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## Annual Chamber Banquet April 15th

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce will have its annual Banquet on Monday, April 15, 2002. The banquet will be held at the County Barn. The silent auction will begin at 6:30; with the program and dinner to begin at 7:00. Ticket prices are individuals - \$14.00, and couples - \$25.00. Tickets may be purchased from any Chamber member or from the Chamber office. Our theme will be "Pioneer Families of Sherman County". The meal will be catered by K-Bob's of Dumas. Make plans to attend and meet the new "Citizen of The Year".



Nick Ashley, Skyler Walden and Wes Kimball invite the community to attend their Calf Fry-BBQ Dinner & Bake Sale to be held this Saturday night (March 23, 2002) at the High School Cafeteria from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost of this evening of great food and fellowship will be a free will donation. The boys are raising funds to cover the cost of traveling and participating in the 2002 Down Under Bowl held in Australia this coming June.



Shown at left are some of last years participants in "Way of the Cross" held in Stratford.

## Sherman County Depot Museum Is Planning New Exhibit

The Sherman County Depot Museum is planning a new exhibit-antique irons. If you have one or more irons that you would like to display, please contact Millie Hacker at the Depot Museum at 17 North Main. The number there is 396-2582. She will take loving care of your items, and she will display them proudly. Thanks for your support.

## Prom Decorating Change

Prom Decorating Committees will meet on TUESDAYS (NOT THURSDAYS) starting March 19th.

## 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.

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.

Candidates are Joe Reinart and Ricky Reed.

## 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.

## WT Season Football Tickets to be raffled at Calf Fry-BBQ Dinner this Saturday March 23rd

Nick, Skyler and Wes will also be selling raffle tickets for a chance for someone to win a pair of West Texas A&M University 2002 Season Football Tickets. Each raffle ticket will be \$5. There will be four separate drawings at different fund raising events and a pair of WT Season Football Tickets will be given away at each drawing. If you don't win the first time your ticket will be eligible for the next drawing. You do not have to be present to win. The first drawing will be this Saturday night at approximately 6:30 p.m. at the Calf Fry-BBQ Dinner. If you have questions or would like to purchase a raffle ticket for a chance at a pair of WT Season Football Tickets contact: Nick Ashley (366-2762), Wes Kimball (366-2417) or Skyler Walden (769-4467).

## Imagination Station Meeting April 28th

What were the plans and dreams for the Imagination Station? Is there still interest in the wonderful programs that were presented to the area children? Would you be interested in volunteering short term, long term or just for a project? Come to the Imagination Station, Sunday, April 28th at 2:00 p.m. to explore the possibilities. Each person who has served on the Board is asked to come and bring an interested person with them and all interested persons are encouraged to participate. For more information, contact Kim Allen, Martin Dettle, LeRayne Donelson or Gaynelle Riffe.

## Annual Book Sale To Be Held

The Sherman County Public Library will be holding its annual Book Sale on Friday, March 22nd from 9-4 and on Saturday, March 23rd from 9-12. Come fill a paper sack with books for \$2.00 and help the library make room for the shipment of new books which are arriving weekly.

## 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.

## April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The CASA 69, Sherman County (affiliated with the National CASA Association), a local nonprofit organization that trains community volunteers to speak in the best interests of abused and neglected children in court, will join the national effort to recognize National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month by offering a light of hope for abused and neglected children.

April is recognized as National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. In support of the national effort and to generate awareness and support in the fight against child abuse during National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, CASA 69, Sherman County is inviting community members to join together in the fight against child abuse by offering a light of hope during a special candlelight ceremony. A candle will be showcased and attendees will be invited to light a sparkler in the display. Every sparkler will represent a child who has been abused or neglected every year in our area.

This event will be held April 11, 2002 at 6 p.m. on the Sherman County Courthouse steps.

## Consider Tip Top Bucks For Gift Giving Needs

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce would like to remind the community to consider Tip Top Bucks for your gift giving needs. The Tip Top Buck program promotes shopping at home and support of our local merchants.

Tip Top Bucks may be purchased from the Chamber office (located in the City Hall Building) in \$5.00 increments. Beginning March 15th Tip Top Bucks will now have an expiration date (6 months after purchase). All merchants will need to check the date and make sure it has not expired. To purchase these certificates, please call the Chamber office (366-2260) and place your order. Buy Tip Top Bucks and support the local economy.

## Way of the Cross in Stratford

On Food Friday, March 29th, Father Darryl Birkenfeld, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church invites the public to take part in a "Way of the Cross in Stratford", an ecumenical prayer activity commemorating Christ's carrying of the Cross, according to fifteen traditional Stations of the Cross. For approximately two hours, the Way of the Cross will be commemorated through Biblical reflections on the 15 Stations, as well as contemporary meditations on how the Cross is being carried in Stratford. The procession can be made walking, following along in a vehicle, or by joining at any "Station" along the route, starting on the east side of the city all the way to the cemetery. The "first station" will begin at 10 a.m. in the outdoor courtyard at Coldwater Manor. The list of the Stations to be commemorated, their locations, and themes that relate to the situations encountered by Stratford people today are listed below. Take time to come and join in this enriching community prayer event.

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|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| I. Jesus is Condemned to Death         | Coldwater Manor         | Old Age and Loss of Home        |
| II. Jesus Takes Up His Cross           | Stratford Family Clinic | Sickness, Terminal Illness      |
| III. Jesus Falls: 1 <sup>st</sup> Time | City Park               | Ecological Devastation          |
| IV. Jesus Meets His Mother             | N. Fourth & Grace       | Poverty & Economic Disparity    |
| V. Simon of Cyrene assists Jesus       | N. Third & Grace        | Homelessness & Emergencies      |
| VI. Veronica Wipes Jesus' Face         | N. Third & Fulton       | Crime & Punishment              |
| VII. Jesus Falls: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Time | N. Third & Pearl        | Death of Loved Ones             |
| VIII. Jesus Meets Jerusalem Women      | N. Third & Main         | Overworking & Busyness          |
| IX. Jesus Falls: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Time  | First State Bank        | Financial Problems              |
| X. Jesus Stripped on Calvary           | Depot Museum            | Lost Stories & History          |
| XI. Jesus Nailed to the Cross          | N. First & Chestnut     | Farm & Business Failure         |
| XII. Jesus Dies on the Cross           | N. Third & 287          | Victims of Accidents & War      |
| XIII. Body of Jesus Taken Down         | N. Third & Pine         | Taking Risks: Trusting in Seeds |
| XIV. Jesus' Body Placed in Tomb        | Cemetery                | Remembering the Deceased        |
| XV. The Resurrection                   | Cemetery                | Victory over Death              |



At left: Board president, James Spurlock, presides over XIT Rural Telephone's 51st Annual Membership Meeting held at the Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum in Dalhart, Texas, on Wednesday, March 13th. XIT's General Manager, Jimmy R. White, is seated to the left of the podium.

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At right: T.F. (Tommy) Baskin, III, receives a plaque in appreciation of his dedicated service to the XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative from board president, James Spurlock, as general manager, Jimmy R. White, looks on. Baskin has served on the board for 29 years. Nine of those years was as president of the board.



## Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- March 22-24 "Fiddler on the Roof" 7:30p.m. Sun. 2:00p.m.  
Guymon Community Theatre 680-338-0019
- March 23 "The Whosoever Will, Prayer Band" New Arts Six  
Dalhart LaRita Community Theatre CofC/ 224-5646
- March 23 "Marriage of Figaro" Amarillo Opera  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-7467
- March 27 "My Fair Lady" Broadway Series 7:30p.m.  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- April 2-3 Sesame Street presents "Everyone Makes Music" 7:00 p.m.  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096 (group discounts)
- April 5 "Showcase of Music" WTA&MU  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-651-2854
- April 6 Sons of San Joaquin (Music)  
Dalhart LaRita Community Theatre CofC/22405646
- April 6-7 "HONK!" Musical (Ugly Duckling)  
Sun. Mat. Amarillo Little Theatre Academy 806-355-9991

## Scot News

By Jack Gore

## TRTA To Meet March 21st

The Texas Retired Teachers' Association will meet March 21, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in St. James Episcopal Church. Awanda Morris will lead a memorial service for former members, and Mildred Bosler will accompany her with music. Officer elections will be held, and members will discuss the legislative report. The invocation will be given by Father McGhee and music led by Rusty Hancock. Host(esses) are Nelda and Bob Askey, Vera Hancock, Dorothy Haile, and Billie and Hugh Stewart.

