

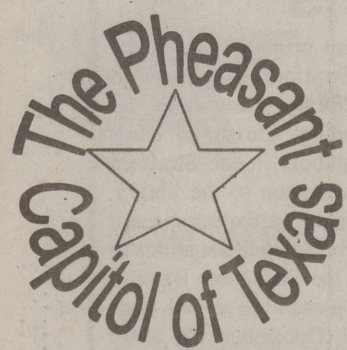
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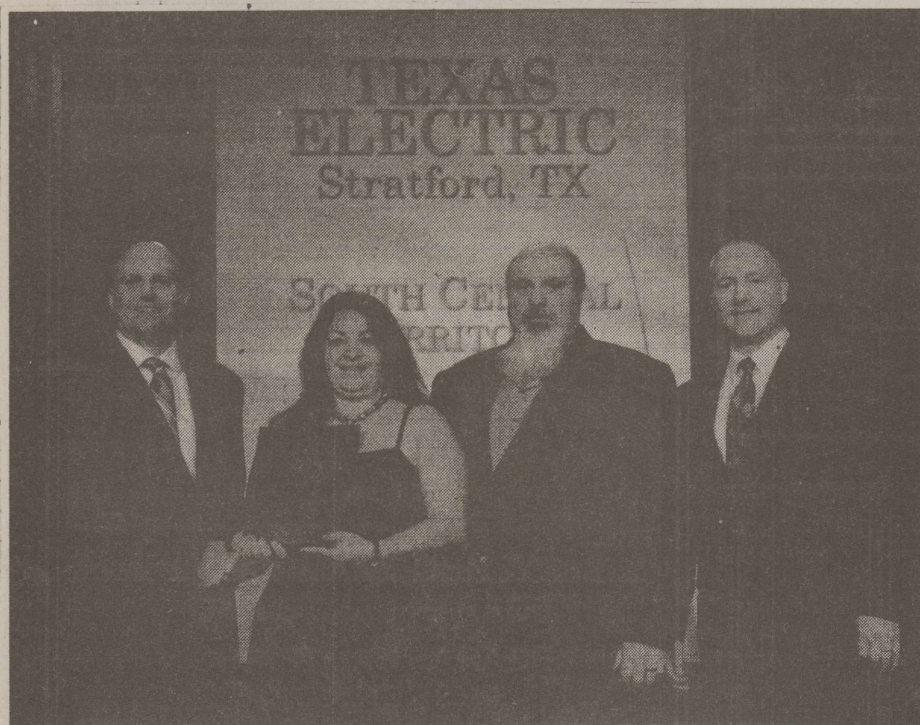
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Shown above Angela and Chuck Harbour of Texas Electric Company

Reinke Recognizes Texas Electric as Top Five Dealer in Territory Sales

(DESHLER, Neb. —November 25, 2014)—Reinke is excited to announce that Texas Electric Company of Stratford, Texas, has been recognized as one of the top five highest selling dealers in the South Central Territory, in acknowledgement of the company's 2013-2014 marketing year success. Texas Electric Company also received a Gold Reinke Pride award.

The dealership was honored during Reinke's recent annual convention held October 23--25, 2014, in Palm Springs, Calif.

"Congratulations to Texas Electric Company on this well-deserved recognition," said Reinke Director of Marketing Tom Palmertree. "We are proud to have them as a dealer and appreciate their ongoing commitment to Reinke and to their community."

Reinke dealerships from across the United States and Canada gather each year to attend the company's sales convention. The convention awards ceremony recognizes select Reinke dealerships for their hard work and dedication to sales and marketing throughout the past year.

Gold, silver and bronze Reinke Pride awards were given to a total of 118 dealerships this year. The Reinke Pride awards are determined as part of an incentive program that distinguishes superior achievement levels according to an evaluation based on a dealership's exterior and interior housekeeping and maintenance, indoor and outdoor displays, safety, retail environment, merchandising, professionalism, promotions and event participation, and market share.

"We really look forward to coming together each year to recognize the efforts of our dealers and applaud them among their peers," said Palmertree. "Our annual convention is also an opportunity for us to share ideas, learn from one another and get set for another successful year serving the agriculture industry."

ABOUT REINKE

Headquartered in Deshler, Neb., Reinke Manufacturing Company, Inc. is one of the world's most recognized manufacturers of center pivot and lateral move irrigation systems. Since 1954, Reinke has developed products designed to increase agriculture production while providing labor savings and environmental efficiencies. Reinke is a continued leader in industry advancements as the first to incorporate GPS, satellite-based communications and touchscreen panel capabilities into mechanized irrigation system management. For more information on Reinke or to locate a dealership, visit www.reinke.com or call 402-365-7251.

Education foundation kicks off raffle ticket fundraiser!

The Stratford Education Foundation has begun an exciting new fundraiser—a chance to win a \$10,000 gift card from Toot'n'Totum. Raffle tickets are only \$10 and you also get a coupon for a free carwash at any of the 5 Amarillo Toot'n'Totum carwashes (a \$12 value)! You can purchase a raffle ticket at First State Bank, Bain Tire (see Becky), or the local Toot'n'Totum. All money raised will benefit the students of Stratford Schools AND if you purchase your raffle ticket before December 31s, your donation will be DOUBLED during our \$25,000 Challenge! Tickets are available from any Education Foundation Board member: Becky Asher, Pat Barnard, Jerry Birdsong, B.A. Donelson, MariHoward Engelbrecht, Jackie Gilley, Lynda Hauser, Kenton Kimball, Brent Spurlock, Wesley Spurlock, Ann Pronger Wells, and Roger Wells. The Education Foundation has given more than \$90,000 in grants to the Stratford Schools since 2002, so please help us continue to help the students of Stratford I.S.D. Thank you for your support!

