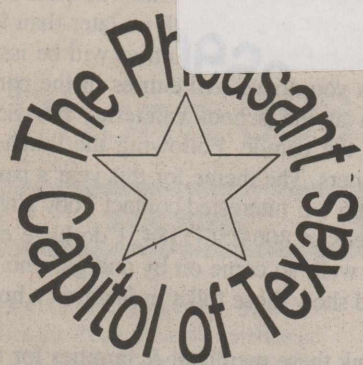


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Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

1st Annual Dalhart Animal Rescue Gala Fund Raiser

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter Board of Directors is pleased to announce the First Annual Dalhart Animal Rescue Gala FundRaiser Dinner & Silent Auction, Saturday, February 28th at Allyn Finch School/701 E. 10th St.

Silent Auction will be 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Spaghetti & Meatball D inner is at 7:00 p.m.

Advance Tickets: Adults-\$6.00, Children (10 & Under) - \$4.00. At the Door: Adults will be \$7.00 and children \$5.00

Take out will be available.

(Seating is limited to 500 people) For ticket information, call 244-3216, 244-7612, 244-6326 or 249-5333.

Just a few of the great items donated to the Silent Auction-Large Screen Television
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Local Gift Certificates and much more.

Class of 1994 Seeking Addresses or Phone numbers

The Class of 1994 is seeking addresses or phone numbers for the following classmates:

Taryn Silva, Adam Gonzales, Victoria Montoya, and Adrian Aguilar.

If you have any information, please call 366-2723.

Pantry Board to Meet Thursday

Pantry Board will meet Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 7 p.m. at XIT Building.

Early Voting

Early voting started on Monday, February 23, 2004 and will last through March 5, 2004. You can do this at the County Clerks office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. This is for Democrats and Republicans.

World Day of Prayer March 5th

The First United Methodist Church will host a Ladies' Salad Luncheon for World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 5 from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to bring a salad and enjoy this time of fellowship and prayer.

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Lady Elks Finish Season

The Stratford Lady Elks ended their season in the Area round on Friday, February 20th where they lost 34-40 to Smyer. Lady Elks shown front l/r: Alisha Sladek, Lindsay Stein, Amber Larance, Brittany Hudson, Heather Seiler. Back l/r: Allison Baskin, Kayla Robertson, Yadira Ortega, Erin Ashley and Deidre Tarver. CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT SEASON!

School Board Election To Be Held May 15th

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 15, 2004. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so from February 14 through March 15, 2004 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 12 through 15, 2004 and candidate applications may be filed at The Sherman County Public Library with Sandy Baskin. Hours are as follow2s: Monday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday-Closed, Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 and continue through May 11, 2004. Early voting will be conducted in the Administrative Office Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Board members whose term will expire are Steve Johnson and Ted Allen. Holdover members are Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, Gareed McBryde, Patti Vincent and Brent Spurlock.

NOTICE

The Stratford Cemetery Board is again appealing to those family and friends who have loved ones buried at the Stratford Cemetery without permanent markers. If you have a loved one, relative, or friend who's grave is not marked, one can be purchased for a very nominal fee. The stone is a foot square inlaid with granite that reads the decedents name, date of birth and date of death. The stone is attractive and very dignified. Cost of the stone is \$45 plus the cost of the permit from the City. Permits must be purchased prior to delivery and installation of the stone at the cemetery. If you are interested in purchasing a stone, please contact any member of the Stratford Cemetery Board.

Members of the Stratford Cemetery Board are: Becky Asher, Ann Johnson, George Harding, Linda Spurlock, and Wayne Smith.

Depot Museum News

By Millie Hacker

The Depot Museum is getting ready for a new and exciting exhibit, opening March 1st. "Art from the Ruins", created by Doug Ricketts, is an exhibit that combines pioneer histories, conservation, recycling and boundless imagination.

It will in our museum from March 1st to May 1st.

Doug is an artist that lives in Higgins, Texas and he told me that Chad and Darlene Walker have connections to this exhibit. Come see and experience this "hands-on" exhibit from the Canadian Arts Alliance. On your computer, log on to

www.canadianartsalliance.org

2004 Dinner Theater March 18th, 7 p.m.

The Stratford high School One Act Play Cast and Crew invite you to attend the 2004 Dinner Theater. The dinner and play will be on Thursday March 18 at 7:00 pm. The production this year is a historical drama entitled "Ladies of the Tower".

The play is set in the Tower of London and is about some of the women that met their death in this gruesome place. The characters are: Maudie- Whitney Garza, Laurette-Shiloh

Dickenson, Anne Boleyn- Maira Argomaniz, Lady Catherine Howard- Jayme Wilhelm, Lady Jane Gray-Evan Haile, Lady Arabella Stuart- Allison Baskin, Lady Rochford- Rhia Everett, Queen Mother Elizabeth-Heather Robertson, and The Unknown Woman- Merilee McDaniel. The crew members are Carlos Jacquez, April Kautz, Staci Hays, and Katelyn Reed. The Understudies are Nora Gomez, Rocio Molina, and LaRissa Luna. The play is directed by Terri Teig.

Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 10 and under. Tickets will be available from OAP members and at the school business office. The money raised from the dinner theater goes toward scholarships for students to attend local speech and theater camps. For more information, call Terri Teig 727-4412.

Show Sherman County 4-H Members compete at Southwestern Livestock

Seventeen Sherman County 4-H Members competed at the 2004 Southwestern Exposition and Stock Show held in Ft. Worth, TX., February 2-7. Kaleb Horsford came a way a big winner getting both his Shorthorn Steer (8th) and his Chester Barrow (13) in the premium sale. Case Crabtree also achieved a sale position with his 6th place Crossbred steer. Other steer exhibitors included: Kristen Crabtree, Pete Dahl, Ole Dahl, Kyle Horsford, Clayton Johnson, Jordan Johnson, April Kautz and Craig Kautz. Swine exhibitors included: Eric Burton, Ryan Burton, Braden Hudson, Brent Reed, and James Smith. Shiloh and Miranda Dickenson each exhibited a Shorthorn Heifer. Congratulations to each of these 4-H Members on a job well done!!

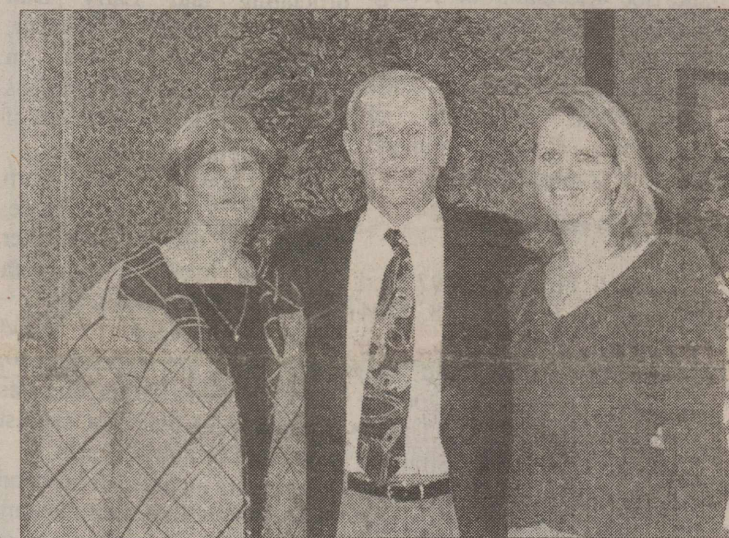
Trans Texas Transportation Corridor

Stratford persons had an opportunity to draw the Trans Texas Corridor Plan Map on Tuesday, February 17 at a meeting held by TxDOT at the Imagination Station. Mark Tomlinson, Dist. Engineer and Tonya Detton TxDOT Information Officer from Amarillo explained the Trans Texas Corridor to approximately 18 citizens and they were asked for input to the Governors Transportation Plan. The thoughts at present are the Trans Texas Corridor to be a roll road with landowners receiving royalties the same as gas and oil. Present roads will not be affected and not for pay roads will still be available. It is a great thought to have all transportation and transmission lines in one corridor. West Texas and the Panhandle will be the last to see such a thing. Good divided roads and relief routes will service this area of non-congestion for a long time.



