

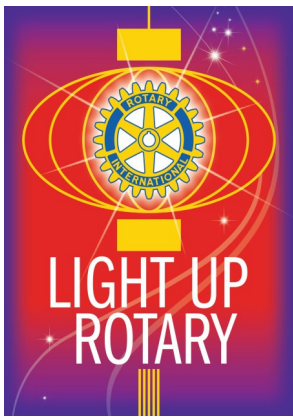
Stephenville Rotary News



The 100% Club for Feb

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Happy Birthday!!

Richard Sanders Mar 11

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Club Receives Report from County, City Officials

February has been a notable month for the club, we have had the privilege of hearing Judge Tab Thompson speak about Erath County and Mayor Kenny Weldon talk about Stephenville.

During Judge Thompson's talk, he pointed to the county budget which increased from \$18 million in 2013 -14 to \$21 million in 2014 -15 while keeping the property tax rate at the same \$.47 per \$100 in valuation. Properties have remained steady with a gradual increase in market value. Collection of taxes remains at the 98% rate.

Thompson reported that \$1.0 million has been set aside for renovation of the historic Long Hotel to provide office space for county workers.

Finally Judge Thompson commented that \$1.0 million plus would be expended to provide extra security such as metal detectors, bomb sniffing dogs and added law enforcement for the much publicized Routh trial. Routh is the accused killer of American Sniper Chris Kyle and his friend, Chad Littlefield.

Mayor Kenny Weldon began his presentation by expressing his appreciation to the club for its involvement in service projects, specifically the posting of flags and for its involvement with education and youth (Leaders of Tomorrow).

The mayor expressed his excitement about the future of Stephenville because of the resourcefulness and diversity of its people. He commented that the university and a diverse business base adds energy and vitality to the economy of Stephenville.

Mayor Weldon views his job in terms of planning for what will be the challenges



County Judge Tab Thompson spoke to Rotary concerning the state of Erath County.



Mayor Kenny Weldon talks to Rotary about the "State of the City".

five years in the future. He added the mayor's job is to maintain accessibility, place responsibility, and preserve transparency in city government.

He also cited cases where Stephenville has been

Breanna Wooley Honored as Student of the Month

Senior Breanna Wooley was honored as the January Student of the Month during a recent noon luncheon. Breanna was selected because she has maintained a 90% average in all of her academic classes. Because of her superior class work, she is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. She is also an active member of the Student Council.

Breanna is a member of the Yellow Jacket varsity basketball team, the golf team, the soccer team and the cheerleading team. She also holds a distinction of being one of the few honorees who has attended Stephenville schools from kindergarten through her senior year.

In the community, Breanna volunteers with the Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council, the United Way, and the Appleton Family Picnic program. She also assists with students at Chamberlin Elementary.

Following graduation this May, Breanna plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Criminal Justice. She is the daughter of proud parents, Wayne and Mindy Wooley.



Student of the Month Breanna and parents Mindy (l) and Wayne Wooley (r).



Tracy Hodges of Celebrate Recovery talks to the Club about drug and alcohol addiction in Stephenville.

According to Tracy Hodges of Celebrate Recovery, there were too many DWI and drug related arrests in Erath County during 2014 to ignore warning signs of serious problems within our society. She represents Celebrate Recovery, which is a Christ based program to help anyone with alcohol, drug, or other debilitating addiction to recover and stay free of their habit.

The program has 8 -15 recovering members at any time. They meet every Sunday night at 6:30 PM at the Graham Street Church of Christ.



On February 23, 1905, Rotary was founded by Paul Harris in Chicago. Since that date 110 years ago, Rotary has grown to over 1.2 million members in 34,000 clubs around the globe.

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proactive in its planning for the future.

- Extending the length of the runway from 4,200 to 5,000 feet at the Stephenville Regional Airport.
- Purchasing 500 acres of water rich land to provide water for the future.
- Extending the Bosque River Nature Trail.
- Dedicating Martin Luther King's birthday as a city holiday.
- Formulating an economic development plan for Stephenville.

