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Congratulations Grand Champion

Allie James, 17 with her Grand Champion Bad Mama Jama won the Junior Barrow at the Houston Livestock Show. The 280 pound Cross Bred hog brought \$212,000 at Auction on Friday, March 24, 2017. Allie is a junior at Stratford High School. She is the daughter of Trew & Cara James.

Allie stated" I was speechless; I couldn't believe it she said. Allie represented Stratford FFA Chapter at the Livestock Show. "MY heart was racing the whole time.

Allie has worked with show animals her entire life. James said the hardest part of raising Bad Mama Jama was



finding time after school & basketball practice to maintain a lengthy care regiment.

Every day we wash them, walk them for about 30 minutes, feed the, put baby oil on them to make their skin look good, and we do that every day.

James gets to keep \$50,000 of the proceeds the remaining \$162,000 funds financial assistance3 for students.

Allie plans to attend Texas Tech University & then earn a degree in Veterinary medicine from Texas A&M

Way to go Allie everyone is super proud of you and accomplishments.

MARY ALLEN ELEMENTARY 2017-18 Enrollment for PK & KG students at Mary Allen Elementary BEGINS, WEDNESDAY APRIL 5^{TH} at 8:30am.

-To be eligible for Pre-K, student must be 4 years of age on or before September 1st, 2017. -To be eligible for Kindergarten, student must be 5 years of age on or before September 1st, 2017.

Elementary office to register: BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD & SHOT RECORD

MARY ALLEN tendrá

Inscripciones para el año escolar 2017-18 para Estudiantes de PK-KG de Mary Allen Elementary Empiezan el MIERCOLES 5 DE ABRIL alas 8:30am.

-Para ser elegibles para Pre kinder, su hijo(a) debe de tener 4 años de edad en o antes del 1º de Septiembre del 2017. -Para ser elegibles para Kinder, su hijo(a) debe de tener 5 años de edad en o antes del 1º de Septiembre del 2017.

Por favor de traer la siguiente información a la oficina de Mary Allen para el registro: CERTIFICADO DE NACIEMIENTO, SEGURO SOCIAL Y LAS VACUNAS.

PLEASE TAKE MY SURVEY!

Please take a few minutes to take the survey. Encourage as many Sherman County residents to participate as you can. This will assist with our hazard mitigation plan. **Survey Link:**

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Sherman_Natural Hazards

Attention: Pre-Kindergarten students

Pre-Kindergarten registration will begin April 5th at 8:30. If you would like to enroll your child at Mary Allen Elementary PK come to the office for registration.

A medical fund has been set up at First State Bank of Stratford for Jorge Ramirez. Jorge is a 2016 graduate of Stratford. He was involved in a vehicle accident on his way to work. He is facing a lengthy recovery & surgery.

KINDLY JOIN US FOR AN

Congratulations Allie Tames

CELEBRATION

Bad Mama Tama

Youth Breakfast Burrito Sale at **First United Methodist Church** To support **CACTUS NAZARENE MINISTRY CENTER**

Time: 8:30am to 9:30am

FUMC Fellowship Hall Date: April 2nd

Free will donation

Cactus Ministries serves over 20 nationalities and ethnicities by providing English classes, sports ministries, afterschool programming and family services to families in the community of Cactus and the surrounding area. The United Methodist Youth Group is raising money to assist in Cactus Ministries after school programs. Please come support their efforts by purchasing a breakfast burrito on April 2nd.

ART SHOW

FEATURING SHS ART III & IV STUDENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

SHS Dual Credit Parent Night

Parents of incoming Sophomore, Junior and Seniors students:

We will be having our first annual Dual Credit Parent Night on Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 pm in SHS Library. Dual credit course offerings allow our students to earn college credit while still in high school. Representatives from Amarillo College will be here to present information on the dual credit program and requirements. Please join us to learn more about next year's increased Dual Credit offerings for our HS students!

SHS Doble Crédito Noche de Padres

Padres de estudiantes entrando Segundo Ano, Junior y Seniors:

Tendremos nuestra primera noche anual de Doble Crédito para Padres el Jueves, 6 de Abril a las 6:00 pm en la biblioteca de SHS. Ofertas de cursos de crédito dual permiten a los estudiantes de ganar créditos de colegio mientras que aún asisten la secundaria. Representantes de Colegio de Amarillo estarán aquí para presentar información sobre los requisitos y programa de crédito doble. Por favor acompananos para aprentar más acerca de los aumentos de Crédito Dual ofrecidos para el año que viene para nuestros estudiantes de HS!

