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Texas Registration and Inspection Stickers are Partnering Up in Sherman County

Sherman County is gearing up for a new Texas Two Step. Beginning March 1, 2015, the state will no longer issue vehicle inspection stickers and will move to a "Two Steps, One Sticker" program. Under the new system, Texas vehicle owners will need to pass inspection prior to renewing their registration. The familiar blue-bordered Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) registration sticker will serve as proof of both inspection and registration.

"Sherman County is prepared to make this transition as smooth as possible for our residents," said Sherman County Tax Assessor-Collector Valerie McAlister. "During the first year of the program beginning March 1, 2015, all you will need to do is make sure you already have a valid passing vehicle inspection before you renew your registration in our office, online or by mail."

When vehicle owners renew their registration, the system will automatically verify whether the vehicle has a valid inspection: Without a passing inspection, the vehicle will not be eligible for registration renewal.

During the second year of the program, beginning March 1, 2016, vehicles' inspection and registration expiration dates will align to the date that is on the registration sticker. Once the expiration dates are aligned in that second year, you will have a convenient 90-day window to pass inspection first and then renew your registration before the end of the month listed on your sticker.

"When the 'Two Steps, One Sticker' program is fully implemented, Sherman County residents will appreciate having just one sticker in the corner of their windshield and only one expiration date to worry about," said TxDMV Executive Director Whitney Brewster. "And because a passing vehicle inspection will be a requirement to renew your registration, more vehicle owners will comply with inspection requirements leading to safer and more environmentally sound cars on Texas roads."

The implementation of "Two Steps, One Sticker" is a result of House Bill 2305 which passed during the 83rd Legislative Session in 2013. The program is joint effort by the TxDMV, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, in collaboration with the 254 county tax assessor-collector's offices which process vehicle registrations and vehicle inspection stations across the state.

For more information:
www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com

We invite all rangeland livestock producers to attend a Rangeland Management Promotional Class on February 5, 2015.

Texas AgriLife Assistant Professor and Extension Rangeland Resource Management, Dr. Tim Steffens will be presenting a program which will examine range livestock production from a less-than-conventional viewpoint to help you make the most of what Mother Nature provides. This program is designed to help decrease negative consequences during drought, and improve pasture productivity and quality until rain returns to the area.

Topics will include:

*A different look at range beef cattle economics - differences between increasing production and profit.

*Grazing management strategies and practices that increase resilience, improve profit, and reduce risks in range livestock production.

*Living with drought - making the most of the rainfall you receive and making good decisions by knowing probable outcomes.

I, Alexa Reed, with the help of my Agriculture Program Area Committee feel this is a great opportunity for you to meet your rangeland needs. Dr. Tim Steffens is a fantastic speaker, will keep your attention, and has the heart and desire to turn this county's rangeland around! This is a promotional class, after hearing him speak you may sign up for the actual program. Our goal is for you to understand these basic concepts: Economics, Plant Growth and Physiology, Basic Ecology, Animal Reproduction and Nutrition, Matching Animals to the Forage Resource, Grazing Behavior and Diet Selection, Tools, Rules and Guidelines, Strategic Planning (mostly fencing and water development guidelines), Annual Grazing Planning, and Drought Management and Monitoring. As each session builds on one another, you will be able to evaluate your own land and practices, and then be able to build your own rangeland management plan specific for your needs.

We hope to see you there! Please Alexa Reed with any questions or concerns at (806)366-2081

Time of Events

Registration and Lunch at 12:00pm. Class from 1-3pm

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The Stratford Lion's Club will be hosting a Mexican Pile-On on Sunday, February 15, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the County Barn. A free will donation will be requested. Come and support the Lion's Club programs!

Deadline for The Stratford Star

Deadline for Stratford Star items. Photos by Sundays at 4 p.m. Letters to Editor 9 a.m. on Mondays (typed) and all other articles and ads at 10 a.m. on Mondays. (PLEASE) Thank you

Chili and Cornbread Lunch
Sunday, February 8
County Barn
11:30-1:30

Sponsored by
SHS Student Council
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Proceeds go toward sending
Student Council to
State meeting in April

Farm Bill Decision Aide online tool

Alexa Reed, Texas AgriLife Sherman County Extension Ag/Natural Resources Agent, is no longer accepting producer's information to run the Farm Bill. I greatly apologize for the inconvenience. You may come into the office and get a list of others in the area that have been trained on the online program. For those of you who have not picked up their finished results can come to the office (if I am still here) or Becky Lowe will have it down at the FSA office.

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Tamale sales to be conducted

Lollipop Junction, Stratford's non-profit child care center, will be selling homemade red chili tamales. Tamales will be sold by pre-order for \$15.00 a dozen. Orders may be placed between now and February 28. Tamales will be delivered on Sunday, March 8th.