Downton Abbey Season 5 Premier at County Library

There will be a FREE preview screening event at the Sherman County Public Library on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Ladies, come enjoy this event while your husbands are off hunting pheasants. Season 5 of Downton Abbey premieres Sunday evening, January 4, 2015 on Panhandle PSB. If you need to catch up to the all the events of the past 4 seasons, the library has them available on DVD and are available to be checked out for 3 days each. The Sherman County Public Library is one of 5 different libraries offering this event in the panhandle and we are very excited to offer this to our community. For more information, please call Sandy Baskin at 366-2200.

MEDICAL FUND FOR JACK GORE HAPPY STATE BANK

A medical fund has been set up for Jack and Vicki Gore at Happy State Bank

HUNTERS LUNCH SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th

11:00- 1:00

SCOT HALL

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FREE WILL DONATION

NASA ASTRONAUT VISIT BEING POSTPONED

The Stratford Education Foundation received word from the NASA Astronaut Appearances Office on Nov. 26th that the visit by our NASA astronaut on December 9th will be postponed until the spring semester. The agency director explained that bad weather conditions across the U.S. over the past 3 weeks have caused numerous cancellations by astronauts. The agency would prefer to reschedule the appearance later in the school year when weather will be more dependable.

The Education Foundation is very disappointed by NASA's decision, but they do plan to resubmit their request as soon as possible. The Stratford I.S.D. administration will select several dates during the spring semester that will avoid conflicts with testing and UIL activities. The Foundation will publicize the new date and the name of the astronaut as soon as it becomes available. Thank you for your understanding and continued support of the Stratford Education Foundation.

Coffee Memorial Blood Drive

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SHS Student Council

Tuesday, December 9th

9:30-3:30

Activity Gym



SHERMAN COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE

Sat. Dec. 13th, 2014

1:00 p.m.

THEME: "What does Christmas mean to you?"

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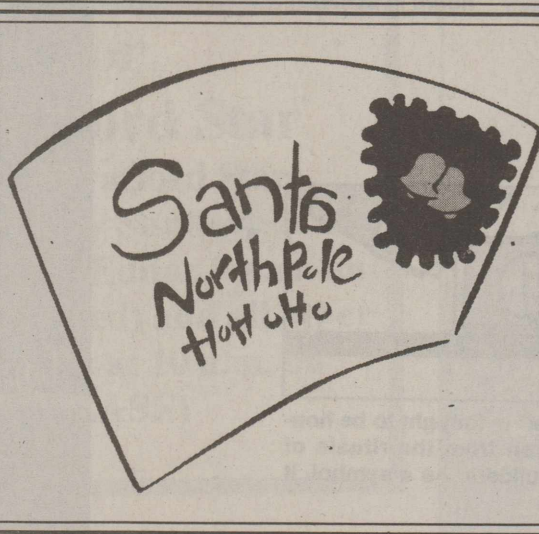
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Letters to Santa to be mailed by The Stratford Star and also will be printed in the Christmas edition are due by Friday, December 12th, 2014. Christmas Edition will be in Thursdays, December 18, 2014 Christmas Edition. There will be no paper printed on Thursday, December 25th Christmas Day. Letters can be mailed to PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084 or left at Farmers Insurance (Next to Post office) or brought to Shari or myself. There are mail boxes outside both of our houses. Thank you and get to writing.

The Holiday Rush Has Started!!



So take a break and join us at these Open Houses!!

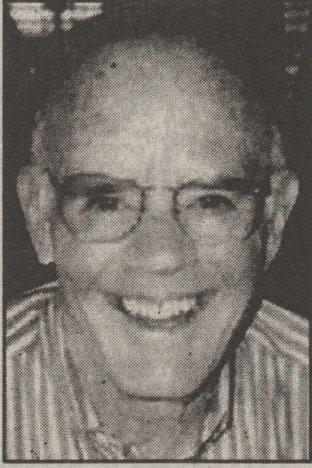
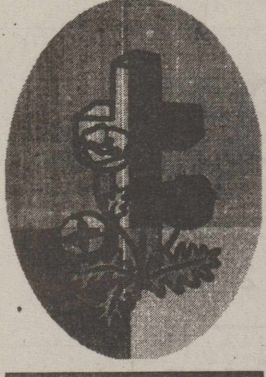


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This public service announcement is brought to you by SCDC.

Obituaries



Jerry B. Johnson

(January 11, 1934 - November 24, 2014)

Jerry B. Johnson, 80, of Lubbock, went home to be with His Heavenly Father on Monday, November 24, 2014. A glorious reunion awaited him with his two sons, Taylor and Parker Johnson. Graveside services were held Saturday, November 29, at 2:00 pm at the Stratford Cemetery in Stratford under the direction of Ramage Funeral Directors of Olton. A memorial service to celebrate Jerry's life was held on Wednesday, December 3rd, at 11:00 a.m., at the Kent Hance Chapel on Texas Tech University campus.

