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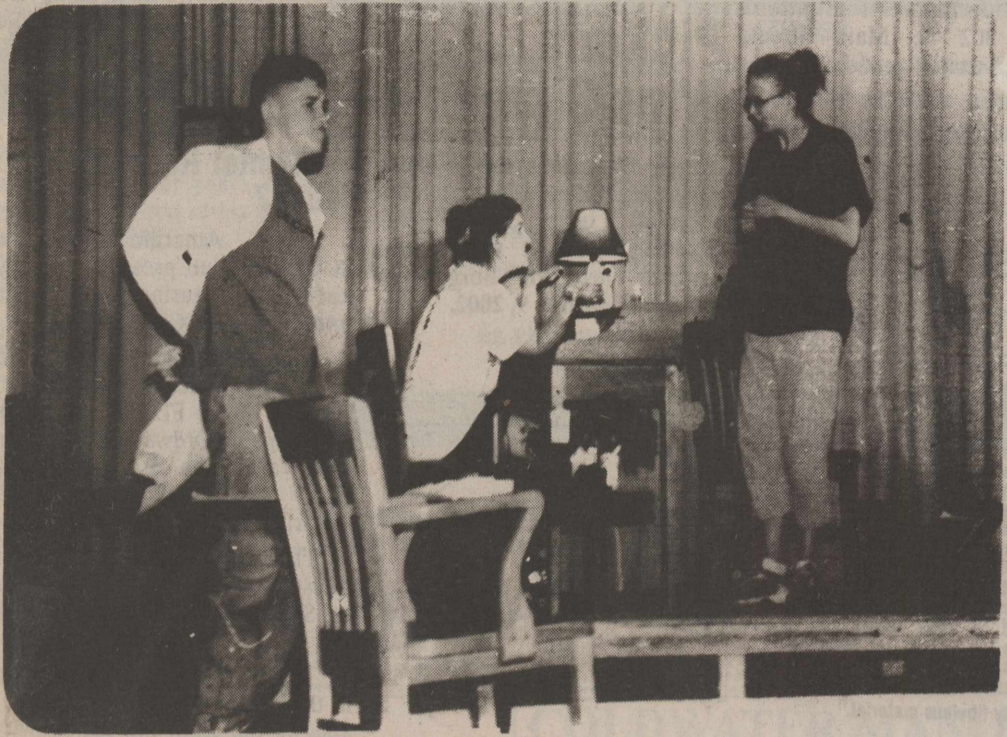
# THE STRATFORD STAR

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## Bi-District Champions

The Stratford Lady Elks end season as Bi-District Champions! Shown above with their Bi-District Trophy after their win against Shamrock are in back from left: Alisha Sladek, Deidre Tarver, Carly Mathews, Heather Ashley, and Erin Ashley. Middle from left: Candra Holland, Amber Larence, Tiffany Duke and Amie Witcher. Kneeling from left: Ashley Brown, Jessica Young and Brittany Hudson. The Lady Elks fell to Sudan in the Area round 32-23. CONGRATULATIONS ON GREAT SEASON LADY ELKS!!



## Dinner Theater-March 8th

The Stratford High School drama department will have a dinner theater on Friday March 8th at 7 p.m. It will be at the Mary Allen Cafeteria. The tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students. The meal will be chicken and noodles, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls and cobbler. The play to be performed is "Louder, I Can't Hear You". The cast is Oscar: Wes Kimball, Marge: Trisha Teig, Ann: Tiffany Duke, Junior: Todd Poland, Doctor: Chance Lowery, and Nurse: Marca Ewers. The crew are Jared Nusz, Jayme Wilhelm, Jessica Young and April Kautz. The understudies are Lori Wilhelm, Wesley Hunsaker, Cory Rendon and Ashley Duke. Terri Teig will direct the play. Proceeds from the dinner will go for scholarships for high school students to attend area theater and drama camps. For tickets see a case or crew member. Tickets will also be available at the business office. For more information call 366-3330. Shown above Chance Lowery, Marca Ewers and Trisha Teig.



## Strong Lucky Winner

Let's Make Arrangements recently sold chances to win flowers for the rest of the year. Proceeds from the raffle went to the Lollipop Junction. Shown above are Ronda Browne, Lollipop Board Member, Bobbie Strong, who won the raffle, (Congratulations Bobbie), Galla Galla, Lollipop Director and Jamie Sims of Let's Make Arrangements.

Telephone book recycling is a community-wide project to collect outdated directories in an environmental effort to conserve landfill space. If you will bring your old phone books to City Hall or the Recycling Center at the Old dumpgrounds-we will recycle them. Thank you.

