was wonderful, as usual. You always mesmerize people with the way you can deliver God's message. Thank you for being a part of our lives.

Joyce Hart, the flowers you provided were absolutely beautiful. They were a nice touch to the day. Thank you for thinking of it.

Eddie Bryson, thank you from not only us, but I can probably say, from all the ladies who got to sit down, for the chairs you brought. You are such a kind man and I'm glad you and Jeanie have always been a part of Nathan's life.

We can't think our friends and family enough for being there for Nathan. If I could, I'd list you all individually. But the Star isn't big enough I'm afraid!!

Thank you all again for your thoughts, prayers, hugs, kind words, and text messages. I'm glad everyone got to see Nathan and see what an amazing man he's growing into. We love you all and are glad you are a part of our lives.

Piper and Nathan

Card of Thanks

Surprise is an understatement when talking about Mr. Gilley winning the Hogman Beef Raffle! We would like to thank Brown's Meat Locker for donating the meat processing, Aurora Organic Beef for donating the cow, all members of the Hogman Scholarship Committee for their hard work to organize the fundraiser, and to Jackson Wyatt for drawing Mr. Gilley's raffle ticket! We are so grateful!

Jack Gilley and the Gilley Girls

Card of Thanks

THANK YOU to everyone who supported Lollipop Junction's recently held Tamale Sales. The Board of Directors expresses appreciation to the staff members who prepared the delicious tamales and the donors who supplied ingredients. Lollipop Junction also wishes to extend THANK YOU to the Community Closet for their generous donation to the center. The generous support of Stratford/Sherman County residents allows Lollipop Junction to provide families with quality child care services. Thank you again.

Carta de Agradecimiento

Muchas gracias a todos por su gran ayuda a Lollipop Junction con la reciente venta de Tamales. Los directores del comité les expresa agradecimiento a las trabajadoras de Lollipop por sus deliciosos tamales y a todos los que ayudaron con las donación eh ingredientes. Lollipop Junction también quiere agradecer mucho a Community Closet por la gran generosidad de donación a la guarderla, y la gran generosidad de apoyo de Stratford/Sherman County residentes por permitir a Lollipop Junction a ayudar a Familias con servicio de Guarderia.
Muchas Gracias a Todos.



YOUR PROPERTY TAXES JUST WENT UP. OR HADN'T YOU HEARD?

When local governments want to increase tax revenues, they are required to publish notices in the newspaper so that you will know. But that right to know could disappear.

Local governmental entities across the state want to hide their public notices on little seen, rarely visited government websites. What you don't know will affect you personally!

KEEP THE LIGHT ON PUBLIC NOTICES

If it is not in the newspaper, you won't know about it.

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Health

(NU) - Be sure to handle your vacation baggage with caution. There were more than 75,500 luggage-related injuries in 2013 alone. To avoid luggage-related injury and pain, keep your body straight when lifting and carrying luggage—do not twist. Instead, point your toes in the direction you are headed, and then turn your entire body in that direction. Also, only use luggage that is sturdy and lightweight with wheels and a handle. For more information and safety tips, visit the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) website: OrthoInfo.org.

Pets

(NU) - If you're worried your pet might have some trouble adjusting on vacation, a vacation rental can give you added privacy from your neighbors.
When booking your accommodations, ask about any added services or amenities that may help your pet feel more comfortable on vacation. For example, Wyndham Vacation Rentals, the world's largest professionally managed vacation rentals company, greets furry guests in some of its properties with common pet necessities and temporary ID tags for their collars.
Find friendly options online at www.wyndham.com.

USDA Extends ARC and PLC Deadlines

Farmers Have Until April 7 to Update Yields, Reallocate Base Acres, and Make Final Selections

WASHINGTON, March 27, 2015 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today provided farm owners and producers one additional week, until April 7, 2015, to choose between Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC), the safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill. The final day to update yield history or reallocate base acres also will be April 7, 2015.

"This is an important decision for producers because these programs help farmers and ranchers protect their operations from unexpected changes in the marketplace," said Vilsack. "Nearly 98 percent of owners have already updated yield and base acres, and 90 percent of producers have enrolled in ARC or PLC. These numbers are strong, and continue to rise. This additional week will give producers a little more time to have those final conversations, review their data, visit their local Farm Service Agency offices, and make their decisions," said Vilsack.

If no changes are made to yield history or base acres by the deadline, the farm's current yield and base acres will be used. If a program choice of ARC or PLC is not made, there will be no 2014 crop year payments for the farm and the farm will default to PLC coverage for the 2015 through 2018 crop years. Producers who have an appointment at their local FSA offices scheduled by April 7 will be able to make an election between ARC and PLC, even if their actual appointment is after April 7.

These safety-net programs provide important financial protection against unexpected changes in the marketplace. As part of the strong education and outreach campaign launched by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in September, to date more than 5 million educational postcards, in English and Spanish, have been sent to producers nationwide, and more than 5,000 events with more than 430,000 attendees, including training sessions and speaking engagements, have been conducted to educate producers on the programs. The online tools, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc, which allow producers to explore how ARC or PLC coverage will affect their operation, have been presented to more than 3,400 groups.

