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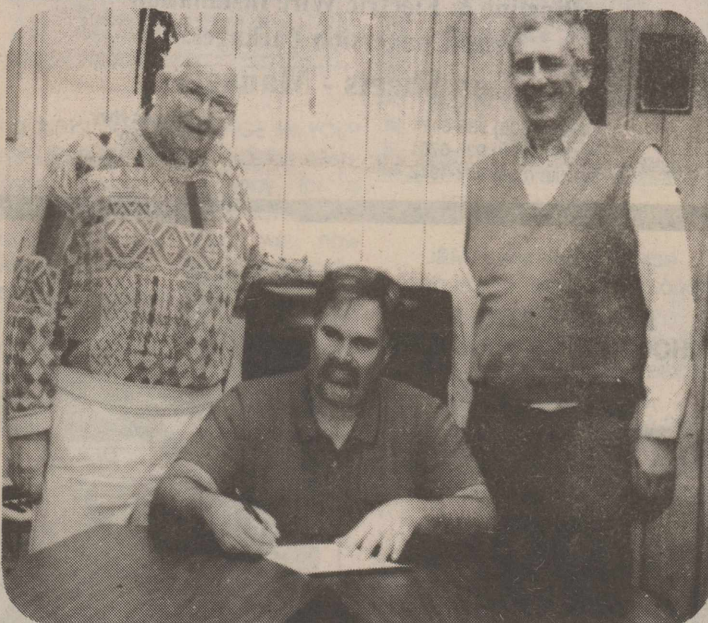
Congratulation Elks - State Semi-Finalists!

The Stratford Elks ended their season on Saturday, March 2nd when they lost to Brock 67-57 in the Class 1A Division I state semifinal boys basketball game at the Texan Dome in Levelland, TX. The Elks beat White Deer on Friday, March 1st, 74-54. Stratford Elks standing from left: Coach Lance Simpson, Matthew Taliaferro, Marcus McAlister, Michael McAlister, Chris Ortega, Cass Melton, Dalton Sladek, Josh King. Kneeling from left: Tyler Haynes, Adam Bell, Wes Kimball, Skyler Walden, Jason Ashley, and Dylan Everett. WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!! THANKS FOR A GREAT SEASON!!



One-Act Play Dinner Theater

Shown above, the cast and crew of the one-act play that will be having a dinner theater on Friday, March 8th at 7 p.m. at the Mary Allen Cafeteria. The tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students. The play to be performed is "Louder, I Can't Hear You". Shown above, sitting from left: Cory Rendon, Jayme Wilhelm, Jessica Young, Tiffany Duke, Trisha Teig, Wesley Hunsaker, Wes Kimball, and April Kautz. Shown at top from left: Terri Teig, Lori Wilhelm, Ashley Duke, Jared Nusz, and Todd Poland. Not pictured, Marca Ewers and Chance Lowery.



Proclamation Signed

Stratford Mayor David Brown, center signed a proclamation claiming April 2002 as Stratford Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Shown above with David is Bill Riffe and Duane Pittman. The CASA 69, Inc. in association with the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association, speaks for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are involved in the juvenile courts and more than 10 children in the Stratford area suffer from some form of abuse or neglect each year, so Stratford community members are encouraged to join together to raise awareness throughout the month of April for those children fallen victim to abuse and neglect.

2002 Annual Stewardship & Awards Banquet

The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation Districts announces its Annual Stewardship and Awards Banquet has been set for March 19, 2002. The meal is set for noon at the Sherman County Barn. We will have a catered meal consisting of Bar-B-Q with all the trimmings.

Awards will be given to the Conservation Farmer and Conservation Homemaker for 2002. We will also award prizes to the students from Stratford schools that placed in our Coloring, Poster and Essay Contests. This year's first place essay winner will also be awarded a \$200 scholarship.

Bill Weida, of the Grace Foundation, will be the featured speaker. Mr. Weida will have data to share on the effect of the new hog industry on property values, taxes, as well as the difference between public goods and private enterprise where property rights are concerned.

We hope to see you, your family and friends at the Banquet. Remember there is no charge for this great time. Please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 with your reservations. Reservations need to be made by March 12, 2002.

Directors Election To Be Held May 4

Stratford Hospital District will conduct a Director's Election on Saturday, May 4, 2002. Three directors' terms are expiring: Ineta Cheshier, Rick Reinart, and David Cross. Directors whose terms continue for another year are Margaret Reed and Larry Drake, who was appointed to complete the term of Wayland Brown.

Applications for a place on the ballot are available at the Stratford Hospital District administrative offices at Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road. All interested and qualified persons are encouraged to obtain an application. The application must be signed in front of a notary public. Wednesday, March 20, 2002 (5:00 p.m.) will be the deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot.

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

Come Help Us Celebrate as the Stratford Main Street Enhancement Application Received Funds

On Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at the Roxy Park, next to the Elk Pharmacy, there will be a celebration going on, beginning at approximately 1:30 p.m.

This Celebration will be to Thank all of those who helped in getting this application funded by making phone calls and writing letters, including Representative David Swinford, Sherman County Development committee, Sherman County, Stratford Chamber of Commerce and Student from Stratford ISD. And we especially want to say Thank You to the City of Stratford for applying for these funds. The funding of our Main Street Application means that we will get our drainage fixed, our brick street repaired and new curb, gutter and sidewalk along our beautiful Main Street in Downtown Stratford. We would like to strongly encourage everyone to stop by for a moment to help us celebrate. Make it a quick stop while you are on your lunch break or while you are making your way to the elections polls. We are excited about this funding to help beautify our community and hope you will come share in our enthusiasm.

Ashley, Kimball & Walden Will Play in the 2002 Down Under Bowl

Nick Ashley, Wes Kimball, and Skyler Walden have been invited to play in the 2002 Down Under Bowl this coming June. The Down Under Bowl is an annual event (now in its 14th year) hosted each summer in Australia.