Ken Forthman  
 Public Works Director  
 City of Stratford

## TRTA To Meet Feb. 21st

The Texas Retired Teacher's Association will meet on Thursday, February 21 at the XIT Museum, (across from Courthouse) beginning at 2 p.m. Kenneth Laycock will be giving a Financial Condition of the Retirement Fund. Teachers and other interested persons are invited to attend and hear this important letter. Marjorie Bolwhann will present a musical program and a business meeting will follow. The public is cordially invited.

## Lollipop Garage Sale-Sat. March 16th

The Lollipop Junction Daycare Center will be holding its Community Wide Garage Sale at the County Barn on Saturday March 16, 2002. There will be a concession stand throughout the day serving Frito Pies, Chili Dogs, Chili, Homemade Pies, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Rice Crispy Treats and more.

If you have items you would like to donate for the garage sale we will be having drop off days at the Imagination Station on Feb. 23, March 2 and March 9. The Imagination Station is located at the corner of 2nd Street and North Main, across from the post office. Someone will be there to collect your items from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on those days. If you would like someone to come and pick up your donated items, please call the following individuals and leave a message.

Kristine Olsen 366-3166  
 Rhonda Browne 366-7597  
 Or Cheryl Galla at the Lollipop 366-5886.

We are looking forward to another successful garage sale. Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

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 \* CONGRATULATIONS \*  
 \* To The Lady Elks & \*  
 \* Their Coaches \*  
 \* On A Great Season! \*  
 \* We're Proud of You!!! \*  
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## Dairy Consulting Business Opens Office In Amarillo

The top dairy consulting business in the U.S., Dairy Strategies, LLC, a Wisconsin-based company opened an office in Amarillo last week. The decision to open a new office in Texas was based upon the expectation that more than 150 million dollars worth of new construction will occur in Panhandle and South Plains region in the next three years.

Dairy Strategies, LLC with headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin with a team of a dozen consultants and many dairy industry affiliations opened a new office at 1616 South Kentucky Street, in Amarillo. John D. Young, a senior consultant for Dairy Strategies and Mark Cummings, a Texas native and associate consultant have relocated to Amarillo.

The decision to locate in Amarillo was based on a number of factors. EnviroAg, an environmental engineering business located in Amarillo has been involved in 31 dairy facilities permits for dairy units with over 2000 head capacity since the beginning of 2000 in the region. Lorie Vincent, Executive Director of The High Ground of Texas (an economic development organization made up of the northern 54 counties) who hired Young to speak at The High Ground of Texas Dairy Seminar last June was very instrumental in getting Dairy Strategies, LLC to locate in Texas.

Young's presentations last June in Lubbock titled "Dairy Expansion-Planning for Success" and "Dairy Financing" prompted numerous requests for dairy consulting services in the region. Prior to making the decision to locate an office in Amarillo, Dairy Strategies did work for two local economic development organizations, financial institutions and dairy producers. Many other proposals were also submitted.

Besides the main office in Madison, Wisconsin, Dairy Strategies, LLC has an office in Minnesota and California and a consultant based in Iowa. Their team of consultants includes five PhD's and a veterinarian. The dairy experience of the team, which has consulted in over 25 states and seven foreign countries since it began four and a half years ago includes dairy farm management and ownership, teaching at universities, dairy extension work, DHI management and, breed association, multi-national feed and milking equipment companies employment.

Young has some experience in this part of the country as he worked as herd manager for Braum Dairy Farm a subsidiary of Braum Ice Cream Company in the 1980's. Prior to joining Dairy Strategies, he was the general manager and part owner of a 900 cow, 1700 acre dairy farm in northwest Minnesota and spent three years working for Land O' Lakes as a Dairy Business Specialist putting together large dairy businesses in Wisconsin.

Dairy Strategies, LLC, Amarillo office's focus will be on business plan development, entire project facilitation and dairy management systems. Current projects are located from Anton in the south to Stratford and Booker to the north.

A two day charter bus dairy facilities tour is being planned by Dairy Strategies for next month.

Dairy Strategies, LLC can be contacted @ (888) 249-3244, (806) 353-1589 or www.dairystrategies.com

Contacts: Lorie Vincent, Executive Director, The High Ground of Texas (806) 366-7510, cell-(806) 753-7997 or higrnd@xit.net

Dr. Terry R. Smith, CEO, Dairy Strategies, LLC-(888) 249-3244 or tsmith@trsmith.com

John D. Young, Senior Consultant, Dairy Strategies, LLC (320) 260-2221 or jyoung@trsmith.com

Norm Mullen, EnviroAg (806) 922-6595 or norm@enviroengineers.com

## School Board Election

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 4, 2002. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may due so through March 20, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 17, 2002 and continue through April 30, 2002. Early voting will be conducted in the Administrative Office Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day.

Board members whose term will expire are Joe Reinart and Ricky Reed. Holdover members are Steve Johnson, Ted Allen, Max Christian, Ronna Riffe, and Gared McBryde.

## Revival of Imagination Station????

Revival of the Imagination Station, are you interested?? Watch for meeting in February or March.