Jerry was born on January 11, 1934, to Jack and Billie Johnson in Hale County. After graduating from Hale Center, Jerry attended Texas Tech where he played quarterback for the Red Raiders. He led the 1953 team to a victory over Auburn at the Gator Bowl, and was named All-Border Conference as a senior. He played in the Blue-Gray game and Skyline Border Conference All-Star Game and left TTU as the leading passer in school history. He graduated from TTU in 1954.

After college, he served in the Army and received honorable discharge in February 1958. Jerry went on to coach football at West Point, Georgia, Colorado State, and West Texas State. He later moved his family to Stratford, Texas, where he ranched and owned J Cattle Company. He was President of the Stratford school board for many years and retired to the Lubbock area to be close to his daughter Lane and her family.

Jerry was preceded in death by his sons, Taylor Johnson and Parker Johnson, parents Jack and Billie Johnson, and his brother, Jackie Johnson.

Jerry is survived by his daughter, Lane and her husband, Tom Kotara, granddaughter Landry, and grandson Creed, all of Shallowater, Texas.

Jerry will forever be remembered for his quick wit and smile, his unique cowboy hat, his love for family and friends, and his perseverance in running the race God marked out for him.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Jerry's memory to a favorite charity or organization.



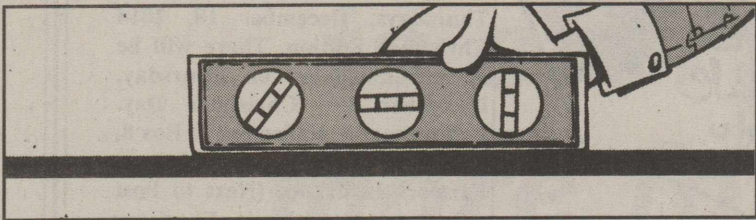
From the Desk of Joe Powell

Our deputies and dispatcher/jailers have had a busy month. I want to thank each and every one of them for their hard work and dedication to the Office of the Sheriff as well as our community. We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and that you are all looking forward to a very Merry Christmas.

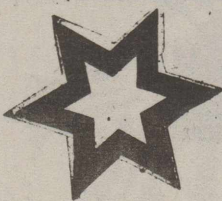
This year has really flown. In less than 30 days, we will be ringing in 2015!! I have to say that these last two years have gone exceptionally well as we have stayed extremely productive in every area of our services. We have plans to continue improving as we move forward into the New Year. As always, we keep a close eye on our budget as we remain well within our means while providing our men and women with the required training and equipment that will keep them safe while they provide service that not only meets, but exceeds your expectations.

Have a great week!!

Sheriff Joe Powell



Someone or something said to be "on the level" is thought to be honest or as advertised. The expression is taken from the rituals of Freemasonry. The level is an instrument of builders. As a symbol, it stands for equality.



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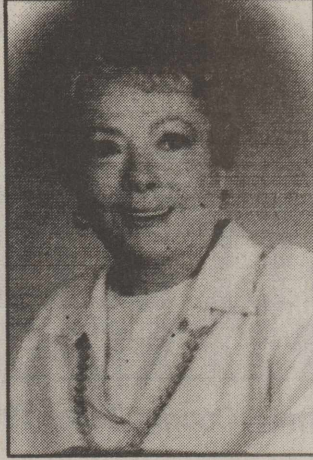
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Pauline Griffin

October 5, 1931-November 25, 2014

Pauline Griffin, 83, died Tuesday, November 25, 2014 in Stratford, Texas

Graveside services were held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, November 29, 2014 in Memorial Park Cemetery - Dalhart, with arrangements under the care of Horizon Funeral Home. Officiating was Rusty Hancock, Pastor - Lincoln Street Baptist Church, of Dalhart.

Ruth Pauline Sharp was born October 5, 1931 in Gatesville, TX to David and Effie (Dossey) Sharp. She was raised and attended schools in Sudan, TX. On December 19, 1949 she married Arville T. Griffin in Clovis, NM, he died in 1986. Pauline worked as a dispatcher from 1964 until 1974 in Dalhart, TX and then from 1974 until retiring in 1984 in Stratford, TX. She enjoyed being in the Bowling Leagues and was an Active member of the Elks Lodge.

She is survived by her children- Earl Griffin and his wife Jill of Williams, AZ, Veneda Moore and Ava Griffin of Stratford, TX and Sherry Hammons and her husband Rob of Amarillo, TX. 9 Grandchildren - Dara, Vance, David, Pam, Jason, Rebecca, Thomas, Chera and Matthew. 11 Great grandchildren - Joseph, Brittany, Jaqui, Blake, Jordan, Tori, Ayla, Randy, Sara, Linkin, Kadan, Mason and Christian as well as numerous nieces and nephews that she loved dearly. Preceded in death by her parents, her husband, an infant daughter - Linda Gaye, a great granddaughter - Danielle, 5 sisters and 5 brothers.

Memorials in Lieu of Flowers - Dementia/Alzheimer's Association
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December Peanut Butter Drive for Snack Pak

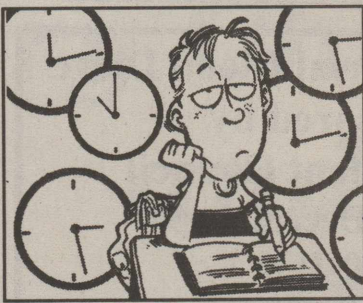
During the first three weeks of December, Mary Allen Elementary is joining forces with Snack Pak 4 Kids Stratford in asking for donations of 16 ounce jars of peanut butter which will help hungry children in Stratford make it through the long holiday breaks without school meals.