## Local Scholarships Being Offered

The following individuals and organizations have committed to donating a local scholarship to seniors at Stratford High School this spring:

Prospectus Study Club - due April 3rd.

Nu Beta Sorority, V.O. Lasley Memorial, Sherman County Texas State Teacher's Association, Stratford Chamber of Commerce and the Stratford Fire Department - due April 5th.

Earl and Conrad Riffe Memorial Scholarship - due April 19th.

Details and application materials for each of these scholarships can be obtained in the counselor's office at Stratford High School or by calling 366-3322. If you are interested in donating a local scholarship either through an organization or anonymously, please contact Misti McBryde.

It is curious how much more interest can be evoked by a mixture of gossip, romance and mystery than by facts.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

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## Stratford & Sherman Co. Transportation Meeting Held March 12th at Headquarters Restaurant

Area Engineer Kenny Course presented an update on the roads in Sherman County and Amarillo TXDOT Staff Cheryl Luther and landscape designer Chris Chambers spoke about the steps to complete the Main Street Enhancement program to: George Harding, Paula Nusz, Kristine Olsen, Elaine and Leo Horn, David Brown, Don Nickleson, Ken Forthman, Kim Crippen, Ann and Jim Johnson, Don and Gaynelle Riffe and special guest, Representative David and Joyce Swinford.

U.S. 287 (Ports-to-Plains) Federal Legislation language identifying the Ports-to-Plains Corridor will hopefully be designated in a month.

South Bound-60% complete with the last 7 miles completed in August.

The southbound bridge over the coldwater will be replaced and then a finish overlay should complete the construction by December.

North Bound-Overlay to the Oklahoma line to begin in August or September.

Grade Separation over U.S. 54 and UP/SP RR- Three different plans were presented. These three plans will be posted at City Hall.

U.S. 54 (SPIRIT) Spirit members went to Washington last week to seek Federal Designation as a Federal High Priority Corridor. Senator Jeff Bingman, NM and Senator Pat Roberts, KS introduced a bill into the record on March 5 to designate U.S. 54 from Wichita, KS to El Paso, Texas as the Southwest Passage (SPIRIT) Federal High Priority Corridor.

US 54 is a phase II on the Texas Trunk System. The Texas Transportation Commission will be asked to place it on the Phase I, build.

The BNSF RR crossing will be replaced soon which will require a US 54 detour for two days.

FM 2677(Beaver Road) has received a Seal Coat.

Main Street Enhancement Program will begin when the City can contribute 10% of their 20%. The project should begin in the next 3 years. It will take 6 to 9 months for the engineer studies and forming a project plan.

District Transportation Meeting will be March 26 at the Berger Chamber of Commerce, 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in Transportation is encouraged to attend.

The next quarterly Transportation meeting will be June.

## Depot Museum Needs Your Shoes

The Depot Museum will exhibit shoes and boots in March and April. Bring your fancy boots or shoes to show them off all this week.

Even old sneakers from your children's closet are welcomed.

Come to the museum to see all the best and maybe the worst.

Museum is open 8 to 12 and 2-4 p.m.

The museum has received a very nice supply of school annuals, but we still need they year 1985 and also 1993 annual to make a complete set.

Last Friday a bunch of Scotters went to Guymon to eat Chinese food. All had a good time even those that were uncomfortably for awhile.

This week's activities include Birthday party Thursday at 2:00 and then Bingo at 7 p.m. on Thursday. Sat. Night will be our regular month dance 8 till 11. Everyone is invited to come to the dance.

Next week will be board meeting Tuesday at 10 a.m. Luncheon Thursday.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

It seems these days, everywhere we look, we see evidence of violence, despair and hopelessness. We tend to think these things are beyond our control and we feel a sense of helplessness. I do think however, if we look around we might find a way to help. In looking around our small community, I found many people working very quietly, but with great impact through CASA 69, and I decided that this might be a way I could also make a difference.

CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to advocate for abused and neglected children in court. With more than three million children reported abused and neglected each year in the United States, I knew these children desperately needed help. I wanted to be part of something that would make an impact on children in need.

I have only been a CASA volunteer for a short time but I have found my sense of purpose is greater than any challenge I could ever face. I have been trained and encouraged by caring and knowledgeable people who are always there to advise and support me in whatever task I face.

To all of you who have wanted to make a positive impact on our community and have wondered "What can I do?" perhaps CASA is for you. On April 12, my fellow volunteers and I will be gathering on the Sherman County Courthouse steps for a candlelight ceremony as we raise a "light of hope" as a symbol of awareness for our area's abused and neglected children. Perhaps your heart will be touched and you might realize there is something you can do, not only for the children, but also for yourself. Please join us.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Tillery  
CASA69

Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought.

—Albert Szent-Györgyi  
von Nagyrapolt

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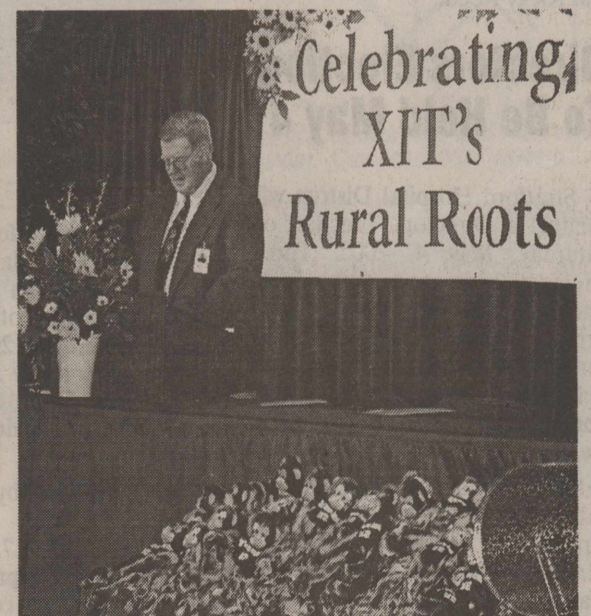


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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th

NOON MEAL

# XIT Rural Telephone wants to thank everyone for making our 51st Annual Membership Meeting a huge success!



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## Check Out These Web Sites:

Yoplait yogurt at www.yoplait.com.  
Between the Lions reading program at pbskids.org/lions.  
Skil Power Tools at www.skil.com.  
The Wood Floor Covering Association at www.wfca.org.  
Russell Athletic at www.russellathletic.com.  
Xenarc High Intensity Discharge upgrade kits at www.sylvania.com/xenarc.  
Betty Crocker "Dinner and the Games" program at BettyCrocker.com.

When desire dies, fear is born.  
—Baltasar Gracian

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### Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick hosted a party at Coldwater Manor March 12. There were no March birthdays among the residents, so they used the St. Patrick's theme. They had a sing-a-long of Irish songs with Janie Kirkpatrick at the piano and Marylou McDaniel song leader.

Angel food, chocolate and hummingbird cakes, ice cream and mock champagne was served.

Servers were Barbara Schoonover, Nita Taylor, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Marylou & Merilee McDaniel. Cakes were made by Nita, Jo June McDaniel, Annette Hampton.

Enjoying good food, good entertainment and same prices at XIT Telephone annual meeting March 13 were several from Kerrick. Florencia Eslinger won a mantle clock; Mike McDaniel, Cord Reel Work Light; Bill Boren, water hose. Others attending were Nita Taylor, Buck Weaver, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Pat Boren, Jo June McDaniel, Marylou & Merilee McDaniel.

Spending a few days with the Hampton family was three year old Caleb Craig. His parents are Chris & Lindsey Craig of Plainview. Nora Wells went back to at Dumas ER Monday following her recent surgery.

Kenna Collums, Peggy Hawkins and Chandra attended the wedding shower for Jessie Nash Hernandez. It was Sunday afternoon at First Christian Church.

Chandra was in the Spelling Bee at Texhoma Monday.

Leonard & Peggy found out that they have a wonderful unknown friend and they don't know who to thank!

Barbara Schoonover attended a NAIC meeting in Amarillo Saturday.

Visiting with Ted & Joyce Irlbeck Sunday were his sister, Roberta Artho, niece Wanda Jesko and her three children. They had dinner with Belinda, Jim & Jason Roberts.

Duane & Stephanie Gillenwaters and children, Jacy, Dasan and Tala came Saturday to see his parents Bill & Donna. Jacy & Dasan stayed for their Spring Break this week. They live at Moreland, OK.