Ashley Signs Letter

Jason Ashley signed a letter of intent on Monday, February 16th to play football for Northwestern University in Alva, OK. Shown with Jason are Coach Brad Thiessen and his parents Suzanne and John Ashley.



John Wilson Retires

Pictured from left, Sharon and John Wilson and daughter Tania Averá. John Wilson was honored with a retirement reception at First State Bank on Friday, February 20th. John and Sharon's retirement plans include spending time in Houston with daughter Tania, her husband Derek and girls Abby Kate and Savannah. And in Bakersfield, CA with their oldest daughter Tamara, her husband Gerald and kids, Audra, Jake and Garrett. Congratulations John!

Ports-to-Plains Coalition Appoints Michael Reeves as President

The Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Reeves as the new President of the coalition. Mr. Reeves will be replacing President Kevin Evans.

Mr. Reeves is a 1991 Texas Tech graduate. Currently serving as Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Mr. Reeves will be departing from the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce after 9 years of service. There he was involved with coordinating transportation initiatives, including delegation appearances before the Texas Transportation Commission, and serving as liaison between TxDOT and the business community. Mr. Reeves also led the Chamber's legislative programs and conducted communications efforts.

He will assume his responsibilities for Ports-to-Plains in early March. He is married and has two children.

The Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor is a planned multi-lane divided highway that will facilitate the efficient transportation of goods and services from Mexico, through West Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and ultimately on into Canada and the Pacific Northwest. The coalition was formed in 1998 has now grown to more than 75

members consisting of cities, counties and organizations.

Appropriations from federal funds provided \$9 million for the project in 2002 and an additional \$15.5 million in 2003. The coalition is currently focussing on federal reauthorization that will impact transportation funding for the next 6 years. The coalition is also expanding its efforts to work with other trace corridors developing a north/south trade corridor from Mexico to Canada. These additional corridors include La Entrada al Pacifico, Spirit 54, Heartland Expressway, and the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway. Through the unified efforts of these corridors, the value of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor will increase, as it will be the backbone of the Great Plains International Trade Corridor.

Study Club To Meet

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club meets Wed. March 3, 4:30 p.m. at Sherman County Library. The program is "Xeriscape: Using native plants, grasses, etc. for low maintenance, yet beautiful landscaping" by Anita Helms of Helms Nursery, Goodwell, OK. Michelle Lutes is Conservation Coordinator.

It's election of officers for 2004-2006.

Obits

Helen Brown Mason

Irving-Helen Brown Mason, born May 19, 1904 in Stratford, Texas passed away February 18, 2004 in Irving, Texas.

Mrs. Mason, the daughter of J.T. and Eula Brown attended Panhandle A&M College in Goodwell, Oklahoma and West Texas State College in Canyon, Texas. She taught in a rural school near Stratford, in Stratford schools, in Optima, Oklahoma and at schools in and near Copeland, Kansas.

In 1928 she married Dick Mason, then of Hooker, Oklahoma. For 25 years they lived in Copeland, Kansas where Mr. Mason managed the Riffe Bros. Elevator. In 1963 the Masons moved to Sun City, Arizona just 10 days before Mr. Mason died.

Helen was an excellent bridge player and enjoyed traveling widely with her sister Hilma Cleveland who joined her in Sun City in 1973. The moved to Longview Texas in 1990 and to Irving, Texas in 1996.

Survivors include her sisters Hazel Martin of Longview, and Hilma Cleveland of Irving. Others include her son-in-law Donald Dickerson, present of Fort Worth, and three grandchildren: John and Kathleen Dickerson of Santa Fe and Bob Dickerson of Amarillo. Nieces and nephews include Maureen Plunk and Katie Allen of Stratford, Marlene Knapp Morris of Amarillo, Patricia Martin Watkins of Longview and Joe Cleveland of Irving. Services were held at First Baptist Church in Stratford at 1 p.m. Friday, February 20, 2004 under the direction of Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home of Irving, Texas.

Wendell Flores

Wendell Flores, age 97 died Wednesday, February 18, 2004 in Dumas, Texas.

Services were held on Saturday, February 21, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Stratford with Rev. Mark Metzger, Pastor of First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery in Stratford under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Mr. Flores was born May 31, 1906 in Vernon. He was a Stratford resident since 1916. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Stratford. He was a rancher. He married-Lena "Pete" Harrell on May 19, 1928, in Amarillo.

His wife preceded him in death on Nov. 3, 1981.

Survivors include a son, Joe Flores and wife, Leeanna, of Stratford; a daughter, Wendolyn "Sisty" Vincent and her husband, Jack of Stratford; two sisters, Sybil Boney and Emma Lou Cannon, both of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Coldwater Manor, P.O. Box 1189, Stratford, TX 79084; or SCOT Hall, PO Box 358, Stratford, TX 79084.



Juanita Crownover

Juanita Crownover, 80 died February 22, 2004 at her home in Sherman County.

Services were held on Wednesday, February 25, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Stratford, Texas with Dr. Genoa Goad, Pastor of the Howardwick Baptist Church, officiating and Larry Dan Melton, Family member, assisting. Burial was in Northlawn Memorial Gardens in Dumas under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Crownover was born November 2, 1923 in Claude, Texas. She was a homemaker and had lived in Sherman County since 1959.

She married Lloyd Crownover on February 10, 1944 in Claude, Texas. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stratford, Texas.

Survivors include her husband of the home: Two sons, Johnny Crownover and wife Kay of Dumas and Donald Crownover and wife Nita of Dumas. One daughter Evelyn Wilson and husband Tim of Amarillo.

Texas. One brother: Elmo Barnett of Amarillo and Anita Anderson of Sun City, Arizona. 9 grandchildren, 6 great grandsons.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Authors To Visit Mary Allen Elementary

Dave and Pat Sargent, well-known authors of children's books, will be visiting Mary Allen Elementary, Tuesday, March 2 at 9:00 a.m. They will present their program to MAE students and the Middle School ESL students. They will be telling us some stories and helping us to see how our stories can be made into books. Dave and Pat hope to help us realize that authors are just ordinary real people. They want us to realize anyone can be an author. We would like to invite anyone from the community to come hear their talk. They will have books here that anyone can purchase and they will be happy to autograph them for you.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, gifts, food and all acts of kindness at the loss of my dad.

