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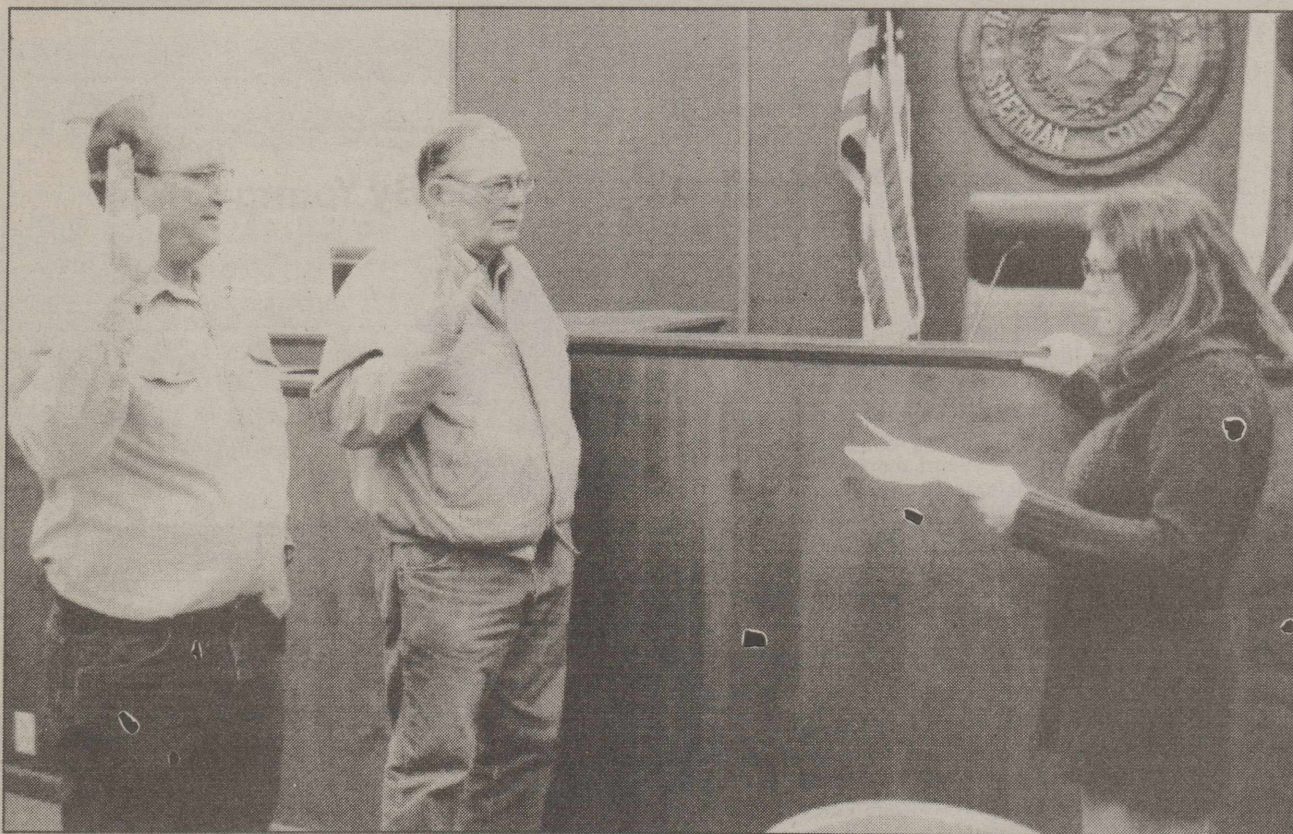
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Oaths Administered

Shown at left Commissioners David Davis and Randy Williams taking their oath of office, administered by Gina Gray.

Brenda Asker, Justice of the Peace; Doris Parsons, Treasurer; and Gina Gray, County and District Clerk taking their oath of office, administered by Terri Beth Carter, County Judge. Oaths were administered on Friday, January 2, 2015

December Activities at Legacy

By Paula Nusz

Christmas and New Years have passed, but the Legacy residents are still going strong. Holiday decorating began with decorating 4 Christmas trees. After each decorating session, fresh pastries and hot chocolate were served. Residents were offered the opportunity to make their own Santa wreath for their rooms.

Community based opportunities included: XIT Museum's exhibit - "Apron Strings"; traveling throughout town and looking at the Christmas lights; and Dutch Treat lunch at Hodies BBQ. The 4-H Clubs have visited. The 4-H Wildlife Project presented 2 bird houses for use on the patios; and the Friends & Family 4-H club brought snacks and played games with the residents. Mrs. Miller's Learning Lovebugs (1st grade class at St. Anthony's Catholic School) brought books and read to the residents. Residents attended the dress rehearsal for the Catholic School's Christmas pageant.