Donations can be dropped off at the Mary Allen Elementary Office. Our goal for this drive is 250 jars.

School meals are the primary source of nourishment to some little ones in our community, and during the long holiday breaks these children receive little to no food for days at a time.

The peanut butter along with a sleeve of crackers will be added to Snack Paks that are distributed just before the upcoming holiday breaks. Please note the 16 ounce jars are best as they are easier for a young child to carry home in their backpack.

Please join us in working to make sure that no Stratford child goes hungry!



By the time a person turns 18, he or she will have spent 12,000 hours in school.

Project Christmas Card Begins

Project Christmas Card is a joint project between the Prospectus Study Club and the Stratford Star to benefit the Sherman County Public Library. How does the project work? Instead of sending Christmas cards locally to your friends and neighbors in the Stratford area, you are asked to make a donation to the library. Figure up how much it costs for the cards, stamps and your time, add a little extra and bring your donations to the Sherman County Library or the First State Bank of Stratford. Your name will be placed on a full page Christmas card printed in the December 18, 2014 Christmas edition of The Stratford Star wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas".

Previous years' donations have purchased supplies for summer reading, computers, e-books, large print books, audiobooks, and shelving. Our library is one of the best of its size in this area, if not the state, so let's help continue to support it.

Deadline for donations will be closing time on Friday, December 12, 2014. This is a short period of time in which donations will be accepted for this project so don't delay! For more information, please contact Sandy Baskin at 366-2200.

LIGHTS FOR LOLLIPOP

The board of directors and staff of Lollipop Junction appreciate the response of the community for assisting with the LIGHTS FOR LOLLIPOP campaign. Almost one half of the funds needed for this project have been received.

Lollipop Junction, Stratford's non-profit childcare center is raising funds for its capital improvement project of updating the lighting system in its facility. This project will entail removing 31 fixtures and retrofitting 53 fixtures with all new T8 lamps and electronic ballast, upgrading from incandescent to compact fluorescent lamps, replacing any broken or stained lens covers, and replacing acoustical ceiling tiles in the building. The estimated cost of the project is \$8500. The board's goal is to complete the project before the end of February 2015.

Individuals and/or businesses who would like to learn more about LIGHTS FOR LOLLIPOP or about the services and programs the day care center offers may contact either Susie Spurlock, 396-2864 or 753-7214, Valarie Naugle at 366-2862 or Martha Duncan at 366-5557. Donations for this project maybe made by contacting one of the individuals mentioned or with Suzanne Ashley at First State Bank of Stratford. Donations may be given to Julie Ortega or Erika Duran at Lollipop Junction.



The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) was administered for the first time in 1926.

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Pursuit of Happiness: What is Philo Love? Part 6

Philadelphia, called "the city of brotherly love", gets its name from the Greek word philos.

In Greek, (philos) is "to love" and (adelphos) is "brother". We demonstrate "philos" love to those we hold dear in our intimate relationships. They are those whom we have a close bond of personal affection. They can be a relative, confidant, or trusted friend with whom we feel a special connection. Philos also describes the love between Christian brothers and sisters.

Over and over we admonished to show philos love to fellow Christians: Romans 12:10 "be devoted to one another in brotherly love, 1 Thessalonians 4:9 Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; Hebrews 13:1 Let love of the brethren continue. 1

Peter 1:22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, 2 Peter 1:7 and in your godliness brotherly kindness; and in your brotherly kindness love. John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." These scriptures remind us that the love between Christians is a unique ecclesiastical covenant We are commanded by God to hold one another in very high regard. Our relationships with fellow Christians are fastidiously shaped by care, concern and consideration. This love is not optional nor incidental. It is carefully and painstakingly crafted through acts of selflessness. Each act of love stretches us closer toward spiritual maturity. In his letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 13) Paul provides a guide for spiritual growth through love. In Philippians 1:9 he said: I pray your love keeps increasing in spiritual knowledge and intelligence.

The more I study Gods commandments concerning purity of heart, the more inadequate I feel. I've gone to church and listened to a lifetime of preaching about loving others. I must admit that I put little effort into actually doing it. I thought I was doing okay just to believe. In fact, I was a lazy lover: if someone showed me love, I loved them back. On the other hand, I simply avoided those people that were difficult to love. I think I can say I did not hate anyone, however, neither did I make any effort to show love to those that did not show me love. Through the lens of retrospection it appears that I suffered from a love deficit. It was I who always wanted and needed to receive love. In my personal relationships, often I was seeking to feel loved. I choose to believe God made me love needy to teach me empathy for others seeking love. I'm grateful today for a bit of spiritual maturity that allows me to feel the powerful love of my Father in Heaven. The love of my Heavenly Father wraps me in a security blanket gradually erasing all those feelings of insecurity. Secure in the agape

love of Christ I am now free to share his unconditional love with others. This capability creates joy and fills my heart with happiness.

Meditation: Do I hold Christians (and others) in high esteem?