There have been football teams from Texas representing their state for eleven years in the Down Under Bowl. These players will be representing their families, communities, the great state of Texas and most of all the United States of America. These players must be of high character, a graduating Senior football player, All-State, All-District or come highly recommended by a coach. International Sports Specialists, Inc. sponsors the Down Under Bowl and their goal is to continue to provide athletes who excel in their sports the opportunity to experience the culture, beauty and grandeur of the land Down Under all within the framework of spirit and intense competition in many different sports.

Nick, Wes and Skyler are planning several fund-raising events to cover the cost of traveling and participating in this event. First on the agenda is a community Calf Fry/BBQ Dinner & Bake Sale planned for Saturday, March 23, 2002 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. They also have a community dinner planned for after church on Sunday, April 21, 2002 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the County Barn. They will be asking for free will donations for these meals. Nick, Wes and Skyler would like to invite the community to enjoy the fellowship of these events and ask for the community's support in their effort to raise funds for the cost of this trip.

Great Plains Ag Credit Stockholders' Meeting On March 16, 2002

The Annual Stockholders' Meeting of Great Plains Ag Credit will be Saturday, March 16th at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. Registration begins at 3:15 p.m. followed by the business meeting at 4:00 p.m. LaDonna Gatlin from Dallas, the sister of country music's Gatlin Brothers will provide after dinner entertainment. Ms. Gatlin will provide musical and motivational entertainment and is known for her appearances throughout the world.

Featured meeting topics include a first year operational report on Great Plains Ag Credit, FLCA, insight on Washington's Agriculture Congressional Representation, and a Patronage Allocation Program update.

Great Plains Ag Credit is an agriculture credit association providing short-term operating loans and long-term real estate loans throughout the north and south plains, and has nine office locations. The Association is based in Amarillo with a regional credit office in Plainview.

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.

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.

SISD To Hold Trustee 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 do 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.

School will be closed for Spring Break March 11 through 15, 2002, and candidate applications may be filed at The Sherman County Public Library with Sandy Baskin. Hours are as follows: Monday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday-Closed, Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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.

Notice of Election

The City of Stratford will hold an election on May 4, 2002. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so through March 20, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at City Hall 520 N. Third St. from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday thru 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 City Hall, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Council members terms to expire are Mayor David Brown, Council Members Marcus Lavake and Council Members Craig Bell. Holdover terms are Blake Confer, Joe Zak and George Harding.

Signup For Equip

We are now in the EQIP signup period for 2002. Producers that want to signup for the EQIP cost share program can call the NRCS office at 396-5517 ext. 3 for an appointment. The program will now be for all types of conservation practices, not just irrigation. The signup period runs through March 29, 2002.

To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act.
—Anatole France

The choice of a point of view is the initial act of a culture.
—José Ortega y Gasset

Quarterly Transportation Meeting Set For Tuesday, March 12

A Quarterly transportation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at the Headquarters for noon. Kenneth Course, Area Engineer for TxDOT will be in attendance. Some of the items of discussion will be Stratford Main Street Project, both U.S. Highway 287 and 54, Grade Separation/Relief Route Study conducted by TxDOT among other issues. This meeting is open to the public and we would like to encourage anyone who is interested to attend. Please call 806-366-2897 for further information.

Retired TRTA Meeting At XIT Museum

TRTA took place at the XIT Museum on February 21, 2002 in Dalhart, Texas. President Geneva Layman called meeting to order with introduction of Pastor Jimmy Cole from the Narazene Church. Pastor Jimmy Cole reminisced about his school days. Thanked the Teachers and gave his tribute to all Teachers. Music was provided by Marjorie Bolwahn, who played her accordion she played, God Bless American, It is Grand Old Flag, America, American the Beautiful and Star Spangled Banner. She also gave a brief history of her accordion.

Minutes were approved of the November 2001 meeting. Awanda Morris gave the Treasurer Report. Communication report of State Office were read. Excerpts from forms will be published in local newspaper. Mrs. Layman appointed Mary Jo Ondracek and Nelda Askey to prepare a slate of officers to voted at the March meeting.

Darlene Stanley gave a very instructive and interesting talk on "Pressing Your Identity" Excerpts will be published in local newspaper. This information are valuable to all citizens who wish to be protected from fraud and loss.

The group voted on changes in March meeting, which will be held at St. Episcopal Church in Dalhart. There will be a Memorial Services for deceased members. Family and Friends are invited to attend. This is in honor of former Teachers who are no longer with us but served the children and community for many years.

Refreshments were served by the hostess(es): Bill Jones, Bertie Hall, Anita DeBord, Lugenia Carter and Portia Dees.

Members and visitors present but not previously mentioned included are Sonja Ragsdale, Marjorie McCleskey.

Thanks to Chistine Albright for registering the guests and to Nick Olson and Lisa Hanbury who graciously greeted and helped welcomed all the members and guest.

Character building begins in our infancy and continues until death.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Announces Rules For Annual Essay Contest

Dumas-The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District would like to announce the rules and deadline for its annual scholarship contest.

The contest is open to all high school students (freshmen through seniors) who reside within the Water District. The District includes all of Sherman, Hansford, Grand Old Flag, America, Ochiltree, and Lipscomb counties, as well as most of Dallam, Hartley and Moore counties, and the northern portion of Hutchinson County.

By writing an essay emphasizing the importance of water conservation, high school students are eligible for scholarships up to \$1000/year for the college of their designation. Each essay should have a title, and the subject should be: "Why is Water Conservation Important?". The essay must be more than 1,000 words but fewer than 1,500 words in length, and must be typewritten and double-spaced. The essays will be judged on accuracy of information, originality, neatness, arrangement, subject matter, grammar, and spelling. Additional points are awarded for each applicant's scholastic record, school activities, community involvement, and future plans.

All essays must be received by the District Office located at 603 East First (Post Office Box 795) in Dumas by 5 p.m. on April 1, 2002. Any essay which is found to be a re-submission of a previous winning essay will be disqualified.