## Distinguished Service Nominations Due March 1

Nominations deadline for the Amarillo Area Women's Forum Distinguished Service Awards is March 1.

Women nominated for the awards must be a legal resident of the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. The criteria should be women who have had a significant impact on their community and the Panhandle that extends beyond their professional achievements. The quality of candidate achievements, not the quantity, will be valued by an anonymous panel of judges from throughout the Panhandle. Nomination forms may be obtained at the Stratford Chamber of Commerce or the Stratford Star.

Stratford Distinguished Award recipients are: Marilyn Albert Harkins, Timmie Brown, Lynn Wells, Marihoward Engelbrecht, Gaynelle Riffe and Margaret Reed.

The Women's Forum Distinguished Service Awards luncheon will be at noon April 13 at Amarillo Country Club.

## SWCD Still Taking Orders For Seedlings

REMINDER: The Sherman County SWCD is still taking orders for windbreak seedlings. The order deadline is March 8 with delivery mid March. Some species are sold out but call 396-5517 ext. 101 or come by for complete information. The SWCD will take orders through March for larger trees. The selection is expanded and delivery is in April.

## Stratford Youth Basketball Time

It's time once again for Stratford Youth Basketball. The program is open to any 2nd-6th grade boy or girl. Entry forms have been sent home and are also available at the Principals offices. Entry forms will be due on Monday, March 4th by 4:00 p.m.. Forms can be turned into the principal's office or to Dinah Horsford at the superintendent's office. We plan to start playing games the week of March 25th.

If you are interested in coaching a team or helping out in any other way, please call 366-2219. A volunteer program must have volunteers to be successful!!!!



**Public Notice**

The annual report of the Earl N. and Conrad E. Riffe Memorial Scholarship Trust is available at the address noted below for inspection during normal business hours by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice of its availability.

Earn N. and Conrad E. Riffe Memorial Scholarship Trust, The First State Bank of Stratford Trustee, 302 N. Main Street, Stratford, Texas.

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**Letters To The Editor**

Letters To The Editor Policy for Publication: All letters will be accepted provided they are not anonymous & a bonafide address is given. We will not print letters in the Star anonymous or name on file. Name will appear in paper. We will not print statements that are obscene or libelous per se. This paper assumes no responsibility for content and all views are strictly the view of the writer. Copies of letters which have been submitted to other newspapers will receive a low priority for publication. The newspaper reserves the right to edit letters with respect to length or potentially libelous material.

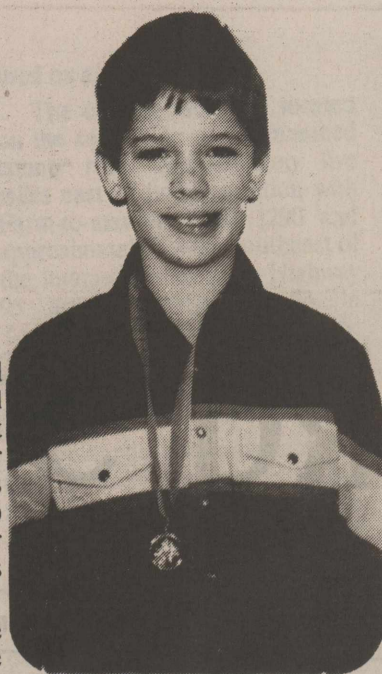
Dear Editor:

As a rural pastor, I wish to respond to an article by State Representative David Swinford, "The State's Role in the Seaboard Farms Project," that appeared in the Feb. 14th issue of The Stratford Star. Representative Swinford wrote about Texas being a property "rights" state where "if you own the property, you can do whatever you want as long as you do not violate health, safety, or environmental rules." While this is an accurate statement as it regards the *political economy* that the State is primarily concerned with, it is utterly inadequate when consider the *moral economy* that is woven into the very fabric of High Plains life. By moral economy, I am referring to our Judeo-Christian tradition, which proclaims that God alone is the true owner of the land, and that we human beings are tenants who are responsible for stewarding God's land for future generations (see Leviticus 25:23-24 and also Deuteronomy 4:9-26). Clearly, the Judeo-Christian moral economy, as it has been preached and lived, does not allow us to use God's gifts in "whatever way we want." Nor does the moral economy, as proclaimed by any Christian church, simply condone weighing the good and bad of all the proposals and then doing what is best for the maximum number of citizens. While this equation, known as utilitarianism, works well for the State or for the political economy, it does not truly fulfill the moral economy. The Judeo-Christian moral economy teaches that the right of private property is not an absolute right, but rather, *all private property carries a social mortgage*. While private property is protected as a basic right in the Judeo-Christian moral economy, that right is held alongside a higher responsibility to the community and to the common good. The moral economy, although it may appear vague to the political and financial economies that we all must negotiate, profoundly shapes our vision of what life is really all about. Furthermore, the moral economy treats social, environmental and economic issues as part of one unified whole, rather than as separate, segmented parts. For faith communities, no decision in the political or financial realm can be made without ultimately squaring those decisions with our moral economy, whether we attend church regularly or not.

