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Editors Note: In the last edition of the Stratford Star on page 4, it should have read 5th Consecutive Sweepstakes for the Big Blue Band and 31 Consecutive 1's in Marching Contest. Congratulations to the Big Blue Band and band directors Randy Hunsaker and Jeff Witcher.

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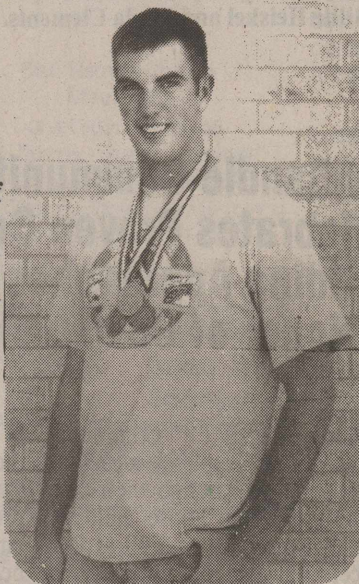
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Retirement Reception For Larry Norris

Stratford ISD Board of Trustees would like to invite the public to a retirement reception honoring Mr. Larry Norris for his 29 years of service on Sunday, May 19 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.



Dedication Of Erich Taylor Memorial To Be Held Sunday

The Senior Class of 2002 request your presence for the dedication of the Erich Taylor Memorial. The ceremony honoring the life and memory of Erich will be held on Sunday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. on the east side of the band hall.

Reed Takes Second At State

Adam Reed captured the Silver Medal in the Shot Put at the IA State Track Meet this past week-end in Austin, TX. Adam won second with a throw of 53-3 3/4. Adam is the son of Ricky and D'Lynn Reed. Way To Go Adam - Congratulations!!

Spring Band Concert

The Spring Band Concert will be Thursday, May 16, at 7 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

The Junior High and High School Bands will be playing contest selections and other selections. The High school band is featuring patriotic selections being arranged by the Band Director Gene Currie from Childress, "One Nation, Under God". There will be guests performers as well as local folks. There will be a power point presentation during this special piece.

The sixth, seventh and high school bands all will be playing Thursday night.

Veterans are especially invited as is all the public to this special concert.

PreK & Kindergarten Registration

You may register your child for Pre-K or Kindergarten from May 1-May 22. Pre-K is for children 4 years old on or before September 1, 2002. Pre-K involves meeting certain qualifications on income and language. Those not qualifying for Pre-K will be placed on a waiting list and added to the program as space permits. The following information must be provided for both Pre-K and Kindergarten: valid birth certificate, updated shot record, and social security number. For more information, please call: Mary Pat Williams, Principal, Mary Allen Elementary at 366-3340.

La Matricula de Pre-K y Jardin de la infancia

Usted puede registrar a su niño para el Pre-K o el Jardin de la infancia del 1 de Mayo a 22. Pre-K es para los niños de 4 años de edad los niños o antes de el 1 de septiembre de 2002. El criterio del Pre-K implica reunir ciertos requisitos como los ingresos, y el idioma. Los que no califican para el Pre-k seran colocados en una lista de espera y anadirlos segun se valla abriendo espacio. La informacion siguiente se debe proporcionar para ambos el Pre-K seran colocados en una lista de espera y anadirlos segun se valla abriendo espacio. La informacion siguiente se debe proporcionar para ambos el Pre-K y el Jardin de la infancia: certificado valido de nacimiento, el registro de vacunas, y el numero del seguro social. Para mas informacion, por favor de llamar a la Sra. Mary Pat Williams, la Directora, de la escuela Mary Allen elementales en 366-3340.

Memorial Day Service Monday, May 27

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce and the 4-H Horse Club would like to invite everyone to a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 27. The program will be held at the flag pole in the Stratford Cemetery. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. with refreshments served by the Chamber beginning at 9:30 a.m. Some seating will be provided, but bring your own chairs if needed.

The program will honor veterans of all the wars. A portion of the service will be conducted on horseback. Youth from our Stratford Band have traditionally provided the music. Plan now to attend this service, support our 4-H Youth and remember our brave service-persons.

Max Stephenson and his group of volunteers will decorate all veterans graves early on this day. Volunteer help is always appreciated, contact Max if you would like to help.



Allison Baskin



Jordan Taylor



Duke Takes 2nd

Tiffany Duke and Marca Ewers competed at the State UIL meet in Austin on May 3 and 4. Tiffany read the poetry selection "Number Three on the Docket" by Amy Lowell in the finals round. She won the 2nd place in the State IA poetry contest. Marca won two of her 3 debates and just missed out on going to finals by 5 speaker points. Both Marca & Tiffany are eligible for scholarships.

