

# Martin County Chamber of Commerce & City of Stanton Economic Development

## January 2017

### Important Dates:

- **1<sup>st</sup>-New Years**
- **2<sup>nd</sup>-Staff Development/ No School (Grady & Stanton)**
- **10<sup>th</sup>-Community Impact Meeting**
- **13<sup>th</sup>-Staff Development- Grady only**
- **13<sup>th</sup>&14<sup>th</sup>- Martin County Jr. Livestock Show**
- **16<sup>th</sup>-Martin Luther King Day**
- **30<sup>th</sup>-Early Release-Stanton only**

### **Lighted Christmas Parade & More**

December 1st has come and gone and marked quite an eventful evening for Martin County. The parade had a multitude of spectators. The turn-out was much higher than anyone's expectations. With multiple floats and participants, crowded streets, and Christmas Caroling, the night was a complete success. Almost all of downtown stayed open late for the once-a-year occasion. And the Christmas Bazaar welcomed Santa with open arms. First place float in the parade was awarded to Mermaids Grotto, second place went to FNB Express, third place went to St. Joseph's Catholic Youth. The Chamber also hosted a decorating competition which was won by Martin County 4-H. The Chamber would like to thank everyone who helped make the night a success-without your help

and efforts, the evening would not have been as much fun. Gary Reid led the Christmas Caroling. Knights of Columbus served hot cocoa. Jim Smith, Mayor of Stanton, helped with the parade line-up. Jarrell Hedrick announced the parade. The Christmas Bazaar, which featured local home based businesses, hosted Santa. Martin County Volunteer EMS provided chili and Wes-Tex Telecom served hot dogs. Thank you, Santa, for the long hours you put in, and to the judges for taking the time to meet early and make all the hard decisions! The Chamber could not sponsor the events we do without your continued support. Thank you to all the members of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce! We hope to have you all back on board for the 2017 year. It's going to be even better!



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### Rockin' T G Bar-B Que and Catering Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Rockin' T G Bar-B Que and Catering has been leaving a sweet bbq aroma all across town. Owner, Teresa Gandy, grew up in Stanton. Her sister, Audry Brown, also helps. The Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> to welcome the new business. The food truck's schedule is Tractor Supply from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday. Closed Monday. Tuesday and Thursday at the high school from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Lawrence Brother's from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Wednesday schedule is currently open. Friday at the jr. high from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Tractor Supply from 2:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The schedule has been attached to the newsletter for convenience. If you're looking for something



delicious for lunch or dinner make sure to check them out! And don't forget, they have breakfast burritos, biscuits and gravy on Saturday and Sunday mornings!

**If it's fun, it's never work. And if it isn't fun, it'll never work-**  
**Hobie Alter**

### WesTex Telecom Updates



WesTex Telecom is bringing some very big, innovative updates to customers! They are proud to announce Fiber to the Home (FTTH), which means fiber optic cables, made of very thin glass fragments, will carry digital information directly to homes. FTTH technology will allow Westex Telecom customers to receive phone, Internet, and their WesTVee over the same fiber optic line, greatly enhancing the quality and

performance of all three. With FTTH, you can look forward to feature-rich phone service, faster Internet speeds and digital TV with crystal clear picture and sound. (Trucks from their contractor Push Inc., as well as their own will be seen for this process.) They're in the first phase of main line construction in public right of ways. For questions, please email: askwestex@westex.coop



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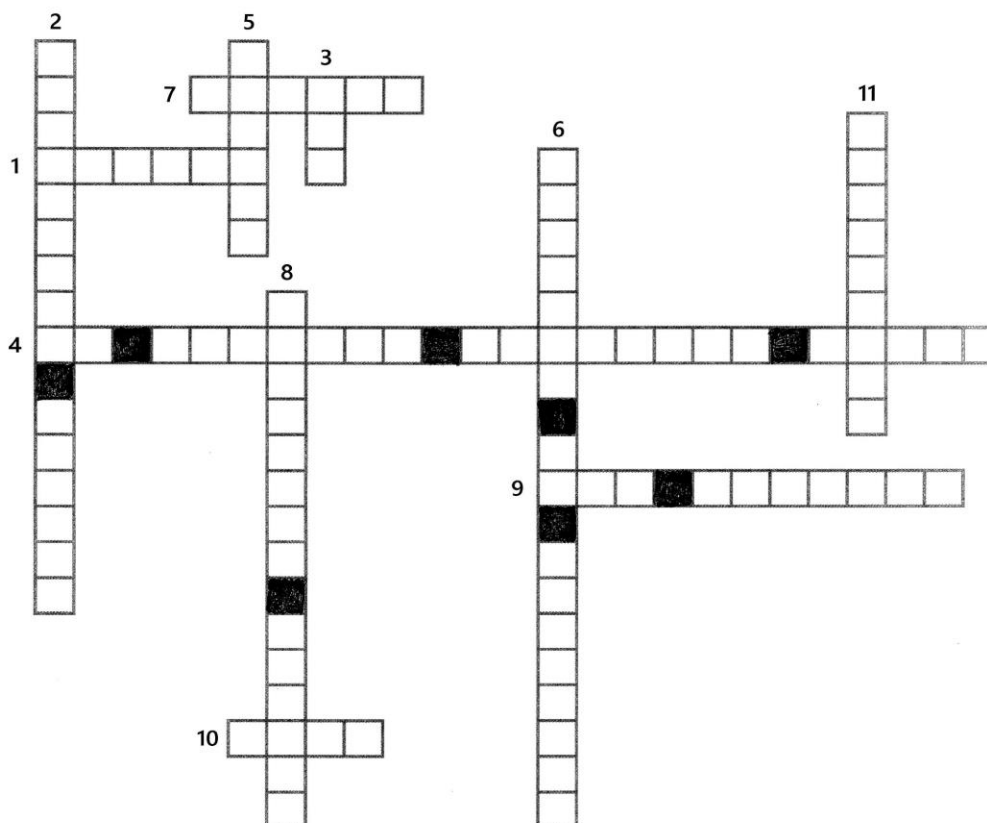
### Community Impact Meeting By: Amy Baugh

