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Memorial Highway Dedication for Fallen Stratford DPS Trooper Steve Booth to be Held March 24th, 2016

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announced today a memorial highway dedication for fallen Stratford DPS Trooper Steve Booth.

On Thursday, March 24 at 2 p.m., a dedication ceremony will take place in Stratford, Texas, at the Sherman County Courthouse. The Trooper Steve Booth Memorial Highway will consist of approximately 15 miles of US-287 that starts at the north city limits of Stratford and ends at the Oklahoma state line.

In June of 1993, Trooper Steve Booth responded to a call of a man waving a gun and driving erratically, approximately two miles north of Stratford on US-287. Trooper Booth located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. During the traffic stop, Trooper Booth was shot and killed by the driver. The driver was later located in Stratford and taken into custody. He currently serves a life sentence.

Stratford Lion's Club member and close friend of Trooper Booth, Duane Pittman, initiated the proposal for a highway dedication. Pittman and the Stratford Lion's Club worked with State Senator Kel Seliger and State Representative Four Price to have this part of US-287 dedicated for Trooper Booth.

The public and media are invited to attend the ceremony in honor of Trooper Booth's selfless sacrifice and continued support for family and friends.

Elk Pharmacy will be closing at 3:30 on Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

We will reopen on Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Fresh, Hot Tamales

Fresh, hot tamales will be delivered to your door on Saturday, April 2nd if you pre-order from Lollipop Junction before March 28th.

Lollipop Junction, Stratford's non-profit childcare center, is selling homemade red chili tamales. Tamales will be sold by pre-paid orders for \$15.00 a dozen.

To place your order for fresh, hot tamales, call either Julie or Erica at Lollipop Junction 366-5886 or stop by the childcare center located at 210 N. Main Street, Stratford. In addition, you may pre-order tamales at First State Bank with Suzanne.

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

American Legion to Hold Annual Fundraiser

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will again host the annual Boys State/Girls State Hamburger Fundraiser on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at the Sherman County Barn from 11:30 - 1:30. This year the Boys State Representative is Francisco Barajas and the Girls State Representative is Nicolle Law. As usual there is no charge - but a free will donation will be gratefully accepted. Funds raised at this event go to pay for registration and transportation for these fine young people to attend these programs.

Dinner Theatre

The Stratford High School one-act play cast and crew will host a dinner theatre on March 21 featuring a performance of the play Unexpected Tenderness. The meal-a salad, pork tenderloin, macaroni cheese, green beans and cupcakes-will begin at 6:00, followed by the play at 7:00. A silent auction will be open for the duration of the evening. Tickets are \$15. For tickets, contact Taylor Aduddell, Bret Barnard, Juan Carlos Camberos, Brendan Campbell, Blake Griffin, Courtney Griffin, Nicole Law, Matalin Mace, John McBroom, Carlee Metcalf, Branson Palmer, Brenda Portillo, Val-mari du Plessis, Russell Spurlock or Daniela Valdez.

Advisory: This year's play contains brief instances of spousal and child abuse.

A portion of the proceeds from the performance will be donated to Martha's Home, an organization which provides homeless women and their children with shelter and support while guiding them towards a lifestyle of self-sufficiency.

Dear Readers: So many have asked and I have tried to put in the City Council, Stratford Ind. School Board and County Commissioners minutes from their monthly meetings. The Stratford Hospital Board of Directors does not wish to publish their minutes at this time.

Thank You

Marty Robertson Editor & Publisher

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Integrated Monitoring In Bird Conservation Regions (IMBCR) Within Playa Lakes Joint Venture



REGION-WIDE MONITORING EFFORT TO INFORM HABITAT TARGETING AND EVALUATION

This year, PLJV joined a region-wide bird monitoring effort. The program, called Integrated Monitoring in Bird Conservation Regions (IMBCR), is a large partnership-driven program that uses state-of-the-art approaches for the entire process, from the sampling design to how it reports results. The implementation of this program within the PLJV region is called IMBCR for PLJV. Through this program, PLJV will greatly increase its ability to focus and evaluate habitat work and support proactive, targeted conservation action.

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, a PLJV Management Board member, will execute most aspects of the program from hiring field workers to posting summary results in the Rocky Mountain Avian Data Center, which will be available to all partners. Landowners will be contacted in March to request access to survey locations on private lands and the field technicians will conduct surveys beginning in late April through June. These data will allow PLJV and its partners to better understand bird use of rivers, playas and prairies in the region which, in turn, will create better conservation outcomes.