Valedictorian & Salutatorian Named

Stratford Junior High is proud to announce the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the 2001-2002 school year. The Valedictorian is Allison Baskin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Baskin. Allison has a numerical grade point average of 98.143 for two years of work. Allison has participated in Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Band, UIL oral reading, Spelling, Mathematics and Globe News Spelling. She has also been cheerleader for two years. Allison is a member of First Baptist Church.

The Salutatorian is Jordan Taylor. Jordan is the son of Joe and Catherine Taylor. Jordan has a numerical Grade Point Average of 97.524 for two years of work. Jordan has participated in football, track, band, UIL Listening skills, Spelling and honor roll. His hobbies are: Playing sports, hanging out with friends and playing video games. Jordan is a member of First Christian Church.

The faculty and staff of the Junior High wish the students great success in Stratford High School.



Sheriff Jack Haile is shown above, presenting Bobbie Strong Certificate of Achievement for being recognized as a Silent Hero. Bobbie attended a 9-1-1 Appreciation Day festivities in Houston on Wednesday, April 10th. Sheriff Haile nominated Bobbie for this very special honor. Bobbie was one of 83 other 9-1-1 calltakers selected this year to be recognized for outstanding job performance, exemplary attitude and devotion above and beyond the call of duty.

Golf Tournament Planned

A 3-Person Scramble is planned for Saturday, May 25, 2002 at the Stratford Country Club. Nick Ashley, Wes Kimball and Skyler Walden invite you to come have some fun at their fundraising golf tournament. Tee off is set for 1:00 p.m., entry fee is \$150 per team. There will be two flights that pay 3 places. The tournament fee includes a steak dinner for golfer and spouse or date. The boys will have their final drawings for the remaining 2002 West Texas A&M University Season Football tickets Saturday evening during dinner. There are 2 pairs of season tickets to be given away. If you want to skip the golf and just join us for the steak dinner, the fee is \$25 per couple of \$15 per person. This will be the final fund raising event for these young men to travel and participate in the 2002 Down Under Bowl in Australia this summer. A fun day is planned, golf entries are due by May 15th, so please contact Russell Ashley (366-2762), Kenton Kimball (753-7019 or 366-2417) or Philip Walden (769-4467) and get your team signed up! If you plan to just join us for the steak dinner, give one of the families a call and we'll get you on our list. Thanks again to the community for their support and the boys are looking forward to this final event as one they will really enjoy!

Survey Of Stratford Cemetery Still Available

The SURVEY OF STRATFORD CEMETERY prepared by John and Leona Woods is still available. All expenses associated with producing the books have been paid and funds on hand have been dedicated to the cemetery directory.

There will be books available at the cemetery on May 27, 2002 at the time of the annual Memorial Day program. Total funds from this sale will be dedicated to the directory. If you have family or friends coming for Memorial Day, please alert them that the books will be available at that time.

A directory will be of a great deal of help, not only for visitors, but also local people. This is in conjunction with expansion work at the cemetery, which is being directed by the Stratford Cemetery Board.

Should you need a book prior to that time, you may pick one up at Sherman County Real Estate.

It's incredibly easy to get caught up in an activity trap, in the busyness of life, to work harder and harder at climbing the ladder of success only to discover it's leaning against the wrong wall.

—Steven R. Covey



Scott Hudson made his first Hole-In-One on Saturday, May 11, 2002 at the Preston West Par 3 course in Amarillo. It was made on No. 5, par-3, 83 yards, wedge. His witnesses were Wesley and Walter Spurlock. Scott is the son of Gregg and Shari Hudson. Congratulations Scott!

The deadly tornado of May 5th that swept through Happy, Texas, had effects that will reach far into the future of that community's residents and economy. Although Sherman County is well over a hundred miles away from Happy, we did experience a small "ripple effect" from the event. The Storm's Spotter's Training that was scheduled for last Monday evening had to be cancelled because our instructor from the Amarillo office of the National Weather Service was still heavily involved with assessing the previous night's destruction.