Jo June McDaniel took a stress test in Amarillo last week and the report was normal! She says they are only ones who think she's "normal"!

Bill Boren celebrated his birthday March 11 with cake and ice cream. Daughter Kerry made the cake. She and her family, Kelly, Kevin and Kole were here from Ropesville. Coming from near Keyes was a college friend of Kerry's Robin Williams and her children, Darci and Courtney. Also present were Bill Gillenwaters, Jo June McDaniel, Gary Hudgens, Marylou McDaniel, Pat Boren.

### Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship Applications Available

The First Ag Credit, FCS-Dalhart Credit Office will award the 16th annual Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship to two deserving graduating high school seniors. The scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 each to be paid \$250 for each semester. The applications have been mailed to are counselors in the Association's territory of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman and Moore counties. Applications are also available by calling the Dalhart Credit Office at (806) 249-2616 and should be returned to the office at 201 West 5th no later than Friday, April 26th.

The eligibility requirements for the scholarships are as follows:

1. A resident of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman or Moore counties of Texas
2. A "B" average or (80 or above);
3. A well rounded student with a good smile.

There are no restrictions on the college or university to be attended by the recipient or the field of study to be entered by the recipient.

The award is named in honor of Burke Bell who served as manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Dalhart from 1960-1982.

### Timi's Tidbits

By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers Readers, Citizens this cloudy 52 degree Monday, March 18, 2002.

In listening and watching the Methodist hour we learned that the Joy of the community was Spring Break which came to a close this morning when the school's re-opened.

We extend our sympathy to the families who have lost loved ones.

Timi wants her family, friends and peers to be sure to pat someone and tell each other they love one another for luv still makes the world go round.

### "The Victor" Easter Pageant

Touching Lives through the Holiness and Hope of Jesus are inspiring words for the Guymon Church of the Nazarene as they begin planning and presenting their annual Easter Pageant.

Pastor Terry Armstrong would like to invite the listening area to join in the celebration of the life of Jesus through the presentation of "The Victor". A full cast of choral and drama members with colorful costumes and an impressive set will be encouraging to all that attend.

"The Victor" is under the direction of Minister of Music, Wayne Dawson. Childcare will be provided through age three. Call 580-338-3553 for complimentary tickets available for the two presentations, Friday, March 29th and Sunday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. The Guymon Church of the Nazarene is located 24th and Sunset, Guymon, Ok.

### Spiritual Renewal Week To Be Held

A Spiritual Renewal Week will be at the First Christian Church in Texhoma March 24 through 27. Evangelist for the services will be Mike Harenza, pastor of the First Christian Church in Derby, Kansas.

A carry-in-dinner at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 24 will begin the week. Everyone is invited to be a part of this. A time of praise, worship and preaching will follow that evening at 6:30. The service times for Monday through Wednesday will be 7 p.m.

Scott Brookins, trumpet soloist, will be the featured music for Monday evening. In his full time International ministry, Scott ministers across the United States and Eastern Europe in churches, schools, prisons and orphanages. Before feeling God's call to the ministry, Scott was a professional musician for over 16 years performing with various entertainers including: Glen Campbell, Mary Wells, The Platters and George Shearing. He was also the featured soloist and lead trumpet player while serving in the U.S. Air Force Band. His music can be heard on radio stations across the United States.

Cowboy-songwriter, R.W. Hampton, will join in special music on Wednesday, March 27. Hampton was selected as Male Vocalist of the Year for 1999 by the Academy of Western Artists/Will Rogers Awards. In the past years R.W. has also received honors for Album of the Year, Entertainer of the Year and Male Vocalist. His recently released seventh album with Real West Productions, titled, "Always in My Heart," is an album dedicated to the romance of the West. His last album, "The Last Cowboy-His Journey" was honored with the prestigious Wrangler Award for "Excellence in Dramatic Presentation and Original Musical Composition." In 1998 he released his first gospel album, "Then Sings My Soul", which reflects his love for the Lord, mixing several traditional favorites with original song and blends them all with a dash of the West. He and his family reside on a small ranch near Cimarron, NM.

Each evening the praise and worship will be lead by our own First Christian Church praise team. We extend an invitation to everyone in the surrounding area to join us at this time. For more information you may call the church office at 423-7277.

### 51st Annual Easter Pageant

The story of Easter will be brought to life once again at the 51st Annual Easter Pageant near Kenton, Oklahoma

Saturday, March 30 5 p.m. Mountain Time and 6 p.m. Central Time

Sunday, March 31, 5 a.m. Mountain Time and 6 a.m. Central Time.

The story is taken from the King James Version of the Bible and will be portrayed from The Last Supper to the Ascension.

The Saturday evening performance is timed to dramatize the moment of the crucifixion with Christ hanging from the cross between two thieves, just as the sun sets over the rugged canyon wall.

This performance of the death of Christ and the despair of the world, will be followed on Sunday morning by the living hope of the resurrection, as the sun rises on a great earthquake and ends with the awesome scene of the Ascension.

The cast of the Kenton Easter Pageant is composed of ranchers, farmers, housewives, students, business and professional people from the surrounding area who devote their time and labor to the presentation of the pageant. Some

of the cast members are third and fourth generation participants.

The pageant grounds are located in the beautiful Black mesa Canyon Country one and one-half miles East of Kenton in the Oklahoma panhandle. Kenton is located 35 miles west northwest of Boise City, OK on Hwy 325. The canyon walls serve as a natural theater for the pageant taking place on the hillside as the audience watches from their cars or lawn chairs in the valley below. You can tune you radio to 89.5 F.M. to listen from your car. Dress casual for both performances.

Meals will be served after both performances at Camp Bill Joe near Kenton.

Sat. p.m. Meal and Sun a.m. meal are Adults \$5.00, Children 7-12 \$3.00 Children 6 and under free.

Camper hookups are available at Kenton and Lake Etling for people who wish to stay in the area overnight. There are also five dorm accommodations at Camp Billy Joe, as well as places for some campers and tents. Anyone desiring more information may call (580) 261-7479.

There are churches in the area for regular Sunday morning services.

### EASTER SUNDAY March 31 † 10:50am



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—G.K. Chesterton



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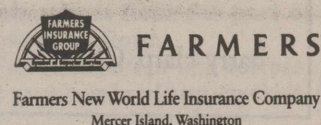


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### 4-H Youth Exhibit Livestock Projects At Major Livestock Shows

Several members of Sherman County 4-H have spent the last two months exhibiting their livestock projects at the various major livestock shows held each year in Texas. The youth have spent endless hours feeding, grooming, and preparing their animals for the big events, not to mention the hours spent on the road to get to the cities that hold these shows. Congratulations to all these members who exhibited and/or sold an animal at a major livestock show.

Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show-Ft. Worth, TX.

Kristen Crabtree-3d place Exotic Steer.

Case Crabtree-3rd place Exotic Steer

Clayton Johnson-Shorthorn Steer

Whitney Ricketson-Hereford Steer

Walter Spurlock-York Barrow

San Antonio Livestock Show-San Antonio, TX

Clayton Johnson-5th Place Maine Anjou Steer

Hunter Buckles-York Barrow

Carson Buckles-Cross Barrow

Haley Buckles-York Barrow

April Kautz-Cross Barrow

Morgan Crabtree-Cross

Barrow Megan Crabtree-Cross Barrow

Houston Livestock Show-Houston, TX

Kaleb Horsford-10th Place Spot Barrow

Kyle Horsford-Cross Barrow

Hunter Buckles-Poland

Haley Buckles-Hamp Barrow

Carson Buckles-Cross Barrow

April Kautz Chester & Duroc Barrow

Ole Dahl-3rd Place Hereford Scramble Heifer, 20th Commercial Steers

Peter Dahl-Hereford Steer

Ryan Dahl-8th Place Hereford Heifer

Justin Edwards-Commercial Steers

San Angelo Stock Show-San Angelo, TX

Alisha Sladek-Meat Goat

Dalton Sladek-Meat Goat

Cody Ewers-Duroc Barrow

April Kautz-Chester and Duroc Barrows

Kaleb Horsford-Chester and Cross Barrows

Kyle Horsford-York Barrow

### "The Great Trike Race"

CASA 69 is sponsoring The Great Trike Race for ages 3 to 5 at the Court House parking lot on Thursday April 11, at 5:45. Balloons and ribbons will be awarded to all participants. Tricycles will be provided but contestants may bring their own.