MONITORING ON PRIVATE LANDS

A unique feature of the IMBCR program is that the sample sites are randomly selected, unlike other large monitoring programs that sample along roadsides (e.g., Breeding Bird Survey). Researchers use a computer program to randomly select square kilometer survey locations, including on private lands. Since 97 percent of the land within the PLJV region is privately owned, landowner participation is critical for getting an accurate picture of bird populations and informing successful, voluntary conservation efforts across the region.

After the survey sites are selected, public records obtained from county assessor offices are matched to the sample locations and the information is used to contact landowners to request permission to survey on their land. The landowner information is not used in any other way or shared; in fact, landowner contact information is kept in a separate database from the data collected at the sample sites.

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies contacts landowners or managers in the survey areas by mail early in the year. The correspondence includes a permission request letter and provides information about the

IMBCR program, a map showing the exact survey locations on the property and a self-addressed stamped return card. The return card provides a quick and easy way for the landowner to provide information about the survey location, and most importantly, give their consent to access the property. If a return card is not received, Bird Conservancy staff attempt to contact landowners by phone to seek permission.

After obtaining landowner permission to access a survey location, one or two scientists visit the site once a year for a few hours in the morning. They walk to specific points within the survey location, collect habitat data, count birds and record those numbers for analysis and comparison with other years' data. A follow up letter is sent to each private landowner that includes a list of every bird species observed at the survey location.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the program and listen to episodes of Playa Country radio show featuring Bird Conservancy of the Rockies staff and a participating landowner, visit the IMBCR for PLJV webpage at <http://pljv.org/for-habitat-partners/region-wide-bird-monitoring/>

CONTACT US

For information about IMBCR for PLJV or to become a part of the program, contact:

Mike Carter, PLJV Coordinator
303-926-0777
mike.carter@pljv.org

For information about Bird Conservancy of the Rockies (BCR), the larger IMBCR program and how data are gathered and used, contact:

Chris White, BCR Director of Science Operation
970-482-1707 x 24
chris.white@birdconservancy.org

For information about technicians, survey areas and other field logistics, contact:

Brittany Woiderski, BCR Field Crew Leader
970-482-1707 x 22
brittany.woiderski@birdconservancy.org

For information about private property access and landowner concerns, contact:

Jenny Berven, BCR Landowner Liaison
970-482-1707 x 26
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Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Woodburn and Mr. and Mrs. Jon Hart are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kristian Woodburn to Jose Reta, son of Isabell Reta and late Santiago Reta. Wedding be held July 30, 2016 at Talon Point, Channing, TX

First Texas War Of Secession

By Rocky Jim Sprott
Member Sherman County Historical Commission

In the fateful winter and spring of 1836 the Anglo and Tejano citizens of The Mexican state of Coahuila y Texas revolted against the dictatorship that had usurped control of the central government in Mexico City. Antonio Lopez himself President and forced the repeal of the 1824 Republican Constitution. The Texians; as they were then called, had finally concluded their political contract with the government of Mexico was now broken. Even Stephen F. Austin saw the situation as hopeless and agreed that war was now inevitable to secure their rights as free men.

The Texas revolutionaries determined that their fight must be for a sovereign and independent Texas Republic and not a civil war which would be a contest for political control of Mexico itself. In effect Austin and the

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10:00 -10:30 a.m.

Ladies Yoga-Tuesdays 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Bingo-Second Tuesday 7 p.m.
4th Thursday Immediately following
noon luncheon

Monthly Luncheon-4th Thursday-12 noon
(covered dish luncheon)

Stratford Country Club Membership Drive

The Stratford Country Club is having a membership drive from February 1-June 15. New members will be accessed only \$100.00 membership fee and \$65.00 monthly dues during this time instead of \$150.00 membership fee.

Please contact Suzanne Ashley at First State Bank 396-5521 for more information or to enroll.

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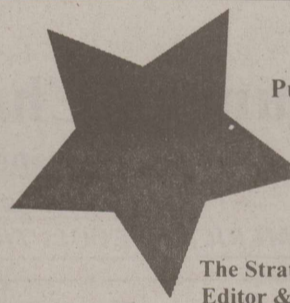
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other leaders of the revolt were determined to secede Texas from the nation of Mexico and form a new nation, the Republic of Texas.