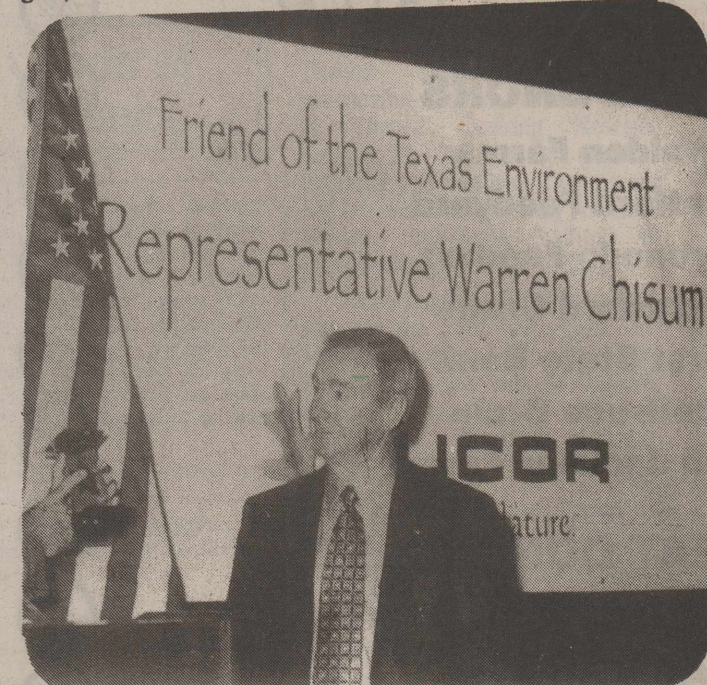
Although the local Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Service were notified just hours before the 7:00 class time, at least a dozen people who could not be contacted "came to the EMS Building for the Storm Spotter's class. On arriving for class they were greeted by Emergency Management Coordinator, Clovia Talley, who explained the unavoidable circumstances of the cancellation and told them of the tentative re-scheduling.

Perhaps the interest in the class was heightened by the fact that only the day before, another small town in the Panhandle had taken a "direct hit" by severe weather. Sherman County residents will have another opportunity for storm spotter and weather awareness education on Monday, May 20th, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Stratford EMS Building. Mark Fox, a National Weather Service Forecaster, will have a multimedia presentation and it is FREE and open to the public.



Swinford Speaks To Students

Representative David Swinford spoke to the Government, Economics and G-T classes on Wednesday, May 8. He talked with the students about the Texas Constitution, redistributing, property rights, and the criteria he uses to vote on bills.



Rep. Chisum Receives "Friend of Texas Environment" Award

Rep. Warren Chisum accepts the Friend of the Texas Environment Award from Jim Darsey, VP & General Manager, Nucor Steel-Jewett Division

Projected Expenses for Imagination Station

	Optional	Required
City Utilities		\$655.56
Gas		\$420.00
Electricity		\$300.00
Telephone	\$191.40	
Tax Preparation		\$200.00
Liability Insurance		\$565.00
Building Maintenance		\$1,000.00
	\$191.40	\$3,140.56

**Letters To
The Editor**

Dear Marty
As another school year comes to a close please let me take advantage of your forum to get some words out.

To The Taxpayers of Stratford Independent School District:

On behalf of the students and staff at Stratford ISD, a heart felt thank you to the taxpayers of the district for our facilities. As I travel across the state, it becomes very apparent the emphasis on, and pride extended, by the patrons of this district to their community school. The facilities you have given us to practice our chosen profession in are much appreciated. Thank you especially for our new facilities. As we finish our first year in our new surroundings, we grow to appreciate them all the more. The district has received the state assessment, or TAAS scores, for this year. Our students, teachers and principals have done an outstanding job with the preparation and administration of that exam and they are to be commended. Of all SISD students tested, our students scored 97% in reading; 99% in math; and 96% in writing. I firmly believe that the service and product the taxpayers receive from our teaching staff is of the highest caliber to be found anywhere. There are many pros & cons to the TAAS test. As Stratford ISD works within the TAAS system, our student's academic achievement will continue to be our highest priority. A stable, quality teaching staff combined with wonderful faculty and exceptional test scores provide an excellent situation for recruitment of new educators as well as new people to our community. The Board of Trustees, and administrators over the years, have done and will continue to be good stewards of the taxpayers' dollar. As the local agricultural economy continues to struggle, rest assured the current Board of Trustees and superintendent are well aware of the situation. It is a challenge to operate a school district with our size of enrollment, and still provide the quality of programs desired by the community as well as those mandated by Austin. During their next session, the legislature will take up the task of creating a new school finance plan. The preliminary plans have not been friendly to small

rural districts. Those districts who are conservative with their operations are not going to be served well. One plan requires a state tax of \$1.40 per \$100 evaluation for minerals. That money would go directly to Austin to be distributed out as they see fit. Minerals fund about 40% of our operating budget. The district currently taxes \$1.18 for Maintenance and Operating. If the mineral tax base is sent to Austin, and those funds are not funneled back to Stratford ISD, the local taxpayer will be hit worse than ever. Local control over local funding is very necessary to maintain our standards and traditions. Please be aware of legislation issues concerning school funding. Your voice to the parties responsible really does make a difference.