Please turn in registration forms to the Mary Allen Elementary office.

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Many prophecies from the Old Testament of the Bible came about when Christ was on this earth. Several of them have to do with His death and resurrection. For example, Zechariah 12:10 says, "They will look on Me whom they have pierced." The apostle John tells us these words were fulfilled when Christ was crucified. After His death, while He was still on the cross, soldiers came a check on Jesus and those condemned with Him. They broke the legs of those crucified with Jesus to increase their agony and speed their death. But Jesus was already dead. The soldiers did not break His legs. There was no need. Then, "one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear and immediately there came out blood and water" (John 19:34). This was proof Jesus was dead. The Gospel of John says, "These things came to pass, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, 'Not a bone of Him shall be broken.' And another Scripture says, 'They shall look on Him whom they pierced' (John 19:36-37). Zechariah 12:10 was perfectly and completely fulfilled. Did you know those soldiers epitomize people like you and me? Our sins put Christ on the cross. In a real sense, we are the ones who pierced Jesus. We are like those soldiers. We too look upon the One whom we have pierced.

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## Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brooks of Stratford and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Starnes of Dodge City, KS would like to announce the engagement of their children, Lori Brooks and Justin Starnes, both of Amarillo, TX. The bride elect earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work from West Texas A&M University. She is employed by NWTU/Pavilion as a Social Worker. The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Stratford High School and is currently studying Business Management at WTAMU. He is employed by Amarillo National Bank as a Loan Officer/Bank Officer. The couple plan to be married on August 10th at The First Baptist Church of Stratford, TX.

## Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club 10th Annual Antique Tractor Show To Be Held

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club 10th annual antique tractor show will be held at the Ollie Linder Center in Plainview on March 23 and March 24, 2002. This is the largest indoor antique tractor show in this area. There will be displays of antique tractors, antique farm equipment, other farm related antiques, and some novelty items. A parade of the antique tractors will be held each day, a children's pedal tractor pull will be enjoyed Saturday afternoon, and arts and crafts booths will be there both days. The Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum Association will have food available. There is no admission charge and donations will be accepted. For more information contact Paul Sarchet, 806-744-4457.

## Identification Of Gifted-Talented Identificación de Estudiantes

There will be a meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the May Allen Elementary Library to discuss the identification of Gifted-Talented students in grades 1-11.

We will discuss characteristics of gifted and talented children. We will also talk about the nomination process.

The Gifted and Talented program is for students with above-average potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills. It is designed to challenge students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to go to the principal's office and complete a nomination form. The deadline for nomination is March 28, 2002.

Those students nominated will then go through a screening procedure that requires special testing. Parents will be requested to grant permission for the testing.

State guidelines mandate funding for no more than 5% of the average daily attendance.

For further information, contact Kathie Altman, G-T Coordinator, at 366-3343.

\*Babysitting will be provided

\*Interpreter will be present

## Births

Robbie & Tammy Randall are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter Madison Reid. She was born Feb. 27, 2002 at Dalhart, Texas. She weighed 8 lbs 10 ozs and was 20 3/4 inches long. She is welcomed home by brother, Chanler and Brett.

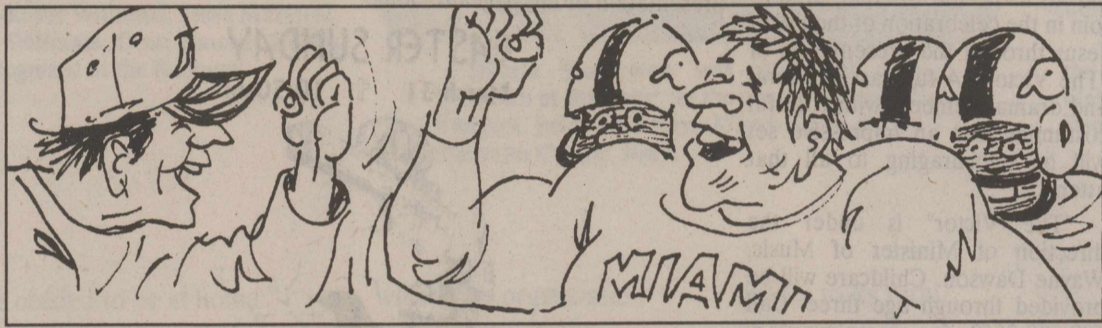
Maternal Grandparent is Fred Cole of Stratford.

Paternal grandparents are Robert & Janie Randall of Stratford. Paternal Grandmothers are Ruth Naugle of Stratford and Jeane Randall of Springhill, Kansas.

Both humans and chimps have equal amounts of hair per surface area. Chimps hair is heavier.



A wedding shower was held for Jessie Hernandez bride of Chris on Sunday, March 17, 2002 at the First Christian Church. Shown from left, Susie Harlow, Jessie Hernandez, Patty Tims and Mary Hernandez.



The longest post-season game in NFL history occurred on December 25, 1971, when the Miami Dolphins defeated the Kansas City Chiefs, 27-24, after 82 minutes, 40 seconds—including 22 minutes, 40 seconds of overtime.

## Texas Farm Service Agency Announces Selection of State Agricultural Program Manager

Today, March 12, 2002, John T. Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced the selection of Juan M. Garcia to serve as the State Agricultural Program Manager (APM) - second in charge of the agency's federal farm program administration.

The Agricultural Program Manager, as the assistant to the State Executive Director, oversees all functions of FSA in cooperation with or in the absence of the State Executive Director.

"Juan is respected by his peers as well as the state's farmers and ranchers for his extensive knowledge of both farm loan and commodity programs," said Fuston. "He will be an asset to the Texas FSA management team."

As a politically appointed position, the State Executive Director changes as administrations change potentially creating periods of transition every four years.

According to Fuston, having an APM as a constant variable in the Texas FSA State Office will benefit the agency's employees and customers by creating continuity, consistency and stability during these periods of agency transition.

This is consistent with the management style Garcia hopes to bring to the APM position.

"I believe in empowering employees by listening to their comments and suggestions because it fosters good working relationships that result in friendly, productive work environments, as well as customer satisfaction," said Garcia.

"The Ag Program Manager position is unique to Texas. No other state currently has anyone serving in this capacity and its existence is reflective of the enormous responsibility of delivering federal farm programs to the producers in this state," said Fuston.

Last year alone, more than 1300 Texas FSA employees in 207 county-based U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) service centers, delivered 1.7 billion dollars in federal farm program funding to 147,000 Texas farmers and ranchers.

As the newly selected APM, Garcia will provide farm program delivery guidance to the state's 18 District Directors, coordinate agency outreach efforts, coordinate agency program appeals and mediation hearings and oversee all county office reviews to insure the integrity of FSA's program delivery in Texas. All of these responsibilities will be conducted in cooperation with the State Executive and the State Committee.

"The Texas FSA State Committee is pleased with Juan's selection," said Jerry Harris, Chair, Texas FSA State Committee. "He brings with him a wealth of experience and in depth knowledge of farm program delivery complexities in a state that have very diverse cultures, agriculture commodities, geography and economic conditions."

Receiving a BS in Animal Science from Texas A&I Kingsville in 1975, Garcia has worked with USDA for 26 years - 22 years with the Texas FSA. He served as County Executive Director in Nolan, Hidalgo and Cameron Counties. In his current capacity as District Director, Garcia has supervised multi-

county farm program delivery for one year in East Texas and in South Texas for the past 12 years.

A native of South Texas, Garcia was raised on his family's 500-acre cotton, grain sorghum and livestock operation. The Garcia family farm, in operation since 1860, received the Texas Land Heritage Award (recognizing century farms and ranches) in 1976. The family farm is still in operation today.

Garcia, his wife Belinda and their three children will relocate to the Texas FSA State Office headquarters in College Station.

For more information on FSA programs, contact the local USDA Service Center or visit FSA's national web site at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

The invariable mark of wisdom is to see the miraculous in the common.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

## SHS Recognized For Yearbook Excellence

Dallas-The Stratford High School yearbook staff has been recognized by Taylor Publishing Company with a Special Achievement Award. Adviser of the Stratford High School yearbook is Tami King.

Each year, Taylor recognizes Special Achieve staffs, which are selected based on their overall dedication, effort and accomplishments. As a Special Achievement winner, the Stratford High School yearbook will appear in the 2002 edition of Taylor's Yearbook Yearbook publication.