These men who in generations to come would be considered the founding fathers of the Texas Republic, were acting upon strongly held political traditions which in turn were based upon the natural and organic rights of free men. These rights were evident in the creation of the United States in the 1770's and these men were the sons and grandsons of that generation. What these men believed based upon these rights was that a free people have the power to dissolve and form the governments under which they choose to live.

Thomas Jefferson framed this belief in the language of the U.S. Declaration of Independence in 1776,

To secure these rights (of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness), Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is Right of the People to alter or abolish it and to institute a new Government.

As illustrative of what this meant to the generation contemporary with the leaders of the Texas revolution, perhaps a statement made by Abraham Lincoln in 1848 will suffice.

Any people anywhere being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This a most valuable, a most sacred right - a right which we hope and believe is to liberate the world. Nor is this right confined to cases in which the whole people of an existing government may choose to exercise it. Any portion of such people that can may revolutionize and make their own of so much territory as they inhabit.

We are Proud of Our Elks Congratulations on a Great Season

The Stratford Elks ended their basketball season after losing to Anthony 51-57 at the Regional Tournament held in Levelland this past weekend. The Elks are shown with their Regional Quarterfinal trophy they earned by beating Farwell 60-45 on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Shown from left: Gerardo Romero, Gage Brooks, Russell Spurlock, Ty Hess, Tanner Stone, John McBroom, Shay Hess, Parker Hanna, Jack McBryde, Bret Barnard, and Kade McBryde. In front L/R: Jackson Wyatt, Kooper Walden, and Chase Lantelme. Congratulations on a great season!

Thus echoing the sentiments of the American patriots of 1776, 58 delegates from 22 Texas municipalities gathered at Washington on the Brazos on March 2, 1836 to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence. By the power vested in their representatives this determined little band of rebels affixed their names and pledged their lives and property to sustain a declaration that seceded Texas from the 'union of Mexican states and created an independent Republic of Texas. Following the form and substance of Jefferson's "Declaration" drafted some 60 years earlier, the Texas delegates enumerated their grievances against what they called the "Consolidated, Central Military Despotism" 'of, the 'Mexican government laying out the justification for their actions.

These representatives of the people of Texas concluded that, "The necessity of self-preservation, therefore now decrees our eternal political separation". The delegates then crossed the: political arid historical Rubicon that would: forever change the course of Texas history and the North American continent saying,

We, therefore... do hereby resolve and declare that our political connection With the Mexican nation has forever ended. That the' people of Texas do. now constitute a Free, Sovereign and Independent Republic...

At least on paper the Texas Republic, was now a reality but its survival was far from guaranteed and forces were at work to undo all that had been accomplished. The events of the next few weeks would determine whether the young Republic would live or die. For the tree of liberty to grow it would have to be watered by the blood of patriots.

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We want to thank all our friends and family for all the prayers, visits and concerns during our surgeries. JJ and Judy Williams for helping at the house and the food you brought us. Justin & Rachell Long, Martha Ellison and friend for the food brought over to help us out. We are blessed to have a community praying so hard for Bill and I that we cannot begin to tell you how much this has meant to us.

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On Tuesday, March 1, the Stratford High School Band traveled to Panhandle High School to participate in the UIL Regional Concert and Sight Reading Contest. The band played three prepared pieces in the Concert portion of the contest receiving Division I (Superior) Ratings from all three judges. This is the highest rating a band can receive in concert competition. Comments from the judges were "Nice full band sound" and "I enjoyed your concert!". A second judge stated "Fine band! Many mature players. Keep it up!". And the final Concert judge wrote "This was an outstanding performance. Congratulations to students and directors!"