John 15:16 | John 4:20 | John 13:34 | John 4:20 | Peter 3:8 Hebrews 13:1 | 1 Corinthians 13 Feedback welcome.
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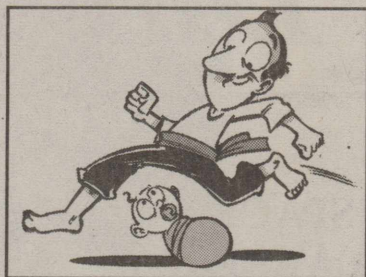
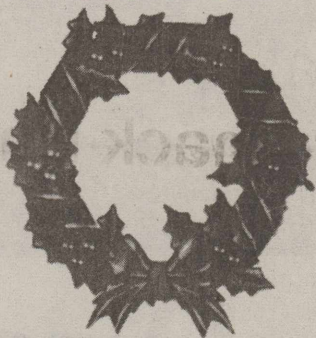


Reed honored with Baby Shower

Alexa and Brent Reed were honored with a Baby Shower on Sunday, November 30, 2014 in the home of Tami King. Shown above back left to right are Tammy McMillan, Jo Nell Roberts, D'lynn Reed. Next Row Rhapsy Wyman and Katelyn Reed. Bottom row Alexa Reed, Patricia Wyman, ViAnn Reed, Rachael Reed, Barbara Roberts, Margaret Reed and Esther Ferguson.

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Santa will join us
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Bring your kids by
to get their photo
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Pheasant Hunters Lunch

The Sherman County Older Texans invite the community and all hunters to their annual Hunters Lunch for the first day of pheasant season on Saturday, December 6th. The lunch menu will include smoked pork chops, beans, cornbread, coleslaw, cobbler and drinks of coffee and tea. Lunch will be served from 11:30 until 1:00 at SCOT Halt Located at 517 N.3rd in Stratford. Free will Donation.

Participating in sports, lifting weights, running, and almost any activity that moves muscle will trigger your bones to lay down more minerals and get stronger and more dense.

When nature made the bluebird, she wished to propitiate both the sky and the earth, so she gave him the color of one on his back and the hue of the other on his breast.

—John Burroughs

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

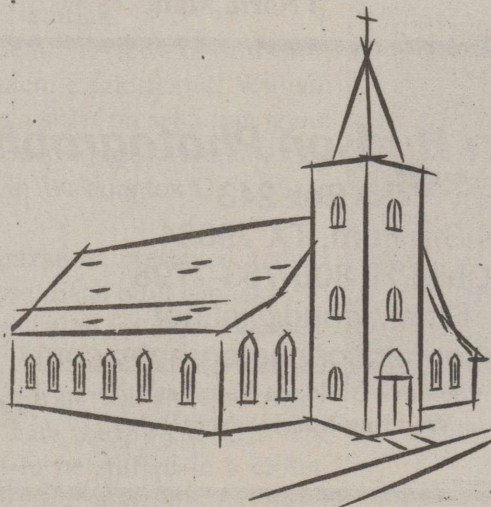
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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No Sunday evening Worship Service

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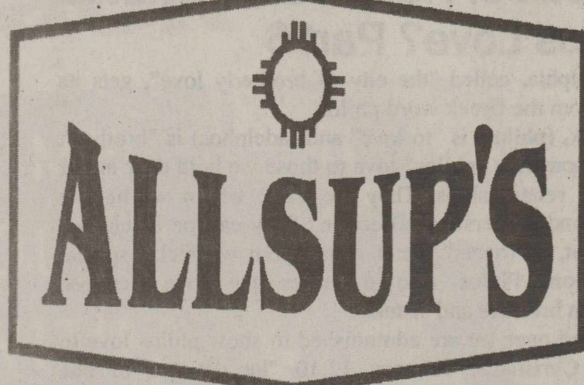
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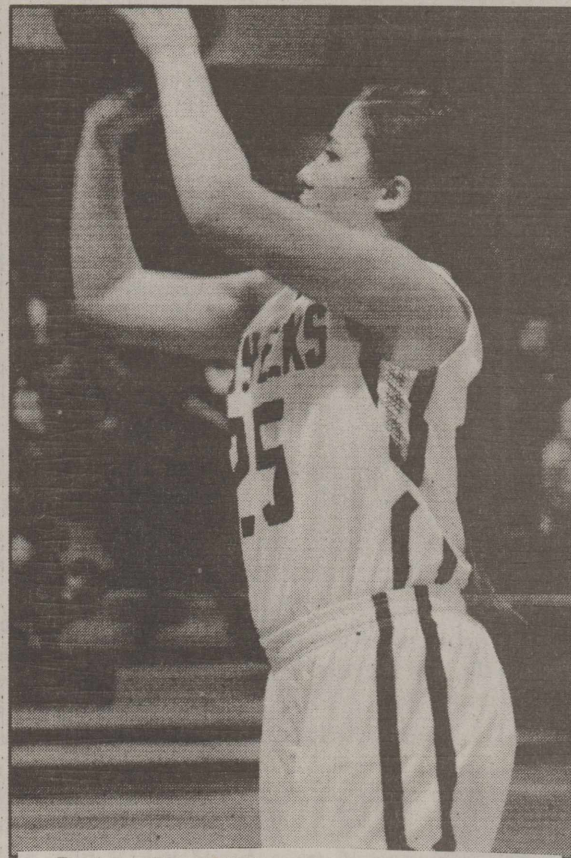
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Lady Elk #33 Brittany Law scores on the lay-up against Texline.



Desinya Garza #25 goes up for the shot in the Lady Elks big win over Texline on Tuesday, November 25.