Taylor publishing, headquartered in Dallas, Texas, also operates facilities in San Angelo, Texas, El Paso, Texas and Malvern, PA. Taylor is a major publisher of yearbooks nationwide and is the industry's technology leader in digital innovation. Taylor provides training, technical support and printing services to elementary school, middle school, high school and college yearbook staffs.

Again this year, "The Elk" will be distributed nationwide for viewing by other schools. Each year Taylor Publishing, Co. is responsible for publishing approximately 12,000 books across the United States. Out of the 12,000 published, there are roughly 380 chosen for this honor.

Congratulations to the staff members of "The Elk 2001" edition and "The Elk 2002" edition for these great accomplishments! "The Elk" staff members for your 2001 book were Jessica King Audrain, Thea James, Zulema Torres, Heather Ashley and Lori Wilhelm. This year's members putting together your publication "The Elk 2002" are seniors Heather Ashley, Lori Wilhelm, Trisha Teig and juniors Katie York and Alicia Adams.

## Delta Kappa Gamma Society Holds Meeting

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society held their March meeting in Hartley. Members listened to a program about modern technology presented by Karla Hoehn, technology coordinator for Hartley schools. Mrs. Hoehn explained how teleconferencing system in Hartley works with Frank Phillips College. Nelda Askey, vice president, led the business meeting. Mary Weatherford gave roll call and secretary's report, and Shirley Hendricks presented the treasurer's report. Members discussed the state meeting in Fort Worth in June plans for initiation ceremonies at the April meeting. Frances Holden led the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song, which closed the meeting. Refreshments were served by hostesses Ann Hormel and Mary Weatherford. Others present but not previously named were Frances Wardlaw, Portia Dees and Beverley Hendricks.

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# Chamber Banquet April 15th

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce would like to invite the community to our 2001 Chamber Banquet. The date chosen is Monday, April 15, 2002. The theme will be "Pioneer Families of Sherman County". The banquet will be held at the County Barn. Tickets will be for sale beginning on March 18, 2002.

It is also time for the community to make their nomination for "Citizen of The Year". The winner for 2000 was Mayrene Aduddell. An official

nomination form may be obtained at the Chamber Office. All nominations must be signed. Nominations are due back to the Chamber office by Monday, April 8, 2002.

Nominations will be considered using the following criteria:

- \*Consistent Community Support (Length of Service)
- \*Number of people reached (extra consideration given for involvement with more than 1 community activity).

- \*Continued Personal Growth
- \*Progressive Ideas
- \*Projects
- \*Positive Community Attitude

The winner will be chosen by the Chamber General Board at their regular monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2002. Many worthy persons live in our community. Take time to nominate your favorite "citizen" today.

NOMINATION FORM  
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CITIZEN

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

(First) (Middle) (Last)

Family Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications/Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

name and phone number of nominator:  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Type or print brief explanations. Additional information may be submitted as an attachment.



Main Street Enhancement Celebration Held

L/R: Kristine Olsen, David Brown, Kim Crippen, Rep. David & Mrs. Swinford, Cheryl Luther, Chris Chambers, Paula Nusz, and Gaynelle Riffe were on hand at the Main Street Enhancement Celebration Tuesday, March 12 at Roxy Park. Approximately 40 people enjoyed refreshments and a short presentation by Mayor David Brown who presented Representative David Swinford with a Centennial Belt Buckle as a token of appreciation for his efforts in Stratford's behalf. TXDOT Landscape Designer, Chris Chambers was also presented a token of Thanks for the Pheasant corners at US 287 and US 54. It was a lovely day in the beautiful pocket park maintained by Debbie and Gayland Vandiver.

## Children Get Stirring When Baking Bread

(NAPS)—A number of people have found the kitchen to be a great place to bake up family fun. To help celebrate families that bake together, the Home Baking Association (HBA) is designating this February as "Bake For Family Fun Month."

"Just about every step of home baking can be fun to a kid, parent or grandparent," says Charlene Patton, program director at HBA.

**What's Fun?**

For small children, the most elementary steps in bread making can be turned into an opportunity to learn and play.

- One, Two, Three!—Measuring flour and liquids and discussing various units of measure can serve as an early math lesson.

- The "Yeastie Beastie"—Adding and activating yeast, then discussing what takes place, can serve as an interesting science lesson.

- Fold, Push, Turn!—Kneading dough can be fun for kids. Also, the tactile experience of kneading can be a productive use of a child's seemingly boundless energy.

- Things Are Shaping Up!—The most fun for many junior bakers is shaping the dough. The flexibility of bread dough lets children create a myriad of playful creations—dogs, hearts, space-ships—and adding a dash of food coloring can make it even more fun. Also, raisins can serve as eyes and noses can be made from maraschino cherries.

Parents looking to mix up the time they spend with their children may want to try Beginner's White Bread from Fleischmann's Yeast. The recipe has a short list of ingredients (easier for little people to work with) and can be an excellent introductory recipe for new or young bakers.

**BEGINNER'S WHITE BREAD**

- Ingredients**  
5½ to 6 cups all-purpose flour  
3 tablespoons sugar  
2 envelopes Fleischmann's RapidRise Yeast



Kneading dough and baking bread is an activity families have been enjoying for generations.

- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1½ cups water
- ½ cup milk
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine

In large bowl, combine 2 cups flour, sugar, undissolved yeast, and salt. Heat water, milk, 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. Stir in 1 cup flour; beat at high speed for 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Stir in enough remaining flour to make soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover;

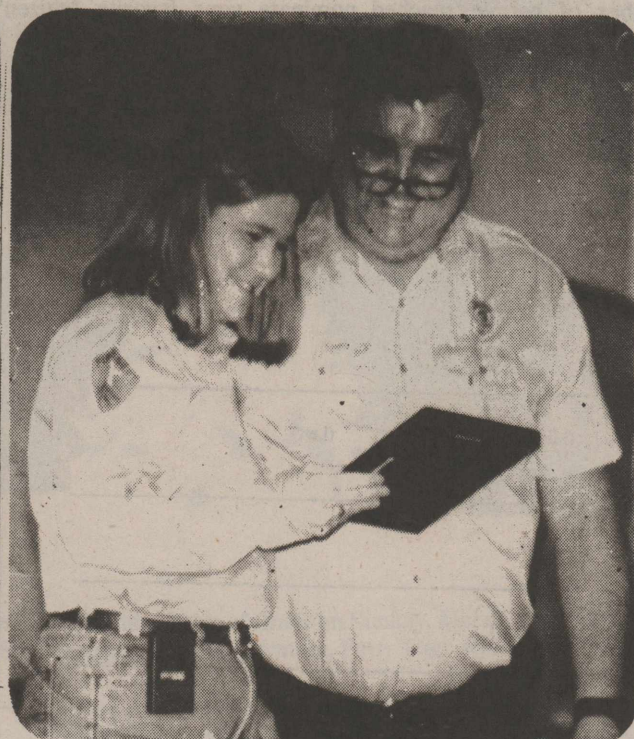
let rest 10 minutes. Divide dough in half. Roll each half to 12 x 7-inch rectangle. Beginning at short end of each rectangle, roll up tightly as for jelly roll. Pinch seams and ends to seal. Place, seam sides down, in greased 8½ x 4½-inch loaf pans. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 45 minutes. Bake at 400°F for 25 to 30 minutes or until done. Remove from pans; cool on wire rack. To Make Whole Wheat Bread: Substitute 2 cups whole wheat flour for part of all-purpose flour. For information and recipes, visit [www.breadworld.com/justkids](http://www.breadworld.com/justkids).

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# Annual Firemens Banquet Held Saturday, March 16th



Shown above are the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department Members-Eddie Williams, Jesse Mariscal, Eric Werner, Chris Hernandez, Lane Robertson, Danny Davis, Sandy Williams, Dean Hauser, Ronda Mathews, Donita Robertson, and Jack Gore. Bobbie Strong, who was recognized at the Banquet.



Donita Robertson was presented with "Fireman of the Year" at the annual Firemans Banquet held Saturday, March 16th at the Sherman County Barn.



Bobbie Strong was recognized at the Firemans Banquet held Saturday night as being a good friend to the Fire Department and always ready to help.

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## Capacity Crowd Attends XIT Rural Telephone's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting ...

by Kathy L. Duggan

XIT Marketing  
Manager

"Celebrating XIT's Rural Roots" was the theme of XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Membership Meeting. And, a celebration it was! Approximately 700 XIT Rural Telephone members and invited guests gathered at the Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum in Dalhart on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Two hundred and twenty five were voting members. Members and invited guests were served a candle-lit dinner by XIT's management and employees. The delicious meal was catered by Bar H Steak House of Dalhart, Texas.