Stratford Ex-Student Reunion 2017

Stratford Ex-Students in the Classes ending in a 7 will have a planning meeting Thursday, March 30 at 7:30 at The Imagination Station. Honored year classmates in Stratford will receive a class mailing list to update.

An addition to the Friday Night Hamburgers; Saturday Parade, Barbeque, Street Party will be a Ranch Rodeo on Saturday early evening and Sunday Afternoon.

CELEBRATING MOMENTS THAT MATTER

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SCOT HALL ACTIVITIES

Men's Pool-daily 1 p.m. M-F

Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes-Mondays 1:30 p.m.

Ladies Chair Exercises-M-W-F 10:00 -10:30 a.m.

Ladies Yoga-Tuesdays 8:15-10:00 a.m.

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

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Thanks-Marty





L-R LaRae Scott, Jackie Santos, Bryce Scott enjoy the Route 66 dinner.

Legacy Hosted Celebratory Dinner

By Paula Nusz

Legacy Assisted Living hosted its celebratory Route 66 Dinner on Tuesday, March 21. Residents, their 2 guests, and Legacy staff members celebrated the completion of the Walk Route 66 contest. The building was decorated with billboards signs, photos of actual Route 66 attractions, miniature glass vehicles, state flags and banners. A special surprise for everyone was the Dalhart Cruisers Car Club who brought vintage 1960's autos for display in the parking lot. Two mustangs and two pickups were displayed. Their proud owners (Millisa & Bryan Brewer, and Larry Fisk) were available to discuss their vehicles. Memories and stories were shared.

The Walk Route 66 contest began January 17 and concluded March 10, 2017. The purpose of the contest was to encourage the residents and staff to be more active during the winter months. The goal was to 'walk' the distance of Route 66 which is 2,448 miles from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California. A total of 22 persons participated (9 residents, 3 family members, 10 staff members). The Legacy mileage total was 2,608.11 (residents-394.54, staff-1,841.566); and now the group is 160.11 miles into the Pacific Ocean!

The party included a formal dinner. Resident Services Coordinator, Paula Nusz, gave a brief talk about how the foods were chosen for the menu. Foods that are grown in each of the Route 66 states were chosen for the meal. The menu was: spinach & strawberries salad, Victory steak, Cornhusker's casserole, steamed asparagus & carrots, garlic/cheese bread, and white Texas sheet cake. A total of 41 persons were served by Legacy staff members.

The program began with a welcome address delivered by Legacy director, Tammy Parker. The contest prizes were awarded by Paula Nusz. The members who documented the greatest distances were awarded special prizes. Prize winners were: Resident/Snoopy Team-Nan Steward (37.25 miles); Staff/Charlie Brown Team-Bailey Walker (398.93 miles). Each participant received a completion certificate with their personal mileage total and a Route 66 lapel pin.

What's Happening-In Stratford

Palm Sunday, April 9th

Good Friday, April 14th

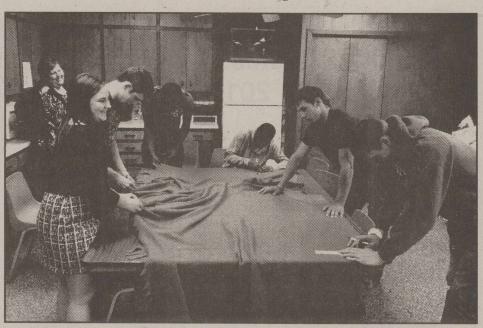
Easter Sunday, April 16th

April 18, 19 and 20 Week of the Young Child (Wild West)

May 6-Kentucky Derby Party

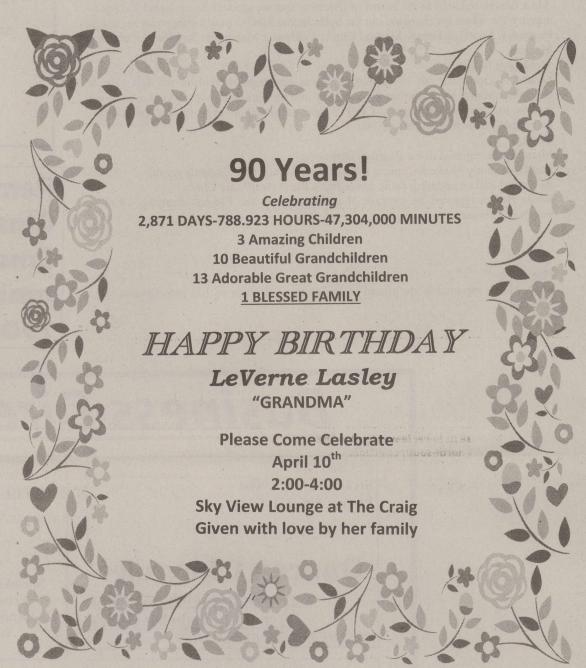
Storm Siren testing on Wednesdays at 12 noon

Scot Hall Activities-(Listed elsewhere in paper) THE STRATFORD STAR Thursday, March 30, 2017 Page 3



4-H Council Making Blankets

Sherman County 4-H is shown making tie blankets for the Panhandle Homeless Health Fair. The 4-H Council members will be collecting new and gently used blankets until April 10th. Blankets can be dropped off at the AgriLife Extension Office or boxes located around town.