Thanks for the forum,
Jim Taliaferro



Rugby, North Dakota is considered the geographic center of the North American continent.

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Obits

Betty Ann Earle

Amistad, NM-Betty Ann Earle, 73, died Monday, May 6, 2002.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 9, 2002 in Amistad United Methodist Church with the Rev. Billy Rammage, pastor of First Baptist Church in Clayton, officiating. Burial was in Hayden Cemetery by Hass Funeral Directors of Clayton.

Mrs. Earle was born June 15, 1928 in Amistad, to Clinton Bell and Thelma Steele Bell. She married Kenneth Earle Jr. on June 7, 1947. For the last decade she has served as the Amistad postmaster.

Survivors include her husband: two sons, Norman Earle of Clayton and Leland Earle of Logan; three daughters, Kaye Pugh of Weatherford, Texas, Elaine Mungia of Stratford, Texas and Lois Girard of Nara Visa; 13 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; three sisters, Louise Wilson of Amistad, Lucy Madsen of Woodward, OK and Adella Jesse of Big Bend, Mont.; and three brothers, Houston Bell of Judsonia, AK, Bob Bell of Salina, KS, and Ben Bell of Big Bend.

The family suggests memorials be to Twice Blessed House, 2723 Gaston Ave., Suite 19, Dallas, TX 75246; or a favorite charity.

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Last weeks activities consisted of games, exercise and ceramics.

This week will be Birthday Party-Thursday 16th at 2 p.m. come and enjoy the fun. Thursday night-Bingo at 7 p.m.

Check sign up board on bus outing First-16 people to sign up to go will be given free tickets.

Something new is in the office, Check it out!!!

Next week will be board meeting, luncheon and dance.



Plunk Competes In Special Olympics

Wade Plunk of Stratford has supported area athletes for many years. In April of this year Wade began competing himself by joining the Special Olympics. Special Olympics were originated in 1967. Region 16 has 715 athletes and offers competition in 8 sports. Wade competed in a track meet in Wheeler, TX April 6th. He won first in the 400 meter and the softball throw. His next trip was to Amarillo May 3rd to participate in the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympic Games. The next day he competed in the Regional Olympics at Boys Ranch. This was the 3rd year the event was held at Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch. 16 teams participated. 260 athletes entered the games. Even with the tough competition, Wade placed 2nd in the softball throw and 3rd in the 400 meter run. Wade would like to thank everyone who has supported him.



Judge Kim Crippen is shown above signing a proclamation proclaiming May as Community Action Month. With Kim is Billie Heiskel and Linda Clements.

Panhandle Community Services Celebrates Proven Community-Building Approaches Open House Held in Honor of Community Action Month

Panhandle Community Services celebrated its legacy, of helping people change their lives during an open house held on May 13 from 1:30 to 3:30 at PCS Office, Dallam County Courthouse. The event was part of National Community action Month, a nationwide occurrence held annually in May.

"Our open house spotlighted how Community Action changes lives, said Johnny Raymond, Executive Director. "We've helped a lot of Sherman County residents, and we want our neighbors to get a first-hand look at our success."

The Community Action Partnership established National Community Action Month to recognize community Action Agencies' (CAAs) efforts to improve their communities. During May, CAAs throughout the country will host open houses, award ceremonies and other special activities.

"National Community Action Month is a testament to Community Action's commitment to helping people help themselves," said Paul Dole, Community Action Partnership president. "We're able to make America a better place to live because we care about people."

Panhandle Community Services is a non-profit service organization dedicated to helping persons achieve self-sufficiency. PCS has 16 centers located throughout the Texas Panhandle, and has a staff of more than 100 employees. PCS serves one of the largest geographic areas of all Texas Community Agencies and leverages funds from Federal, State and private sources.

Based in Washington, DC, the Community Action Partnership is the national association representing Community Action Agencies (CAAs). CAAs are locally organized to change people's lives, embody the spirit of hope, improve communities, and make America a better place to live. CAAs care about the entire community and are dedicated to helping people help themselves and others.

West Texas A&M Ex Students & Friends invite you to meet

Coach Ronnie Jones and his Staff

7:00 pm
Tuesday, May 21, 2002
First State Bank of Stratford

Coach Jones and his staff will be here to share with us their hopes and dreams for the new West Texas A&M football program. He and his assistants will be ready to answer your questions about the 2002 season. We love football in Stratford-let the tradition live on. Support the Buffs with Stratford's God, Grass & Grit !!