The prizes to be awarded are as follows:

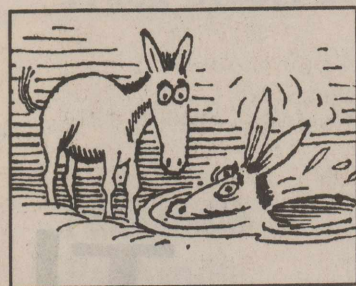
First Place-\$1000 scholarship per year for 4 years=\$4000 total award amount

Second place-\$750 scholarship per year for 4 years=\$3000 total award amount

Third place-\$500 scholarship per year for 4 years=\$2000 total award amount

These scholarships are to be paid to the college of the winner's choice and applied toward his/her education. Each initial scholarship amount awarded will be renewable for three additional years as long as a minimum of a 2.75 Grade Point Average and 12 course hours per semester are maintained.

Any students who re interested in entering the contest may obtain additional contest and resource information from the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District.



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"The Marriage Of Figaro"

The renowned MARRIAGE OF FIGARO comes to Amarillo on Saturday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

Performed by an international, professional cast, and using elaborate sets from New York, the MARRIAGE OF FIGARO is produced by the Amarillo Opera in association with Amarillo College.

"The MARRIAGE OF FIGARO is considered one of the most highly respected musical pieces by critics," said Mila Gibson, founder and artistic director of the Amarillo Opera. "It is known for its uplifting music and brilliant ensembles. It just doesn't get any better than this."

The cast was selected from auditions in Dallas, Houston and Amarillo and the opera will be performed in English.

John Gillas, who was stage director for the BARBER OF SEVILLE, will direct THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO. James Setapen is music director and conductor, and Mary Jane Johnson is the assistant stage director.

Considered one of the top five most popular operas ever written, MARRIAGE OF FIGARO is the second story of a trilogy by playwright, Beaumarchais. However, this opera was composed by Mozart before Rossini wrote BARBER OF SEVILLE.

This comical opera, that premiered nearly two hundred years ago, has kept audiences laughing for generations.

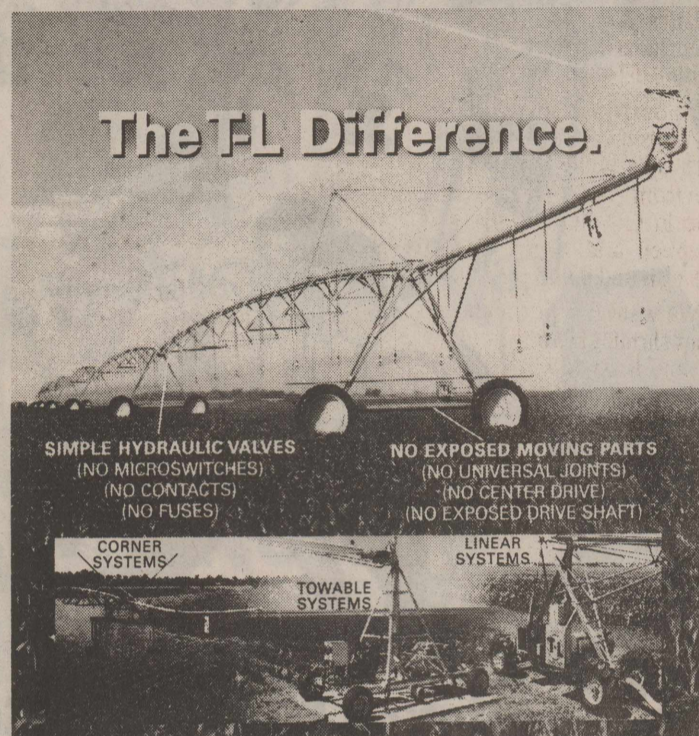
For ticket information, call Panhandle Ticketing at the Amarillo Civic Center at 378-3096. For further information or to join BRAVO! call the Amarillo Opera office at 372-7464.

Avoid the crowd. Do your own thinking independently. Be the chess player, not the chess piece.
—Ralph Charell

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Rife

- Feb. 28- March 10 "The Little Foxes" Classic Drama ALT Mainstage Amarillo Little Theatre 806-365-9991
- 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 "Fiddler on the Roof" 7:30p.m. Sun. 2:00p.m. Guymon Community Theatre 580-338-0019
- March 16 20th Century American Art Amarillo Museum of Art and Amarillo Chamber Music Society
- March 23 "The Whosoever Will, Prayer Band" New Arts Six Dalhart LaRita Community Theatre Co/CJ 224-5646
- March 23 "Marriage of Figaro" Amarillo Opera Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-7467
- March 27 "My Fair Lady" Broadway Series Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096



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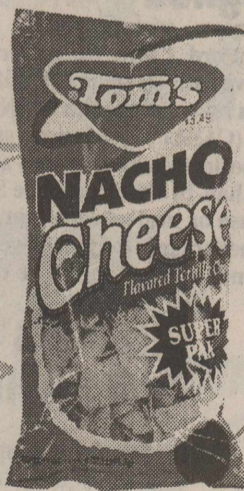
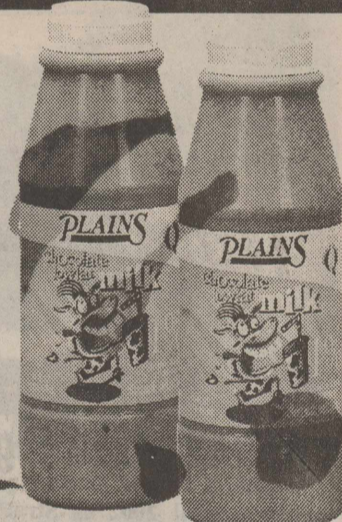
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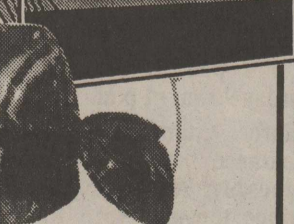