A morning of singing favorite Christmas carols was enjoyed. As an alternative to the classic gingerbread house construction, Legacy residents built snow castles using three sizes of marshmallows. The castles were decorated with snow made from white icing. Christmas Bingo featured special prizes. The Legacy Christmas party with over 60 persons in attendance was held December 23". The Legacy Lamplighters Choral provided the entertainment. The party was completed with fruitcake and eggnog.

A Christmas Eve church services were observed. Christmas Day's lunch featured ham and sweet potato casserole. A New Year's Eve party was held. Snacks were served (including black-eyed peas for good luck). The top news items for 2014 provided lively discussion as entertainment.

Regularly scheduled activities include: monthly birthday party, game time, Challenge, shopping, Bible Study, Bingo, Mennonite Singers, Sunday Services, and chair yoga exercise program.

From the Desk of Sheriff Powell

This week, I would like to say THANK YOU to those who work so hard for our community when weather conditions create problems in our area. Thank You: Txdot, County and City work crews, Sheriff Deputies, Police Officers, DPS Troopers, Fire crews and EMS personnel for your service. It is such a blessing to live in an area where everyone works hand in hand to help their neighbors and friends. Happy New Year!!

Sheriff Joe Powell



Amarillo Arts Committee : Area Golden Nail nominations due.

Amarillo Area Arts will receive Area Golden Nail nominations due by February 16, 2015. Nominations for persons or business that have contributed to the Arts in the Area in the categories of "Distinguished Volunteer"; "Up and Coming under 35 Distinguished Volunteer"; "Business"; "Foundations"; "Individual contributing \$1000 to the Arts".

Past Distinguished Volunteer Golden Nail Recipients from Stratford

Janet Riffe 1990
Scott and Dana Buckles 1997
George Harding 2007
Gaynelle Riffe 2012
Terri Teig 2013
Business: Stratford Grain 1993

The Golden Nail symbol is derived from a bit of folk wisdom:

For the want of a nail, the shoe was lost
For the want of a shoe, the horse was lost.
For the want of a horse, the rider was lost.
For the want of a rider, the battle was lost,
And all for the want of a horse-shoe nail

Arts supporters who receive Golden Nail recognition have provided the "saving nail" for an arts program, exhibit, or performance.

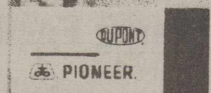
For more information contact Becky Zenor, Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, 1000 S Polk Amarillo, Texas 79101 806-342-2010 or Area Representative, Gaynelle Riffe

LaRita Performing Arts Theatre Save the Dates

January 10 Annual Meeting, Comedy Show
February 13-15 "Harmony Romance"
March 10 Tommy Dorsey Orchestra
March UIL one Act Play
March 28 WTAMU Musical "You're a Good Many Charlie Brown"
April 18, Polk Street Jazz.
Ticket Reservations Dalhart Chamber of Commerce

McMurry Sunday Night January 11, 2014

McMurry Sunday Night January 11, 2015 at Methodist Church at 6pm, hamburgers and program, all who are interested in McMurry College are welcome to attend. Teresa Bridwell will be bringing the program. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Call the church 396-2178 if you have questions.



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Join us:
Wednesday, January 14, Sherman County Barn, Stratford, Texas

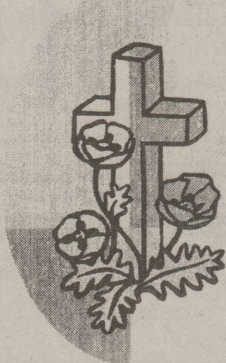
Agenda:
Registration 9:30 a.m.
Keynote Speakers 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Lunch will be served
5 CEUs will be offered at this event
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MEDICAL FUND FOR JACK GORE
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A medical fund has been set up for Jack and Vicki Gore at Happy State Bank

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

A medical fund has been set up for Gerardo Romero at Happy State Bank to help pay for his shoulder surgery. Your help will be appreciated!
Un fondo medico se ha creado para Gerardo Romero en Happy State Bank para ayudar a pagar por su cirugia de hombre. Su ayuda sera apreciada!

Obituaries



Joyce Ann Billington Lasley September 23, 1924 - January 4, 2015

Joyce Ann Billington Lasley, 90, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, January 4, 2015.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 6, 2014 at 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church of Stratford with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Services were under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Dumas.

Joyce Ann was born on September 23, 1924 in Texhoma, Texas to Ida Lowe Billington and Joe D. Billington. She started school in Stratford, with Mary Allen as her first grade teacher, and graduated from Stratford High School in 1941. She married Orland Lasley on April 24, 1942 in Clovis, New Mexico.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Orland; two grandsons, Tucker Garoutte and Bradford McIver; and two sons-in-law, Gary Garoutte and Glen McIver. Joyce Ann was a member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Stratford. She was a homemaker, a China painter and instructor, a private kindergarten teacher (before it became a part of the school system), and always a mom - her family was her pride and joy.