RSVP 396-5810

PS If time permits please come following your other evening obligations.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- May 16-19 "The Will Rogers Follies" Musical 8:00 p.m. Sun.2:30
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- May 17 "George Lopez" Comedian
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- May 19 Plus One Concert -Zoe Girl, Natalie Grant, Phat Chance
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- May 25-27 FUNFEST (Final)
Thompson Park, Amarillo
- June 1 Harrington String Quartet, violist & cellist
St. Paul United Methodist Church, Amarillo 806-376-8782
- June 2 Harrington String Quartet
LaRtia Theatre Dalhart 806-244-5646
- June 6-9**** Youth Cowboy Poetry Gathering
Red Steagall, Don Edwards, Sons of the San Joaquin, etc
Cal Farley's Boys Ranch 806-372-2341
- June 12**** Lone Star Rising (Lone Star Ballet)
Aug 18 Lake Meredith Amphitheatre, Fritch 806-274-9050
- June 15 Aaron Neville
Amarillo Little Theatre

**SPAGHETTI
DINNER**

Depot Museum
Fund Raiser
May 19, 2002
(Baccalaureate Sunday)
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
County Barn
Free Will Donation
Take Out Available

The Depot Museum Board Members would like to invite everyone to a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 19, 2002. We are asking for Free Will Donations to help with some upcoming projects. Take outs will be available. Please come and help support your Depot Museum

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The Big Blue Band Students, Directors and Boosters for 2001-2002

Thank you for making our Sausage Sale, Band trip to Colorado and the Band Banquet a SUCCESS, YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!!

HOG DONORS
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Stratford Grain
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David Jackson Farms

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BARBECUERS
Gary Pool
Steve Pemberton
Gregg and Shari Hudson

Special Thanks to Brown's Meat Locker for Processing the Sausage and for slicing the beef.

NOTICE— Band Calendars will be sold through May 21, 2002
To Purchase a Calendar

Call 366-3346, 366-3339 Band Hall, or 396-2231

Timis Tidbits
By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers, Readers, Citizens this sunny Monday, May 13, 2002.

Timi and Lorelyn are very glad to be in Stratford, we visited our friends in the Dumas hospital from Tuesday until Thursday of last week.

Timi has lots of people graduating the next few weeks and last weekend. T.F. & Mattie Baskin and Steve & Sandy & Allison all attended T.D. and Megan graduate from Texas A&M. From Plano Elizabeth Rose Williams from Stratford Kindergarten Deven Nichole Powers Aro, Eight grade Caleb Brown and our Valedictorian from SHS Ashley Ann Brown so Timi hopes to make some of the festivities.

So Timi wishes our peers and friends to pat shoulders and special luv u for luv still makes the world go round.



Courtney Reynecke was honored with a baby shower on Saturday, May 11th in the home of Kaci McBryde. Shown from left, Sue Quillen, Barbara Dettle, Courtney, Shawna Lacewell, and Shannon Dettle holding Bailey.



Kallie Childress, daughter of John and Cristie Childress, was honored with a baby shower on Sunday, May 5 in the home of Patti Vincent's. Shown from left, Mona Parker of Wichita Falls, Alpha Chumley of Dalhart, Cristi and Kallie, and Barbara Chumley.

4-H Fishin' & Fun Overnight Camp & Fishing Tournament

A 4-H Fishin' and Fun Overnight Camp and Fishing Tournament will be held at Greenbelt Lake, Clarendon, TX on June 3-4, 2002 starting with registration at 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. on June 3rd. The goal of the program is to introduce kids to the life long sport of fishing. Those registered will be involved in basic fishing classes on boat and water safety, and water quality education, camping, and Fish Are Fun to Read About! In addition, participants may enter the fishing tournament.

This fun activity is for beginners as well as expert anglers. Registration fees are only \$15, and with the Parent/Leaders Association funding 1/3 of any 4-H camp for members the cost is only \$10! Each participant is asked to bring their own tent and necessities. Meals, snacks, and program supplies will be provided. Contact Leslie Neve at the extension office (366-3764) for specific tournament rules and registration materials. Pre-registration is due to the extension office no later than May 28, 2002.

Because he and President Andrew "Old Hickory" Jackson were so close, James Polk was often referred to as "Young Hickory."

Bike-A-Thon Chairman Needed

Although I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience as Bike-A-Thon Chairman for the past several years, I am finding it more and more difficult to be able to take care of the responsibilities due to my ill health. There isn't an easier responsibility for charities than the work that goes into this one but I am often suffering from extreme fatigue, with Fibromyalgia and Arthritis. This only involves a minor amount of paperwork and a half day for the Bike-A-Thon itself. I will be quite happy to go over everything with the new chairman.