To place your order for fresh, hot tamales, call either Julie or Erica at Lollipop Junction 366-5886 or stop by the child care center located at 210 N. Main Street, Stratford.

Don't delay, place your order today!!! And thank you for supporting Lollipop Junction.

American legion announces boy's state/girl's state nominees

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The Boys State nominees are Juan Carlos Camberos, Ty Hess, and Jack McBryde. The Girls State nominees are Yadhira Chavoya, Matalin Mace, and Alexie Wright.

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Selectees will attend the Boys State Program at the University of Texas at Austin in early June. The Girls State delegate will attend the Girls State Program at Texas Lutheran University at Seguin in mid-June.

Selections will be made on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at the American Legion Meeting conducted at SCOT Hall and will be announced that evening.

The annual Hamburger Feed Fundraiser for the delegates will be conducted on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at the Sherman County Barn from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

OUTLAW RACE

This year Cub Scout Pack 38 of Stratford is gearing up for some exciting Pinewood Derby Race time! On Saturday, February 21st at the Imagination Station will be the Stratford Pinewood Derby and the community can come and participate in this great event. You maybe wondering how you can participate: 1st-purchase a Pinewood Derby kit from Charlotte Moczygomba or Jesse Mariscal for \$10, fundraiser for the Pack. 2nd-build your car by following the rule sheet that will be given to you at the time of purchase. Finally 3rd- Race Day--check in from 9-9:30am at the Imagination Station on Saturday, February 21st and race in the OUTLAW DIVISION!

"The Thunder of Horses" Feb. 7

The Amarillo Opera, Family Chamber Opera Series will present "The Thunder of Horses". A boy called Long Arrow embarks on a quest to find the Spirits who keep the mysterious animals known as Pono-Kamita. While on his journey, Long Arrow must pass a difficult test in order to earn the gift of the Pono-Kamita and bring back a rare and valuable gift to his adopted people- wild horses.

Globe News Center Feb. 7, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

School Performances: Feb. 6 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Adults \$24.00, Students and Children Free when accompanied by an adult.

Panhandle Tickets: (806)378-3096 Amarillo Opera (806)372-7464

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SAVE THE DATE:

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
ANNUAL SAUSAGE DINNER

Sun. February 22nd, 2015

At the Sherman County Barn

From 10:00am - 3:00pm

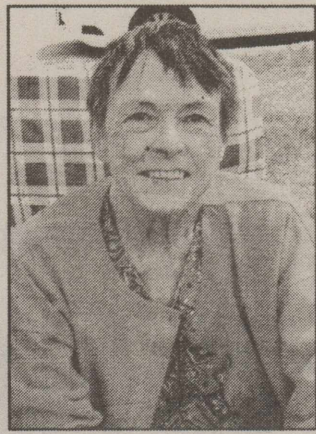
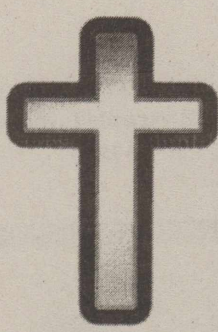
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Obituaries



Karen Ann Pulliam
April 21, 1947-January 30, 2015

Karen Ann Pulliam passed away on Friday, January 30, 2015. Born to Raymond and Ava Keener on April 21, 1947, in Dalhart, Texas, she was the second youngest of six children and lived in Stratford for most her life. Growing up, Karen was a definite tomboy, often picking on her younger brother and refusing to wear dresses. She loved playing basketball and was part of the ending era of women's half-court basketball. She married Johnny Oscar Pulliam at the age of 15, secretly running off to Clayton, New Mexico, fibbing a little bit about her age and returning home to her rather disgruntled parents (to put it mildly). They had two children, Ronald Dean ("BR" or "Bee") and Johnny Wayne ("Jocko"), by the time she was 18 years old. Karen worked various jobs throughout her life, working mostly as a bookkeeper, up until the time she retired in April 2012. In the early 1970s, Johnny became involved with the Volunteer Fire Department and Karen was soon to follow, becoming involved with the Ladies Auxiliary, where she stayed involved for more than 8 years. Karen confessed Christ as her Savior and was baptized in 1958 at the age of 11 at the First Christian Church where she was a life-long member.

Early on, Karen's jobs consisted of helping out her folks on harvest and, after getting married, moving to Dalhart for a short time and working at a drive-in car hop. Later employment included G&G Grocery, Olson's Automotive Machine & Supply, the General Store, Coldwater Manor and the First State Bank of Stratford, after which she retired. She was President and Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary Fire Department, and was named Businessperson of the Year in 1998. A hard worker, busy mom, and wonderful sister and friend, Karen often would put the needs of others first. Those that knew her loved her sense of humor and her laugh. She loved to sing and participated as a tenor in the choir and as a ringer in the FCC Bell Choir. Although she was most active in the church in the 1980s and 90s, her faith and love for the Lord continued and remained strong to the end of her earthly life. She loved kitty cats, butterflies and angels, and in her last year she pampered herself, and became addicted to, pedicures!