The coliseum was beautifully decorated. Round tables were draped with red and white checked tablecloths. Bouquets of sunflowers in blue bandanna-wrapped vases centered each table. Yellow votive candles set the mood for the candle-lit dinner. Blue gift boxes containing a knife set sat at each place setting.

The stage was set with royal blue draping and a

white banner carrying the theme line. Ficus trees and sunflowers in white pots helped to create a festive setting for the meeting.

The invocation was delivered by Dean Whaley, Minister of the Dalhart Church of Christ. After the meal, Minister Whaley introduced his son, Damon Whaley, who entertained the audience with his humor, wit and charm through his piano selections, songs and impersonations of Jimmy Stewart, Louie Armstrong, Kermit the frog, Ross Perot - former presidents, Reagan, Clinton, and Nixon, and others.

XIT Board President

James Spurlock welcomed the members and recognized the guests.

Director Gary Finch then presented the 2002 XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program recipients and their families to the membership. Two of this year's winners are from Texline: Samantha Crum and Mary Gutierrez. They were unable to attend the meeting as they were on their senior trip. The three other winners, who were in attendance, are Kade Carthel from Gruver High School; Jordan Johnson from Texhoma High

School, and Trisha Teig from Stratford High School. Each student will receive a \$2000 scholarship to the college of their choice. The funds will be divided over the number of semesters to be attended by the students.

President Spurlock announced that a quorum had been met and called the business meeting to order. Board Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Finch, was asked to read the notice of the meeting and the minutes of last year's meeting.

Spurlock then called past president, T.F. (Tommy) Baskin, III, to the stage for a special presentation. Spurlock began by saying, "Having the opportunity of presenting this next award highlights my year's service as president of your association. Tommy has served as a director of XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative for 29 years. He exemplifies what a director of a rural telephone company should be. He is highly respected in the community and is extremely knowledgeable in the telephone business." Spurlock went on to say that Tommy has dedicated himself to staying current on all telephone issues by attending local, state, and national meetings "when I know for a fact, at times,

he needed to be at home."

He went on to say that Tommy had gone to Washington several times to lobby Congress in favor of the Rural Telephone Industry. Spurlock added, "There's an old saying... If you don't take care of your own business, no one else will. Tommy has been a dedicated servant of XIT Telephone, serving as president for 9 years while only missing two directors' meetings. It may not be a record, but it is a pretty darn good average."

President Spurlock concluded by saying that Tommy has certainly done his part in taking care of XIT's business, and that it gave him great pleasure to present him with a plaque in appreciation for his dedicated service to the Cooperative. He then added a special note: "Tommy, I want you to know how much I have appreciated and valued your friendship over the years."

President Spurlock then introduced XIT's General Manager, Jimmy R. White. White began by saying that he would like to honor two past leaders of the Cooperative: Mr. R.L. Elliott, who passed away in January of this year and who served as manager of the Cooperative from 1953 to 1972; and Walter

Lasley, who passed away on March 11<sup>th</sup> of this week. Mr. Lasley served on the XIT Board of Directors for a 17-year period from 1973 to 1990. White said that each of these gentlemen served the organization well by providing leadership in critical development periods of the Cooperative.

Manager White said, "The theme of our meeting, 'XIT's Rural Roots,' certainly covers a lot of ground. First and foremost in my mind is you, our loyal members of XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative. You, and those who preceded you, are, in fact, the roots from

which this organization came to be." White continued by saying that XIT's membership has provided the strength that has allowed the Cooperative and its affiliate companies to grow and develop over fifty-plus years.

White then recognized former XIT Office Manager, Ruby V. Smith. Ruby served the Cooperative for 33 years, and upon retirement wrote the Cooperative's history from 1951 to 1987. White said, "Ruby is more knowledgeable about our history than anyone I know."

White continued by announcing, "There is another group here today we wish to honor - and that is our rural businesses." White went on to say that 34% of the Cooperative's total access lines are rural business lines. White added that few people will ever realize the strength and support that our high usage business lines have provided to the Cooperative.

Manager White discussed the issue of providing broadband services of CATV and high speed data to XIT's rural areas. He said that there are two major problems that prevent us from accomplishing this goal. The first being technology. Today, the distance that a broadband signal can be transmitted is very limited - less than three miles. The second problem is cost. White stated, "Even if we could overcome the distance issue, the cost of providing these services would drive the rates to a point that would make it unaffordable to our rural members. We are investigating a possible wireless solution to this problem, but to date an affordable solution has not been identified." White assured the members that if or when XIT could identify an affordable solution, the Cooperative will be among the first to extend this

service to its rural members.

White further explained that the Cooperative is currently within months of beginning construction to upgrade service to its rural members at a cost of approximately five to seven million dollars. This will represent an approximate 33% increase in XIT's total plant. He explained that this upgrade will not provide CATV or even high speed data, but will improve the voice quality and increase the data speed for dial-up Internet.

White concluded his address by telling the members, "Your board, management team, and employees appreciate our 'Rural Roots.' Each of us fully understand where we came from and where our loyalties are. To coin an old phrase, 'We know who bring us to the dance, and that's who will take us home. We all understand our mission statement: To provide high-quality telecommunication services at the lowest possible cost to our members.'"

Manager White then introduced Darrell Dennis, Assistant General Manager, and asked him to

report on the Cooperative's wholly-owned subsidiary, XIT Telecommunication & Technology, Inc. (XT&T).

President Spurlock introduced Larry Schniederjan, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, who presented the report on the nominations for directors for the ensuing three-year term. Those nominated were District I, Dallam County - Glenn Olson; District II, Hartley County - James R. Wilson, and District III, Sherman County - Walter E. Lasley. Spurlock then called for nominations from the floor. There being none, he appointed a Canvassing Committee consisting of Joe Billups, Mack Macias, and Chris Guerrero to tally

the ballots. The committee declared the election of Glenn Olson, James R. Wilson and Walter E. Lasley.

Prior to the regular prize drawing, all the members' children and grandchildren (12 years and under) were called to the front and were given stuffed-hanging monkeys. The monkeys' blue T-shirts read: "Don't monkey around, call XIT!"

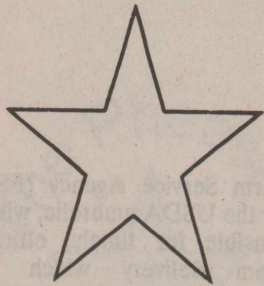
Director T.F. (Tommy) Baskin, III, then conducted the drawing for the eighty-nine door prizes which

were awarded to attending members and their children. Director Baskin was assisted by XIT employees, and fellow director, J.W. McClellan, Jr. and his grandchildren: Jared McClellan and Jessica Edmonds. The winner of the \$500 cash prize was Becky Greene. The winners of the 5 - \$100 cash prizes were Ray Eads, Carl Newlon, Irene Heckman, Pam Boyer and Eldredge Dixon. After the prizes were distributed, the meeting was adjourned.

*Immediately following the conclusion of the annual meeting, the Board of Directors met at the Cooperative's headquarters and held their Organizational Meeting. At this meeting, the following officers were elected: James Spurlock, President; Glenn Olson, Vice President, and Gary Finch, Secretary-Treasurer.*



Curry powder is not actually a spice, but a blend of spices. In India, the mixture is called garam masala. Typically, it includes coriander, cumin, fenugreek, turmeric, black pepper, cayenne pepper, cloves, cardamom, cinnamon, and chill peppers.



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Rentals available at THE General Store. Appliance dolly, sheetrock jock, and cement mixer. 4-12-1fn

It's Prom Time!! Tuxedos available at Hair Creations. Call 396-2809. 3-14-4xc

For Sale: 1990 Cadillac Sedan Deville. Call 396-2820. 3-21-2xc

## Feed, Seed and Grain

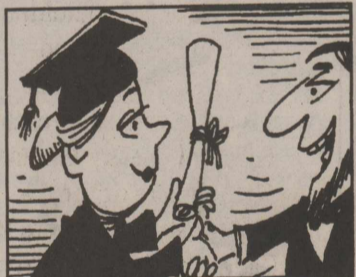
Red Top Cane Seed, cleaned, bagged and treated. Call Gayland or John 1-800-299-9273 Hereford. 6-27-c

## To Give Away

To Give Away: 9 puppies - will be large dogs. Good farm dogs and good with children and other animals. 753-4526. 3-21-1xc

## Health Insurance

LOOKING FOR A CHANGE IN YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE? Call the Allen-Tarver Insurance Agency for a comparison to what you have with a new company that we now represent. Better rates, large popular network base, dental, vision, and life for both individual policies and group. Please call us for more information. Patty Melton-health specialist. 806-396-5810. 3-7-2mo.ch



Elizabeth Blackwell received the first medical degree granted to a woman in the U.S. in 1849.