We usually have approximately 10 riders and we have had all recent Bike-A-Thons indoors at the County Barn so that weather surprises don't affect us. It will soon be time to pick a date for the next ride. Please find it in your heart to do this. It is rewarding to see the children who ride work very hard for donations and then ride till exhausted for the cause. I also encourage more parents to encourage their children to volunteer to ride for this very important cause; cancer in children, even ones their ages. Every penny helps and funding is down as many business who donate so much were hurt badly or destroyed by the 9-11-01 disaster. Please volunteer to do what you can do to do your part in making our world a better place.

Thank you Connie Reinart, St. Jude-Bike-A-Thon Chairman.
Home 366-2826.

Bayonets are believed to have been invented by Basque soldiers in the 17th century who stuck their knives at the ends of their muskets after running out of gun powder on the Bayonette Ridge.

Summer Music Theater Camp

The summer music theater camp, Broadway at Panhandle, will celebrate its fifth season this year. Dates for the camp are June 8 through June 15 and will culminate in a performance of the musical *Godspell* in Hughes Strong

Auditorium on the campus of Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Saturday, June 15 at 2:00 p.m. A cast of 22 youth, ages 12-18, will spend the week on campus in rehearsal.

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Some people are still unaware that reality contains unparalleled beauties. The fantastic and unexpected, the ever-changing and renewing, is nowhere so exemplified as in real life itself.
-Berenice Abbot

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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten
5th & Main
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

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

St. Joseph Catholic

Father Darryl Birkenfeld
6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:30 a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m., Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Mike Talley
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

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

First Baptist

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

La Mision Bautista

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

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am Estudio Biblico &
Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm Se Cuidamos
Susninios Durante El Servicio.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

CAN I COPE????

To cope with life means you are up to the challenge. Not only so, to cope means you meet the challenge head on. You are equal to the task. But our own inner strength is not enough. We often fail. When we do, we throw our hands in the air and cry, "I can't cope." What is the answer? The Bible says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). In other words, "I am able, I can." The point is not positive thinking. We don't conjure up the strength. The point is we are given real ability, strength, and usefulness. It is given to us by Christ through the Holy Spirit. What we are talking about is heart power. We think differently than we did before. We see problems from a new perspective. Our emotions are also tempered. Like a rod of tempered steel, we bend but snap back. We simply handle things better. We are also given new willpower. We are not afraid to make decisions. So we can make decisions more easily. Christ gives us this strength. As a result, we can cope with the life that comes our way. If you find you can't cope, the power is at hand. It is not in your hand. It is in the hands of Christ. Turn to him.

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205 N. Poplar - Hwy 287
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Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

