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Hogman Scholarship Golf Tournament July 25th, Reunion Weekend

Registration now open

The Hogman Golf Tournament will be held July 25th at 2:00 PM at the Stratford Country Club. Registration starts at 1:1 pm. The 9-hole tournament is a mixed scramble with prizes on each hole. The entry fee is \$25 per person, with all proceeds going to scholarships awarded to graduating linemen.

Thanks to our generous sponsors and the approximately 60 golfers who came out to enjoy the tournament last year, Hogman was able to award five \$1,000 scholarships to graduating linemen.

Please join us in supporting our linemen again. If you would like to register or would like to sponsor a hole please contact Roger Allen: 806-753-7833, Danny Davis: 806-930-5891 or Corey Naugle: 806-773-2789. Thank you for your support, go Elks

Blessings of May

May 7, 2015 (Grapevine, Texas) Today the sky opened up over the local Baylor Regional Hospital, bringing widespread flooding and an angel named Hadleigh Jean Everett to her waiting parents, Dr. Dylan and Kelsey Everett. She was also welcomed by her maternal great grandparents, Carol Smith, Indianapolis, IN and William and Nancy Hayne, Terre Haute, IN; paternal great grandparents, Beatriz Gonzales, Mexico, and Joe and Jean Everett, deceased, of Stratford. Maternal grandparents, James and Sherry Smith, Decatur, TX, and paternal grandparents, Mike and Reyna Everett, Stratford, also welcomed Hadleigh into this world.

Dr. Everett Graduates from Texas A&M Baylor College of Dentistry

Three weeks later, May 27, 2015, Dr. Joseph Dylan Everett graduated from the Texas A&M Baylor College of Dentistry with a Master of Science and Certificate in Periodontics in Dallas, TX. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter, parents, in-laws, aunt and cousins, who gathered for a dinner celebration afterwards. Dr. Everett is planning on opening his practice in Lubbock soon.

Imagine that from The Imagination Station

Drama Camp 13-16 Morning 10:00-11:00 ages 4-6: Afternoon 2:00-4:00 ages 7-11
Registration \$15.00 preregister Terri Teig 753-7415
Public Performance July 16 at 5:30 \$1.00

We have furniture for sale. 3 sets of arm chairs (orange, blue, gold) Double bed with headboard. Kitchen table with 6 caster chairs. Hope they are gone before the Whale of a Sale Sept. 11, 12.

July 25 Jamboree "Old Timers" program 9:00 a.m. Parade. Block Party (baked potatoes, watermelon, and face painting)

Stratford Police Dept. warns citizens of Telephone scam

The Stratford Police Department would like to warn the citizens of Stratford of a scam that is going around. If you receive a phone call from a person stating you can get \$9,000.00 dollars free money from the government do not continue the conversation. They will ask you to put up a deposit of \$325.00 dollars, this is a scam, for your safety do not give them any of your personal information.

ANNUAL HOGMAN GOLF TOURNAMENT

MIXED SCRAMBLE \$25 PER PERSON

SATURDAY JULY 25TH

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 1:15 P.M.
TEE OFF WILL BE AT 2:00 P.M.



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What's Happening- In Stratford

Summer Reading Program
Wednesdays during July 2015 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Folks remember to support your local businesses.
Small towns need to survive

Stratford Ex-Students & Teachers Reunion
Stratford Jamboree
July 24 and 25, 2015

Summer Movies at the Sherman County Library began June 16th at 1:30 p.m. and continues every Tuesday until August 21st



July 4th on Main Street in Stratford, Texas

You know folks there is a Gazillion other places one could choose to live on this earth. I am so lucky I had the chance to choose Stratford, TX a Gazillion years ago, (sometimes it feels like that). No not really I feel so blessed to have lived in Stratford for a very Long time and got to see my kids grow up here and grand kids grow up here in this wonderful town. Folks we are lucky to live in a place that continues to help each other when the need is needed. I never felt as good as when I went down town on Saturday July 4th and saw the flags flying on Main Street. We live in the greatest country in the whole world and I never get over the blessed feeling when I see that GRAND OLD FLAG! GOD BLESS AMERICA