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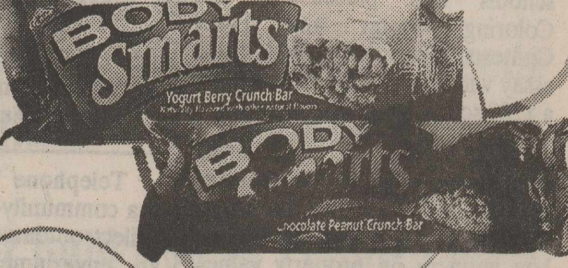
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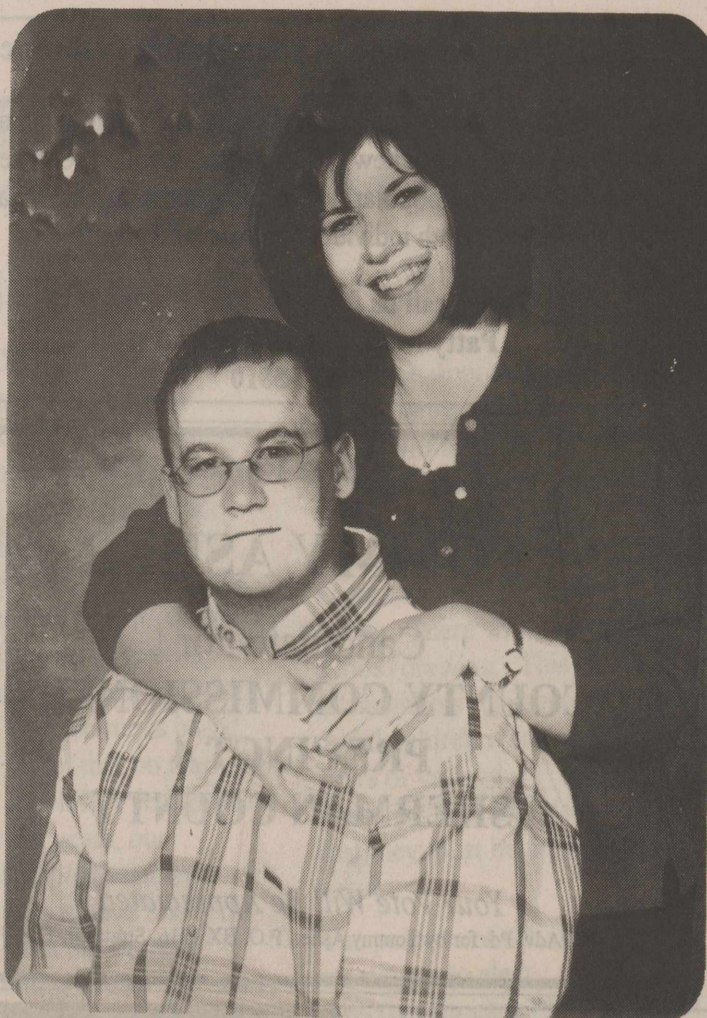


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Jump Rope For Heart A Success at Mary Allen Elementary

On Feb. 11-15 Mary Allen Elementary students jumped all over heart disease and stroke by participating in Jump Rope For Heart. K-4th grade students participated in this year's event, raising more than \$3600.00 for the American Heart Association. Funds raised for Jump Rope For Heart help fight heart disease and stroke, the nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers.

"This year's event was a huge success," said Ronda Mathews Jump Rope For Heart coordinator. "We're very proud of all the jumpers, and we all had a lot of fun."

Jump Rope For Heart is a program designed to promote physical fitness and heart health through the fun activity of jumping rope. It is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Thank you for your generous donations and helping 82 students raise the money.

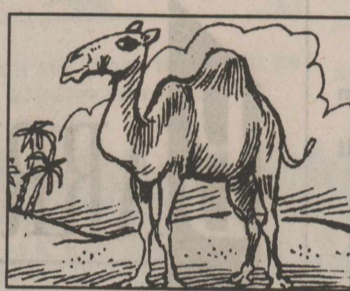


Youngs Honored With Wedding Shower

Mrs. Wyatt Young (LaShawna) was honored Sunday, March 3 with a wedding shower in the home of Dana Buckles. Shown above seated LaShawna Young & Adrienne Jones. Standing Stephenie Brooks, (Bride's mother, Twyla Young and Kay Young, grooms mother.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Naugle of Stratford, TX would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Keely Naugle of Denison, TX to Rhea Chumley of Hereford, TX son of Mr. & Mrs. Dick Chumley of Stratford, TX. The couple have planned a June 1, 2002 wedding at the First Christian Church of Stratford, TX. The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Austin College in Sherman, Texas and attended Texas Wesleyan School of Law in Fort Worth, Texas and has a Bachelor of Arts in English degree. She is employed by Grayson County as a Law Librarian. The prospective groom graduated from Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Business degree and is employed by Hi-Pro Feeds in Friona as a salesman.



Camels have three eyelids to protect them from blowing sand.

Additional Transportation Enhancement Projects Funded

State officials approved \$1,934,274 for the Stratford Main Street project today. The project is one of 10 transportation enhancement projects totaling nearly \$12 million selected by the Texas Transportation Commission, during its monthly meeting. Last month, the Commission approved more than \$143 million for transportation enhancement projects.

The Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program funds non-traditional transportation projects such as those involving bicycle and pedestrian facilities, landscaping and scenic beautification, historical preservation and environmental mitigation.

All the approved projects were selected from 315 eligible projects, totaling more than \$500 million, nominated last year by local authorities across the state. Projects are evaluated for quality, transportation value and benefits.

Enhancement projects are eligible for federal reimbursement of up to 80 percent of allowable costs, which includes planning, design, environmental mitigation, property acquisition, construction and administrative expenses. Preliminary project work must be authorized in advance by the Federal Highway Administration for eligible cost reimbursement.

Since the U.S. Congress began funding transportation enhancement projects in 1991, more than \$2.4 billion has been invested around the country.

In 1998, the program was reauthorized in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), ensuring that through 2003, about \$620 million in annual funds would be made available to state transportation agencies for these types of projects.

STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM 2001 Program Call

Projects Selected for Funding
February 28, 2002

Tracking Number	Project Name	Federal Funds	Federal Project Number
AMARILLO AMA.SH.508 2002(207)TE	Stratford Main Street Project	\$1,934,274	STP
CHILDRESS CHS.BI.501 2002(208)TE CHS.KX.510 2002(209)TE	High Plains Bison Visitor Center Knox City Pedestrian and Bike Trail	\$699,802 \$108,560	STP STP
CORPUS CHRISTI CRP.NU.507 2002(210)TE	Bay Trails (Phase III)	\$979,477	STP
DALLAS DAL.DL.522 2002(211)TE	Grand Prairie Lone Star Hike and Bike Trail	\$3,000,000	STP
FORT WORTH FTW.TR.506 2002(212)TE	Ninth St. Pedestrian & Streetscape Enhancements	\$1,125,000	STP
ODESSA ODA.MD.505 2002(213)TE	BI 20-E Transportation Corridor Enhancement Project	\$1,917,233	STP
SAN ANTONIO SAT.BX.504 2002(214)TE	Selma Stage Stop Station and Visitor Center	\$997,102	STP
WACO WAC.LT.516 2002(215)TE	Burlington-Rock Island Railroad Depot	\$203,040	STP
YOAKUM YKM.DW.503 2002(216)TE	Pershing Square Pedestrian Facility	\$981,666	STP
STATEWIDE TOTAL		\$11,946,154	



Moorhouse Honored With Baby Shower

Colette Moorhouse was honored with a baby shower on Thursday, February 28, 2002 at the Mary Allen Library. Shown with Colette are the hostesses from left, Mary Cross, Kaci McBryde, Nan Ashley, Tiffany Confer, Christy Burr, Stacy Metcalf, Colette, Brenda Brownlee, Linda Swain, and Darlene Walker.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by a severe ice storm that occurred on January 30, 2002 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Dalhart, TX, Hunter M. Latham said today.

Dallam and Sherman Counties are two of 8 in Texas recently named by President George W. Bush eligible for loans to cover part of actual physical and production losses resulting from the severe ice storm.

Mr. Latham said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 per cent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 per cent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Mr. Latham said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until October 1, 2002, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Mr. Latham said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Dalhart is open from 8-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Cards of Thanks

Thank you to all of you who sent cards, toys, and balloons while I was in the hospital and when I came home. Special thanks to the EMT's for getting me to Amarillo safely and to everyone who came to see me in the hospital. My Mom and Dad want to thank Nana, Pappy, Gram B, Paw Paw, and Aunt T.T. for keeping my brother and me so much these last few weeks. We are finally feeling better!

Love,
Kenlee Layne McBryde

The family of Artemio (Cowboy) Cano want to sincerely thank those who were with us during Cowboy's surgery and since his return home. A special thanks for the prayers on his behalf, the food, and cards.

Thank you,
The Cano Family

The Bruce Biddy Family would like to send a Special Note of Thanks to the Methodist Church and Special Friends of Stratford. We want to let you know that we really appreciate all the thoughtful and kind expressions of sympathy, food, flowers, prayers and comfort in our time of sorrow of the death of Bruce Biddy.

With our Sincere Thanks,
The Bruce Biddy Family

Thanks for the food, flowers, cards, visits and prayers since my recent surgery. Stratford is truly a wonderful place to live.

Thanks
D'Lynn

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the community for its continuous support over the past six years. It has been a blast to get to represent Stratford. We can't thank the coaches enough for their guidance and unyielding faith in us. To our parents who were always there for us, we THANK YOU. We would especially like to thank D'Lynn Reed for being our superfan and buying our basketball. And last but not least, the senior guys who always got a little crazy in the stands.

Sincerely,
The Senior Lady Elks
Heather, Carly, Jessica, Candra & Ashley

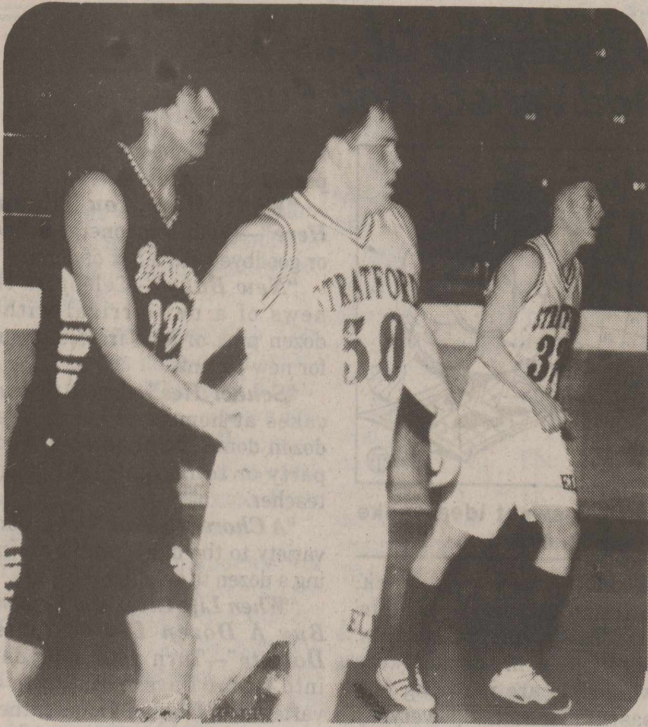
We would like to thank everyone for all the expressions of love and thoughtfulness during mother's long illness and since her death. Thank you for all the food, flowers, donations and cards that lift our spirits. At times like these we truly realize the importance of friends.