Kerrick Community Church
Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

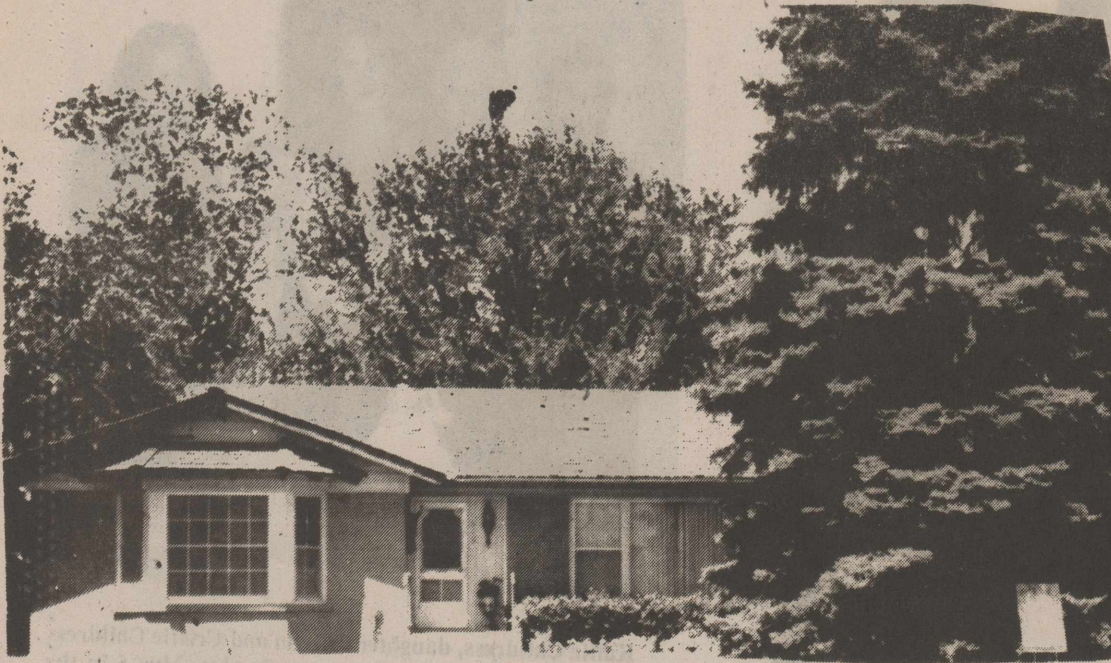
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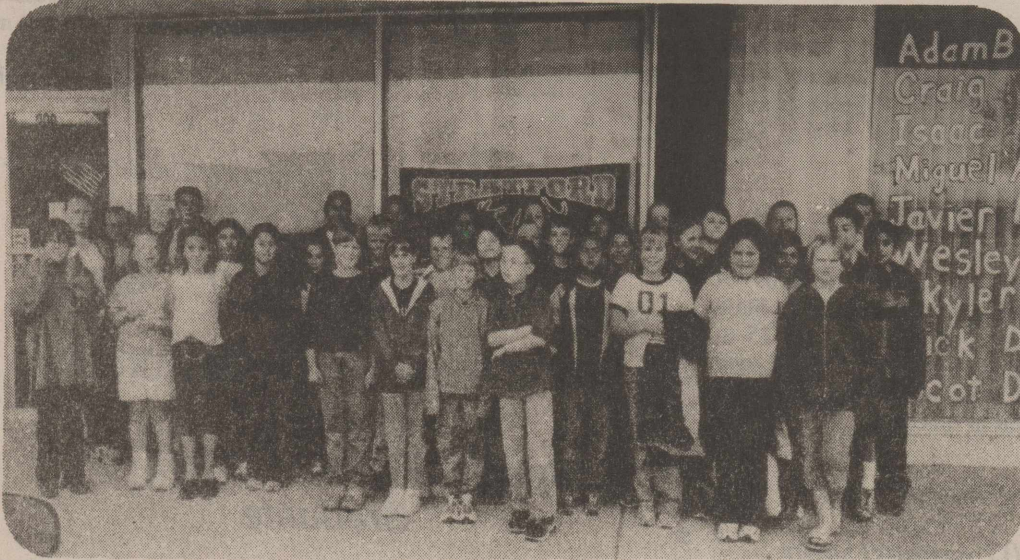
San Marcos Baptist Academy is a private boarding school for boys in grades 6-12 and girls in grades 8-12. Day school is available for boys and girls in grades 6-12.

There will be an information session at the J.W. Marriott (5150 Westheimer, Houston) Monday, May 20th at 7:30PM. Come and learn about curriculum, campus life and admissions for the upcoming Fall 2002-2003 enrollment. **PUBLIC INVITED**

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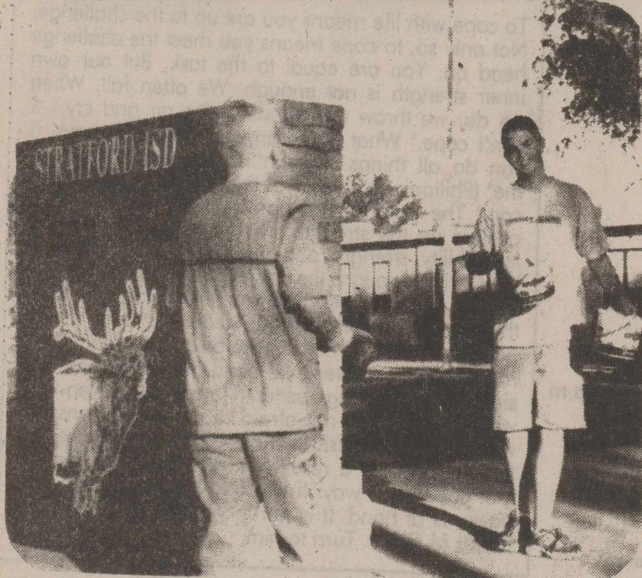
Yard of the Month for May chosen by the Women's Division of the Chamber is Arthur & Helen Judds located at 619 Purnell.



The 4th grade classes visited The Stratford Star on Thursday, May 2nd to learn how the Star put together a paper. They are putting a paper together for a class project.



Stratford High School Student Council promoted Seat Belt Safety last week at the schools. If you were wearing a seatbelt, you received Smarties, if not - Dum Dum's. Shown above left, waiting for cars were Eric York and Katie York and at left, Brad Reed.