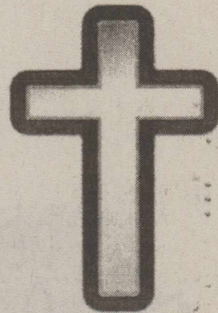
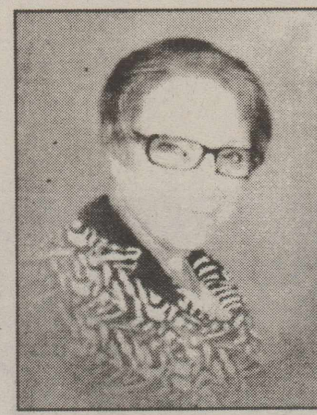
She loved family, cherishing the times spent sharing a meal in large or small groups or just sitting on the back patio, always calling her loved ones by their nicknames. She was very proud of both of her boys and their families. And 52 years ago on July 7 1962, she married her best friend Johnny. This being 363 days before her first born, and not two days after as was often assumed.

Karen is survived by her husband Johnny; her son "Bee" or "BR" and wife "I-ee" of Albuquerque; her son "Jocko" and wife Lanette of Stratford; her brother Bill "Bubba" Keener and his wife Joy of Sweeny, Texas; her sister Jean Beth "Big Sis" Boren of Ft Worth; her sister Katy "Gar" Lewis and her husband Bob "Bobito" of Stratford; her brother Grant "Boog" Keener and his wife Benita "Nita" of Weston

Colorado; and 4 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. There were also numerous 'adopted' sons and daughters as Karen considered many of BR and Jocko's friends as her own.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents Raymond "Pappy" and Ava "GaGa" Keener, her brother Raymond "Butch" Keener, and her brother-in-laws Richard (Dick) "Cotton" Williams and Charles "Chas" Boren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 7, at 11am, at First Christian Church, 420 N. Main Street, Stratford, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in celebration of Karen's life to First Christian Church of Stratford or to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer organization, a charity and cause close to her heart.



Rolene H. Arkon
June 16, 1951 January 31, 2015

Rolene H. Arkon, 63 of Stratford, passed away on Saturday, January 31, 2015. A Graveside Service was held at 10 o'clock in the morning on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo with Rev Gary Smith, pastor of First Christian Church in Stratford, officiating. A Memorial service followed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at First Christian Church in Stratford. The family received friends from 6-8 o'clock in the evening at the funeral home in Stratford on Monday, February 2, 2015. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

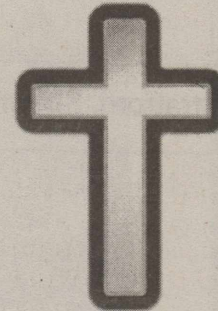
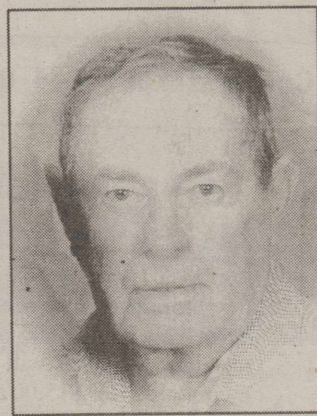
Rolene was born on June 16, 1951 to Roland and Fern (Yell) Herring in Amarillo. She was extremely involved in her church and community and cherished her family dearly. Rolene was President of Christian Women's Fellowship and a member of Adagio Trio as well as Church Treasurer. In her spare time she enjoyed playing cards and was a talented violinist.

She was a member of First Christian Church and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Rolene is survived by three sons: Shane Palmer and wife April of Stratford, Jerramy Palmer and wife Mandi of Amarillo and Chris Arkon and wife Abby of Mt. Juliet, TN; two sisters: Nina Lavake of Stratford and Belanie Kennedy of Amarillo; two brothers: Tommy Herring of Houston and Arnold Yell of Ft. Worth and eight grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be to Circle of Friends, P0 BOX 1104, Stratford, TX 79084.



James (Jim) Meyer

June 14, 1929-January 30, 2015

James (JIM) Meyer, 85, died Friday January 30, 2015 in Amarillo, Texas

Prayer Vigil was held at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 2nd 2015 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Dalhart, Texas.

Funeral Mass was held at 10:30 am on Tuesday, February 3rd 2015 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Dalhart, Texas. Officiating - Monsignor Michael Colwell, Pastor - St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Dalhart, Texas.