J.D. & Cynthia Henley

I would like to thank Jeff Kautz for all of his help in raising my pig this year. I would also like to thank Jackie Burkhalter for all of his help, not only for his FFA exhibitors but also for the 4-H exhibitors at the Fort Worth and San Antonio Stock shows. This has been a great year for me and without their help, it would not have been possible.

Thanks again,
Brent Reed

No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself, or to get all the credit for doing it.
—Andrew Carnegie

Anthony Kearns to Perform

Anthony Kearns, World Renowned "Irish Tenor" will be at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium on Sunday, February 29, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets available through all Panhandle Ticket Locations (806) 378-4246.

Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

SCOT will have its regular luncheon this Thursday, February 26. There will be a speaker from Gaskill and Pharis to give us some tax pointers. There also will be some laugh exercises. We promise it will leave you laughing. And it will be good just to see SCOT Hall.

There also will be a dance on Saturday, February 28, at 8 p.m. Music will be by The Music Maker, Darrell McCartney of Boise City. Our dances are fun, and we specially invite our new members to come join us. We also invite anyone who likes to dance. You don't have to be a SCOT member. And, we won't ask your age—so you may come—young, old, or in between.

On March 2, there will be an outing to Guymon for lunch and to see the new Gold Crown Store. The bus will leave SCOT Hall at 10:30 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet at SCOT Hall.

Things are happening at SCOT Hall, and the makeover of the building is amazing. The many hours of labor that some members have spent are certainly paying off. They deserve some loud applause.

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Chamber of Commerce

By Patty Tims

The Chamber office received a letter from the St. Patrick's Association inviting any organization in Stratford to be a part of Shamrock's annual celebration. Entries included: Floats, marching bands, riding clubs, drill teams, decorated vehicles, etc., all are welcome. The Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 20 at 712 North Main by the Shamrock Library. Entrants will meet at the intersection of Route 66 and Hwy. 83 in Shamrock no later than 9:30 a.m. in order to be placed in the proper line-up. Entries will be issued a number and instructions when you arrive. All entries in the parade are invited to a free luncheon at the school cafeteria, 100 South Illinois, immediately following the parade. Following the luncheon, awards will be presented to winners. The theme for this year's parade is "Sham Rockin' Down Route 66". If interested contact Toby Brooks at 806-256-2070 or Rick Carstens at 806-256-3384. I do have entry forms at the Chamber office as well, so come on by and get one. Let our organizations from Stratford show those folks in Shamrock how it is done.

The Chamber would like to thank these merchant & families for their continued support with membership renewals. Sherman County Real Estate, Stratford Hospital District, City of Stratford, Morrison Funeral Directors, Frontier Fuel, Duncan & Boyd, Xcell Energy, Brown's Meal Locker, Gaskill, Pharis, & Pharis, XIT Communications, Worsham Int., Smith Agency, Kenney, Hembree & Company, J.A. Lasley, Wayne Cummings, Dick Davenport, Oline Caraway, Bill & Kathy Riffe, David Swinford, John & Sharon Wilson, Doug McBryde, Mary Stowers, BA & LeRayne Donelson, Ed & Marge Moore, O.L. Lane, Jess Willard, Wanda Riffe, Richard Ragsdale, Joe Flores, E. R. Bell, Archie & Lorine Wright, James & Linda Spurlock, Rex & Bernice Christian, Melvin & Martha Mitts, Billy & Jeanie Bell, Jim & Shannon Taliaferro, Doak & Lisa Crabtree and James & Michelle Lutes.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Below is the nomination form for citizen of the year. Please take the time to fill this out. Thank you.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: _____

Why you think this person should be citizen of the year: _____

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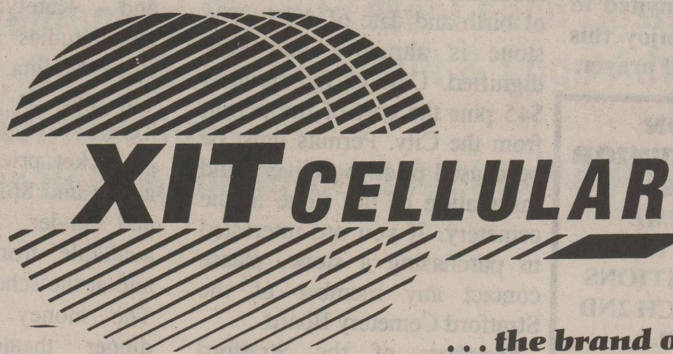
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Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Why I Think You Should See 'The Passion'

By Brent James

Sunday afternoon Bill & Pat Boren met the Joe B ill Boren family for dinner in Amarillo. They were on the way home from Bentonville, AK., where they had attended a wedding. They live at Rio Rancho, NM.

Friday night Pat showed a DVD of Irish Tenors concert at the Scroll Book Shop. She will have another showing March 19. Several area people will be attending The Irish Tenors concert in Amarillo Sunday afternoon.

Kerrick people will have to vote absentee in Dalhart. It started Monday.

Jo June McDaniel attended the funeral of Marie Halstead in Dalhart Feb. 18. Mrs. Halstead was the grandmother of Terri McDaniel, Jo June's daughter-in-law.

Betty Fry, Texhoma, visited with Jo June McDaniel Sunday.

Recently Thelma Smith of Dumas came to Stratford and had lunch with Marjory Munden and Dr. Gary Mathews. She visited with Virgie Mathews at Coldwater Manor.

Several of Kerrick Community Church are attending "The Passion of Jesus Christ" in Guymon Saturday afternoon.

Mike McDaniel spent a few days at Albuquerque last week.

I don't know if you have heard about it but the talk of the media the last several days has been about Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*. And by the time you read this editorial the movie will have made its debut. No doubt any movie release from the Academy-award winning superstar-director would draw the public's interest, but this film is about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ by the star of Mad Max and Lethal Weapon and that has many people wondering just what it's going to be like. Even before the final script was approved, some groups - who'd never actually seen the film - were expressing concern over its portrayal of Jews, and there were Christians concerned about the biblical accuracy of a Hollywood film.

Yet, Rabbi Daniel Labin lays these fears to rest by making three predictions of the movie. First he said it was going to be a big hit. Those who have seen special screening say this movie is a magnificent work of art. Already the theaters in Dallas are reporting that half of their gross sales the past couple of weeks have come from pre-purchased ticket sales to the release this week. One theater will be showing *The Passion* on all 20 screens. After seeing the film twice the staff at Rick Warren's (Best selling author of "The Purpose Driven Life") church said it may very well be Gibson's masterpiece. "From the opening frames, you can see that Gibson has taken great care to craft a movie with historical detail and authentic artistry. This is a film that gets in your face, or rather, puts you into the face of Jesus as He wrestles with - but then submits to - the final steps of His mission on earth. "Passion" is not your average, sometimes cheesy, Bible movie with stilted, King James dialogue between beautiful people following a Mr. Rogers-mystical Jesus. This Jesus is real with sweat and calloused hands, and blood and bruises from the beatings." They go on to say a person "cannot be emotionally passive while watching this film; it grabs you by the gut from the very first image and does not let you go even after the credits roll."