In 1968, she returned to college at Goodwell's Panhandle State University, graduating with a BA degree in May of 1971. She owned and operated a dress shop, was a substitute teacher in all three of the Stratford public schools, and in 1988 began working for the Stratford Chamber of Commerce, a job that she thoroughly enjoyed. She retired from the Chamber in February 1997, and in October of 1997, after becoming extremely bored, began working at Duckwall's Variety Store as a part-time employee.

In Joyce Ann's words, "No tears - Heaven and dad are waiting. I am feeling no pain, no sorrow, just sheer joy in that perfect place. Just remember what your legacy is: Dad said, "Everything is going to be alright," and mom said, "Always remember who you are."

Survivors include three daughters, Orlanda Garoutte of Stratford, Jacque McIver of Albany, TX and Jode Anderton of Stratford; five grandchildren, Gara Harbour, Jolina Kline, Derrek Wells, and Slate and Lashala Anderton. Four great-grandsons, Aaron and Dallas Harbour and Jacob and Jackson Kline; and a great-great-grandson, Ryatt Tucker Harbour, who was born November 2, 2014.

2015 TREE SALE

Time is here once again for Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual Spring Tree Sale. Order forms are ready and can be picked up at our office at 418 North 4th in Stratford, or we can mail it if you give us a call. We can also email the order form if you supply us with an email address. Just call us or email us at shermwcd@xit.net.

While we try to list as many species that are available for this area, we cannot list them all. If you have any special wants or wishes as far as trees go this year, please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 and we will be happy to try and find what you need.

The District can also fill requests for drip irrigation supplies. We keep some drip supplies in stock, and will help in the design of your system and order exactly what is needed for you if we do not have it. Delivery is usually within three working days. You can also help your investment with the installation of weed barrier. We have this available also. This is especially important in windbreaks because we do not want the newly planted seedlings to have to fight with weeds and grass for water. The barrier will help prevent the growth of weeds and grass and keep the moisture in the ground.

If you need a Tree Order Form, want to place an order for trees, irrigation supplies, weed barrier or just have any questions regarding the trees or need help planning for your particular needs, please do not hesitate to contact the District or the NRCS at 396-5517 ext. 3.

Thank you for your continued support of conservation in Sherman County.



Kids In The Kitchen

Grand Prize-Winning Recipes By Young Chefs

(NAPS)—You could have a secret weapon for keeping your family healthy right in your own home: your kitchen table.

That's because research shows that children who help cook dinner with their family are more likely to have a healthier diet with more fruits and vegetables. To help families spend more time around the kitchen table and improve their lives, the UNCLE BEN'S® Brand launched the Ben's Beginners™ Cooking Contest. It strives to inspire healthful life-long eating habits by getting children interested in cooking at an early age.

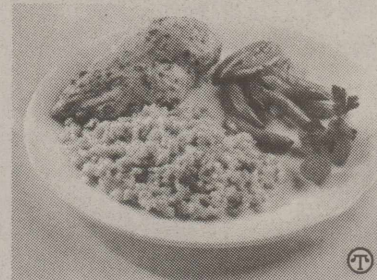
Through the contest, the UNCLE BEN'S® Brand has been able to award nine school cafeteria makeovers in just two years. Its two grand-prize winners have been able to impact their schools for years to come with their entries. Check out the updates from their schools and their prize-winning recipes below.

Sydney Fialkow from Atlanta, Ga.

Sydney Fialkow from Atlanta, Ga., won the first Ben's Beginners™ Cooking Contest Grand Prize in 2012 for Epstein School. She and her mother, Stacy, cooked up her winning rice and chicken recipe and rallied their community to support her entry by voting online. Epstein School was able to use the prize funds as a springboard to launch its capital campaign and update many areas of the school. It began by purchasing new seating for the cafeteria and a yogurt machine. Check out Sydney's winning recipe:

Sydney's Rice and Chicken

- 1 cup chopped onions
- 4-6 boneless skinless chicken breast filets (about 1 1/2 lb.)
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. coarse-ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup UNCLE BEN'S® ORIGINAL CONVERTED® Brand Rice



Sydney's Rice and Chicken

- 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 cup frozen green peas
- 1 tsp. chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- As needed, yellow food coloring (optional)

Preheat oven to 350° F. Spray glass baking dish evenly with cooking spray.

Place onions in baking dish; top with chicken filets. Season the chicken evenly with salt, black pepper and garlic powder.

Pour chicken broth into baking dish and bake for 20 minutes.

Remove baking dish from oven. Transfer chicken breast filets to container and reserve.

In baking dish, add rice, bell peppers, peas, cilantro and oregano. If desired, add 2 shakes of yellow food coloring. Stir rice mixture.

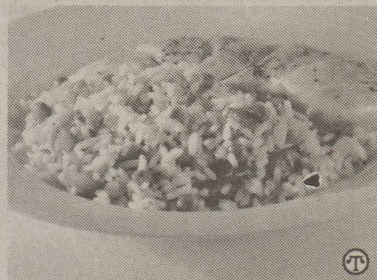
Arrange reserved chicken breast filets over rice.