Jeanie & David Boggs & families
Kathy & George Bonds & families

Check Out These Web Sites:

Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch:
The National Mental Health Awareness Campaign at www.nosigma.org.
Foradil Aerolizer at www.foradil.com.
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Interim HealthCare at www.interimhealthcare.com.
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The National Diabetes Education Program at <http://ndep.nih.gov>.
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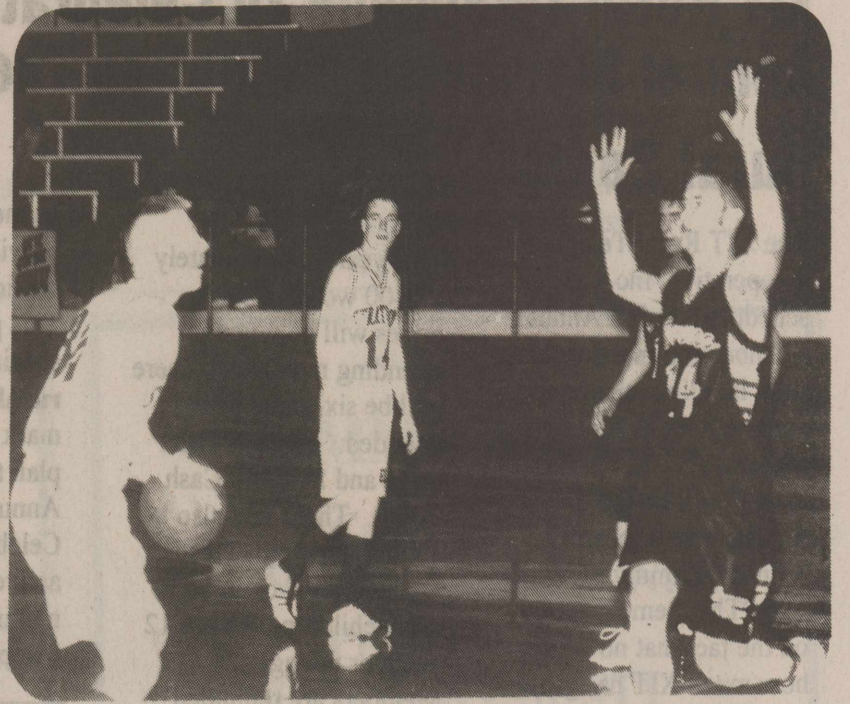
Basketball



Stratford Elk #50 Wes Kimball, and #32 Michael McAlister.



#00 Skyler Walden



#32 Michael McAlister gets ready to shoot as #14 Adam Bell looks on.



#34 Cass Melton and #50 Wes Kimball.



#14 Adam Bell shoots the ball for two!



Shown above, the Elks after their win against Iran on Tuesday, February 26, 2002. Kneeling from left: Tyler Haynes, Adam Bell, Skyler Walden, Michael McAlister, and Cass Melton. Standing from left: Coach Lance Simpson, Matthew Taliaferro, Wes Kimball, Jason Ashley, Marcus McAlister, Dalton Sladek, Nick Ashley, Dylan Everett and Josh King.



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FARM LAND & FARM EQUIPMENT

DOW BREWER - Owner
411 ACRES OF IRRIGATED LAND

THURSDAY
MAR. 21
2002 - Starting Time 10:00 AM CST

LAND WILL SELL AT 12:30 PM DAY OF AUCTION AND WILL BE AUCTIONED FROM THE FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION SITE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE OF LAND: 10% of total sale of land sale day, with balance due within 30 days. Possession of the land will be given on day of sale. Land will be sold as one unit, selling by the acre 411 acres, more or less.

"I am quitting farming, and will set at auction the following"
Dow Brewer, owner

Watch For Auction Signs

DESCRIPTION OF FARM LAND
All of the south half (S/2) of section one hundred fifty-two (152), Blk 1-C, GH&H survey, Sherman County, Texas, containing 411 acres of land, more or less (no mineral rights).
This 411 acres has two 8" irrigation wells, and one 1996 Reinke 8 tower electric drive sprinkler w/drops at 60' & regulators. Sprinkler believed to be nozzled for 825 gallons of water. At this time there is one circle - 122 acres of good irrigated wheat and approximately 82 acres of dryland wheat included with the sale of the land.
One circle, 122 acres, is fertilized, bedded up and ready to plant and approximately 48 acres of row water is fertilized, bedded and ready to plant. Fertilizer applied is 254 anhydrous and 15 gallon phosphate per acre.

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XIT Rural Telephone To Celebrate 51st Annual Membership Meeting Theme: "XIT's Rural Roots"

The XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has scheduled its 51st Annual Membership Meeting of its rural landline telephone members for Wednesday, March 13th. "XIT's Rural Roots" will be the theme for this year's meeting. Manager, Jimmy R. White, said "The theme is based on the fact that no matter how much XIT has grown over the years, our management team and employees have not forgotten our humble beginning and the part that the Cooperative and its membership have played in making us what we are today."

The meeting will be held at the Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum. Rural landline members' and invited guests' registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed with a luncheon catered by Bar H Steak House, Dalhart, Texas. The menu will consist of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, and hot rolls. A delicious chocolate cake with fudge sauce will be served for dessert. This year, members and invited

guests will again be treated to a sit-down dinner served by XIT's management and employees. Serving will begin at 11:45 a.m.

A special tribute will be paid to XIT's rural businesses and the contributions they make to our communities.

Patronage Capital Credit checks will be handed out to members as they register. This refund will include the remaining 22% of the 1992 allocation and 100% of the 1993 allocation. The checks will be given to qualifying members upon registration at the annual meeting. Checks can only be given to the actual member or the authorized voting delegate for a business. A member does not have to be present at this meeting to receive this refund. All checks, not given in person, will be mailed shortly after the meeting.

The recipients of the 2002 XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program will be announced. This is the third year that XIT has offered this program to five rural members' graduating seniors.

Entertainment will be provided by the talented Damon Whaley, local pianist, songster and impersonator.

The business session will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a welcome to the membership and an introduction of the guests by James Spurlock, President of the XIT Board of Directors. The business meeting will conclude with the election of directors and the drawing of door prizes.

This year, approximately \$3,400 worth of door prizes will be given to attending members. There will be six grand prizes awarded: 1 - \$500 Cash Prize and 5 - \$100 Cash Prizes. There will also be a kids' drawing. This is for members' children or grandchildren who are 12 years or younger. Members are reminded that they must be present to win.

The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect directors for each district - to present for approval the reports for the previous fiscal year, and to transact such other business that might come before the meeting.

According to the bylaws, a written notice will be mailed from the business office not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the meeting. This notice was mailed to all active members of the

Cooperative on February 26th.

A quorum must be present in order for the business meeting to convene.