As a pastor, I hope that area Christian churches would be willing to discuss the issue of hog production and slaughtering in the light of the moral economy, but I have my doubts. We seem content to leave this issue to legislators and technicians of the political and financial economies. But then again, we are in the Lenten season, where we learn to cast off doubt and journey to new life in Easter resurrection.

Father Darryl Birkenfeld

Pastor, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Stratford, TX and Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission, Cactus, TX



**Pickens Wins Silver**

Tyler Pickens is shown above wearing his "Silver" Medal that his basketball team the "Texas Tornados" won at the Special Olympics held in Borger on Saturday, February 9, 2002.



56 million new Christmas trees will be planted this year.

**Amarillo Opera Presents "The Marriage of Figaro"**

Amarillo Opera presents *The Marriage of Figaro*...Saturday, March 23...at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. Featuring an international professional cast...Mozart's the marriage of Figaro is a timeless comical romantic opera directed by John Gillis and assisted by Mary Jane Johnson. Spectacular sets from New York set the stage for the uplifting music conducted by James Setapen. Don't miss the marriage of Figaro...performed in English...by the Amarillo Opera...Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call Panhandle Ticketing at the Amarillo Civic Center at (806) 378-3096.

**NYC Policeman & Firefighter Recount 9-11 Feb. 27**

The Amarillo College SUCCESS Club presents a timely discussion featuring two heroes from New York City.

Sargent Winston Smith, from the NYPD, and fireman Daniel Sterling, of the FDNY, will speak at 7 p.m. in Ordway Hall on the AC Washington Street Campus, 22nd & S. Washington in Amarillo.

The two men will discuss their roles during the terrorist attacks on September 11th in New York City.

Tickets will be sold in advance at the AC Student Service Center and at the door for \$7.00 with \$5.00 from each ticket going to the Victims Relief Fund for families of New York City Police Officers and Firefighters.

**Scot News**  
By Jack Gore

Last week's activities included a Bus load of hungry Scotters to Dumas.

This week will be Birthday Party-Thursday 2 p.m. Bingo Thursday at 7 p.m. and Saturday dance 8 till 11 p.m.

Come, bring a friend and enjoy the activities.

**3rd Annual Crop Production Clinic**

The third annual Crop Production clinic will be held at the Oklahoma Panhandle Research and Extension Center on Wednesday, March 6, 2002 at Goodwell, Oklahoma. The clinic will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m.

Topics and speakers will include: Weed Control in Corn, Dr. Case Medlin, OSU; Development of Sensor Based Technology, Dr. Marvin Stone, OSU; Variable Rate Fertilizer Application in Wheat, DR. Bill Raun, OSU; Bermudagrass for the High Plains Dr. Charles Taliaferro, OSU; Forage Grass Management for the High Plains Dr. Daren Referral, OSU; and Corn Planting Date and Minimum Irrigated Corn, Rick Kochehower, OPREC. The Green Seeker Selective Spraying System will be available for viewing during lunch.

There are six certified crop adviser CEU's approved for the clinic.

If you have questions or to pre-register, call (580) 349-5440. Lunch reservations need to be made by March 4th.

**National Citizenship Education Essay**

Editors Note:

Karen Waters Hill was selected as the Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars entry in the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. She submitted an essay on how she incorporated citizenship education in her activities with her students. Karen teaches Math at Pecos High School and is Student Council Sponsor.

Following is a copy of the essay she submitted. It will be Texas' entry at the national level. The winner will receive a trip to Washington D.C.

In the aftermath of the September 11th tragedy, I cannot count the times I have thought about the freedoms we all have. Citizenship is definitely something that is taught in our homes and schools. As a public school teacher and student council sponsor, I incorporate citizenship ideas and values through projects such as implementing a pledge program on Monday mornings, making sure every classroom has both American and Texas flags, holding official elections for homecoming queen and student council offices, participating in the Adopt-A-Highway program, and following parliamentary procedures during council meetings.

As the student council advisor, I have the privilege to teach citizenship through various activities and programs. Most recently we at Pecos High School have implemented saying the Pledge of Allegiance every Monday morning. Everyone at the high school is asked to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance, which is led by one of the student council members. Also this year each classroom was checked to ensure that there was an American Flag in place as well as a Texas flag. At all pep rallies and student body assemblies the students at PHS are led in the pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. To encourage and promote the freedom and right to vote, I began holding elections at Pecos High School in a more realistic way. Students are encourage to vote for student council officer and class representative as well as homecoming queen. Voting places are set up outside the cafeteria and students must initial by their name before they receive a ballot. I developed the ballots and the system for voting so that students would become aware of the rights they will have as citizens to vote.