From the Desk of Sheriff Powell

I regret to inform you that we are losing two hard working deputies at the end of this month. Sergeant Jensen and Corporal Jensen have decided to move their family to south Texas. Their last day with us will be July 31st Sergeant Jensen (formerly Gabehart) worked under my command at the Stratford Police Department from 2010-2012 and then she followed me to the Sheriffs Office in January of 2013. She has always given 100% and I know she will be a valued asset to another Texas agency in the future. Corporal Jensen also worked for SPD since 2011, and moved over to the Sheriffs Office in 2012. He too, has given his all to our agency and community. His work ethic and experience will take him far.

These two individuals are not only my employees, but my friends and I wish them both the best of luck in their future endeavors.

-Sheriff Powell-

CHET EVERETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP SET UP AT FIRST STATE BANK

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

Paula, Hunter and Bethany Everett want all proceeds of this account to go to a deserving graduating senior.
This account will be available for contributions until August 1st, 2015

If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.

—Bob Hope

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament To be held in Stratford

In association with his Fuel Up to Play 60 Ambassadorship and Sherman County 4-H, Russell Spurlock is hosting a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on July 25th (Reunion Weekend). All teams will be 3 to 4 members with a cost of \$15/team to enter. Teams will be in two brackets only: Junior (through 8th grade) and Senior (9th grade and up). All ages are welcome. Teams can be girls, boys, men, women or coed but you will all be playing each other. Only the first 40 teams will get a spot as we are playing all games from noon to 6pm - single elimination. Deadline to register is July 6th Proceeds from this event will be to feed the 3d and 4th graders a hot well-balanced breakfast on the days of spring STARR testing. Hopefully this project will encourage the elementary kids to be at their best and relieve some of the anxiety of the day. Forms can be obtained from Stratford Grain or you can email a request for one to spurlock@xit.net Please call with any questions- 806-366-2772. Hope to see you all on the court!!

Obituaries

Duane Springfield Sept. 27, 1962-June 29, 2015

Duane Lee Springfield, beloved husband, father, son-in-law, nephew, uncle, cousin and friend passed away on Monday, June 29, 2015 in Allen, Texas. Duane was born on September 27, 1962 to Viola and James Springfield, Jr., both of whom have preceded him in death. He was born in Amarillo, Texas and raised in Stratford, Texas. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a BA in Parks and Recreation Management. While at Tech, he met the love of his life, Nancy Lewis. They were married on March 7, 1987. To this union were born Travis Bennett Springfield and Ashtin Leigh Springfield, both whom Duane loved deeply. Duane had a heart of gold, loved doing things for others and never met a stranger. He will be remembered for his love of his family, his friends, his Red Raiders and the Allen Eagles. He will be missed by everyone who knew and loved him. A celebration of Duane's life will be held on Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 10:30 am in the sanctuary at Custer Road United Methodist Church, 6601 Custer Road, Plano, Texas 75023 with Reverend Kory Knott, Duane's nephew, officiating. If desired, memorial contributions in Duane's name may be made to the Texas Tech Red Raider Athletic Association, Allen High School Wrestling, do jerry_best@allenisd.org, or Custer Road United Methodist Church of Plano, Texas.



Stratford Varsity Cheerleaders participated in UCA camp June 22-24. Brandon Mireles, Agustina Eizomendi, Taylor Aduddell, Chesney Rendon, Alexie Wright Rebecca Couch, Remie Seward, Whitney Stone, Francisco, and Hailey (UCA Cheerleader) Shown below Receiving All -American Awards are Brandon Mireles, Alexie Wright, Chesney Rendon, and Whitney Stone.