Cover and bake for 25 minutes.

Remove from oven, gently stir rice mixture, cover with foil and bake an additional 10 minutes or until chicken is fully cooked, rice is tender and all liquid is absorbed.

Claire Noles from Boaz, Ala.

In 2013, the second year of the contest, Claire Noles of Boaz, Ala., won the Grand Prize for her school, Corley Elementary. Since winning, Corley purchased new tables for the cafeteria, a sound



Claire's Crockpot Chicken and Rice Supreme

system and projection screen with the prize funds. The school is currently still finalizing its new-and-improved cafeteria to unveil later this school year. The updated cafeteria equipment and lunchroom facility will help the school prepare food on-site; lunch was previously prepared at another location and driven in each day.

"All in all, this prize money will greatly impact the students in our community by giving them an opportunity to eat freshly prepared and healthier meals," said Rachel Noles, Claire's mother. "This has been the gift that just keeps on giving!"

Check out Claire's delicious and easy recipe:

Claire's Crockpot Chicken and Rice Supreme

- 6-8 chicken breasts
- 1 can of cream of chicken soup
- 1 can of cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 cup of green chilies
- 1 tsp of salt
- 1 tsp of pepper
- 1 tsp of butter
- 1 tsp of "secret seasoning" (celery salt)
- 1 bag of Uncle Ben's Creamy Four Cheese Rice

Mix all the ingredients together in a crockpot and cook on low for 8-10 hours.

You can learn more about the contest and see more terrific recipes at www.unclebens.com.

Schedule of all 2014-2015 4-H & Clover Meetings

*Dates are subject to change with weather or AgrLife mandatory meetings

All meetings for both clubs are at 6pm

4-H Meetings

- November 10
- December 8
- January 12
- February 9
- March 16
- April 13
- May 4

Clover Kid Meetings

- November 24
- December 15
- January 26
- February 23
- March 30
- April 27
- May 18

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Thank you

Stratford ISD Board of Trustees holds meeting Thursday, December 11, 2014

The Stratford ISD board of trustees met in regular session on Thursday December 11, 2014. President Brad McBryde established a quorum of members present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Brad McBryde, Michelle Lutes, Chet Everett, Clint Black, Tim Hudson, Jo Hinds, and Walt Bery.

Staff present: Jerry Birdsong, Lynette Kautz, Dinah Horsford, PJ Hanna, Misti McBryde, Clint Seward, Lorree Nusz, Heather Braden, Sheryl Springer, Jacquie Hill, and Jennifer DeAnda.

Guests: Jeb Skiles, Krista Skiles, Caitlyn Skiles, Fernando Jacquez, Carolina Jacquez, Fernando Jacquez, Omar Jacquez, Nathaniel Walden, Keri Walden, Klaira Walden, Enedit Baeza, Luis Mendoza, Walker McBryde, Reyna Sauzameda, Luis Molina, Jose Cardenas, Jocelyn Cardenas, Mattie Braden, James DeAnda, Pushpa Patel, Nisha Patel, Bryanna Albert, Joe Pete Albert, Lupita Sanchez, Maria Aguilera, Lawrence Aguilera, Howard Henderson

Mr. Seward led the invocation.

Mr. Birdsong recognized the following Junior High students for earning 1st chair in the All-Region Symphonic Band: Flute: **Renee Lawrence** Trombone: **Toni Lopez**. The following students placed 1st at the Jr. High/Elementary District UIL Meet in Borger on Nov. 14th. He congratulated them and presented them with a certificate.

5th Grade

Art: Jocelyn Cardenas
Music Memory: Erika Couch, Jasmyn Ortega (Tie)
Music Memory Team: Erika Couch, Jasmyn Ortega, Nisha Patel
Ready Writing: James DeAnda

6th Grade:

Editorial Writing: Hannah Sims
Music Memory: Angelica Couch, Francisco Ortega (Tie)
Music Memory Team: Angelica Couch, Francisco Ortega, Ivan Guel, Dempsey Collums

7th Grade:

Art Team: Walker McBryde, Luis Molina, Jacob Sanchez

8th Grade:

Art: Luis Mendoza
Editorial Writing: Irene Henderson
Maps Graphs & Charts: Luis Mendoza

Lynley Albert – 2nd Grade – Storytelling – Coach – Mary Beth Hick, Jacquie Hill
 Omar Jacquez – 3rd Grade – Ready Writing – Coach – Heather Braden
 Caitlyn Skiles – 3rd Grade – Storytelling – Coach – Sheryl Springer
 Klaira Walden – 4th Grade – Art – Coach – Lorree Nusz