James Bernard Meyer was born June 14, 1929 in Olathe, Kansas to Vincent J. and Evelyn M. (Schalk) Meyer, he grew up and graduated high school in Olathe. Jim and his brother moved to Texas where they leased a farm in Wildorado before being drafted during the Korean War. Mr. Meyer farmed in Nevada, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. On January 30, 1960 he married Germaine Britten in Groom, TX and they made their home east of Dalhart. Jim was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, an honorary member of the Knights of Columbus, and a past member of the Dalhart CO-OP board of directors.

Survivors include his wife Germaine of Dalhart, sons- Daniel Meyer and his wife Sue, David Meyer and his wife Christine, and Ronald Meyer-all from Dalhart, TX- a daughter Sharon and her husband Jon Engelbrecht of Stratford, TX Brothers: Donald Meyer of Amarillo, TX and Vincent C. and his wife Gladys Meyer of Canyon, TX- sisters: Rita Burges of Hereford, TX and Mildred and her husband Willie Wieck of Etter, TX and sister in law JoAnn Meyer of Adriane, TX and seven grandchildren

He is preceded in death by his parents, a son: Darrell, a brother Joe and a brother-in-law- Melvin Burges and a sister-in-law: Ann Meyer.

In lieu of flowers - memorials may be made to the Saint's Club or St. Anthony of Padua building fund 411 Texas Blvd. Dalhart, TX 79022

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A New Creation: Putting Off the Old

I am particularly struck by the story of the rich young man who approached Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" I imagine a smug, self-assured, spoiled, brat thinking to himself, he use the vast resources at his disposal to easily accomplish any deed Jesus might assert. Jesus responded pretty much as he had expected: Don't rob, steal, cheat, or lie, respect your parents and love your neighbors as yourself. He thought, "That was easy!" He stuck out his chest, crossed his arms, and smirkingly responded; "I already do all of those things." I get the impression that Jesus was familiar with the type. He was quite accustomed to being approached by those who wanted him to tell them what they wanted to hear. I'm sure this young man had an army of "yes" men worshipping him. He was used to being told how wonderful he was. His inflated ego blinded him to the fact that Jesus was unimpressed. He stood there expectantly waiting for Jesus to chime in with the usual praises. He was shocked when Jesus matter-of-factly replied, "Go, and sell everything you own, give the money to the poor, then come back and follow me."

Scripture says the young man walked mournfully away--I say, dragging his deflated ego behind him. Why was he sad? He was sad because he knew Jesus had asked him to do the one thing he was not willing to do. He could not let go of his wealth. It was the pedestal upon which he perched above the common people. On the surface he was keeping the letter of the law, but deep in his spirit, he was selfish, self-seeking, and self-absorbed. He said he loved his neighbor (as himself), however, in reality, his love of self would taint any good "deed" he might perform. Jesus knew he was rotten at the core.

Colossians 1:21 explains we were all enemies of God, "separated from him by our evil thoughts and actions." The death of Christ cleansed us, reconciled us, and presented us to God as pure. With the story of the rich young man, Jesus wanted us to understand that God is not impressed with superficiality. He does not want perfunctory obedience. He wants us to run, not walk, from our old ways of thinking and acting. Putting off the old requires conscious efforts to leave behind our excessive love of self, turn our focus toward him, and "think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth." (Colossians 3:2 NLT) Meditation: Am I putting off old ways?

Ephesians 4:17-29 Colossians 1:21-22 Colossians 3:9
Feedback welcome. joniahhyssop@gmail.com

New Year at Legacy

By Paula Nusz

2015 has arrived and Legacy's residents are as busy as ever. This month, 2 new programs have begun both brought to Legacy through the Texas Agri-Life Extension Service. The first program is Eat Smart, Live Long with emphasis on nutrition and exercise. The second program is Walk Across Texas. This is a state wide program where teams are formed and then walk or exercise together. A tally is kept each week and reported state-wide. Legacy's teams are residents (Legacy Legends) VS staff (Legacy Darlings). The total including January (180.88 miles) has surpassed 473miles! Our 14 week goal was to walk to Lubbock (198 miles). We surpassed Lubbock by week #2! Everyone has been out and about, especially enjoying the beautiful spring-time weather, walking.

During the week of January 12, an Alfred Hitchcock Movie Marathon was held. Movies watched included: Rear Window, North by Northwest, The Birds, Vertigo, and Strangers on a Train. Special Friday programs included a Fondue Party, Popsicles, Banana Boats, and monthly movie selection: Shane.

Community involvement included the Mennonite singers. The St. Andrew's Catholic school children came and did interviews with the residents as part of their national Catholic School Week. The Women's Guild from the Christian Church came for the bi-weekly Bible study. The monthly dutch-treat lunch to Hodies BBQ was offered.

Texhoma Community Blood Drive

Monday, February 16, 2015

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist church
300 W. Main St.

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921 Fulton

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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church

Pastor Gary Smith

5th & Main

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)

Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)

No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist

Rev. Steve Ulrey 396-2178

520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:20 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

6th & Pearl

Rectory 366-5687

Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.

Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon

Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Pastor Ron Whitt

702 N. 3rd

Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

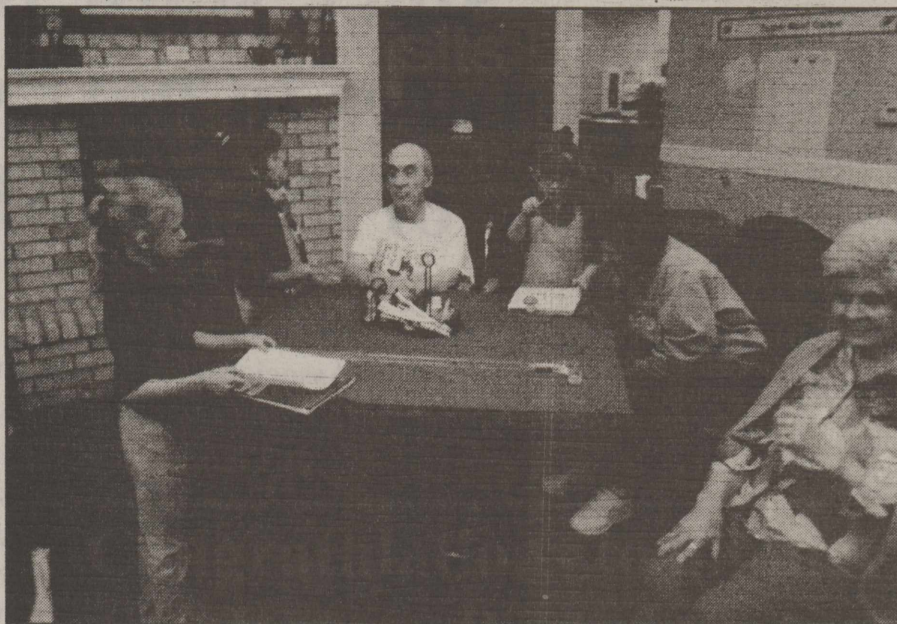
Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.



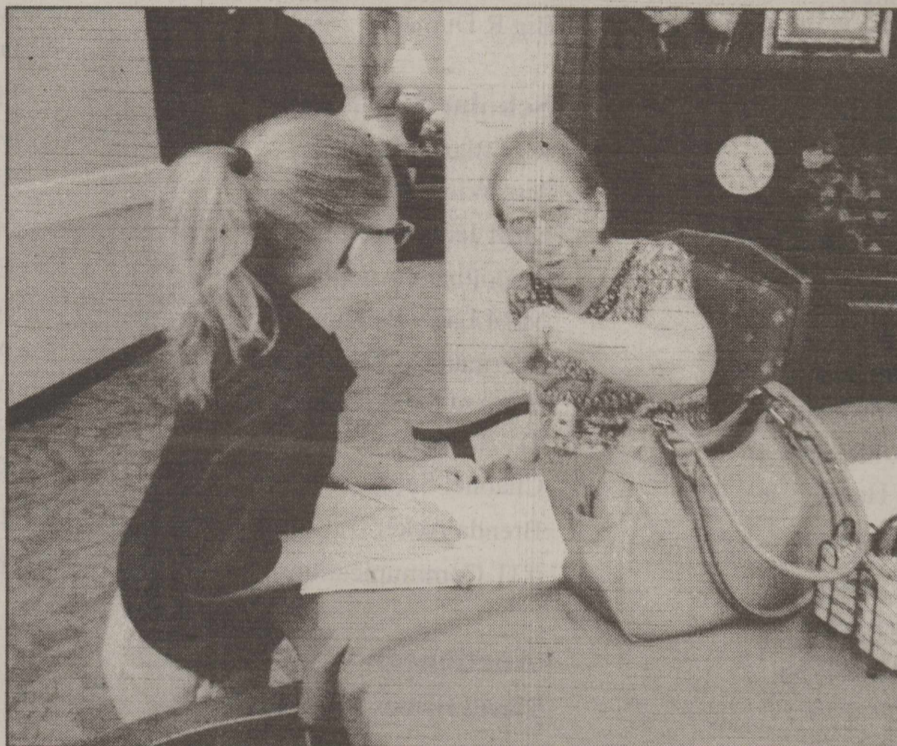
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Student with Joyce Perales

Catholic School Visits Legacy

By Paula Nusz

In recognition of Catholic School Week, Legacy was delighted to welcome the 2nd and 3rd grade classes on Thursday, January 29, 2015. The students came to conduct interviews. This was an easy way for students to 'break-the-ice'; and to learn to speak with older adults. The interview questions ranged from "do you have any brothers or sisters" to "if you could be anywhere, where would it be?" Fifteen Legacy residents spend quality time with these students and shared stories from their lives. The group of 32 students used a tag-team approach to the interview process.