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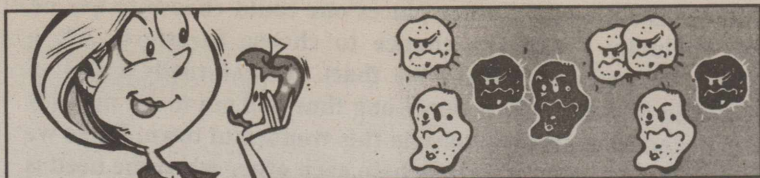
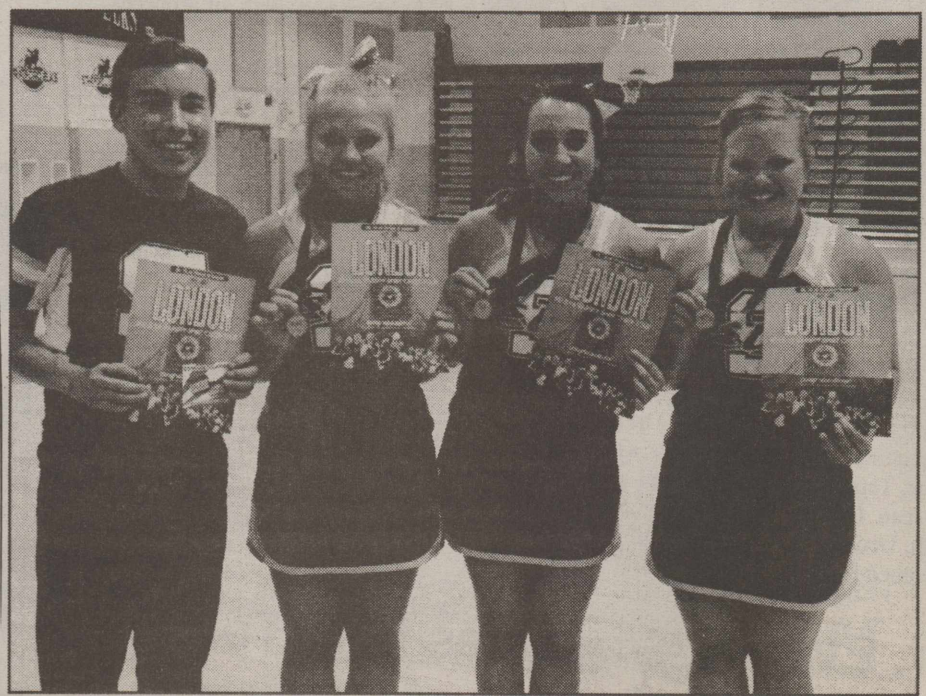
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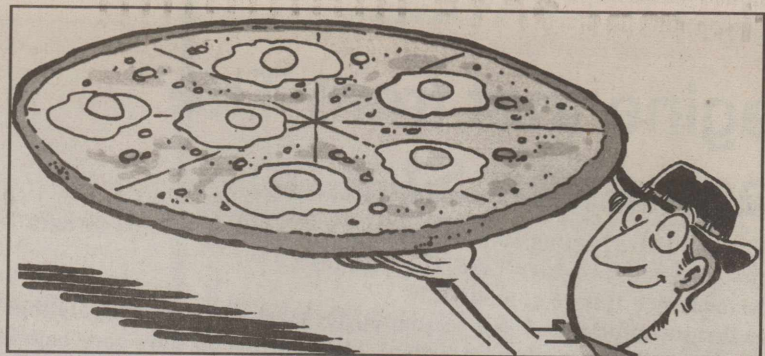
9-1-1 or 396-2844 Jimmy Lanning, Director

The Stratford Hospital District operates on a non-discriminatory basis, giving equal treatment and access to services without regard to sex, race, religion, age or ethnicity.



If you are snacking on an apple, be sure to eat the skin. It contains an antioxidant chemical called quercetin, which is thought to boost the immune system and help fight off illness.

It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare, it is because we do not dare that they are difficult.
—Seneca



In Australia, the No.1 topping for pizza is eggs.