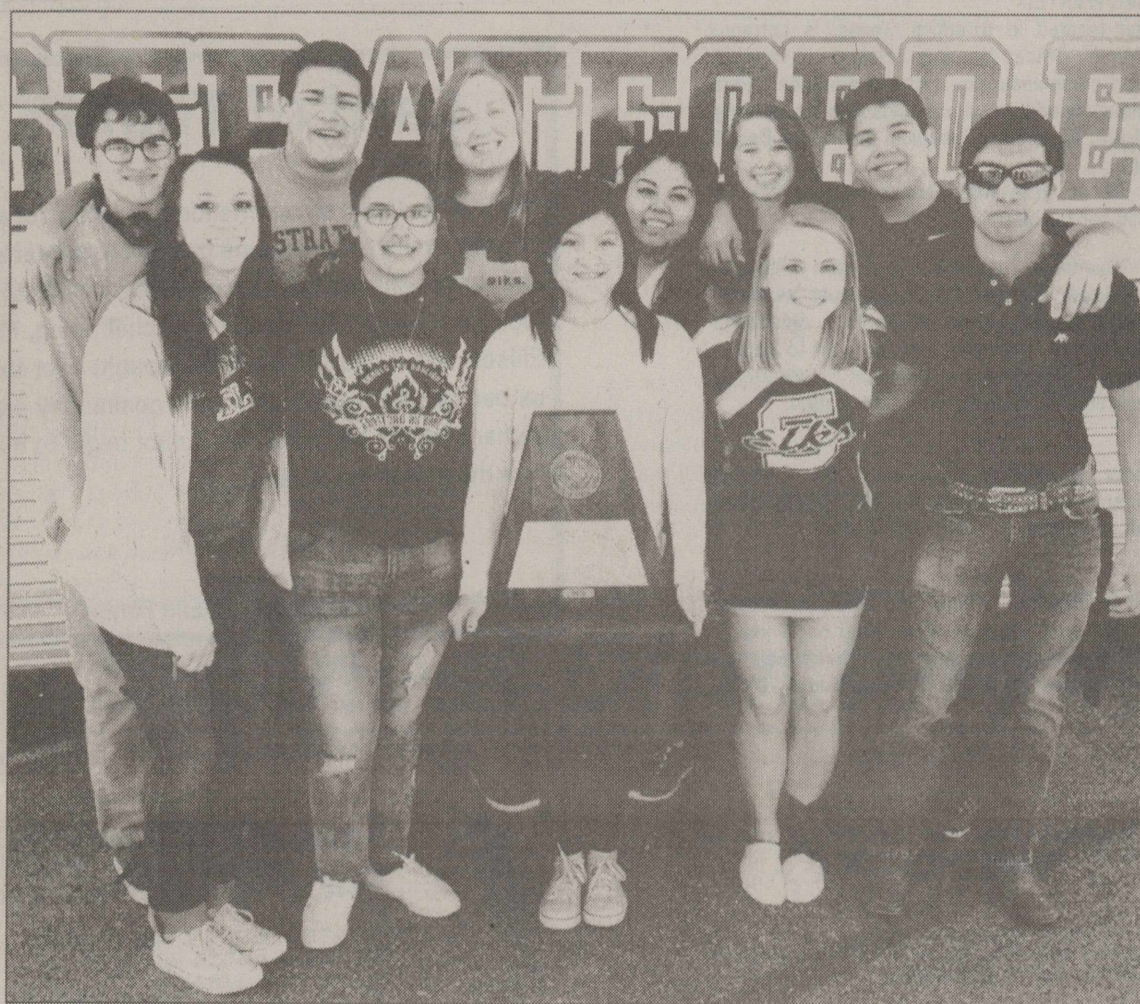
The band then sightread a piece of music they had never seen before and again the three judges all gave them Division I ratings. Some comments from one of the Sight Reading judges were "Wow! What a great looking large group!" and "Great full band sounds". A second judge said "Fantastic job! Keep up the great work! Congrats". The final judge of the Sight Reading portion exclaimed "Enjoyed your performance- Great band! Great teaching! Great tradition!"

By receiving Division I ratings in both Concert and Sightreading competition at this contest and by receiving a Division I rating in Marching competition last fall Stratford's "Big Blue Band" achieved the highest UIL award given to bands in Texas - "Sweepstakes". Of the 28 Class A, 2A, 3A, and 4A panhandle high schools participating in the Concert Contest this year only 10 received this UIL Sweepstakes Award.

Please congratulate all students for their hard work and great effort in representing Stratford so well at the contest. Also, thanks go to our school administrators (Mr. Seward, Mr. Hannah, and Mr. Birdsong), the bus driver (Rudy Salazar) ; and the many parents and friends for supporting the band with their attendance at the contest.

Please support the band students in the upcoming Community Birthday Calendar Fundraiser and also attend the High School Band Spring Concert to be held Tuesday, April 26 in the Amarillo Globe Center and Tuesday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Gym.

Senior Band members display the plaque representing the UIL Band Sweepstakes Award (Division I ratings in Regional Marching, Concert and Sight Reading)



Front row (left to right): Chesney Rendon, Vanessa Barajas, Monica Reyes, Alexie Wright, and Kevin Hernandez. Second row: Orlando Mayorga, Juan Camberos, Tommie Long, Paola Vasquez, Kelsey Pickens, and Julian Licon.

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