Covered commodities under ARC and PLC include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

Producers need to contact the Farm Service Agency by April 7. To learn more, farmers can contact their local Farm Service Agency county office. To find local offices, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

The 2014 Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers, strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

St. Patrick's Activities at Legacy

By Paula Nusz

'A touch of the Irish' traveled through Legacy this week. St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with a party and everyone wearing their 'green'. The party entertainment was a word scramble and a 'find-the picture' puzzle. The prizes for the word scramble were green suckers; prizes for the 'find-the picture' puzzle were gold coins. An overhead projector had been donated to Legacy, so the 'find-the-picture' puzzle could be shown on the wall to make locating the specific items easier for the group. A short trivia session discussing Irish heritage in America concluded the event. Snacks included pistachio cupcakes and Apple Orchard punch. Fourteen residents and one guest enjoyed the afternoon.

Bingo for this week was 'Green' Bingo. All of the prizes were green such as a kiwi, green tissues, Sprite in a green can, etc. The game was played with specially designed cards using Irish words (such as Dublin, emerald, mass). Seven residents enjoyed this game; and everyone was interested in what mysterious green item would be revealed from the prize bag.



Giving a Voice to Hungry Kids

We all know that there are children who have free breakfast and lunch provided for them at school Monday through Friday. Have you ever stopped to think what these children do for food on the weekends? Have you ever eaten lunch on Friday and then not had another actual meal until Monday morning? Can you imagine trying to listen to your teacher on Monday morning when all you can do is watch the clock and count the seconds until lunchtime? Unfortunately, there are children in Stratford and the surrounding towns in the Texas panhandle who face this struggle every weekend and during school holidays. Snack Pak 4 Kids is a program that provides food for children in these situations every weekend of the school year. 100% of all money is used for food only.

YES!!! I want to adopt a child for: **Stratford ISD**

- 1 year- \$133 (number of children)
- 1 month- \$14 (number of children)
- 1 week- \$3.50 (number of children)
- other- \$

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Organization

School you are sponsoring

Checks are payable to "Snack Pak 4 Kids." Please designate Stratford in memo line of your check.

Snack Pak 4 Kids
701 Park Place Ave
Amarillo, TX 79101
806-337-5252



Friday ~ April 10, 2015

Panhandle Research & Extension Center
Goodwell, Oklahoma

- 8:30am Registration: **Donuts & Coffee** - *OK Wheat Commission*
- 9:00am - 9:30am **Irrigation Energy Use and Conservation**
- Scott Fraizer
- 9:30am - 10:00am **Deficit Irrigation Management for Corn and Sorghum**
- Saleh Taghvaeian
- 10:00am - 10:30am **Waste Water Management**
- Doug Hamilton
- 10:30am - 10:45am **BREAK**
- 10:45pm - 11:15pm **Spray Application Technology and Drift Management**
- Angela Post
- 11:15pm - 11:45pm **Do the Economics of Drip irrigation improve under limited water**
- Jason Warren
- 11:45am **LUNCH** *Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma --- Fontanelle
B. Ag. Machinery Equipment --- Diversity D*

There are 3.5 Certified Crop Adviser CEU's approved, including .5 IPM, and 2 Soil & Water Mgt.

Please RSVP for meal by April 7th

If you have questions or to pre-register, call (580) 349-5440



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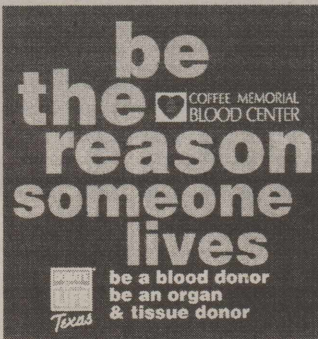
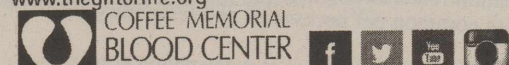
STRATFORD COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

WHEN
Monday, April 6th
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

WHERE
County Barn
5th and Maple

Every eligible donor who presents to donate will receive a free **Be the Reason** t-shirt and a Donate Life wristband!

7500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX
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REQUIREMENTS

Photo ID or Donor ID card

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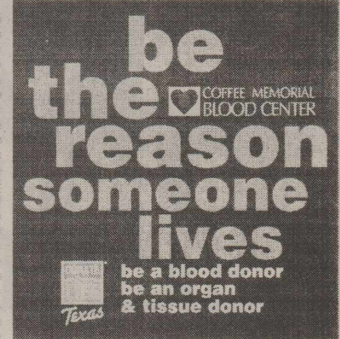
COMUNIDAD DE STRATFORD DONACION DE SANGRE

CUANDO
Lunes 6 de Abril
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

DONDE
County Barn
5th and Maple

Todos los donantes elegibles que presentan a donar recibirán una camiseta gratis!

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www.thegiftoflife.org



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CITAS

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o 1-877-574-8800
Visite donate.thegiftoflife.org

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