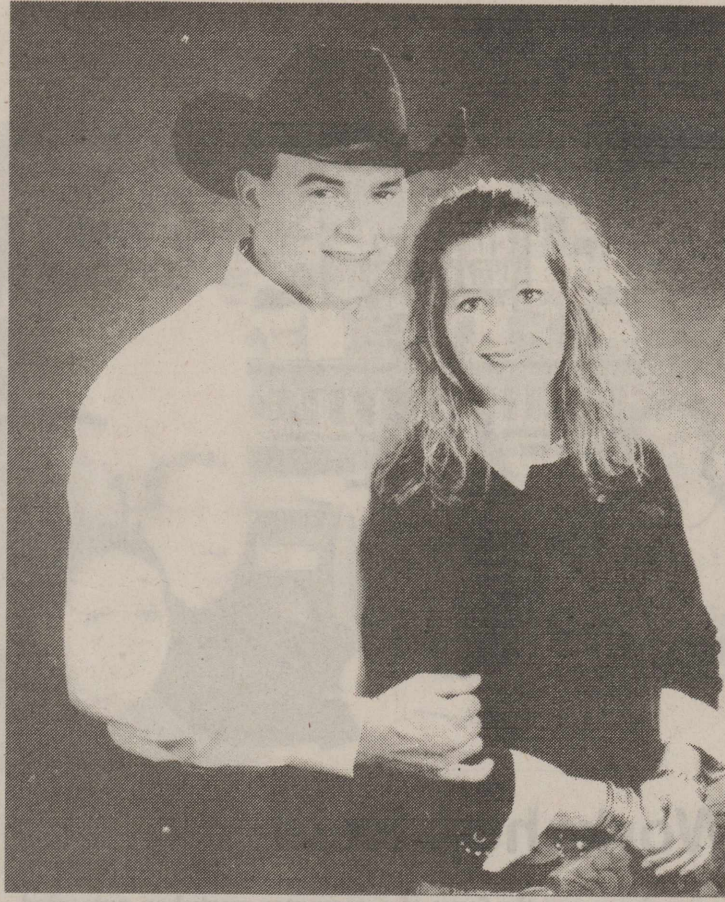
Secondly, the Rabbi Labin predicts, *The Passion* will become famous as the most serious and substantive biblical movie ever made. It will be one of the most talked-about entertainment events in history. This movie will dominate discussions at work, in restaurants, and at church. Your neighbors will be asking about it, and your kids will be wondering about it. You may already be talking about it and you haven't even seen the film.

Finally Rabbi Lapin predicts that the "faith of millions of Christians will become more fervent as *The Passion* uplifts and inspires them. It will propel vast numbers of unreligious Americans to embrace Christianity. The movie will one day be seen as a harbinger of America's third great religious reawakening." WOW!

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Granted, the movie will raise more questions than it answers so after seeing the movie, I encourage you to attend one of our fine churches in Stratford for some excellent teaching on the life and purpose of the Christ who loves you so much he would go to the cross for you.

If you have never considered the claims of Christ or if you have questions about this man who has changed history, First Baptist Church would like to invite you to call and receive a free ticket to a private screening on March 7th at 4:30 PM in Guymon, Ok.



Jeremy & Ashley

Engagement Announcement

Larry and Doris Parsons proudly announce the engagement & approaching marriage of their daughter Ashley, to Jeremy Vancleave of Canyon. Jeremy is the son of Naoma Flitner of Amarillo. The wedding will be June 12 at Whitaker Ranch, south of Canyon. Jeremy works for Vitalix in Canyon and Ashley teaches kindergarten at Wolfen Elementary in Amarillo.

Births

Doug and Melissa Pittman of Round Rock, Texas are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter Corley Grace Pittman. Corley Grace was born February 19, 2004 at the Seton Medical Center in Austin, Texas weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz and 20 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Sonny and Glynda Corley of Round Rock, Texas and Duane and Yvonne Pittman of Stratford, Texas. Corley's great grandparents are Reba Pittman of Stratford, Texas; Mildred Autrey of Brazoria, Texas; and Verdell Corley of Lake Jackson, Texas.

Doug and Carie (Switzer) Morrow announce the arrival of their twin daughters, Alyssa Kathryn and Amber Marie were born February 4, 2004 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, TX.

Alyssa weighed 5 lbs. 2 oz and was 17 inches long. Amber weighed 4 lbs., 7 oz. and was 16 inches long.

The girls are welcomed home by big brother Ian who is 3 years old.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Kathy Switzer of Stratford. Paternal grandparents are Norman and Mary Morrow of St. Francis, Kansas.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Director Election Scheduled

During the Board Meeting held on January 13th, 2004 the Board of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District called for an election to be held on May 15, 2004. The election will be for electing Directors for Precincts #5, #6, #7 to a four-year term, which will end in May of 2008.

The Board also called for an election to be held on May 15, 2004 to elect a Director for Precinct #1 of the District to fill the un-expired term of office. The Director elected in Precinct

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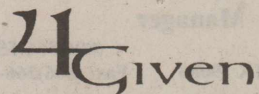
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First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor

921 Fulton

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed

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

St. Joseph Catholic

Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master

6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687

Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.

Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon

Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Larry Evans

N. 3rd & Chestnut

Sunday School 9:30 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn

302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message

Sunday School - 10 a.m.

Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Brent Farney

702 N. 3rd

Early Service 9:00 a.m.

Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.

Late Service 11:00 a.m.

Growth Groups Nightly 7:00 p.m.

Wed.- Youth Group Teen Kids 7:00 p.m./Adult Choir 7:00

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

Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm

Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm

Susninios Durante El Servicio.

Estudio Biblico &

Se Cuidamos

Templo Hispano Eben-Ezer

Pastor Roberto Frescas

205 N. Poplar - Hwy 287

Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.

Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.

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Kerrick Community Church

Pastor Roy Harris

Community Building

Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.

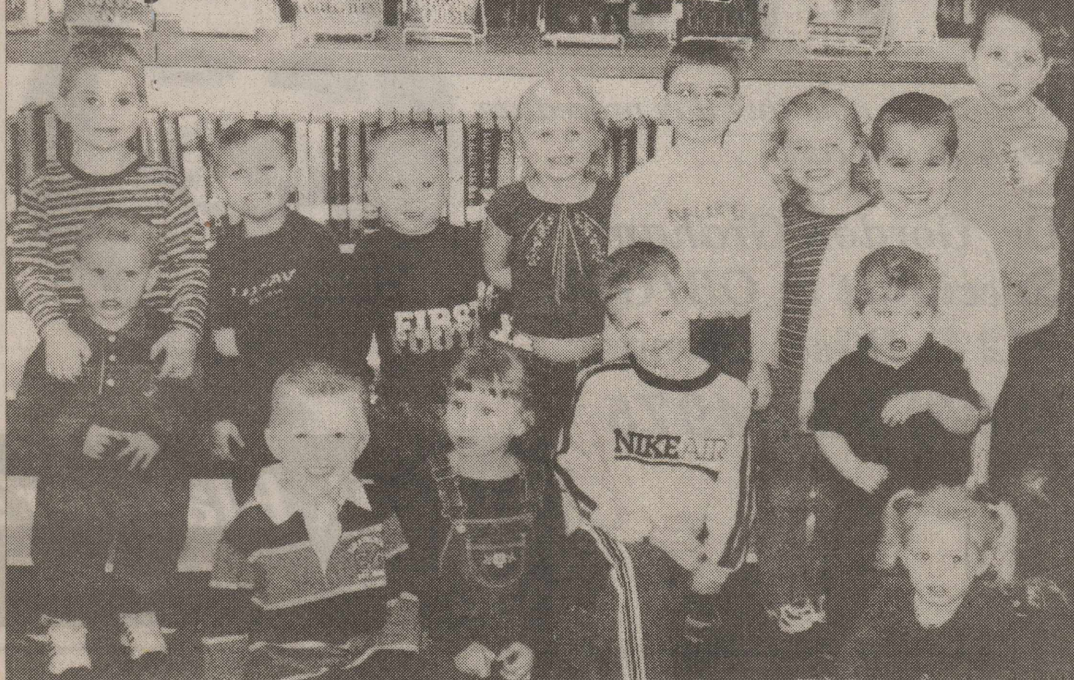
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