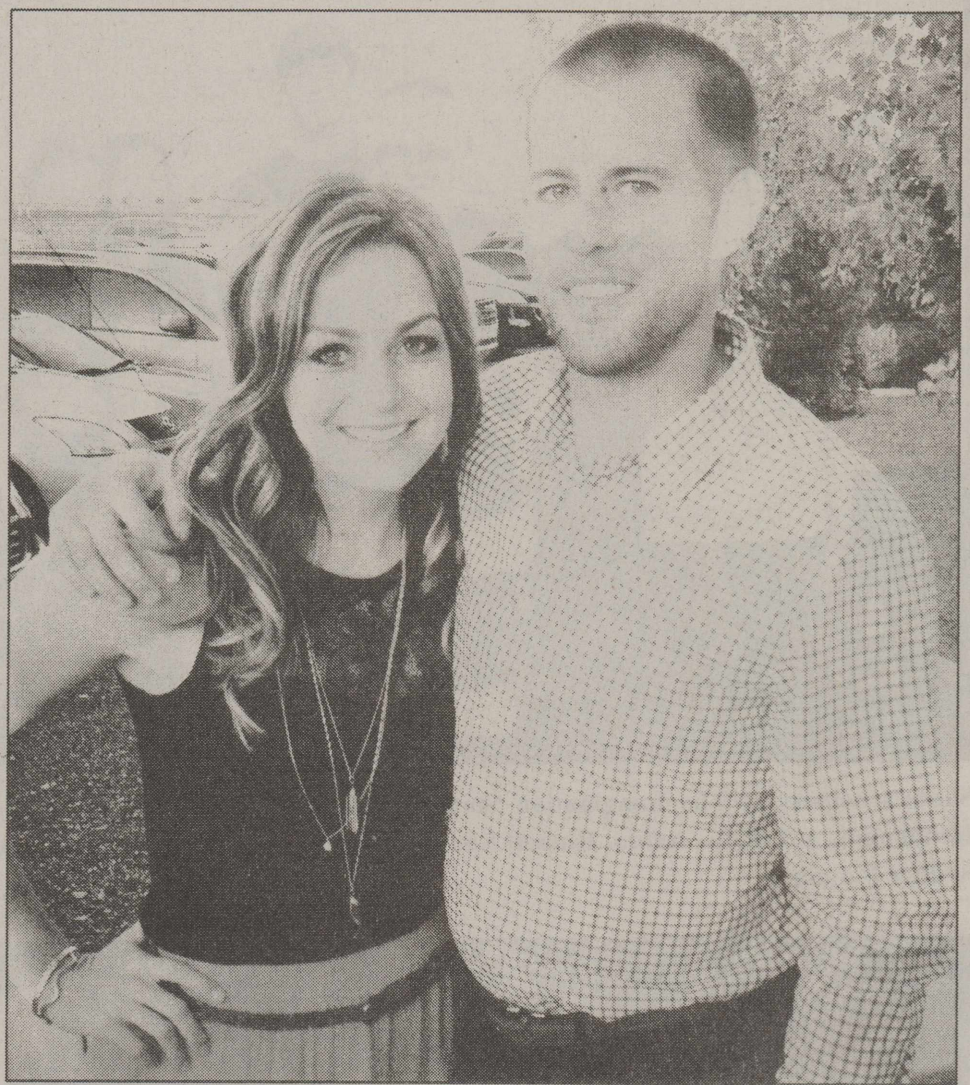
Mr. Birdsong gave the superintendent's report. He reported a district enrollment of 574. He went over the district FAST rating. He reported on the Germ Blast treatment findings from the treatment that they did on Saturday, December 6, 2014. The facility is treated 3 times a year. The board of trustees will help pack Snak Pak for Kids pack on December 17th. The board of trustees will participate in a team building session on February 5th. The Winter Governance conference will be March 5-7th in Corpus Christi. He reported on board training hours. All newly elected officials are delinquent but will have the opportunity to obtain the hours required within the year.

Lynette Kautz gave the business managers report. Monthly expenditures are at 21.11%, revenue 49.11%, and tax collections are at 57.87%. Cost of transportation for the month was \$1.16. She then gave the quarterly investment report.

Mr. Seward gave the Junior High report. He introduced Ivan Guel. He was a member of the 1st place Music Memory Team and was not present when the team was recognized earlier. He presented him with a certificate. The junior high technology class made Christmas cards for all of the board members and he passed those out to them. He passed out the rest of the results from the UIL meet. Stratford placed 4th overall. He commended the students and the teachers on the efforts at the meet. Junior High Basketball season has begun. The junior high bands will have their Christmas concerts next week. Twenty-one students earned spots on the All-Region band. They will perform in the All-Region concert in January.

Mrs. McBryde gave the Mary Allen Elementary report. She passed the results of the UIL academic meet. She reported that the end of their 2nd intervention period will be on Thursday. Their campus will have a security drill on Friday. The elementary campus is currently having a peanut butter drive for Snak Pak for Kids. The winning grade level wins a popcorn party. The fourth grade musical will be on Monday, December 15th at 7:00 PM. The 4th grade will go to the Nutcracker on Friday in Amarillo.