Do not bite the bait of pleasure till you know there is no hook beneath it.

—Thomas Jefferson

## Help Wanted

Help Wanted: Will Train. 1-806-396-2007. 3-21-4xc

Farm Help Wanted: Call for more information Al Reznik - 1-806-778-8877. 3-21-1xc

Secretarial Position - Stratford Family Medical Clinic. Available immediately! The Following Traits are desired: \*Good People Contact Skills, \*Good Peer Working Relationships, \*Pleasant Phone Voice, \*Positive, Hard Working Attitude, \*Computer Skills. Health Insurance, Vacation and Sick Leave. Stratford Hospital District Employee. Apply in Person, Stratford Family Medical Clinic, 1220 Pumell, Stratford, TX 79084. 3-14-2xc

Immediate opening for reliable mechanic in Stratford area. Must provide own tools. Apply at: Innovative Staffing Solutions 402-B Tanglewood Rd. Dalhart, Texas 79022 Toll Free: (877) 379-1434. 10-18-1fn

## Services

Wildlife Art & Taxidermy- Guymon, OK. 580-468-1520, Cell phone 580-651-6703. 9-27-1xc

**Best Termite Control of Amarillo**  
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Attention veterans & surviving spouses-if you have questions concerning Veteran or Surviving-Spouse Benefits, or need assistance, please contact the Sherman County Veterans Services Officer (Jim Johnson) at 366-5700. 2-15-1fn

## Land For Sale

Land for Sale: One (1) 640 Acre tract, cultivated land; 306.7 acres in CRP, 276.3 acres in CRP; 280.3 in CRP. Contact Trust Department/Martha Mills, First State-Bank 396-5521. 3-12-1fn



There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

## Houses for Sale

House for Sale: Great Location, beautiful corner lot, 2 large bedrooms, 1 large bath, garage, central heat/AC. 806-659-2345. 8-2-1fn

For Sale or Lease: 212 N. Poplar. 806-679-5585. 1-10-1fn

For Sale: 3 Bdrm, 2 bath brick home, double car garage, fenced in backyard, across from City Park. 702 N. 7th. Call 396-2425, 396-2845, 396-5841, or 396-1050 for more information. 6-14-1fn

For Sale: 1999 modular home on cement foundation. 1344 square feet. Sits on 3 lots in Texhoma, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$45,000.00. (580)423-7541.

3,600 sq. ft. 3,000 living, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas w/double fireplaces, covered/lighted patio, 2 car garage, corner lot, near both schools, 1220 N. Chestnut. For more info. call 1-903-732-5402 or 396-2498. 1-3-1fn

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Fax 935-7687 or call our Stratford Agent  
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New Listing - Very nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath with 2 car garage, good location. Only \$57,000.

House for Sale: 604 S. Fulton, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1716 living, brick/steel siding, central heat/air, a/c new, vinyl windows, fireplace, large fenced backyard, new ceramic cook-top, built-in oven and microwave, dishwasher, pantry, ice maker-hook-up, utility room, carpet, new vinyl flooring, attic storage w/stairs, covered patio, 2 storage sheds, 2 car garage, electric door openers. Phone 254-772-6584 or 396-2051. 1-10-1fn

Owner Will Finance with \$4000 down - \$351.00 a month - \$40,000 asking price. Damaged Credit OK! 4 bdrm, 2 bath, double detached garage, central heat/air, fenced backyard, 2 hot water heaters. 314 N. Grace - Call for more information. 396-2858 by appt. 3-7-1fn



Margaret Chase Smith was the first woman to run for the presidential nomination of a major party. She won 27 delegate votes at the Republican Convention of 1964.

Must Sell: 4 yr. old Brick home with 1800 sq. ft. living area. 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, raised ceiling, fireplace, new wood slat blinds throughout entire house, 2 car garage - circle drive, huge backyard, sprinkler system - front and back, new 6 ft. privacy fence, 1.1 acres. Good school district. Right outside city limits. Priced to sell - \$84,500. Must See. Phone 806-366-7626 for appt. to see. Serious buyers only please! 2-28-4xc

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## For Rent

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished apt, 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 at nights. 1-28-1fn

For Rent: 2 bedroom apartment, C/A, washer/dryer hook-ups. Call 769-4464. 2-28-1fn

3 Bedroom house for rent: Call 366-2493 or 753-7761. 3-14-2xc

## Check Out These Web Sites:

The CertifiedFirst Network at www.certifiedfirst.com.  
Initial Player Offering at www.etopps.com.  
SignStorey digital communications screen at www.signstorey.com.  
Slim\*Fast at slim-fast.com.  
The American Payroll Association at www.nationalpayrollweek.com.  
Verizon at www.verizon.com.  
The American Homeowners Association at www.ahahome.com.  
Junior Achievement at www.ja.org.  
Trans Union at www.transunion.com.  
Kmart's BlueLight Unlimited Internet Service at www.blue-light.com.  
The American Lung Association at www.lungusa.org.  
IBSVillage.com at www.IBSvil.lage.com.  
Rowenta at www.rowentausa.com.  
For cocktail ideas, visit www.lip.simport.com.

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If you could choose one characteristic that would get you through life, choose a sense of humor.  
—Jennifer Jones  
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## Legal Notices

### LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Stratford is accepting proposals for: Collection Station Attendant

Proposals will be accepted until 12:00 p.m., April 11, 2002. Any proposals received after 12:00 p.m. April 11, 2002 will not be accepted. Proposals may be mailed to the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 188, Stratford, TX 79084; Faxed to the City at (806) 366-2254 or delivered to City Hall at 520 N. Third in Stratford, TX.

Specifications may be obtained at City Hall. Proposals will be opened at the regular scheduled council meeting April 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. The City of Stratford reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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### SHERMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

On the 15th day of March, 2002, I impounded the following estray: Kind-calf

Breed-Mixed  
Color-red with white belly and hooves  
Sex-steer  
Age-yearling  
Size-300 to 350 lbs.

Brand, earmark or other identifiers-no brand or earmark, has been dehorned but nubs were left and on the 15th day of March, 2002, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Sherman County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Sherman County, Texas for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 5th day of April, 2002, said estray will be sold at public auction at Dalhart, Texas.

Witness my hand this 15th day of March, 2002.

Jack Haile  
Sheriff of Sherman County, Texas

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ray W. Thrasher, Deceased, were issued on February 19, 2002, in Cause No. 2042, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Anna May Dretske, who resides at Box 504, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Ray W. Thrasher, Deceased  
c/o Kimberly L. Allen  
Hunter & Oelke, L.L.C.  
507 Denrock Ave.,  
P.O. Box 792  
Dalhart, Texas 79022

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by laws.

DATED the 28th day of February, 2002.

Hunter & Oelke, L.L.C.  
By: Kimberly L. Allen  
Attorney for the Estate  
State Bar No: 12199270

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### Notice to Bidders

Notice is hereby given that Sherman County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) 2002 model tandem drive diesel motor grader for Precinct #4. Bids should be sealed and have "Bid Request" written on the outside of the envelope. Specifications may be picked up at the Sherman County Judge's Office located in the Sherman County Courthouse, 366-2021, or those interested may contact Tommie Asher at his residence, (806) 396-5939 or his County Barn (806)366-5995.

Bids should be mailed to the County Judge at P.O. Box 165, Stratford and will be received up to 9:30 a.m., April 8, 2002, at which time they will be opened and considered. Sherman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Tommy Asher  
Commissioner Pct. #4  
Sherman County, Texas

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## Card of Thanks

The Leonard Hawkins Family would like to send a special thank you to The Bill, Margaret, Don and Ricky Reed Family for their friendship and support the last year. You are a wonderful family. Thanks to all the family, friends, Kerrick Community Church and Kerrick Community who supported us with prayer and encouragement and never once condemned us. And a very special thank you to the person who sent us a very special card March 15th. We said a prayer for you today.