Once you have traveled, the voyage never ends, but is played out over and over again in the quietest chambers. The mind can never break off from the journey.

—Pat Conroy

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

First Assembly of God Kevin Anderson, Pastor 921 Fulton 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.

First Christian Church
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.

Heritage Bible Baptist
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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Stratford Hospital District Board **Meeting Minutes** February 20, 2017

Board Members Present Janet Reinart Marsha Wright Cecil Wright Ed Metcalf

Others Present Mark Moore Armando Rivera Jimmy Lanning Donna Zimmer Krista Brown

Meeting called to order:

Opening Prayer: <u>Community Comments</u>: There were no community comments.

Janet Reinart asked for the motion to approve the January monthly minutes. Ed Metcalf motioned to approve the minutes and Marsha Wright seconded and the motion carried

CEO Report:

Stratford Hospital District:

Update to replace the lights to LED lights:

Mark Moore reported to the Board of Directors that we are waiting on Excel Energy to approve the rebate for changing out the bulbs before MHSC would start replacing at Elk Pharmacy, Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Coldwater Manor and Stratford Emergency Medical.

Coldwater Manor:

G and G Operators out of Dumas, TX was approved to replace the sidewalk at Coldwater Manor and resurface the entryway into the building. Janet Reinart asked for a motion to approve the repairs. Cecil Wright motioned to approve and Ed Metcalf seconded and the motion carried 3/0.

Mark Moore reported to the Board of Directors:

Stratford Family Medical Clinic is seeing on an average of 22 patients per day.

At a stand-still on updating clinic to become a Rural Healthcare Clinic. Krista Brown reported an increase of patients due to the Flu and Bronchitis for the month of February.

Mark Moore reported to the Board of Directors on average of 100 prescriptions were sold daily.

Jimmy Lanning reported to the Board of Directors that for the month of January the Stratford Emergency Medical Service had 29 Calls, 18 Transports, 14 Non Transports

New Business:

Consent to Assignment of Management Agreement and other agreements for SLP Managed Nursing Homes. Janet Reinart asked for the motion to approve, Marsha Wright motioned to approve and Cecil Wright seconded and the motion carried 3/0.

Review and approve additional nursing home affiliations, and authorizing CHOWs and all necessary action to complete the transaction. Janet Reinart asked for the motion to approve, Cecil Wright motioned to approve and Ed Metcalf seconded and the motion

LTC Group was discussed and approved. Janet Reinart asked for a motion to approve the LTC Group. Ed Metcalf motioned to approve, Cecil Wright seconded and the motion carried 3/0.

Armando Rivera discussed the financial report with the Board of Directors with no overall concerns.

Janet Reinart asked for the motion to approve the district bills. Ed Metcalf motioned to approve and Marsha Wright seconded and the motion carried 3/0.

Janet Reinart asked for a motion to adjourn at 6:57 PM to go into the executive session, Marsha Wright motioned and Ed Metcalf seconded and the motion carried 3/0.

Janet Reinart asked for a motion to exit the executive session at 7:21 PM. Cecil Wright motioned and Ed Metcalf seconded and the motion carried 3/0.

Janet Reinart asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:22 PM. Cecil Wright motioned and Ed

Metcalf seconded and the motion carried 3/0.

2017 STRATFORD GOLF SCHEDULE		
DATE	SITE	DIVISION
April 3, 10	District – Borger (Phillips CC)	GIRLS/BOYS
April 24, 25	Regional – Odessa	GIRLS
April 26, 27	Regional – Odessa	BOYS
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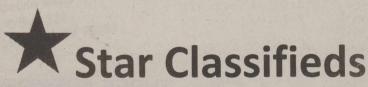


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resume to
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Coldwater Manor in Stratford,
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Card of Thanks

Thank you to those who donated pigs, food, money and supplies for the Annual St. Joseph's Church Sausage Dinner. Thank you to Brown's Meat Locker for the use of their facility. Thank you to the men who made and cooked the meat, to the ladies that worked in the kitchen and behind the scenes, and to the church's Youth Group who served the meal. Last, but certainly not least, our gratitude is to the Stratford Community for coming to support this fundraiser in the past and this year. We appreciate everyone's generosity and pray for God's continued blessings on our community!