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Engagement Announced

Don Dyer of Perryton, TX and Layne & Lisa Allen of Amarillo announce the engagement of their daughter Ashley Dyer to Jason Ashley, son of John & Suzanne Ashley of Stratford, TX. Grandparents are Jack Dyer, Darrell & Linda Raper, Gerald & Jessie Preston and Rev. JM Ashley. Ashley is a Math Instructor with Amarillo College and Jason is Co-Owner of Hudson Brothers Roofing in Amarillo, TX. The couple is planning a wedding at the LaJista Golf & Resort in LaJista, TX on Feb. 21, 2015.

A New Beginning in Christ

Nicodemus was an important Jewish lawyer, scholar, political and religious leader. He was held in high regard by the Jewish community. Undoubtedly he also thought highly of himself. He was one who interpreted the Jewish laws of Moses and thoroughly understood purification and cleansing rituals. He believed, however, that Christ was God-sent and was curious to learn more from God's messenger. Embarrassed by this lack of knowledge, he secretly visited Christ to research the rumors of his teachings. Jesus explained that he represented salvation through "rebirth." Nicodemus did not understand this notion of becoming "new." Hungry for knowledge, Nicodemus questioned Jesus: "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" Jesus answered, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Jesus explains to him that humans can birth other human life but only God gives birth to a spiritual life.

With his visit and questions Nicodemus revealed his confusion and at the same time acknowledged his willingness to learn from Christ. His actions revealed he was open to a new perspective. Through this knowledge seeking act he exposed his heart to conversion. He changed from scholar to student, from ignorant to informed, and was converted from condemned to redeemed.

Nicodemus serves as an example for us today. We must seek Christ to find salvation through his Holy Spirit. Nicodemus willingly yielded his old position as Jewish expert and became a student of Christ. The moment we open up our hearts to receive his spirit (believe) we become a new creation. All of the filthiness of our past is departed! Paul teaches that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT).

The idea that I am a "new creation" is spine tingling! Like Nicodemus, I'm shocked! It's mind boggling to think it is possible to become "new" without a natural rebirth. Sometimes I must pinch myself and remember I am God's "new creation." The old me is gone. I am born again (a spiritual baby) in Christ. Like a human parent cares for an infant, my Heavenly Father provides for me, protects me, and gently propels me toward spiritual maturity. He hovers over me (his new creation) carefully crafting my new "personality" with his Holy Spirit. As a spiritual infant, my growth and development relies on a very close relationship with my spiritual "parent."

Meditation: Am I reborn in Christ?
 John 3:4-6 John 3:16 2 Corinthians 5:17
 Feedback welcome. joniahhyssop@gmail.com

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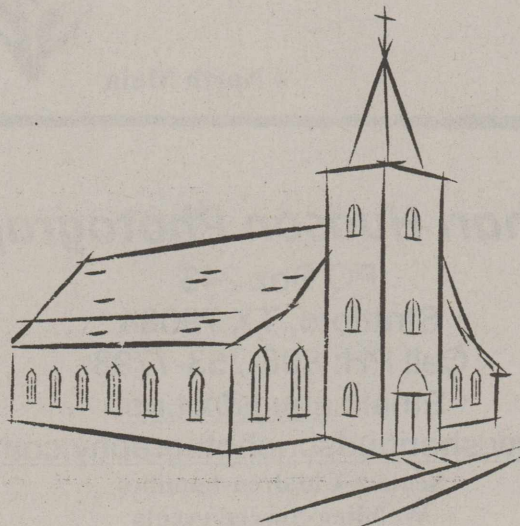
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 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
Pastor Gary Smith
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 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
 No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist
Rev. Steve Ulrey 396-2178
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 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