Thank You,  
Leonard, Peggy, Kenna, Heath,  
Jake & Todd

Thank you to the community of Stratford for the outstanding support for the One Act Play and dinner theater. We could not have done it without our parents cooking, cleaning, decorating, undecorating and donating food and their time. To the local TSTA who outdid themselves on the delicious cobbles. Also, special thanks to the following businesses for their donations: Thriftway, Headquarters, and United of Dumas. A special thanks to the LeRayne Donelson and Valerie Naugle for their help with the decorations. We also appreciate the servers Ashley Brown, Heather Ashley, Sarah Talley, Nora Gomez, and Shelli Smith.

The One Act Play Cast and Crew  
Terri Teig Director

We would like to express our thanks to everyone in Stratford and surrounding area during Alicia's stay in the hospital. The prayers, calls, encouragement, food and just sitting with us at the hospital was overwhelming. We are all so lucky to have such a spiritual and caring community and friends. Everyone knows how lucky we are to have EMTs. But, it sometimes doesn't always register until you need them. A SPECIAL Thanks goes to Jimmy Lanning, Larry Norris and D'Lynn Reed for taking Alicia all the way to Amarillo on the icy roads and being there for us as friends. We would also like to thank Sis Steinberger for holding down the office, our employees for seeing that everything kept running as usually and everyone else who offered to help check on our cattle. Thank you to everyone that checked on Mark and was there for him. A special thank you to Tom and Donna Wagner for feeding Mark and getting him to school. We would also like to thank Bro. Mark Metzger for changing his weekend plans to come and be with us at the hospital. Also, thank you Kris and Walter E. Lasley for fixing supper for Wesley and Mark.

Wesley, Cindy & Mark Miller  
Dan Law

**It's AG Week!**

Texas Farm Service Agency celebrates the enduring spirit of Texas farmers and ranchers during AG Week, March 17-23

**Texas Farmer and Rancher**

**So... If You Had Breakfast This Morning - Thank A**

# Secretary Links Agriculture To Homeland Security



(l-r) Eddie Trevino, Texas FSA District Director, John T. Fuston, Texas FSA State Executive Director, Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture, Jerry Harris, Texas FSA State Committee Chair

Dallas, Texas-Feb. 27, 2002. Rounding out a whirlwind multi-state tour this month, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman stopped off in Dallas to address the 2002 National Cotton Council delegation and appoint members and alternates to the National Cotton Board.

Veneman thanked American farmers and ranchers for supplying the nation with safe, abundant food and fiber, emphasizing agriculture's

importance to homeland security. Veneman stated, "we need to do everything we can to protect our food and agricultural sector not only from unintentional threats, but now also from intentional threats to our food supply, and we've been working very hard on this at USDA."

In her message to the 700 delegates representing a cross-section of the nation's cotton industry, Secretary Veneman emphasized the Administration's

and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) support for policies and a farm bill that ensure American agricultural producers are afforded every opportunity to maximize production and compete in the growing global market. "The Administration supports farm policies that would strengthen the farm economy over the long term...programs that are

market oriented and encourage independence but don't hurt producers. The President also wants a farm bill that supports international trade," said Secretary Veneman.

These are welcome words of encouragement to the cotton industry considering the volatile nature of the agriculture economy. Cotton communities in Texas alone lost an estimated \$433 million for the 2002 crop year.

Secretary Veneman expressed her desire to have farm policy passed that is "generous but affordable" and able to jump-start the agriculture economy through export expansion, increased support for research and technology, conservation, elimination of unfair trade practices, and risk management.

"A good farm bill must provide a safety net for farmers without encouraging over production which thereby depresses prices. If we set loan rates too high, it could reverse their intended impact and make an already difficult situation even worse," Veneman said.

According to Veneman, passing new farm legislation is just one hurdle facing the Administration. USDA then faces the daunting task of implementing the associated farm program changes. USDA must be ready to quickly deliver the programs once the President signs the farm bill.

Farm Service Agency (FSA), under the USDA umbrella, will be responsible for timely, efficient program delivery which will include distributing payments to producers.

John T. Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency spoke candidly with the Secretary during her Texas visit. Fuston assured the Secretary that Texas FSA is poised and ready to implement the legislative changes as soon as the state receives regulations and software for program delivery.

Veneman agreed with Fuston that timing and availability of technological tools were essential to effective farm program delivery. She reiterated her commitment to improved information technology within the Department. Veneman acknowledged the need for a streamlined program delivery process and envisions USDA coming into the 21st century with technology mirroring that of the private sector.

Before leaving Dallas, Veneman appointed 17 members and 18 alternate members to the National Cotton Board responsible for competitively positioning cotton in the marketplace. For more information regarding his appointment, see the Secretary's remarks on the USDA Official website at [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

## Impact 2002 Discovering a Prayer That Could Change Your World

A rare opportunity for citizens of the Panhandle Area is coming to Dalhart, Texas, March 21-23. The Dalhart Ministerial Alliance and the United Methodist Foundation for Evangelism are co-sponsoring IMPACT 2002 - a conference with Dr. and Mrs. Jay Dennis.

Jay Dennis has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Lakeland, Florida, since February 1996. During that time the church has been experiencing phenomenal growth and has been featured in Growing Churches magazine, Christianity Today, and Bill Graham's Decision Today radio program. Under Dr. Dennis' leadership First Baptist outgrew their former downtown sanctuary and moved their worship services to their Christian Life Center in 1996. By August of 1997 the congregation had to be moved again - this time to the Lakeland Civic Center to accommodate the growth they were experiencing. In May of 1998 the church moved again. They purchased the 400,000 square foot Lakeland Mall, located on 32 acres, where this now 5000-member congregation worships and ministers to the community - and are known as First Baptist Church at the mall.

Dr. Dennis is a native of Fort Smith, Arkansas. He graduated from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, received his Master of Divinity from Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas and a Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. He is married to Angie and they have two children, Will (17) and Emily (13). He has pastored churches in Texas and Oklahoma.

A popular conference and seminar speaker, Dr. Dennis has written three books for Zondervan with Marilyn Jeffcoat: *The Prayer Experiment*, *The Prayer Experiment Lab Manual*, and the recently released *Taming*

*Your Private Thoughts*. He has a weekly television show that is broadcast across the United States. He uses humor as the ministry tool to reach the Central Florida area through his daily radio program called Just A Minute. In 1999 Dr. Dennis was chosen as one of the Top 21 Emerging Leaders of the 21st Century in Lakeland where he leads a popular men's Bible fellowship of community leaders.

The heart of the conference message Dr. Dennis brings to Dalhart can best be described by this quote from *The Prayer Experiment*: "When I discovered the Prayer of Jabez, I found a prayer with which I could relate. When I tried praying it as a thirty-day experiment, I found a prayer principle that changed my life, as well as the lives of thousands of others who dared try it at my suggestion. While I make no claim that it is sure-fire cure-all, I am convinced by years of repeated experimentation that this prayer experiment is a timely solution to a problem plaguing so many Christians: the lack of positive impact on the world."

The three-day event will be held in the Family Life Center of Peoples Church. The Thursday and Friday sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the Saturday session begins at 9:00 a.m. Central United Methodist Church will host a luncheon with Dr. Dennis for all area pastors at 12:00 noon on Friday. Area ladies are invited to a Friday noon luncheon with Angie Dennis hosted by First Baptist Church. Ladies may RSVP to First Baptist Church (244-5584), Lakeview Methodist Church (244-2670) or Church of the Nazarene (244-2777).

The conference sponsors issue a special invitation to all residents of Dalhart and the surrounding area to take advantage of this great opportunity and to hear special music by area musicians. Mark your calendars for March 21-23.

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**Check Out These Web Sites:**

Here are some Web sites you may want to watch:  
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The National Multiple Sclerosis Society at [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org).  
Veterinary Pet Insurance at [petinsurance.com](http://petinsurance.com).  
Silent Unity at [www.unityworldhq.org](http://www.unityworldhq.org).  
The American Heart Association at [americanheart.org](http://americanheart.org).  
Iams Pet Weight Loss Kit at [www.iams.com](http://www.iams.com).  
The International Franchise Expo at [www.betheboss1.com](http://www.betheboss1.com).  
The National Cancer Institute at [www.5aday.gov](http://www.5aday.gov).  
The U.S. Postal Service at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).  
The National Mentoring Partnership at [www.mentoring.org](http://www.mentoring.org).  
Curad Scar Therapy Cosmetic Pads at [www.curadusa.com](http://www.curadusa.com).  
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