Lady Elk #23 Madison Mungia shoots the three-point shot against Texline.

Hometown Author

Tai Ann (Brownlee) McClendon has recently released her first book entitled, *Imprinted: Discovering and Parenting Your Child's Identity*. Tai Ann has a desire to see parent's embrace who God designed their children to be. She brilliantly lays out a simple, yet effective way to partner with heaven's heart for your child. The book is packed with practical advice that is easy to implement, even for the busiest parents. If you want to grab a copy and save yourself the shipping costs, contact Brenda Brownlee at 806-396-2068. You can also purchase the book on Amazon, both in Kindle version and softback. To find out more about what Tai Ann is doing or to follow her blog, visit her website at www.taiann.tv. Congratulations Tai Ann on a milestone accomplishment! Tai Ann photo right



Mr. Gilbert could not make the celebration, but his wife (shown at right) Lynn accepted his quilt on his behalf



November Activities at Legacy

By Paula Nusz

November is not only for eating turkey dinners. Legacy residents had a variety of activities to enjoy. The monthly Dutch-treat lunch was enjoyed at La Espanola restaurant. Several residents went to the Punkin' Chunkin' at the High School to watch the science classes throw pumpkins at the cardboard castles. These classes had developed and built machine to propel their pumpkin weapons. A trip to the Moore County Cotton Gin was scheduled, but was cancelled due to the terribly cold weather that week.

The 4-H clubs visited several times in November. One club came and brought cookies and cupcakes for dessert at supper time. Another group came and helped the residents pack Christmas Child Boxes for the Samaritan's Purse project. This year 45 boxes were packed. The Texas Extension Service came and presented a program called "Bread in a Bag". Residents each made their own loaf of whole-wheat bread. They mixed it in a zip-lock bag. Each resident was able to take their bread home and enjoy it at their leisure!

Candy Batteiger's piano students came and played for residents during the supper hour. First grade students from Mrs. Miller's class came and read to the residents. They brought along a turkey craft that had assorted tea bags used for the tail feathers.

Thanksgiving time brought a special Thanksgiving Bingo game complete with special themed cards and prizes. The traditional Thanksgiving lunch was served Thanksgiving Day.

A Veterans Recognition Celebration was held. The residents (Don Gilbert, Jimmy Summerour, and Jake Bemrick) were honored. Each man received a flag that had been flown over the U. S. Capital Building in Washington, a Quilt of Valor, and letters of recognition from Governor Perry and Rep. Mac Thornberry. Sixty friends and family members made the afternoon a special day for everyone involved. Special thanks to Eagle Scout William Thetford and Debbie Black - Quilt of Valor representative from the Pampa region for their help in making this a program a success.

Regular activities include Bingo, shopping, monthly birthday party, Mennonite Singers, movie time, Lamplighters Choral, Church activities, Challenge and game time round out our month.

Veterans Appreciation Celebration

By Paula Nusz

Legacy Assisted Living hosted a Veterans Appreciation Celebration on Friday, November 28, 2014. Sixty family members and friends gathered to honor Legacy resident veterans: Don Gilbert, Jimmy Summerour, and Jake Bemrick.

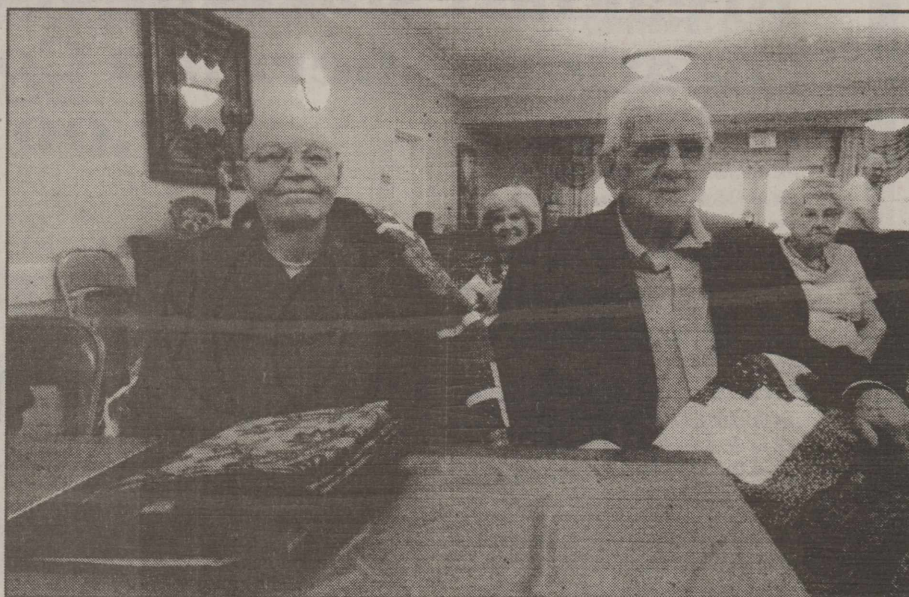
The mistress of ceremonies, Paula Nusz - Legacy Resident Services Coordinator, opened the event with a welcome and introduction of the men. Eagle Scout, William Thetford, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. He gave a short presentation about why American flags are folded into a triangle. William presented to each veteran a flag that had been flown over the United States Capital building in Washington D.C. These flags were obtained through Rep. Mac Thornberry's office.