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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One way to tell the difference between alligators and crocodiles is by their teeth. On crocodiles, the fourth tooth on each side of the lower jaw projects outside the snout when the mouth is closed.

Stratford Hospital District

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Stratford Family Medical Clinic

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396-5568 Mark Moore, LNFA

Stratford EMS

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

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STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER SUNDAY - APRIL 2, 2017

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Biddy's on Main

ALL Proceeds are going to the FUND FOR TEXAS

PANHANDLE FIRE VICTIMS set up by

THE ARENA OF LIFE CHURCH in AMARILLO.

Please join the STUDENT COUNCIL in raising money to aid those who have lost so much in the fires. Our young people want to help others, come in & help them. For more information call Candice Wyatt, Student Council Sponsor at 806.674.3512 or Connie Biddy at 806.753.6000.

Menu: Chicken fried steak, chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert & drink - FREE WILL DONATION



Greg Wright City of Stratford EMC Margaret Ewers Sherman Co. EMC

BECOME A NWS CERTIFIED STORM SPOTTER!

The public is invited to attend STORM SPOTTER TRAINING
Tuesday, April 11th
6-8 PM
@ Stratford Fire Department

Greg Wright will also assist anyone who wants to sign up for the CODE RED WARNING SYSTEM.

The City of Stratford and Sherman County uses CodeRED to send EMERGENCY notifications by phone, email, text and social media to keep citizens informed of emergencies such as an evacuation notices, utility outages, water main breaks, fire or floods, chemical spills, or other emergency situations.

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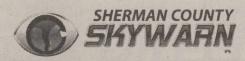
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THREE AREA ORGANIZATIONS TEAM UP TO HELP THOSE AFFECTED BY THE WILDFIRES

Texas, Panhandle – The Amarillo Area Foundation, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, and the Working Ranch Cowboys Foundation are teaming up to help ranchers impacted by the wildfires across the Panhandle region. Monetary relief can be given to those affected by donating to the Amarillo Area Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund.

"The ranching community has been hit hard", said Gary Morton, WRCA Foundation president. "The effects of the fires for most of the families will be felt for years to come, and without a turn in the weather conditions the threat of further wildfires grows with each passing day. We are grateful to the Amarillo Area Foundation and Texas Cattle Feeders Association for their collaboration with the WRCA Foundation on this relief effort."

The fires across the Panhandle and High Plains have devastated hundreds of thousands of acres of ranch land, thousands of miles of fence and killed and maimed livestock and worst of all four lives were lost. Yet after the fires are contained the devastation continues in lost or damaged livelihoods.

Most ranch hands and some owners do not have the insurance to cover loss in equipment and working resources. The WRCF is helping to meet that need through its Wildfire Relief Fund. All funds will be distributed through WRCF's relief distribution procedures and will be extended to ranchers to help them withstand the long-term effects of this disaster.

"The people of this area are no stranger to the devastation Mother Nature can bring, and it is truly encouraging to see our communities come together to take care of their friends and neighbors in this time of great need," said Jim Lovell, TCFA Chairman. "Many of our TCFA members have already contributed to this effort, but for any who may not yet have had the opportunity to give, I would like to encourage them to make a contribution to this important fund through the WRCA."

About the WRCA Foundation

The Working Ranch Cowboys Association is headquartered in Amarillo, TX. The mission of WRCA is to promote ranching and to preserve the lifestyle of the working rancher and the working ranch cowboy. In 2001, WRCA formed a foundation with the mission of providing financial assistance to ranchers, working ranch cowboys and their families through scholarship funding and crisis assistance.

About the Amarillo Area Foundation

The Amarillo Area Foundation is a community foundation that serves the northernmost 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. The mission of the Foundation is to improve the quality of life for Texas Panhandle residents. Since its inception in 1957, the Foundation has provided grants and a variety of other services to strengthen nonprofit organizations and the services they deliver.



SHERMAN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL BLANKET DRIVE

DONATE A NEW OR GENTLY USED BLANKET

The Sherman County 4-H Council is collecting blankets to help the homeless population in and around Amarillo. Donate a new or gently used blanket to any of the drop-off locations or Council Member by **April 10**th.



Sherman County 4-H
Council Members

Bret Barnard
Katelin Berry
Zorro Daniels
Abby Ely
Bronc Hodges
Karl Punch
Kory Punch
Matthew Sandvig
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