Before the children left, they sang We Are One in the Spirit including hand motions. Legacy was chosen for this visit as one of the school's service projects - recognition of the elderly. Legacy is a regular beneficiary of the school's effort with this out-reach program. Several Legacy residents have family members who attend St. Anthony's School, so this makes their visits extra special. Thank you to the brave teachers, who shepherded the children to Legacy- Mrs. Hininger, Mrs. Hicks, and Sister Mary Catherine. A big Thank You to the children for this wonderful morning activity.

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Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Heritage Bible Baptist

Pastor Mark Looney

302 S. Main

For more info-call 396-2212

Morning worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service 6 p.m.

Thurs. Service 7:00 p.m.

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Asambleas De Dios

Pastor: Juan M. Valenzuela

806 366-3071

205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2218

Escuela Dominical 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

Kerrick Community

Pastor Roy Harris

Community Building

10 a.m. Worship Service

La Mision Bautista

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401 S. Wall 396-5376

Domingo (Sunday)

Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.

Miercoles (Wednesday)

Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m. Estudio

Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 9 p.m.

Servicio De Adoracion 6 p.m. se Cuidamos

Susuinos Durante El Servicio

Stock show Results and pictures in next week's edition of the Stratford Star.

The 2015 Sherman County Stock Show was a huge success! Sherman County 4-H, Stratford FFA and the Sherman County Livestock Association would like to thank the following people for their contributions to the 2015 Sherman County Stock Show.

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Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who came to visit, brought food, sent a card or said a prayer for us. Thanks to Nita for sitting up with Nanny all night. The community choir was beautiful and we appreciate each member. Special thanks to Sandy for being our musician and to Nina for being the musical director. The meal prepared by the ladies of the Baptist Church was delicious. Ladies, we thank each of you. We appreciate the people who took the time to attend the service with us. Special thanks to Gary & Kathy for being with us, for planning and conducting the funeral, and for traveling with us to Brownfield for the burial. Coldwater Manor is a great place to go when you need to be there. We thank all the workers-past and present- for loving our Nanny up for the past 5 plus years. And Praise the Lord for hospice. Every worker we met was kind and gracious, especially Heather. You are an amazing young woman. You were all a blessing to us.

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Notice of Application for (Commercial) Fluid Injection Well Permit

Pantera Energy Company, 817 S. Polk, Suite 201, Amarillo, TX 79101 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Glorietta Blake Lease, Well Number 1 SWD. The proposed injection well is located 10 miles NE of Sunray in the Texas Hugoton Field, in Sherman County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1075 to 1230 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

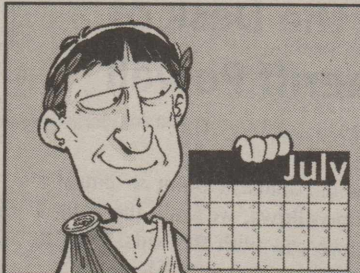
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Home Ideas

(NAPS)—You can update a tired room by making over one item without removing its existing



finish or replacing the furniture with a one-step stain and clear finish product such as Minwax PolyShades. To see videos on the color transformation possibilities, visit www.minwax.com.



The Julian calendar was a reform of the Roman calendar introduced by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. The Julian year is on average 360 4/7 days long.

New Pets For Today's Kids Are Digital

(NAPS)—It started with the Boomers. A science experiment in schools to teach students responsibility, (or a simple scare tactic), known as The Pet Egg. Many actually enjoyed caring for their eggs, and the Pet Rock was also born. For thousands of years in fact, kids of all ages have loved to nurture and play parent with baby dolls and the like.

And moving on to Generation X, the eggs mentioned above were often replaced by bags of flour and more life-like crying/peeing baby dolls. Now a full-fledged tradition across the country, kids, as part of their health ed class, often have to take care of an egg, (or something) for a few days or weeks, caring for it like a child or pet. If the egg is broken, failure is imminent.

This commitment to teach children the value of nurturing continued to evolve both in and outside the classroom, and in the 90's Bandai introduced the Tamagotchi "virtual pet," a hand-held electronic pet egg for Generation Y (Millennials) to feed, grow, and nurture. Tamagotchi became a massive phenomenon and more than 80 million units have been sold worldwide since then.

So where does that leave us today in the world of the virtual pets and nurturing playthings? As you may have guessed, all roads lead to digital. It turns out that Generation Z (Digital Natives) are just as interested in this play pattern as generations before; but now are caring for their pets via smart phones and tablets.

Enter Talking Tom and Friends. With more than 230 million active users each month, the app franchise introduced in 2010 has skyrocketed to success with 14 apps (soon to be 15). These apps for any smartphone or tablet by developer Outfit7 Limited, have been downloaded a whopping 2 billion+ times worldwide and, the characters from which, have gone on to enjoy success on YouTube, have licensed merchandise available around the world, and now have an animated series and movie in the making.