Burton Wins 4-H Fashion Show

Upcoming Ports To Plains Activities

The Ports to Plains Coalition is planning and organizing regional task force meetings all along the Ports to Plains Corridor that runs from Del Rio, TX to Denver, CO. This is U.S. Highway 287 that runs through Stratford. The Task Force meetings will be comprised of residents, business owners and elected officials from all the communities along the route. Each task force members is asked to keep your community informed and aware of all the activities along the Ports to Plains Corridor; to ensure that your communities and counties working together in a joint effort to support for the Ports to Plains Corridor and writing letters and attending meetings when needed that related to the Ports to Plains Corridor showing the support from your community. We would like to keep Stratford active, in the loop and aware of all the activities associated with U.S. Highway 287. The Task Force meeting for our area is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2002 in Lamar, CO at 1:30 p.m., Mountain Time. For anyone interested in attending any of these task force meetings please contact the Sherman County Development Committee at 806-366-2897 or Gaynelle Riffe at 806-396-5303.

Eric Burton captured top 4 honors of the Junior Construction Specialty Wear at the Panhandle District 4-H Fashion Show held May 4 in Borger. Jennie Witcher claimed Junior Best Model at the achievement event participated by 129 youth from the Texas Panhandle area. Katelyn Blain and Jennie Spurlock also participated in the event where youth who completed a clothing project in either buying, sewing construction, or fashion design divisions. Jean Everett served as a volunteer adult judge for the contest.

The objectives of the 4-H fashion project are for youth to learn construction techniques, comparison shopping and clothing selection skills, fibers, clothing care, interpretation and charge for the course, but understanding of style and modeling and presentation skills. Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. The 4-H fashion show addresses Texas Cooperative Extension's goals of developing life skills and leadership qualities.

Self Management Program To Be Offered

Fatigue, frustration, pain, limitations? If so, the Self-Management Course will be offered just for you.

The course, developed by the Sanford University School of Medicine's Patient Education Research Center, teaches adults to cope with the symptoms and frustrations of living with a chronic condition. Chronic conditions include, but not limited to heart conditions, diabetes, lung conditions, and arthritis. The course is also designed to help friends, spouses, and other family members of chronic disease patients benefit from the problem-solving skills related to managing a chronic condition.

The course will be taught Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the educational room of the Sherman County Office of the Texas Cooperative Extension in Stratford. The is no charge for the course, but participants may choose to purchase the accompanying book for less than \$20.00.

For more information or to sign up for the class, contact Susie Spurlock at 366-2122. Educational programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

Top Of Texas Rodeo Extends Deadlines

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association has extended the deadline for entries in the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen pageants. Young ladies from 13 to 23 years old are eligible to enter. Entry forms, rules, and general information can be obtained by contacting the rodeo office at 200 N. Ballard, Pampa, or by calling (806)669-0434.

Winners will receive many outstanding prizes including saddles, buckles, tiaras and other beautiful items. Horse products, jewelry, clothing and other prizes totaling over \$2,000 will be presented to the winners of the Appearance, Personality, Horsemanship and Ticket Sales categories. A scholarship will also be presented to Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas.

Past winners of the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen contests have gone on to participate and win on the state and national level. Hopefully, this year's winners will be working to achieve these prestigious titles.

Entry forms, fees and pictures are due in the rodeo office by Friday, May 31 so young ladies are encouraged to enter as soon as

possible. For more information or to receive info packets, please contact the rodeo office at 200 N. Ballard or call the rodeo office (806) 669-0434.

The Luncheon and Style Show will once again be held at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard on Thursday, July 11. Due to limited space, reservation are recommended as early as possible.

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen Pageant is under new leadership this year. Brandy Kempf-Adamson, Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas 1998, became pageant director this year upon the retirement of Sonja Daniel. During her reign, Brandy made many public appearances. She has remained active with the pageant and various other benefits since her tenure as Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas.

"Sonja Daniel did a terrific job in founding this pageant and I am very honored to be a part of the pageant's continued success. I look forward to the many great things that lie ahead," says Brandy. "I appreciate the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association and the many sponsors that make this pageant possible."

Brandy and her husband, Ray, live in Amarillo, where Brandy

works as a paralegal for the law firm of Hoffman, Sheffield, Sauseda & Hoffman. To contact Brandy or for more information regarding the queen pageant, please contact the rodeo office at (806)669-0434.

Why shouldn't truth be stranger than fiction? Fiction, after all, has to stick to possibilities.
—Mark Twain

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