According to the Mayor Weldon, time moves on, change is inevitable, and we must push forward or fall behind.

The Language Company Opens Offices at Tarleton State University

The Language Company (TLC) recently opened its doors at Tarleton State University. At a recent noon luncheon, Jerry Balding, TLC Director at Tarleton, spoke about the company. According to the Director, the TLC mission is to provide English as a second language instruction and cultural opportunities to individuals who are seeking educational, professional, and personal enrichment.

TLC is located in twelve states from California to Massachusetts usually on or near a major university campus. They offer a variety of programs from General English to Business English to English for Professionals. TLC offers opportunities for students to learn or improve their English and have great memories of the United States and its people.

During the courses, TLC offers cultural events such as trips to New York, Dallas or San Francisco. They also offer opportunities to attend activities which are unique to the US such as a major league baseball or Broadway plays.

According to TLC there are over 800,000 foreign students studying in the US which creates 340,000 jobs and results in an economic impact of \$26.8 billion. Over 100,000 students are located in the DFW metroplex.

More importantly, these students bring a global perspective and allow bridge building with almost all countries of the world. Some of these students stay in the US and become leaders in their profession.

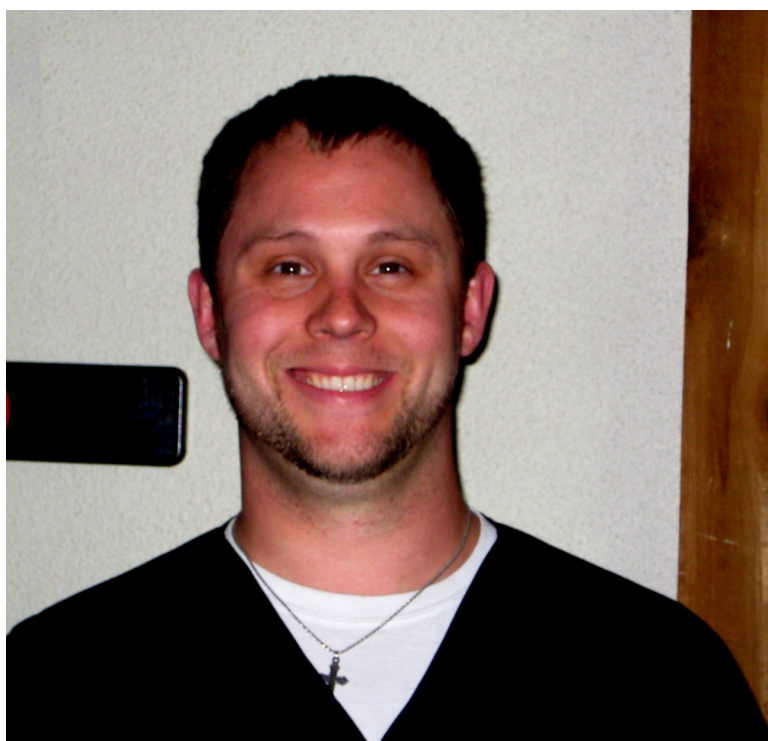
C.J. Prater

C.J. (Christopher) Prater is the most recent member of our Rotary Club. C. J. is the Activity Director at Mulberry Manor Assisted Living Center here in Stephenville.

C. J. is single and enjoys most sports activities including football, baseball, camping, and other forms of exercising. Welcome to Stephenville Rotary!



Jerry Balding, The Language Company Director, in Stephenville talks to Rotary about the variety of language offerings provided by his com-



C. J. (Christopher) Prater is the most recent new Rotarian. Congratulations C. J. and welcome aboard!

“At the end of the day, the only questions, I will ask myself are...Did I love enough? Did I laugh enough? Did I make a difference?” Author Unknown