Based upon the total number of the Cooperative's members, fifty members or two percent of the members present, whichever is larger, constitutes a quorum.

The officers and board members are: James Spurlock, President; Glenn Olson, Vice President; Gary Finch, Secretary-Treasurer; James R. Wilson, E.H. Little, J.W. McClellan, Jr., Kenneth Stanley, T.F. Baskin, III and Walter E. Lasley.

On February 5th, the Nominating Committee consisting of Valerie Diller, Carl French, Larry Schniederjan, Bonnie McKie, A.E. Pronger, and Wallace Bridwell met at the headquarters of XIT Telephone in Dalhart to submit nominations for three directorships. Larry Schniederjan was selected as chairman of the Nominating Committee. Nominations for the following districts were: District I, Dallam County - Glenn Olson; District II, Hartley County - James R. Wilson, and District III, Sherman County - Walter E. Lasley.

Members vote only for nominees from the district in which they reside or the district in which they have telephone service. All members must be present at the annual meeting to vote since no proxy voting is permitted. Either a husband or wife is eligible to vote at the annual meeting, but only one vote is allowed per membership.

XIT Rural Telephone needs constant input from

its membership in order to provide the best possible service at the lowest price. This promises to be a special meeting! So, XIT rural landline members, mark your calendars and plan to attend your 51st Annual Meeting Celebration and take an active part in the decision making of your Cooperative.



Half the labor force will be over 40 by the year 2005.

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

How To Furnish A Safe House

(NAPS)—When it comes to the furnishings in your home, safety does not—and should not—have to take a back seat to style.

"People should be keenly aware of safety issues when choosing furniture for their families," says Jackie Hirschhaut, vice president of the American Furniture Manufacturers Association (AFMA). To help consumers choose safe products for their homes, AFMA offers the following tips.

• **Bunk Beds**—Not recommended for children under six. Top bunks should have guard rails on each side, with no more than 15 inches open at each end. Rails should be secure and sturdy (as should the ladder) and extend at least five inches above the top of a properly sized mattress. Allow only one person on a top bunk at a time and don't allow horse play.

• **Upholstery**—Look for the gold UFAC tag ensuring the furniture meets construction criteria outlined by the Upholstered Furniture Action Council. The voluntary UFAC program is credited with reducing the number of upholstered furniture fires started by smoldering cigarettes.

• **Cribs**—Crib slats or spindles should be spaced no more than 2 3/8 inches apart and none should be loose or missing. Make sure all screws, brackets and other hardware on the crib are properly installed. The mattress should fit snugly, with no more than two fingers-width between the edge of the mattress and the crib.

CLASSIC MEXICAN-STYLE GUACAMOLE

1 fully ripened Mexican avocado, halved, pitted and peeled
1 plum tomato, seeded and chopped (about 1/2 cup)
1 tablespoon minced onion
1 teaspoon minced jalapeño pepper
1/4 teaspoon salt

In a small bowl, mash avocado with a fork or potato masher until it's still slightly chunky. Stir in tomato, onion, jalapeño and salt. If desired, add 1 tablespoon each chopped cilantro and lime juice, or 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic.

YIELD: about 3/4 cup

SPEEDY GUACAMOLE

1 fully ripened Mexican avocado, halved, pitted and peeled
1/4 cup prepared salsa
1 tablespoon lime juice

In a small bowl, mash avocado with a fork or potato masher until it's still slightly chunky. Stir in salsa and lime juice. If desired, add 2 tablespoons bacon bits or 1/4 cup chopped black olives.

YIELD: about 1 cup

For more recipes and serving ideas, send a stamped, self-addressed, business-sized envelope to: Mexican Avocado Recipes, Lewis & Neale, 49 East 21st Street, New York, NY 10010.

MAKING LIFE MORE FUN

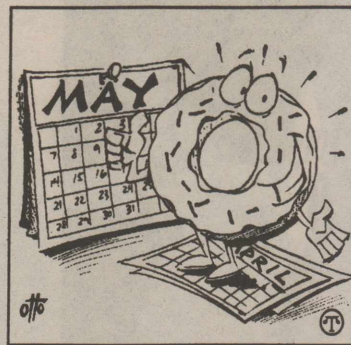
Spicing Up Everyday Occasions Tips To Add Variety And Fun

(NAPS)—From rewarding children for a job well done to thanking a friend for a random act of kindness, many of us struggle to find unique ways to show appreciation or celebrate special moments. Greeting cards, flowers and boxed candy often top the list, but may leave us searching for more creative ways to say thanks, offer encouragement or communicate a simple "I love you."

Donuts are increasing in popularity, among kids and adults of all ages. They are a great way to break through standard celebration modes for events such as St. Patrick's Day, Halloween or even a co-worker's birthday. An entire dozen of donuts is sure to delight, as it is full of variety and tasty treats at a great value.

According to research conducted by one of the world's leading donut makers, Dunkin' Donuts bulk donut sales are 10 percent higher on weekends compared to weekdays. On weekdays, 30 percent of donut purchases are 12 or more donuts, whereas on weekends this number jumps to 40 percent.

"Every occasion is a great occasion for donuts, regardless of how



Here's a sweet idea: make every day donut day.

big or small," says Judy Wnek, Donut Brand Manager at Dunkin' Donuts. "Americans love donuts. As they increase in popularity, we believe people are realizing just how easy it is to spice up everyday events with donuts."

To help people break out of their usual mode of marking occasions, such as laboriously baking cupcakes the night before a school function, Dunkin' Donuts has created a list of tips on how to enhance any occasion with a dozen donuts.

"I Love You a Hole Lot"—Brighten someone's day with a selection of donuts or surprise

that special someone with a box of personal favorites.

"We'll Miss You 'Round Here"—Wish someone good luck or goodbye with a box of donuts.

"New Baby"—Celebrate the news of a new arrival with a dozen pink or blue frosted donuts for new parents.

"School Ties"—Leave the cupcakes at home and bring a few dozen donuts to brighten a school party or to recognize a favorite teacher.