Computer Workshop Held

Keeping your computers in tip-top shape was the focus of a computer workshop presented by the Technical Assistance Negotiate Grant (TANG) PC specialist David Calabrese at the Sherman County Public Library on Wednesday, February 11. Participants learned the basics of hardware, software and printer maintenance; hardware, software, printer & networking troubleshooting; and virus and spyware protection. This project was made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Attending the TANG workshop Fred Pronger and David Calabrese. Seated Ann Wells, Lynda Hauser, Clarissa Mendez, Barbara Strong and Brandy Moore. Not pictured Kim Crippen, Doris Parson and Sandy Baskin.

Story Time Held at Library



These youngsters attended the first session of Story Time for 2004 on Monday, February 9th at the Sherman County public Library. Pictured on back row are Colton Lanning, Shay Hess, Tell Cross, RayLeigh Wilborn, Brady Cross, Carlee Metcalf, Jeffrey McIntosh, and Russell Spurlock. Front row are Dempsey Callum, Parker Dettle, Katelin Berry, Kade McBryde, Noah McIntosh and Kenlee McBryde. Not pictured Bailey Dettle and volunteers Shannon Dettle, Danna Hess and Niki McIntosh. Next Story time was held on Monday, February 23 at 9:30 a.m.

The High Ground Takes Marketing Team to World Ag Expo 2004

The High Ground of Texas sent a team of members and regional sponsors to the World Ag Expo 2004 on February 10 through the 12th. Contacts made from this show will continue to add to the successful recruitment of the dairy industry and value added agriculture projects into the Panhandle and South Plains region.

The World Ag Expo is the largest event of its kind in the world and is held each year at the International Agri-Center in Tulare, California. This internationally recognized event attracted exhibitors and visitors from 50 states and more than 60 foreign countries. There were over 1,400 exhibitors and over 200,000 attendees at the show. In addition to over 2 million square feet of exhibits, the show also offered 100 seminars on a variety of ag-related topics and hosted the Hi-Tech Heritage Complex, The Farm Equipment Museum, and the Agriculture Learning Center.

Additional industries were targeted during the show, including Heifer Replacement Companies, Dairy Veterinary Services, Cheese Processing Plants, Manufacturing Companies of Ag Equipment, Implement Companies, Livestock Transportation Companies, Distribution Centers, Ag-service Suppliers, and more.

The High Ground of Texas also hosted a hospitality event, the 2nd Annual High Ground of Texas Tailgate Party on Wednesday, February 11th. This highly successful event drew over 400 people and should result in numerous prospect visits resulting in dairy and agri-business expansions to the area.

Food was provided by the Cattle Exchange of Canadian.

Music was provided by the band "Texas Crossroads" from Shamrock. It was a great marketing event and the guests got a big dose of our famous "Texas Hospitality"!

Regional sponsors for this special event include the following businesses: Ad Rem Land Co., Associate Professional Engineering & Construction LLC, Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association, Bartlett's Ace Hardware-Perryton, BJM Sales and Service, Brandon Reid Constructions, Brownfield Industrial Development Corporation, Citizens Bank of Shamrock, Clift, Scott & Associates, Dalhart Economic Development Corporation, DeLaval, Inc., Dumas Economic Development Corporation, Envir-Ag Engineering, Evergreen Mills, First Ag Credit-Hereford, First National Bank of Hereford, First State Bank-Stratford, Dumas & Dalhart, FirstBank Southwest-Amarillo, Hereford, Pampa, Perryton & Booker, GA Engineering, Inc., Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., Gore Brothers Feeds, Hansford Implement, Hereford Economic Development Corporation, Hereford State Bank, Hi-Pro Feeds, HRH Insurance, Johnson, Miller & Company CPA's, Larry Wilhite & Kyle Smith, MacksCo Supply, LLC, Market Lubbock, Inc., Mason Dairy Contractors, Muleshoe Animal Clinic & Vet Supply, Muleshoe State Bank, National Bank of Commerce-Shamrock, Pampa & Childress, Nieman Realty, Perryton Community Development Corporation, Shamrock Economic Development Corporation, Southwest Dairyman, Spearman Economic Development Corporation, SRJ Dairy Development, Swisher

Electric Cooperative, Underwood Law Firm, Vic Coker Land Co., Wells Fargo Bank-Texas Agribusiness Group, West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., 84 Lumber Yard and Excel Energy.

The High Ground of Texas is the regional economic development marketing coalition, which covers the northern 54 counties of the state. The High Ground targets several industries in their annual diversified marketing plan including manufacturing, food processing, dairies, corporate headquarters, value-added agriculture, distribution and customer service centers. The High Ground participates in trade shows, recruiting trips, direct mail projects, industry events and more. All High Ground members who represent communities receive all of the prospect leads generated in these activities.

The High Ground Marketing Team representing the region at the World Ag Expo 2004 include participants from Brownfield, Dalhart, Dumas, Hereford, Amarillo, Canadian, Levelland, Muleshoe, Perryton, S hamrock, Stratford, Sundown and Tulia. There were over 50 people from the region representing the High Ground membership. Tailgate Party sponsors and regional dairymen in attendance.

For more information about the High Ground of Texas, please contact the office at (806) 366-7510 or higround@xit.net

Be civil to all; sociable to many;
familiar with few; friend to one;
enemy to none.

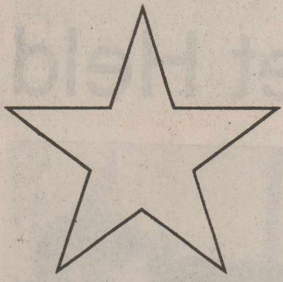
—Benjamin Franklin



Roundtable Meets

The Roundtable's quarterly breakfast meeting was held Thursday, February 19, at the new office of the SCDC located at 300 N. Main. The Roundtable is sponsored by the Sherman County Development Committee, and affords an avenue for the taxing entities of Sherman County and the City of Stratford to meet with the Stratford Chamber of Commerce, the SCDC, and High Ground of Texas to present updates on projects within their respective entity. The meeting was well attended with representatives from each entity attending. B.A. Donelson of the SCDC facilitated the meeting with reports given by Shannon Taliaferro, The Hospital District; Jim Taliaferro, Stratford Independent School District; Kim Crippen, Sherman County Judge; Sean Hardman, City of Stratford; Eric Werner, Stratford Chamber of Commerce; Steve Hays, SCDC; and Lori Vincent, High Ground of Texas.