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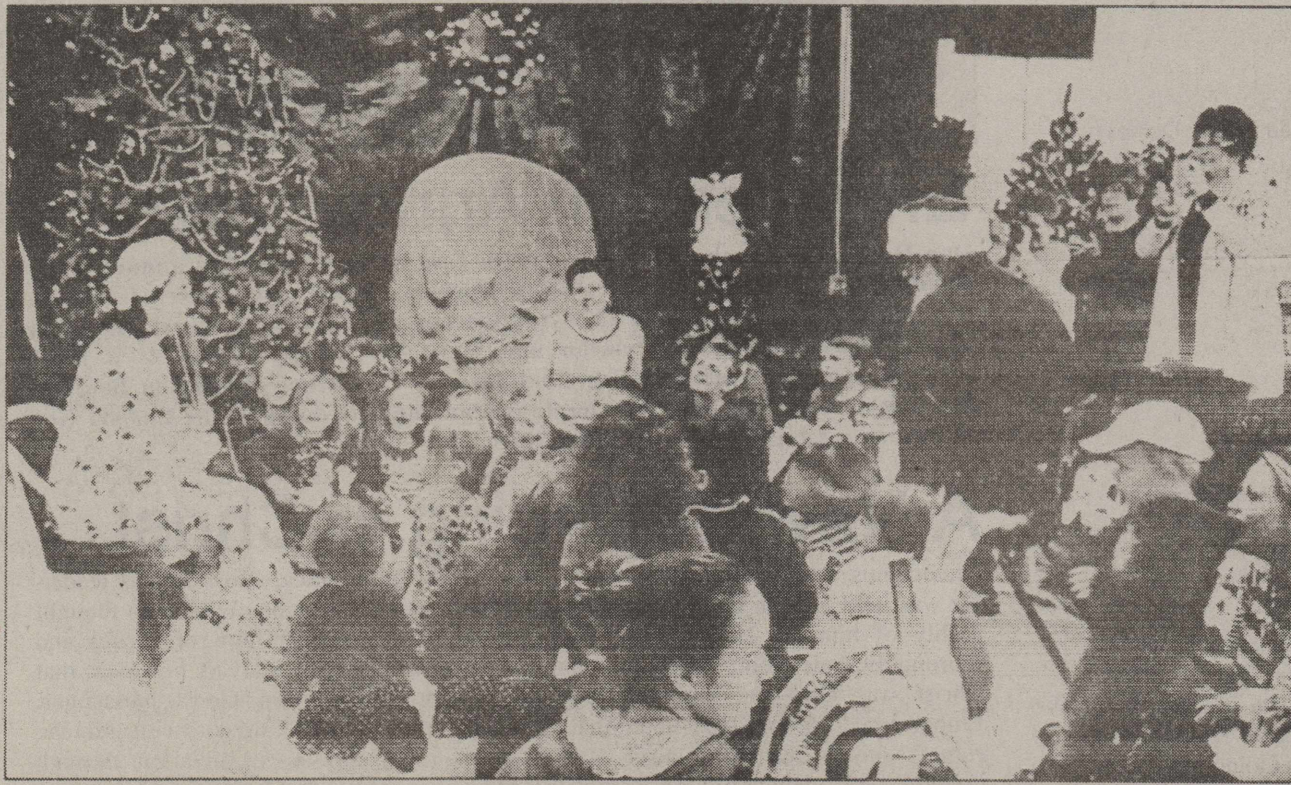
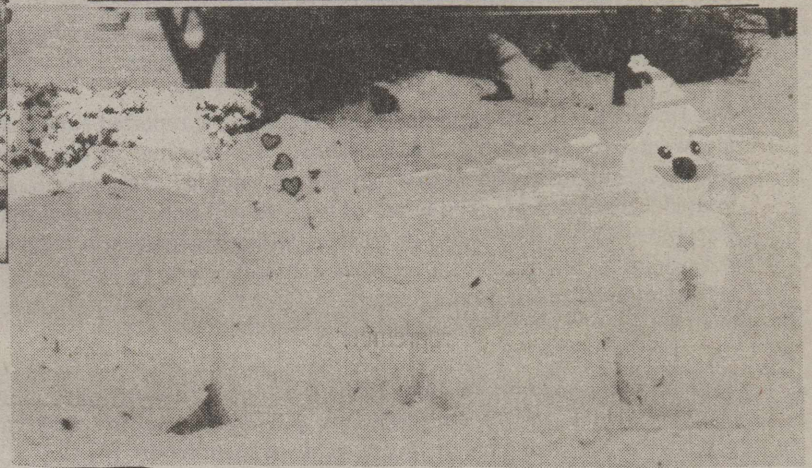
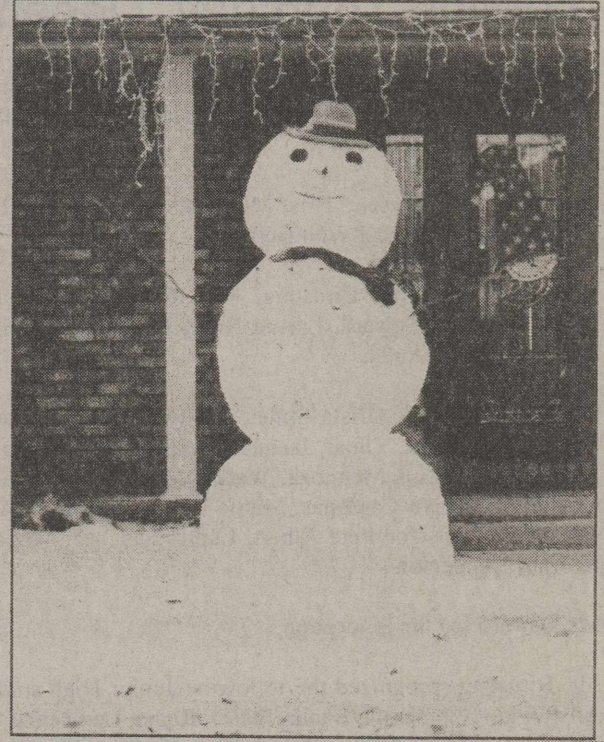
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Breakfast with Santa!