"A Chore No More"—Add some variety to the daily grind by bringing a dozen to an office meeting.

"When Life Gives You Lemons Buy A Dozen Lemon-Filled Donuts"—Turn your sour days into Donut Days. With up to 52 varieties of Dunkin' Donuts, there is bound to be a donut to brighten a gloomy day.

For a full listing of a "Dozen Reasons" any occasion is a great occasion to buy donuts, visit www.dunkindonuts.com. Dunkin' Donuts Incorporated is the largest coffee and baked goods chain in the world, providing its loyal customers with high-quality coffee, donuts and other related baked goods since 1950.

A Pear-fect Combination!

Chocolate Kissed Pear Cheesecake

Crust:

1 cup chocolate wafer crumbs
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1 tablespoon sugar

Filling:

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cartons (15 ounces each) ricotta cheese
6 large eggs, lightly beaten
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 teaspoon freshly grated orange peel
1 can (15 ounces) pear halves, drained & evenly sliced

Topping:

1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips, melted

To make crust: In small bowl combine crust ingredients. Press firmly into bottom of 9-inch springform pan.

To make filling: In small bowl combine 1 cup sugar, flour and salt; stir to mix. Set aside. In large bowl of electric mixer, beat ricotta cheese at low speed until smooth. Gradually add eggs, beating at low

speed until smooth. Stir in sugar mixture, vanilla and orange peel; mix until smooth. Pour onto prepared crust.

Bake at 325°F for 1 hour. Remove from oven; arrange pear slices on top. Return to oven. Bake for additional 20 to 30 minutes or until top is golden brown and knife inserted into center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Drizzle with melted chocolate. Chill in refrigerator 4 hours or overnight. Makes 12 servings.

Tip: To decorate cake, spoon melted chocolate into plastic sandwich bag; close top. Cut small tip off of one corner. Drizzle chocolate onto cake.

Per serving (1/12 recipe): calories 334; total fat 14 g; cholesterol 133 mg; sodium 239 mg; total carbohydrate 40 g; dietary fiber 2 g; protein 12 g

For a free copy of *Fast & Flavorful What A Pear*, send a SASE (business-size) to Customer Service/MAT1-1001, Pacific Northwest Canned Pear Service 105 South 18th Street, Suite 205, Yakima, WA 98901. Or visit the Web site at www.pnw-cannedpears.com for more popular recipes.

A Tribute To The Easter Bunny

(NAPS)—Easter is a major holiday with several traditions, both religious and secular, equated with the day. Think of it as a tree with many branches. Easter marks the holiest of Christian holidays, celebrating the resurrected Christ. Easter derives its name from Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring in pagan times and the likely genesis of the traditions of rabbits and eggs. Still others treat Easter as a celebration of the spring equinox, when the day is in balance with the night and we begin to see more light and less darkness. The universal meaning of Easter is hope, rebirth and rejuvenation.

Due to its complex lineage, Easter has spawned a variety of widely-recognized symbols: the cross, lilies, chicks, Easter eggs, and a bunny that lays eggs.

More than 42 percent of American parents tell their children that there is an Easter Bunny. So says a survey of 1,005 Americans commissioned by the floral giant FTD. The same study found that nearly all Americans polled (about 90 percent) said they would be spending the Easter holiday with family members.

For your Easter buffet, **Sugar-N-Spice Bunnies** are a sure hit. The bunnies are a soft bread which is sweet from the sugar in the dough and the powdered sugar glaze on top. The bread is surprisingly zesty from ground cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice. Chopped dates meld perfectly with these flavors for a memorable Easter creation. **Sugar-N-Spice Bunnies** are also very cute.

Continuing a legacy of **Helping Bakers Bake**, the baking experts at Fleischmann's Yeast offer a toll-free line for bakers who need assistance or who want recipes. Call 1-800-777-4959 (Mon.-Fri. 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Central), or visit the Web site, www.breadworld.com, which is bursting with baking tips and recipes.



SUGAR-N-SPICE BUNNIES—A soft bread, sweet from sugar in the dough and glaze on top; zesty from ground cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice.

Sugar-N-Spice Bunnies Makes 10 bunnies.

Ingredients

5-1/2 to 6 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
2 envelopes Fleischmann's RapidRise Yeast
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 cup milk
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup butter or margarine
2 large eggs
1 (8-ounce) package chopped dates, optional
Powdered Sugar Glaze (recipe follows)

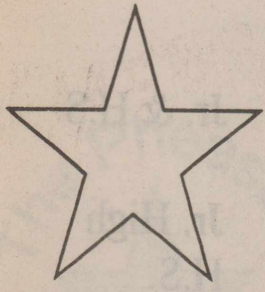
In large bowl, combine 2-1/2 cups flour, sugar, undissolved yeast, spices, and salt. Heat milk, water and butter until very warm (120° to 130°F). Gradually add to flour mixture. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally. Add eggs and 1/2 cup flour. Beat 2 minutes at high speed. Stir in enough remain-

ing flour to make soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover; let rest 10 minutes.

Set aside about 1/4 cup dates for bunny's eyes. Knead remaining dates into dough, if desired. Divide dough into 10 equal pieces. Roll each to 24-inch rope. Divide each rope into 1 (13-inch), 1 (6-inch), 2 (2-inch), and 1 (1-inch) strips. Coil 13-inch strip to make body; coil 6-inch strip to make head. Attach head to body; pinch to seal. Shape 2 (2-inch) strips into ears and remaining 1-inch strip into tail. Attach to body and head. Place on 2 greased baking sheets. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 1 hour.

Bake at 375°F for 15 to 20 minutes or until done. Remove from pans; cool on wire racks. Drizzle with Powdered Sugar Glaze. Insert reserved date pieces for eyes.

Powdered Sugar Glaze: Combine 1 cup powdered sugar, sifted; 2 tablespoons milk; and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract. Stir until smooth.



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—John Dryden



If you need just a few drops of lemon juice, pierce the skin with a toothpick and squeeze.



On August 27, 1965, The Beatles visited with Elvis for several hours at his home in California for an informal jam session.

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