<h3>Business Directory</h3>	<h3>Stratford Hospital District</h3> <p>Coldwater Manor Stratford Family Medical Clinic Stratford EMS Proudly serving the medical needs of Stratford and Sherman County</p>
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<p>CONSUMERS 208 Texas <i>We Sell Seed & Fuel</i> Farmland, Acco, & Moorman Seeds & Diamond Shamrock Products 366-2261</p>	<p>Blue Stuff of Stratford, Texas Betty Chamberlain 802 N. Pearl St. Stratford, TX 79084 (806)366-2843 E-Mail: rjb@xit.net</p>
<p>Stratford Auto Electric 119 S. Wall, Stratford, Texas 79084 Phone 366-5941 366-5857 Alternator, Starter, Magneto Repair Since 1964</p>	<p>Allen-Tarver Insurance Agency Carolyn A. Tarver Auto • Home • Life • Commercial Bus: (806)396-5810 • Res: (806) 396-2393</p>
<p>Betty Brown's Medical Claim Service 605 S. Main P.O. Box 7 Stratford, TX 79084 806-396-2623</p>	<p>Joe Flores Farm Bureau Insurance 396-5538 office 396-5389 home</p>
<p>Brown's Meat Locker Custom Wholesale & Retail Meat Federally Inspected Hwy 287 South 396-2513</p>	<p>Jesse's Gun Shop Gun Repairs • Sales • Cleaning Hours: Mon. - Fri. - 1730 - 2000 Sat. - 0800-1600 Jesse Resendes (806) 763-4454 (806) 366-3134 Shop 111 S. Maple Stratford, TX 79084</p>
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<p>This Space Available Call 366-5885</p>	<p>Tommy's Embroidery 580-423-7718 Texhoma, OK 210 Hwy 54 West Caps, Shirts, Jackets, Baby Blankets, Towels, Towel Wraps, School Logos, & Much More!</p>
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<p>Joan Bell THE TRAVEL STORE affiliated with National Travel Systems A Full Service Travel Agency 396-5958 1-800-753-2792</p>	<p>Joe Taylor, Photography PO Box 27 1305 N Chestnut Stratford, TX 79084 806-366-2459 Weddings, Portraits, Etc.</p>
<p>This space available</p>	<p>Rockin' C Cross Appraisals Farm, Ranch & Residential Appraisals 711 Purnell P.O. Box 1172 Jn 3:16 Stratford, TX 79084 Bus: (806) 366-7525 Fax: (806) 366-7515 DAVID J. CROSS</p>



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For Sale

Morton Building for sale on Beaver Road (next to ambulance Bldg.) All utilities. \$50,000. To see building call 366-5614 after 5 p.m. or 903-346-3861. 2-26-4x

For sale: Farberware 36 cup stainless steel coffee urn, great for churches or entertaining, new in box, \$75. One Avon Crystal hummingbird cakeplate \$60. 507 Purnell or phone 396-2143. 2-25-p

Hear the sizzle! Smell the aroma!!! It's time for the St. Joseph's Church Sausage Fest. SUNDAY, Feb. 29, 2004. High School Cafeteria from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sausage by the lb. will also be available. Please come join us!!! 2-12-3xc

Spring Oat Seed, Bulk or Bagged. Delivery Available. 806-258-7394. 2-12-4xc

Land for Sale

Land for Sale: Section 66 and South 1/2 of Section 67 Block 8. Capital Syndicate sub-division Dallam County CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept. at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5521. 10-23-tfn

Help Wanted

Help Wanted: J.W. Resources Inc. Oil & Gas Field Pumper. Experience preferred. Local area, part-time or full-time positions available. Call 806-467-9600. 3-4-c

Cimarrón Feeders now taking applications for weekend night watchman. Please apply in person, or call 580-543-6383 ext. 200 2-26-4x

Garage Sale

Garage Sale: Saturday, February 28th, 401 S. Fulton, 9:00 a.m. - ?

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New & Used Appliances
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BABER SUPPLY
DishNetwork Sales & Service
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1-580-423-7255

Is your House or Foundation Settling? Cracks in brick or walls? Doors won't close?...Call Childers Brothers Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling. 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo, TX. 1-4-1yrpd

Custom swathing and baling: 2 new John Deere Balers, volume discounts available. Call for quotes. John Bourk 580-546-7308 Cell # 806-683-5967; Matt Elder 580-349-1272 Cell #806-570-4694.

For Rent

FOR RENT...Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806)396-5541. 11-27-tfn

2 Bedroom house for Rent call 396-2125 1-22-tfn

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

House for Rent: 2/3 Bdrm-1Bath, Call 806-355-6396 or 806-676-6381 2-26-tfn

House for Rent call 1-806-655-0624 2-26-tfn

Houses For Sale

Pretty brick home, 602 N. Maple, red tile roof, 2378 Sq. Ft. plus 650 in Garage. 2 or 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. \$80,000. Call 396-5946. 7-31-tfn

For Sale: '96 16x80 Mobile Home, 3/2CH&A, FP, w/2 city lots. 313 S. Wall Apt. only. 366-7609 \$30,000. 11-6-tfn

For Sale: House and furnishings as a package. 1320 sq. ft. living; detached garage; sprinkler system. \$49500.00. Shown by appointment only. Trust Dept. 396-5521. 9-25-tfn

Our mother's home at 712 N. Maple, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, fireplace, central heat and air, 1 car garage, 2 metal storage sheds, chain linked fence, family room, close to school, built in oven and range, vinyl siding and new roof. For more info, call Marty 806-366-2053. 8-7-tfn

For Sale: 3850 Sq. Ft. living area, 4 BR, 2 1/2 baths, basement, covered patio, 2 car garage, corner lot w/circle drive. 420 N. Chestnut. Call 806-396-2348. 7-10-tfn

House For Sale or Lease: Recently remodeled 2500 sq. ft. house. 3 bdrm, 2 baths. Call for more information. 244-2155 or 333-7120. 8-8-tfn

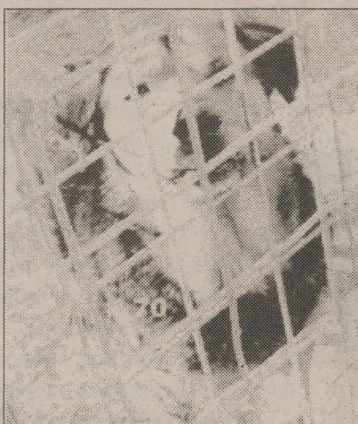
Owner Financing, Buying a House Made Simple. All 3 Bdrm. 319 S. Main, 611 N. 3rd, 218 Purnell. Call Brett Cummings 366-7664 (hm) or 753-6677 (cell) 1-2-04-tfn

House for Sale: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, new carpet, ceramic tile and close to schools. \$80,000 at 819 N. Fulton. Call Cary or Laura Smith at 806-396-5320 after 5:00. 1-1-tfn

House for Sale: 902 N. Maple, 3 Bdrm, Large Utility Room, New windows & carpet, corner lot, central heat/air, one block from school, big backyard. \$45,000. Call 366-3019. 2-12-tfn

House & Acreage for Sale by Owner. 2400 Sq. Ft. House, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. 14.9 acres. 40'x60' metal bldg, roping arena, 3 horse sheds, detached 2 car garage. Shown by appointment only. 806-966-5219, 806-679-8015. 8-21-tfn

Pet Of The Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs and puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes and range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered and have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, and tugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide the food. All of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

4 Bdrm Brick Home in Texhoma, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, large walk-in closets, new roof & barn in backyard 40'x25'. (580)423-4553 or (580)423-7718 for more info. 7-31-tfn

For Rent or Sale-3bedrm, 2bath house at 802 N. Fulton. Call 396-2403. 2-5-tfn

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803 S. Bliss, Dumas
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New Listing: Newly remodeled Home. 3 bedroom, 2 3/4 bath. Fireplace. Sprinkler. Utility. 2 Car Garage. and much more! \$178,000.