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**

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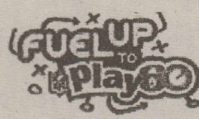
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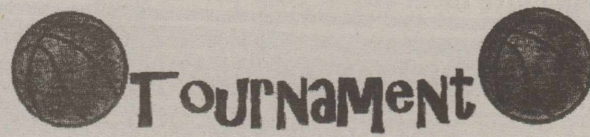
School you are sponsoring _____

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



3 ON 3 BASKETBALL



\$15/team (3 or 4 players)

Saturday, July 25th - Stratford High School Gyms

- Single Elimination
- Two age brackets - 8th grade and under (Junior), 9th grade and older (Senior)
- Teams can be girls, boys, men, women or co-ed but will play each other
- First to 15 with a margin of two - time limit of 30 minutes
- Play is from noon-6pm, Limited to the first 40 teams registered (brackets will be emailed by July 13th)
- All proceeds will benefit "STARR Breakfast" - a program to supply all Stratford 3rd and 4th graders a nutritionally balanced hot breakfast on the days of the spring STARR test.
- A release form will need to be signed on the day of the event

Please fill out the following information and return with \$15 registration fee (payable to Sherman County 4-H) to Russell Spurlock, P.O. Box 349, Stratford, TX 79084 by July 6th. If you need additional information, please call 806-366-2772 or email spurlock@xt.net.

Team Name _____

Age Bracket _____

Contact Email _____

Contact Number _____

Teams T-Shirt Sizes _____



Back row Paula Cacino, Grace Lyles, Vickie Gergen Front row Carl Wiebe and Wade Estes (contest winner)

Container Garden Contest Winner Chosen

By Paula Nusz

Legacy Assisted Living held a container garden contest in June. Teams (consisting of one resident and one staff member) planned and planted their gardens on May 21st. Contestants include: Carl Wiebe & Vickie Gergen (Southern Garden); Wade Estes & Crystal Davis (French Garden); and Grace Lyles & Paula Cacino (Afternoon Garden). Two members of the community Petal Pushers Garden Club, Judi Trayler and Rosie Barber, came to Legacy on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 for the garden judging. Some of the points considered in the judging were: color combinations, variety, fullness of container, health of plants and creativity. Thank you to these ladies for volunteering their time as judges.

The winning garden was awarded to Wade Estes and Crystal Davis. The winning aspect was creativity with multiple layered pots in the container. The winning team earned \$5.00 as their prize. Every contestant earned a candy carrot as a participation award. The gardens have been placed on the patios where everyone can enjoy their beautiful colors and wonderful fragrances.

Pursuit of Happiness: Retrospection

By Joniah Hyssop

Our Founding Fathers declared our right to the pursuit of happiness but neglected to provide any further instructions on the topic, leaving us to our own devices. In my opinion there seems to be an innate drive to seek happiness. I recall feelings of joy and sadness back into my very early memories of myself. My early years and teen life provide endless examples of my emotional ups and downs. Beginning in my young adult life there is evidence that I was engaged in MORE than the pursuit of happiness. I was unknowingly entangled in a life or death struggle with an inner force propelling me forward in its desperate search for happiness. In retrospect my life's story could easily be titled the up, down, back, forth, and sideways adventures of Joniah.

At this juncture of life I have determined that much is to be learned from retrospection, self-reflection, and self-evaluation. Retrospection is my lens to view the past. The steering wheel to my future is self-reflection and self-evaluation is the rear view mirror. Glancing backwards it is evident, the route I chose toward happiness has been, although interesting, a dismal failure.

I was one of those miserable teens who concluded I must escape all parental authority and taking control of my own life was my only chance for achieving happiness. By the way, there was a debonair young gentleman who volunteered to serve as the main ingredient in my happiness recipe. I can hear you laughing. Of course you already know where this is going, but let me tell you anyway. My Prince Charming turned out to be a lying, cheating, abusive, alcoholic, frog! Failed happiness attempt number one. Unfortunately, this recipe for failure was replicated on numerous occasions, using different frogs, of course.

A retrospective lesson learned--another person is not a totally dependable source for one's positive emotional state. Other people often fail to represent our best interest. You see, my happiness needed a more reliable, longer lasting, and unfailing source.

Let's examine one example of my failed attempt in pursuit of happiness. After tossing my Prince Charming/frog back into the lake I threw myself passionately into pursuing another path that would surely end my search for soul satisfaction--A NEW JOB! After getting the news I was selected for the job I felt sweet ecstasy. Happiness at last!!