I love teaching. Teaching gives me great satisfaction. Although filled with disappointment and stress, the pleasure of getting to know each student and to attempt to make a difference in their life has kept me in the profession. Getting students involved in the learning process and teaching them to make good decisions is a great challenge, but will lead them toward becoming better citizens.

**Arts in the Area**

By Gaynelle Riffe

- Feb. 21-23 "Seagull" Drama 7:30 p.m. Amarillo College, Washington St. 806-371-5359
- Feb. 21 Sugar Ray presented by Amarillo College Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Feb. 23 Third Day Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Feb. 26- March 10 "The Little Foxes" Classic Drama ALT Mainstage Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- March 2 Amarillo Symphony, Trombone-Tuba Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- March 8 "Louder, I Can't Hear You" One Act-Dinner Theatre Stratford High School
- March 8 Randel Chamber Orchestra, Robert Zimmerman, bass Central Church of Christ, Amarillo 806-376-8782
- March 15-17 22-24 "Fiddler on the Roof" 7:30p.m. Sun. 2:00p.m. Guymon Community Theatre 580-338-0019



Students at Mary Allen Elementary participated in its almost annual Jump Rope For Heart on Feb. 12-15th.

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## 2002 STRATFORD YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Registration Deadline: Monday, March 4, 2002 4:00 PM  
 Entry Fee : \$15.00  
 Grades: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades

Turn in registration form to the School Principal's Office or Dinah Horsford at the Superintendent's Office.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
 GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ BOY \_\_\_\_\_ GIRL \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size(circle one)

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Paying by: Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_

Wavier of Liability: I as a parent or guardian, hereby give permission for my child to fully participate in the Stratford Youth Basketball Association. I warrant that my child is physically able to fully participate in the said program. I hereby release any claim(s) for damages that my child, or I, on my child's behalf, have against the Stratford Youth Basketball Association and any of their representatives in case of injury to my child. In the event that my child is injured during a Stratford Youth Basketball Association activity (games or practices) and not being available to be notified, I hereby authorize the Stratford youth Basketball Association Coordinator or coach to take appropriate medical action as needed.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 This registration must be signed before your child can attend any practices or games. After the registration deadline, teams will be announced and coaches assigned. Games will begin the week of March 25, 2002.

If you would like to coach a team or help out any other way, please call 366-2219. **A volunteer program must have volunteers to be successful!!**

### Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

The wind that hit so ferociously early one morning last week snapped the Center flag loose from the top. The flag flew upside down, a signal of distress. It damaged the end of the flag. Pat Boren was able to repair and Mike McDaniel fixed the broken snap.

Trisha & Brady Schoonover attended the Nu Beta Valentine Party last week. It was held at the Chicken House which is north of Kerrick. Hazel Hitchings is the owner.

Couple of the fellows have been ill with the flu.

Friday night Marylou McDaniel and Cliff Abbott attended the Branding Iron production of "She Loves Me".

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 Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.

—William Shakespeare,  
*All's Well That Ends Well*

### Timi's Tidbits

By Timmie Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers Readers, Citizens this 54 degree Cloudy Monday, Feb. 18, 2002 as Timmie and Lorelyn have been out driving alot lately we enjoy the weather and wondered if it was going to stay nice we want to thank the First Baptist Church for their wonderful Valentine Meal and Lem Russell for delivering it.

We are proud of our Basketball teams and with their season coming to a close that starts track and we know that track is next and it is spring and that school is nearly over and we need some more rain for the crops.

We want our peer and friends to pat shoulders and say I luv U for luv is what makes the world go round.

### STRATFORD HEALTH NEWS

Gonorrhea, often referred to euphemistically as "the clap", is a sexually transmitted infection of the urethra, cervix, rectum, pharynx, or eyes caused by the gram - negative diplococcus *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. Women are frequently asymptomatic infection is also common in the oropharynx and rectum in homosexual men and is occasionally found in the urethra in homosexual men.

In men the period from actual infection to appearance of symptoms is 2 to 14 days. Symptoms include mild discomfort in the penile urethra followed a few hours later by painful urination and a pussy, purulent penile discharge. Urinary frequency and urgency may also occur. Groin lymph nodes may be swollen and tender. Examination usually reveals a purulent yellowish green penile discharge and the end of the penis may be red and swollen.

In women the symptoms which start 7 to 21 days after infection are usually mild. They too, however, may experience painful urination, frequency, and vaginal discharge. The cervix and deeper reproductive organs (such as ovaries) are the sites most frequently infected. The cervix may be reddened with a mucopurulent discharge and will easily bleed, particularly during or after intercourse.

In women or homosexual men, rectal gonorrhea is common. Severe rectal infection is common in homosexual men and patients may note a coating of mucopurulence on stools. They may report pain of defecation or rectal intercourse. Gonococcal pharyngitis in the throat area may result from orogenital contact and is characterized by sore throat, pain on swallowing, and tonsillitis redness, swelling, and exudative purulence.