A Unique Home with a lot of beautiful special features. Island Kitchen offers a cozy breakfast nook. Master bedroom has an office area and office area in hallway. Two living areas with fireplace. Energy tight. Come see today. \$129,000.

Very Spacious. 3 BR. 1 bath. extra large fenced corner lot. large utility room. \$53,000.

Super Nice home with all new floor coverings and paint. Walk-in closets. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. carport. Low price of \$33,000.

Nice Stucco, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Great starter home or investment. circling fans, storm windows. storage building. \$15,000.

For Sale: 14' x 60' Trailer house, needs work, owner-financing possible. Call 396-2125. 1-15-tfn

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sherman County Commissioner's Court will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of:

- 1-1963 John Deere Diesel 4010 3pt. Location: Stratford
- 1-Set John Deere Axle Duels-18,438 (off J.D. 4555)-Stratford
- 1-John Deere Quick Hitch Cat. 2-3 Stratford
- 2-Donahue Combine Trailers 1-Stratford/1-Texhoma
- 1-Pull Sprayer 500 gal. Broyhill 3.5 HP motor-Stratford
- 1-Pull Sprayer 500 gal. Wylie 122cc motor-Stratford
- 1-1987 Chevrolet Pickup-Texhoma
- 2-250 gal. Fertilizer Tanks/Steel-Stratford.

All bids must be sealed and marked sealed, we reserve the right to reject any or all bids. They can be mailed to the Sherman County Judges Office, P.O. Box 165, Stratford, Texas 79084 or hand delivered. The bids must be received before noon on Friday, March 5, 2004 and will be opened at the regular scheduled Commissioner's Court at 9:30 a.m. on March 8, 2004.

Kim Crippen
Sherman County Judge.

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Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly.
—Langston Hughes

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The Sherman County Commissioners' Court will receive and review applications to serve as the Depository for County Funds on Monday, March 1, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sherman County Courthouse, Room 206. Applications should be presented at that time to Kim Crippen, Sherman County Judge. The County Depository for the next two-year period will be selected at the March 8, 2004 meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Applications must include a general description of depository services to be provided, service charges, interest rates to be paid on deposits and on time deposits of 30, 60, 90, 120, 180 and 365 days and the interest rate to be charged to the county on short-term loans. The Public Funds Collateral Act (Article 2529d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) governs the type, level substitution, possession, release, and method of valuation of the security necessary to secure the deposit of public funds.

Kim Crippen
Sherman County Judge.

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STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT
P.O. Box 1189 Phone 806-396-5568 Fax 806-396-5930
111 Beaver Rd.
Stratford, TX 79084-1189

Stratford Hospital District will conduct a Director's Election on Saturday, May 15th, 2004. Three directors' terms are expiring: Ineta Chesher, Ronnie Brooks and Shannon Taliaferro. Directors whose terms continue for another year are Wayne Smith and Betty Brown.

(El Distrito del Hospital de Stratford conducira una eleccion de Directores el sabado, 15 de mayo del 2004. Los terminos de tres directores estan terminando: Ineta Chesher, Ronnie Brooks, y Shannon Taliaferro. Los directores que sus terminos continuaran por otro ano son Wayne Smith y Betty 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, Monday, March 15th, 2004 (5:00 p.m.) will be the deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot.

(Solicitudes para un lugar en el boletto estan disponibles en las oficinas administrativas del distrito del hospital de Stratford en el Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Rd. Se anima a las personas interesadas y calificadas todos que obtengan una solicitud. Las solicitudes se deben firmar delante de un notario publico. Lunes, 15 de mayo del 2004 (5:00 p.m.) sera el ultimo dia para poner su solicitud para un lugar en el boletto.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 2004, for voting in a Directors Election for Stratford Hospital District. (El aviso se da por este medio que las lugares de votar nombrados abajo estaran abiertos a partir de la 7:00 de la manana hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 15 de mayo del 2004, para votar en la eleccion de

directores del distrito del hospital de Stratford.

The last day to file for Director member will be March 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. (el ultimo dia para aplicar para miembro para director sera el 15 de marzo, del 2004 a las 5:00 p.m.)

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES (lugares de las cassillas electorales)

COLDWATER MANOR
1111 BEAVER RD
STRATFORD, TX 79084

Early voting will be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning April 28, 2004 and ending May 11, 2004. (Votacion temprano sera entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 12:00 de medio dia y desde la 1:00 pm hasta las 5:00 pm)

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para los boletos por correo seran enviados a: Cheryl Ward P. O. Box 188 Stratford, TX 79084

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CITY OF STRATFORD CUIDAD DE STRATFORD NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL

To the Registered Voter of the City of Stratford, Texas; A Los Votantes registrados del ciudad de Stratford, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 2004, for voting in a General Election to elect one (1) Mayor and two (2) council members for two (2) year terms and to elect one (1) council members for one (1) year term.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abirian desde las 7:00 AM hasta las 7:00 PM el 15th de Mayo de 2004 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir Alcalde y dos (2) miembro de concilio durante dos (2) anos terminos y uno (1) miembro de concilio durante una (1) ano terminos.

The last day to file for Council member will be March 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. (El ultimo dia archiva para miembro de concilio sera el 15 de marzo de 2004 en 5:00 de la tarde.)

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES: (DIRECCION DE LAS CASSILLAS ELECTORALES)

CITY HALL
518 N. 3RD
STRATFORD, TEXAS

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

(La Temprano votacion en ausencia en persons se lieveara a cabo de lunes a vienes en)

City Hall, 518 N. 3rd.

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 28, 2004 and ending on May 11, 2004.

(Entre las horas de 8:00 estoy a 12:00 pm y 1:00 pm a 5:00 empezando p.m. en el 28 de abril de 2004 6 eding en el 11 de mayo de 2004.)

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:

Law solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: LaRita Butler

Name of Early Voting Clerk (Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion En Temprano)

P.O. Box 199
Address (Direccion)
Stratford, TX 79084

City (Ciudad) Zip Code (Zona Postal)
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Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not.

—Thomas Henry Huxley

North Plains

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#1 will be elected to a two-year term which will end in May of 2006.

The deadline for filing as a candidate for Director of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2004. Candidates who file on or before this date will have their name placed on the ballot. The application must be signed by the applicant or at least ten (10) qualified voters of the precinct.

The deadline for filing as a write-in candidate for Director is 5:00 p.m. on March 22, 2004. A write-in vote may not be counted unless the name written in appears on the list of write-in candidates. To be entitled to a place on the list of write-in candidates, a candidate must make a declaration of write-in candidacy and it must be filed with the District not later than 5 p.m. of 5th day after the deadline for filing as a candidate to have their name on the ballot.