Santa's helpers at The Imagination Station "Breakfast with Santa" L/R Bret Barnard, Karina Henderson, A.J. Riffe, Santa, Russell Spurlock, Bryce Killian, Mary Ann Spurlock, Lilia Traylor, Sydnee Palmer.

Just a few Snowmen around Stratford.
Folks were busy playing in the snow



"Breakfast with Santa" Saturday Dec. 13 at The Imagination Station. Kathy Melton telling the story to Santa and Children

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We would like to thank the Good Lord for blessing us, the Stratford Fire Department, Sheriff's department and the Stratford EMT's for their fast response New Year's morning. Thank you also Texhoma Fire department for your response. We are very fortunate to have such well-trained Volunteer's looking out for us. Thank you also to our loyal employees, without your attention to detail for good housekeeping the outcome would not have been good. Thanks also to George-R.G. Millwright & Construction.

Thanks to all again
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Card of Thanks

All I can say is thank you. Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during Mary Pat's illness. Each prayer lifted both of us and made each day a little brighter. Each and every card meant so much, showing just how many people were thinking of her. The phone calls and visits were all so special. Thank you to everyone who reached out and touched our family, the love shown to us was overwhelming! It is such a blessing to live in a place where so many are willing to help you get thru these difficult times. May God bless each and every one of you.

The family of Mary Pat Williams
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Brad & Lori
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Card of Thanks

Thank you to those who provided the brisket and the gentlemen who cooked it and for bringing it to my home. It was delicious. It was the main dish for Christmas Eve dinner. I am so grateful for your kindness.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 93620L003

APPLICATION Mr. Bobby Thompson has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 93620L003, which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant. Mr. Thompson has provided the following driving directions to the site: From Stratford Texas the site is located approximately 2 miles east, and 3 miles south, in the southeast corner of the intersection of County Road 9, and County Road P, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas 79084. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=36.284167&lng=-102.025833&zoom=13&type=r>. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 9, 2014. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Sherman County Library, 719 North Main Street, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be**

provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

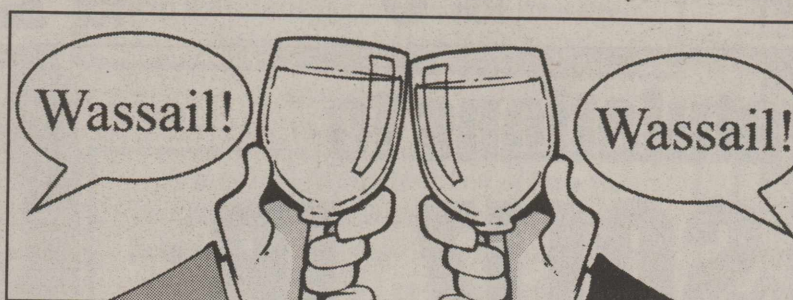
MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Mr. Bobby Thompson, P.O. Box 825, Gruver, Texas 79040-0825 or by calling Mr. Shane Self, P.E., Enviro-Ag Engineering Inc., at (806) 350-5456.

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It's believed that Charles Dickens' initial choice for Scrooge's statement "Bah Humbug" was "Bah Christmas."

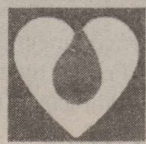
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Mr. Hanna gave the high school report. He reported on the football team and the basketball season. Both varsity teams won the Vega basketball tournament. Fifteen students placed on the All Region band with two qualifying for the All Area band. The High School band Christmas concert will be on December 18th at 6:00 pm. Rett Schoonover was named the DAR Good Citizen Award winner by the high school faculty. All graduations will begin at 7:00 PM instead of 8:00 PM.

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

Mr. Birdsong presented the Standard Operating Procedures Manual. Discussion was held. Jo Hinds made the motion to approve the manual with the amendment to # 10 to read November instead of December. Michelle Lutes seconded. Motion carried.

The board took a short recess.

Discussion was held on the grounds and facilities.

Mr. Birdsong presented the West Texas Food Service Cooperative commercial food purchasing and commodity processing contract. Tim Hudson made the motion and Walt Berry seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented the District Improvement Plan. Chet Everett made the motion and Clint Black seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried.

The campus principals presented their campus improvement plans. Walt Berry made the motion and Jo Hinds seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM

If instead of a gem, or even a flower,
we should cast the gift of a loving thought into the heart of a friend,
that would be giving as the angels give.
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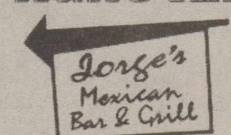
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