Diagnosis is fairly straight forward and is brought about using a special swab or culturette of the penile or vaginal discharge which is then sent to the lab. A gram stained smear of the discharge material identifies gonococcus in about 90% of men and cervical gram stain has slightly less sensitivity for women (each 60%-70%).

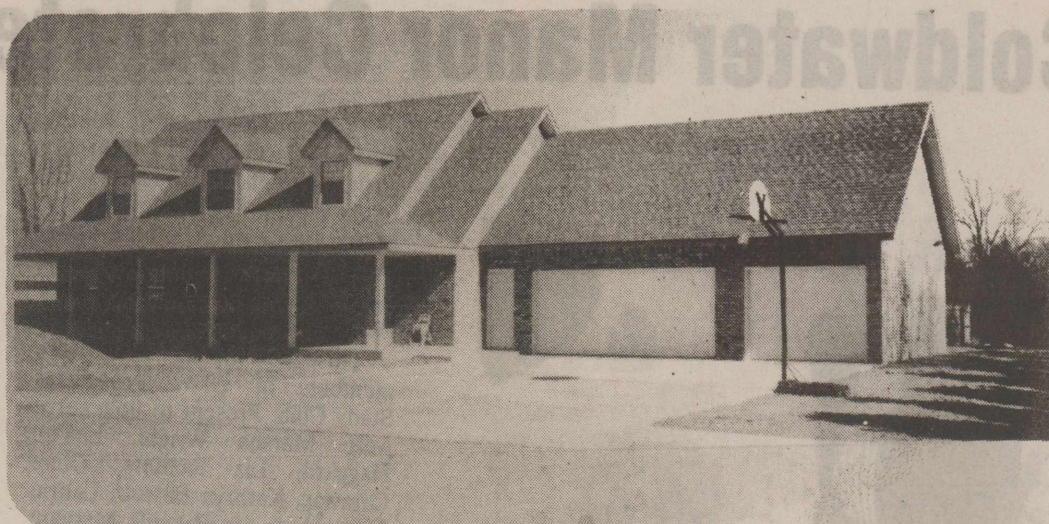
Several complications of gonorrhea are not covered in this article. They include post gonococcal urethritis which is caused by the *Chlamydia trachomatis* organism. Chlamydia is usually treated by doxycycline or azithromycin. Other complications include epididymitis (a scrotal infection in men), salpingitis (ovary infection in women), disseminated gonococcal infection with infection in the blood stream particularly in women, gonococcal arthritis in the joints, and ocular infections in newborns whose mothers are infected at time of delivery.

Treatment is usually successfully accomplished with penicillin, ampicillin, tetracycline, or with the cephalosporin, ceftriaxone 125 mg to 500 mg IM, now the most commonly used treatment agent. Alternatives to ceftriaxone include ciprofloxacin, ofloxacin, or cefixime. Coexisting chlamydial infection should also be treated as mentioned above. In pregnant women, erythromycin is the drug of choice. Significantly, individuals infected by gonococcus are also at risk for other sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) including HIV, Syphilis, Trichomonas, and genital herpes. These and other STD's are most commonly associated with sexual promiscuity and / or multiple sexual partners.

Perry Bassett M.D., Ph.D.

## New Places/New Faces

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New home of the Steve Hays family at 1208 Olive.

You are invited to a party celebrating the "90th" Birthday of Doris Dyess

Saturday, March 2, 2002  
 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

First United Methodist Church  
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 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

#### First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten  
 5th & Main  
 Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am  
 Sunday School 9:45 am  
 Morning Worship 10:45 am

No Sunday Evening Worship  
 Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

#### First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger  
 520 N. Main  
 Sunday School 9:40 am  
 Morning Worship 10:50 am  
 Junior High UMY 5:30 pm  
 Senior High UMY 6:00 pm  
 5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for  
 Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00

#### St. Joseph Catholic

Father Darryl Birkenfeld  
 6th & Pearl  
 Rectory - 366 - 5687  
 Sunday morning: 8:30a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.  
 Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m., Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### Church of Christ

Mike Talley  
 N. 3rd & Chestnut  
 Sunday School 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship 10:30 am  
 Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

#### Calvary Baptist

James Washburn  
 302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message  
 Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
 Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
 Evening Service 6 p.m.  
 Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

#### First Baptist

Bro. Jerry Stewart  
 702 N. 3rd  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.  
 Church Training 6:00 p.m.  
 Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

#### La Mision Bautista

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 401 S. Wall 396-5376  
 Domingo-(Sunday)  
 Escuela Dominical 9:45 am

#### Miercoles (Wednesday)

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 Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm Se Cuidamos  
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## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