I was simply giddy. Oh my!! What to do next? Well, with a new car and new house my joy would be complete. UTOPIA!! Well you know, I WOULD have been happy if I didn't have problems with childcare, or that mean supervisor would stop bugging me about productivity, or my jealous coworker would stop talking about me behind my back, or if I didn't have so many bills...

I was right back where I started when I left home. I wish I could say that right then and there the light came on. I regret to inform you, this up, down, back, forward, or sideways pattern continued for decades. New towns, new jobs, new houses, new friends, new cars, and new insignificant others. Until finally, my pursuit of happiness landed me on my knees with the demons of a deep dark depression sweetly suggesting suicide. Having reached the end of my rope, I blamed others for my unhappiness and decided it was equally futile pursuing life and happiness.

Thankfully God sent an angel who whispered to me a different message. One of hope. She invited me to visit her church. I accepted Christ into my heart and began a new life. My merciful, loving, Father in heaven, saved me from self-destruction because he loved me and wanted me to find the life (in him) he planned for me. He gave me the wisdom to see my poor choices and know that preserving my life depended on me choosing a God-centered path. He gave me life-saving understanding. Wisdom entered my head as understanding and my heart as guidance for future choices.

Meditation: Do I allow wisdom and knowledge into my heart and soul?
When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;
Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: (Proverbs 2:10, 11 KJV)
Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. (Proverbs 3:13 KJV)

Your feedback is welcome joniahhyssop@gmail.com

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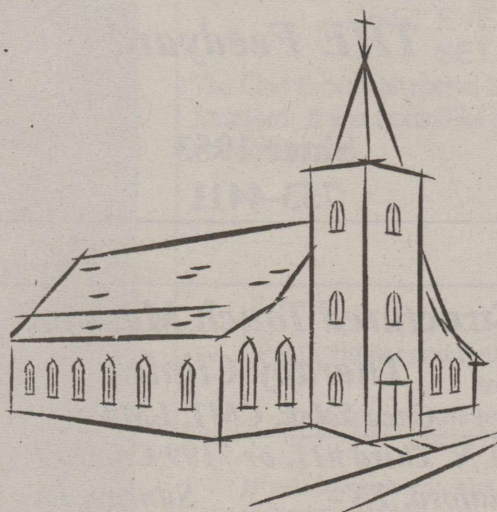
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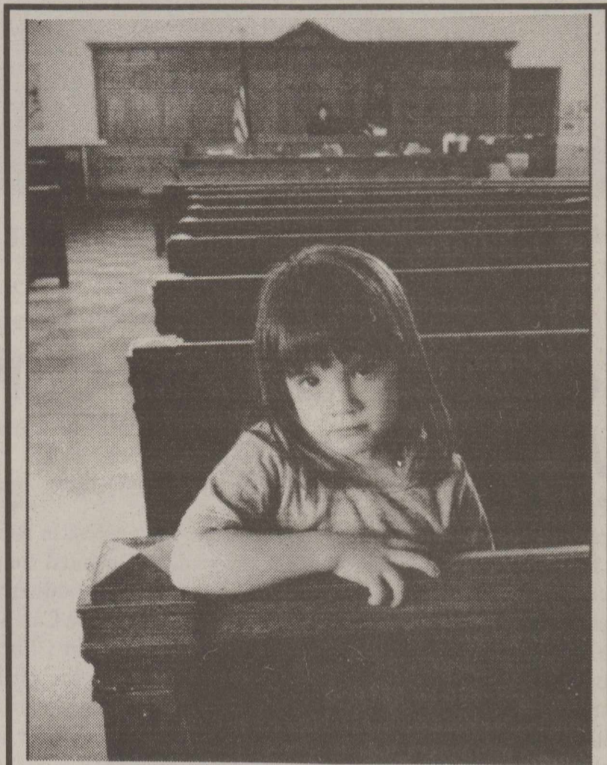
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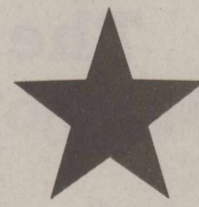
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they would be most welcome on
any lawn.

—Andrew Mason

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