Debbie Black, a representative of the Quilts of Valor organization, presented a short program about the Quilts of Valor and their origin and purpose. Each quilt can take 50-60 hours to make. Each quilt is registered in the National Foundation for record keeping purposes. Each quilt is donated, and the makers receive no financial contributions for their efforts. The first quilt was presented in 2003 to a warrior at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Debbie then "wrapped each warrior" in their very own Quilt of Valor. These quilts are made to be used, not to be stuffed in a closet. Many hands have touched them, and each veteran will feel the love that has been placed in their quilt. The mission statement for the Quilts of Valor organization is: "To honor all veterans touched by war".

Paula Nusz with the assistance of Eagle Scout Thetford presented Letters of Recognition to each man. Declarations made by Texas Governor Perry and Rep. Mac Thornberry were presented. A certificate with information about the date their flags were flown over the Capital was also included in the keepsake binder.

Tammy Parker, Director of Legacy, gave closing remarks about the celebration. She gave a moving testimonial about the importance of our Service Men and Women. She invited everyone to stay and partake in the reception. A reception table included cake, cupcakes, assorted candies and nuts, and punch finished the afternoon's celebration.

A big thank you to: Debbie Black - Quilts of Valor organization; Eagle Scout Thetford, Connie Burton, Mary Ann and Abby Ely (these ladies hosted the reception table) and to Tammy Parker for supporting this program.



Jimmy Summerour & Jake Bemrick show off their quilts

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

*Dates are subject to change with weather or AqriLife 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

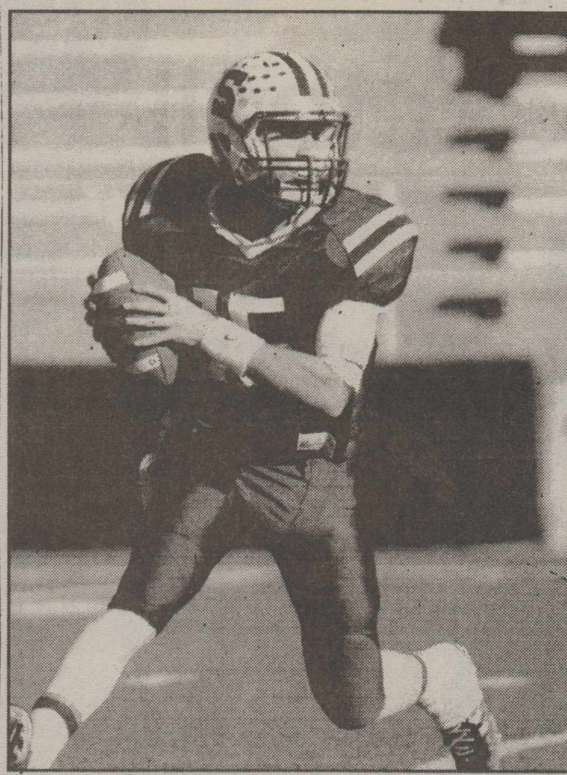
Clover Kid Meetings

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

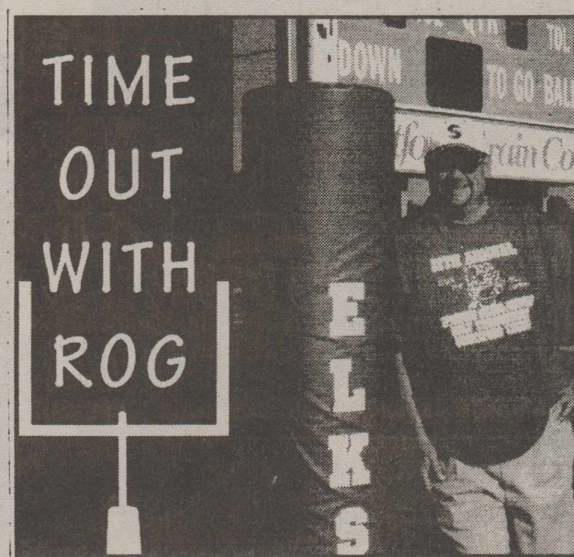
Elk Football is Back



Stratford Elk #11 Rett Schoonover is ran out of bounds on the carry by Canadian defense.



Stratford Elk quarterback Jack McBryde looks for a receiver in the Elks regional loss to Canadian on Friday, November 28.



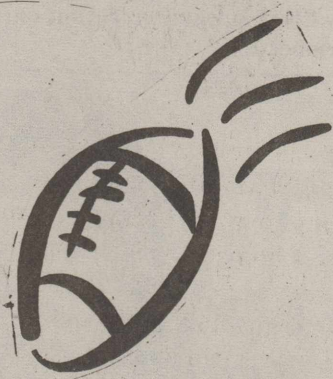
Well November 28th was not a good day for the Stratford Elks. We just could not get going and the result was a 34-0 thumping. Not much more to say about the game except we were playing for the Regional Championship Got a quote from Lee Riffe aka Big Daddy. Lipscomb QB 1980 Football Team "You Seniors, you guys will never ever forget the last game you play. This is the time to make a good memory that lasts a Lifetime". Well Lee true but I am sure they would have liked a better result! I do enjoy doing this little article and if God willing and creeks don't rise (hang on now that would be cool if Coldwater Creek did rise) I'll do this again next year. Thanks Marty and Woobie for letting me do this! Remember to pray for Corey and Nora Grace! Once an Elk always an Elk.