### Excitement Seeking Worship

We live in a bungee jumping, laser lit, high tech, sports crazed, adrenaline driven society. With all our push for more leisure time, there is an even greater drive for more and more excitement. Relaxation is out. Stimulating those nerve endings and emotions is in. There are a couple of profound results. For one thing, old-fashioned Christian worship is on the decline. It is boring. What do you mean sit around singing placid hymns and songs, reading the bible and listening to sermons? Give me a break, better yet, give me some entertainment. Give me some music that gets the adrenaline pumping. Tell me some stories that excite me. Old-fashioned religion too often makes me feel bad. I want to feel good all over more than anywhere else. Isn't main-line Christian worship passe? Then too, rest, relaxation, reading and contemplation are out. Being quiet is a lost art. The Christian day of rest is also lost. We do not have time to contemplate the eternal, read the Bible, pray with our children, or enjoy the simple things of life. Yet most folks complain of stress filled lives. Our jobs are pressure cookers during the week. We pressure ourselves on the weekends. We have to get the work done around the house so we can go to the ballgame. We worship excitement.

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# Coldwater Manor Celebrates Valentines & Birthdays



Prospectus Study Club Life Members from left, Juanita Donelson and Mary Peach Smith.

Eight Coldwater Manor Residents celebrated February birthdays Feb. 12. They were Laura Pipkin, Corda Pleyer, Lena Miller, Ita Cessnun, Louise Long, Ina Vandiver, Frank Sutton and Burley Henson. Each were given a cuddly Valentine Bear.

Hostesses for the party were members of GFWC/Prospectus Study Club. Present to help serve were Marsha Wright, LaVell Haggard, Liz Sanders, Oline Caraway, Kathryn Bassett, Laurie Spurlock & son Russell, Marylou McDaniel and Social Chairman, Shorty Albert.

Club Life Members Mary Peach Smith and Juanita Donelson are residents.

Second grade students sang three songs about friends under the direction of Belinda Hamilton. They had made Valentines and distributed them among the residents.

Angel food, chocolate, and strawberry cakes, ice cream and punch were served.



Coldwater Manor Valentine King and Queen - Burley Henson and Violet Kruger.



Shown above, Coldwater Manor February birthday honorees enjoying birthday party.



More February birthday honorees.



Second grade students under the direction of Belinda Hamilton sang three songs at the Valentine's party at Coldwater Manor.

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## Basketball

The 7th grade Lady Elks finished the season as District Champs with a 11-2 overall record and 4-0 in District.

The 8th grade Lady Elks beat Booker 26-7 on Monday, February 4, 2002 and also claimed the District championship with a 12-4 overall record and 6-1 in District play.

The 9th grade Lady Elks finished their season with an 8-1 overall record.

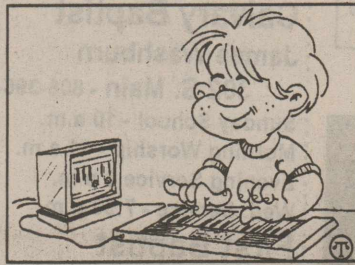
The Lady Elks beat Gruver on Friday, February 8, 2002 to clinch the 1st place seed in District. Jessica Young led the Lady Elks with 11 points followed by Ashley Brown with 7 points and Carly Mathews with 6 points. Also scoring for the Lady Elks were Candra Holland and Heather Ashley with 5 points each. Alisha Sladek followed with 4 points and Amber Larance with 2 points. On February 12, 2002, the Lady Elks beat Shamrock 53-42 to win Bi-District. Jessica Young led the Lady Elks with 25 points followed by Carly Mathews with 18 points and Ashley Brown with 7 points. Heather Ashley added 2 points

and Amie Witcher added 1 point. The Lady Elks then advance to Area to play Sudan on Friday, February 15th where they lost 32-23. Congratulations on a great season Lady Elks!!!

The Stratford Elks won District and at press-time will play Claude at Borger for Bi-District on Tuesday, February 19th. On February 8, 2002, the Stratford Elks played Follett in a practice game where they won 54-48. Skyler Walden led the Elks with 18 points followed by Cass Melton with 10 points and Michael McAlister with 8 points. Adam Bell added 6 points followed by Tyler Haynes with 4 points. Also scoring were Jason Ashley and Wes Kimball with 3 points each and Josh King with 2 points. On Thursday, February 14th, the Stratford Elks played Channing in another practice game and won 50-41. Skyler Walden led the Elks with 15 points followed by Michael McAlister with 10 points and Adam Bell with 9 points. Also scoring were Jason Ashley 6 points, Chris Ortega 4 points, Tyler Haynes, Cass Melton, and Wes Kimball with 2 points each.