The Martin County Leadership Advisory Board (LAB) of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension identified a need for community networking, advocacy, and sustainability of efforts in Martin County. To address this need, the LAB will host monthly County Impact Meetings. The goal of monthly County Impact Meetings is to provide a forum for organizations and citizens to receive information pertinent to the community, update other agencies/organizations/businesses on events and

changes, build community partnerships that foster collaboration, ensure a positive impact of all efforts, share ideas for success, and promote available opportunities. Representatives of ALL businesses, organizations, and agencies in, or that serve, Martin County as well as ALL interested individuals are invited. The meetings are NOT a platform to air complaints; however, if you have a solution to a problem or a great idea to improve the community, please

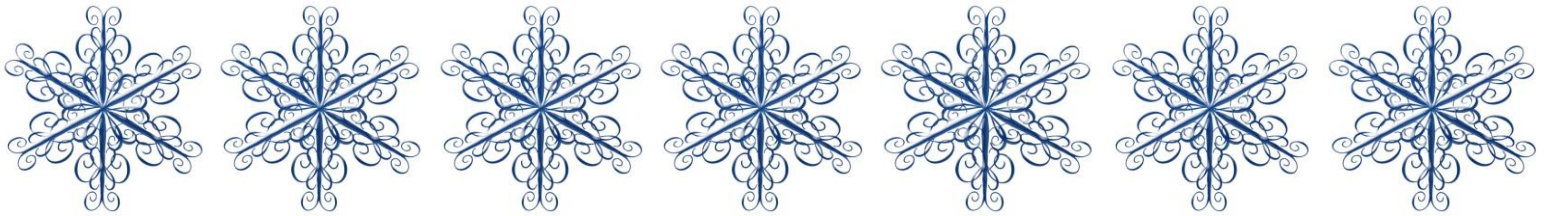
participate in our monthly meetings as a positive collaborator. The first County Impact Meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2017, Noon, at the 4-H Building (directly south of courthouse). Lunch will be sponsored by Old Sorehead Trade Days. Future meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at noon at the 4-H Building and will be bring-your-own-lunch unless an organization sponsors for the lunch. Everyone is invited to join us! Let's make an impact!

### Crossword Puzzle



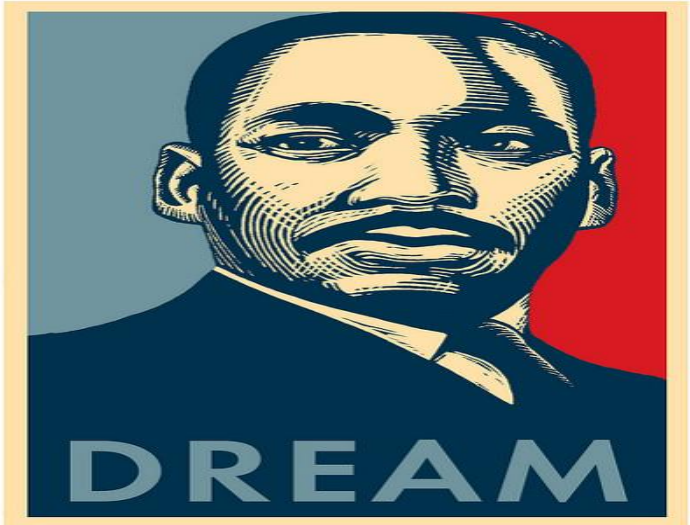
1. County Meeting on January 10, 2017
2. Housed local home based businesses and hosted Santa
3. Martin County Volunteers who provided chili after the parade
4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Parade Winner
5. Local Company bringing FTTH & served hot dogs after the parade
6. Served hot cocoa for the parade
7. Rockin' T G Bar-B Que's Owner
8. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Parade Winner
9. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Parade Winner
10. Abbreviation for Fiber to the Home
11. Show on January 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2017





# January

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1 New Year's	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Notes:			



## Winter Strawberry Crisp

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup coconut oil, solid
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp fine sea salt
- 8 cups frozen strawberries
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract



### Directions:

1. Let the strawberries thaw on counter, until they are thawed enough to slice thickly. Stir sliced berries with sugar and vanilla. Set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly oil an 8" glass baking dish and place on a rimmed baking sheet.
3. Mix oats, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt in a medium mixing bowl. Add coconut oil, work in with a fork, until small crumbs form.
4. Pour half of the mixture into baking dish, pack in. Spoon berries on top. Sprinkle on remaining crumb mixture over top.
5. Bake for 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes, until golden brown and bubbling. Let cool before serving.

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