Roger Malon Allen

P.S. I would like to thank all who challenged in the football challenge. Also the donor who made it possible! Thanks! This week's winner Trisha Keener Class of 1990



Elk captains from left, Jiovani Romero, Tanner Stone, Rett Schoonover and Trevor Melton take the field on Friday, November 28 against Canadian.



**Congratulations &
 Thank you Stratford Elks
 for a great season**

ANNUAL PHEASANT HUNTERS BREAKFAST



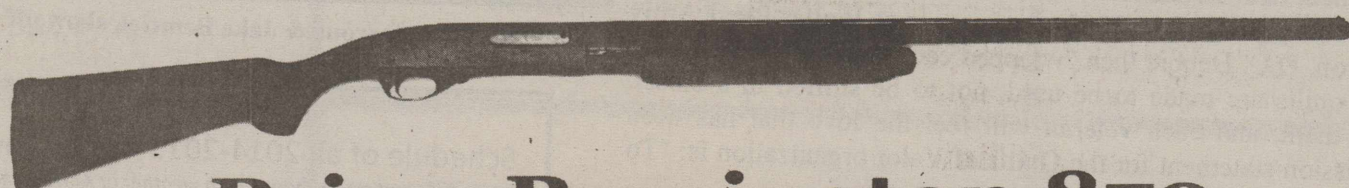
STRATFORD LIONS CLUB

Saturday, December 6th

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 Location: Sherman County Barn at 501 S Maple
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4-H Shooting sports will be starting soon.

We will have a safety meeting on December 8th at 7:00, right after the 4-H meeting. Rifle's first practice is January 3rd at 11am at the county barn.

You will NOT be able to practice if you have not signed up for 4-H AND not paid your shooting participation fee. WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING FORMS OR MONEY AT PRACTICE. PLEASE SIGN UP BEFORE JAN 3RD! Rifle Fees are \$50, and we provide the gun and ammo. Shotgun Fees are \$25, and you supply your own gun and ammo.

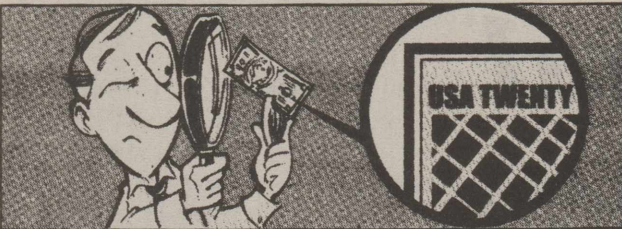
We are also limited on our coaches and their precious time, so the sooner you sign up, the sooner we can get schedules lined out and assure you a spot! Alexa Reed Agent Ag/Natural Resources I Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Service P0 Box 540 I Stratford, Texas 79084
ph: 806-366-2081 or 806-366-2489/
alexareed@ag.tamu.edu

UnTied Christmas Party

By Paula Nusz
UnTied Singles Fellowship will hold their Christmas party on Saturday, December 6, 2014. Everyone is to meet at B-Dect Union restaurant (207 N. Main- Stratford) at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be at your own expense. Discussion about 2015 plans will be entertained. Holiday games will be the entertainment. If you are single and live in the area, you are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Paula Nusz (806-753-6489).



The earliest coins were made in the parts of modern Turkey that formed the ancient kingdom of Lydia. The coins were made from a mixture of gold and silver called electrum.



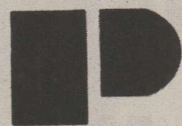
A security thread and microprinting were introduced to American monetary notes in 1990. This was done to deter counterfeiting by technologically advanced copiers and printers.

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To the community of Stratford, Lollipop Junction extends a big THANK YOU for supporting its recent fundraisers of frozen foods and cheese sales. Another big THANK you goes to the parents of children at the center as they were important in making the sales successful. The proceeds from these sales will be used for improving the lighting system at the day care center. It is with pride that the board reports that almost half of the cost of the project has been raised through the sales. The board and staff of Lollipop expresses appreciation for the continued support given to the child day care center and its goal to be the one of Texas' best places for child care. Thank you again.

Carta de Agradecimiento

La comunidad de Stratford, Lollipop Junction quiere dar un gran agradecimiento a ustedes por su gran apoyo de la reciente venta del Deli de comidas congeladas y venta de Quesos, muchas gracias para los padres de los niños de la Guardería por sus ventas. El proceso de estas ventas son para el mantenimiento de luces del sistema de la guardería. E un orgullo comunicarle que tenemos el costo de mitad del dinero para el proyecto, El comité y trabajadoras de Lollipop Junction expresamos nuestras Gracias por su ayuda a la Guardería y logras nuestra meta en un lugar de Texas para la Guardería.

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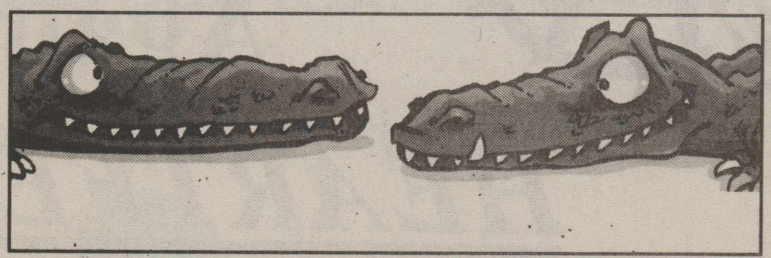
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