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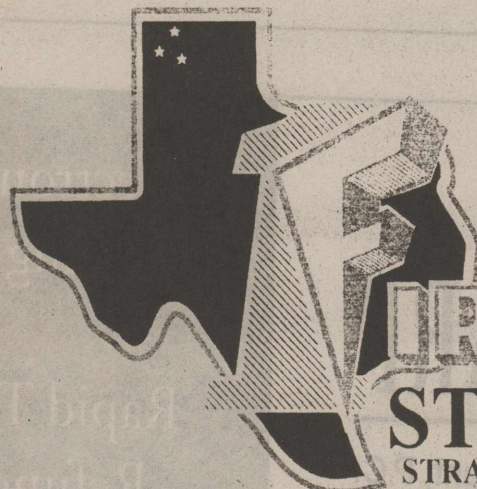
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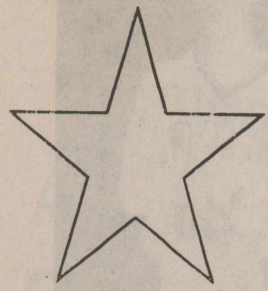
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To the people of Stratford, Sherman County and the surrounding area: The last two weeks have been a great time of treasured memories, happy times and serious thoughts, but by the Grace of God your prayers, cards, calls, letters, visits and pure honest appreciation from all has been well, and I hope, graciously received by both Judy and myself. Because of our present situation we will be unable to personally acknowledge the above mentioned, but I know each of you will understand. A special thanks to Stratford and Dumas EMT's and Doctors. They did a great job. We will stop at this time with this thought, but both expect to see you soon. Our new address is: O.H. and Judy Oquin 5500 W. 9th Apt. 314 Amarillo, TX 79106 (806)467-7334

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and concerns during my hospital stay. A special thanks to D'Lynn Reed, Jimmy Lanning, & Larry Norris for driving me down that icy morning and taking such excellent care of me. I appreciate all the flowers, plants, balloons, cookies, candy, cards, and all the food. Most of all I appreciate everyone who took time to visit me in the hospital and check on me when I came home.

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Items include labor, material, and equipment for the renovation.

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### NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION TPDES Registration No. WQ0003918-000

APPLICATION. VALL, INC. d.b.a. VC Swine, Inc., P.O. Box 426, Texhoma, Oklahoma 73949 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a renewal of a TPDES Registration No. WQ0003918-000 to authorize the applicant to operate an existing Swine facility at a maximum capacity of 16,200 head in Sherman County, Texas. The application was received by TNRCC on August 1, 2001. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this Registration except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially

used on agricultural land.

The existing facility is located on the south side of an unnamed county road approximately five miles east of its intersection with Farm-to-market Road 1290 and approximately 7 miles southeast of the intersection of State Highway 95 and US Highway 54 in Texhoma, in Sherman County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of Segment No. 0100 of the Canadian River Basin.

The application is available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Sherman County Library, 719 North Main Street, Stratford, Texas 79084.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments.

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General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at our web site at [www.tnrcc.state.tx.us](http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us).

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Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission  
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The existing facility is located on the south side of State highway 15 at the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 119 and State Highway 15, approximately 10.1 miles south of the intersection of Farm-to-Market 119 and US Highway 54, 1.7 miles west of Texhoma, Texas, in Sherman County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of Segment No. 0100 of the Canadian River Basin.

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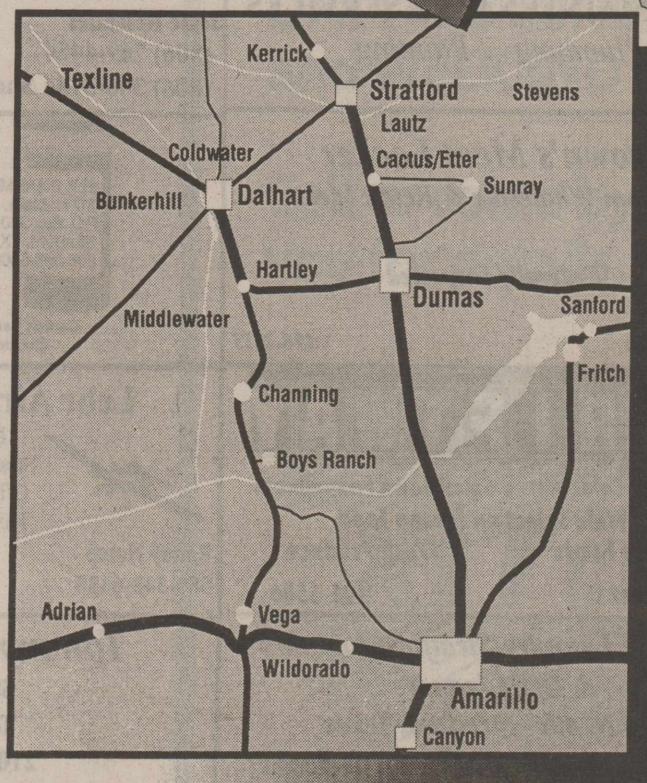


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