My Talking Tom was launched in 2013, letting fans adopt their very own baby kitten, name him and make him part of their daily lives. The app allows pet parents to interact with Tom like never before. Feed him, play with him and nurture him as he grows from a cute kitten to a fully-grown cat. Like the Tamagotchi before it, Tom teaches responsibility as he requires constant love and atten-

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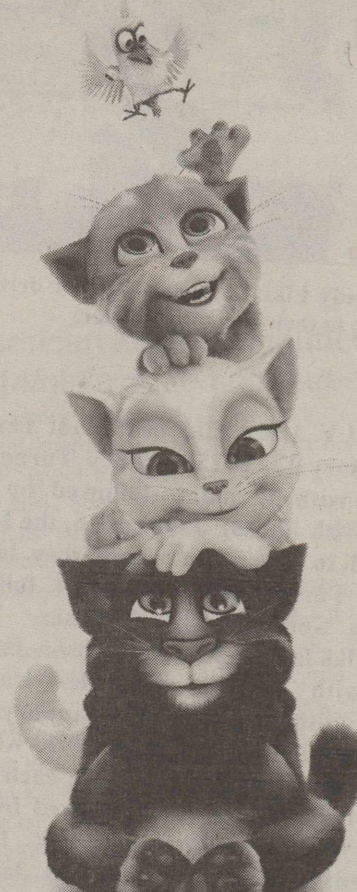
Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF STRATFORD TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Stratford is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program through the Texas Department of Agriculture for Water System Improvements for the central and northeast portion of the City of Stratford. The grant application request is for \$275,000 of CDBG funds for water system improvements in the City of Stratford. The application is available prior to February 18, 2015 for review at City Hall during regular business hours. Para obtener una copia en español, comuníquese con Tommy Bogart al (806) 366-5581. Published in the Stratford Star, Thursday, February 5, 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE THE CITY OF STRATFORD TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Stratford will hold a public hearing at 5:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at Stratford City Hall, in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen's participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views and proposals to Mr. Ricky Reed, Mayor, of the City of Stratford. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, February 5, 2015.



Kids can now enjoy taking care of a collection of animated friends through a pet app.

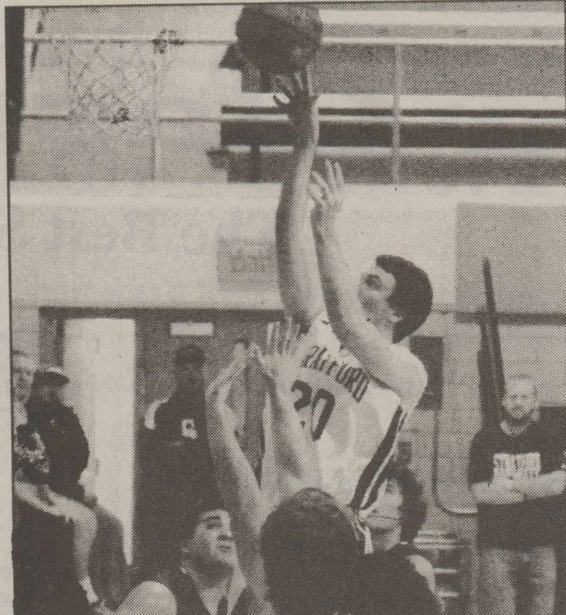
fun that every tween/teen is looking for!

What is especially great about today's virtual pet is that, unlike before, each is personalized to their player. This year, *My Talking Angela* is the newest kitty up for virtual adoption when the app launches on the heels of Tom's virtual pet success, just in time for the holidays for new tablet/smart phone owners. Like Tom, you can adopt *My Talking Angela* as a cute kitten, (nurture her, feed her, brush her teeth), and help her grow into a stylish city kitty.

Not really a pet anymore, but more like a fashion-savvy superstar—a new BFF! Dress up *My Talking Angela* in the latest fashions and the cutest costumes, and give her the most amazing hairstyles. Make her home beautiful and feed her delicious treats. Play games together, collect cool stickers to trade with friends, and much more. The *My Talking Angela* app is free and available on all platforms including Android, iPad, iPhone, and more. Kinda makes that egg look



Lady Elk #15 Yadhira Chavoya scores for the Lady Elks in their win over Booker.



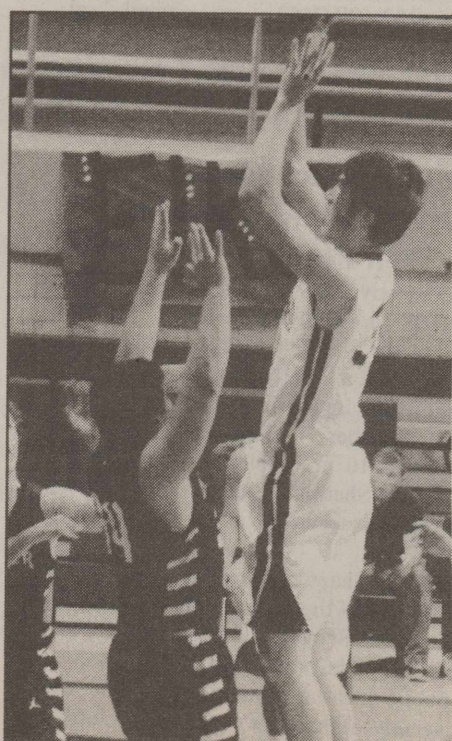
Stratford Elk #20 John McBroom scores for the Elks against Booker on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.



Lady Elk #43 Whitney Stone is fouled by Booker defender as she goes up for the shot.



Stratford Elk #23 Rett Schoonover goes up for the shot in the Elks win over Booker on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.



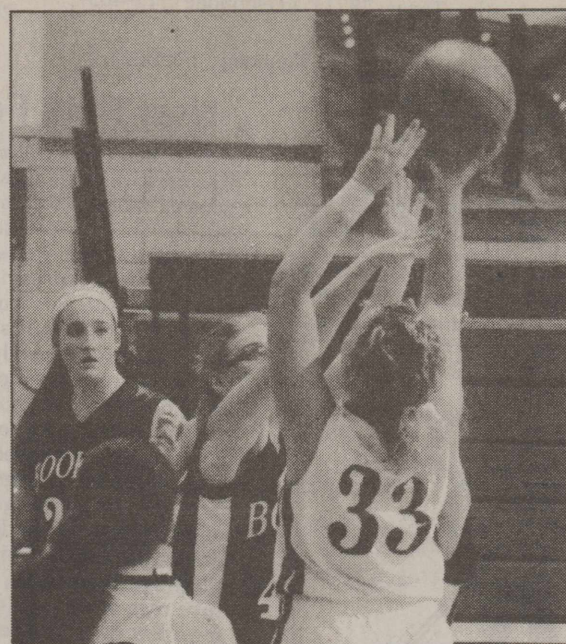
Stratford Elk Russell Spurlock goes up for two in the Elks win over Booker on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.



J.V. Elk #22 Shay Hess scores on the lay-up in the Elks win over Booker on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.



J.V. Lady Elk #11 Sidney Turner drives in for the lay-up in their win over Booker.



J.V. Lady Elk #33 Carly Metcalf goes up for the shot in the Lady Elks win over Booker on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.



J.V. Elk #23 Pedro Ortega is fouled as he goes up for the shot against Booker.

The J.V. Lady Elks beat West Texas 40-20 on January 13, 2015. Sidney Turner led the scoring with 17 points followed by Rabeca Couch with 12. On January 16, the Lady Elks traveled to Canadian where they lost 19-34. Sidney Turner scored 7 point followed by Vanessa Gonzalez with 5 points. The J.V. Lady Elks lost 23-25 to Sunray on January 20, 2015 with Vanessa Gonzalez leading the scoring with 13 points. On January 23, 2015, the Lady Elks fell to Gruver 18-23 with Sidney Turner and Vanessa Gonzalez each scoring 5 points each for the Elks followed by Rabeca Couch with 4 points. The J.V. Lady Elks whipped upon Booker 71-7 on January 27, 2015. Rabeca Couch was high point with 16 points followed by Sidney Turner with 15 points and Taylor Aduddell with 11 points. On Friday, January 30th, the Lady Elks traveled to West Texas where they won 48-16. Rabeca Couch led the scoring with 16 points followed by Taylor Aduddell with 9 points.



From the Desk of Sheriff Powell

Every week, the deputies and I make a point to patrol around our schools and as time allows, we walk the halls and spend as much time as we can with the kids. Last week, we spoke to the children at Texhoma Elementary about what we do. It was our second year in a row to be invited to their career day and we all had a blast!

Over the past two years, your Sheriff's Office has experienced positive change as we have all worked together to create a professional, full-service, proactive law enforcement agency where the team members work together as servant leaders of our community. Everyone who works in this office gives their all, toward achieving the goals and objectives required for us to maintain the level of integrity, transparency, and professionalism we are consistently commended for.

Starting next week, I will be featuring one Sheriff's Office team member in the Stratford Star. The article will give their name, their educational background, their current position, and a brief history. I feel that each and every one of them should be individually recognized for their service, so please take the time to read about each one of them.

I want to personally thank all of you for your continued support of the Office of the Sheriff as well as ALL of our local emergency service personnel.

Have a Great Week!!
-Sheriff Joe Powell-

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Thanks-Marty

Locking fixed-joint pliers have become known by their first brand name, Vise-Grip. The Vise-Grip was the brainchild of Danish immigrant William Petersen, who patented an early design in 1921.