Director Precinct No. 5 is the all area within the District within Hansford County and the area within Hutchinson County within the District. Thane McCloy is currently serving as Director.

Director Precinct No. 6 is all of Ochiltree County. Danny

Krienke is currently serving as Director.

Director Precinct No. 7 is all of Lipscomb County. Gene Born is currently serving as Director.

Director Precinct No. 1 is all the area within the District that is also within Dallam County. Tom Mellema is currently serving as Director. Mr. Mellema was appointed by the Board to replace Sieto Mellema on November 11, 2003. The candidate elected for Director Precinct No. 1 on May 15, 2004 will be to fill the remaining four-year term which ends in May of 2006.

Candidate applications forms may be requested from the District Office, 603 East First, P.O. Box 795, Dumas, Texas 79029 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The District office phone number is 806-935-6401. To be a candidate for Director, one must be a qualified voter, shall have resided within the Precinct for six months immediately preceding the date of the election and meet the other requirements specified in the Election Code, Section 141.001 Eligibility Requirements for public Office.

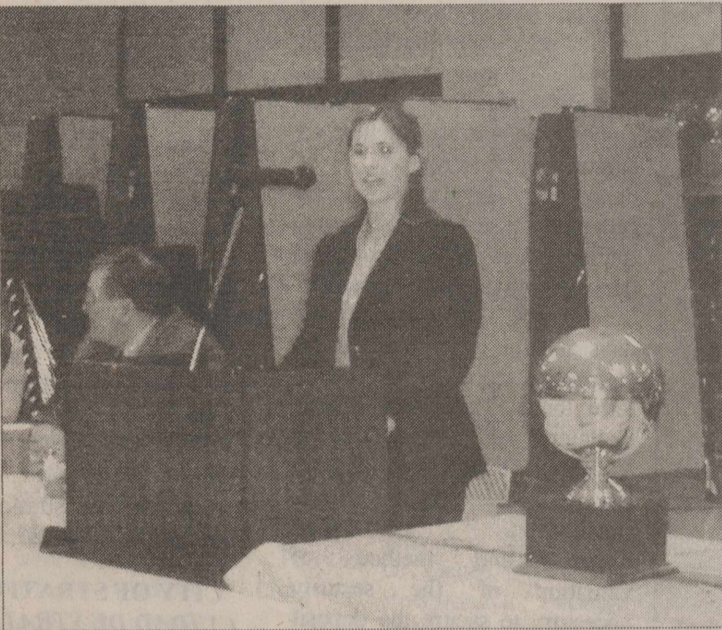


Joyce McBryde had members of the Stratford SISD Education Foundation at her home for dinner on Thursday, February 19, 2004. Seated BA Donelson, SISD Supt. Jim Taliaferro and Weldon Flannery—Consultant with Foundation Development. Mr. Flannery spoke at the First Annual SISD Education Foundation Banquet held on Thursday, February 19, 2004 at the Stratford High School Cafeteria.

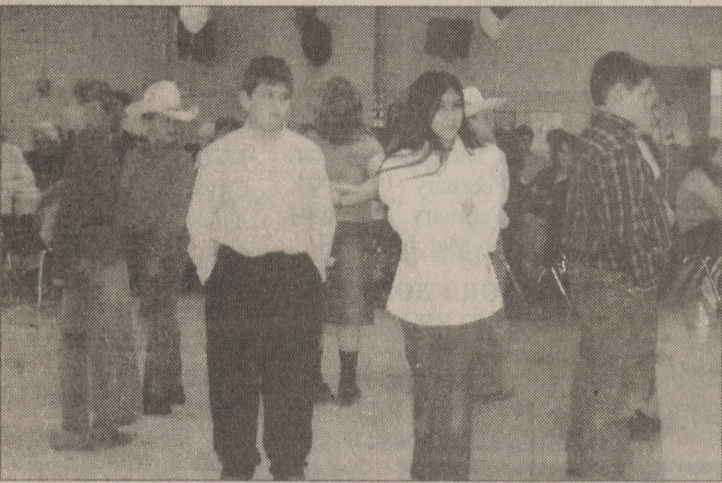
1st Annual SISD Education Foundation Banquet Held



Cindy Russell (far Right) explains the Donors Recognition Board that she designed and built for the SISD Education Foundation. It will be on display at the Stratford High School. If you have not seen it, please go and take a look, it's a work of art.



Evan Haile gave a reading at the First Annual SISD Education Foundation Banquet held Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004.



The Mary Allen 4th graders under the direction of Belinda Hamilton square danced for the folks that attended the SISD Education Foundation Banquet last Thursday. The Entertainment was excellent at the Banquet. Thank you Evan and all 4th graders, you were awesome.

Arts in the Area

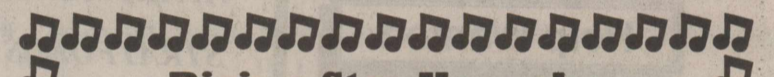

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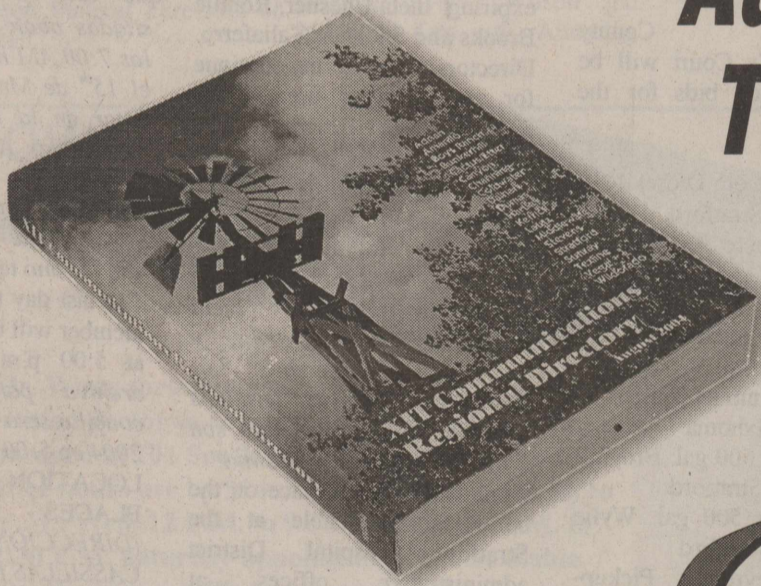
- Feb. 26-29 "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" Musical
Amarillo Little Theatre/ Adventure Space
806-355-9991 www.amarillolittletheatre.org
- Feb. 27 St. Petersburg Classic Ballet
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096/372-2463
- Feb. 29 Anthony Kerns, Irish Tenor
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-798-9684
- March 5-7 "The Mikado" Opera
Branding Iron Theatre WTA&MU (806)651-2856
- March 13 Amarillo Symphony, Benedetto Lupo, Piano
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- March 11-21 "Over The River and Through The Woods" Comedy
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- March 18*** "Ladies in the Tower" One Act Dinner Theatre
Mary Allen Cafeterium 7:00 p.m. Reservation 366-3303
- March 26, 27, 28*** "Blythe Spirit" Comedy
Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre

Stratford Speech Team Competes at Dumas Saturday

The Stratford speech team competed in the Dumas speech tournament on Saturday, Feb. 21. The students entering the meet were Aston Robinson, Nora Gomez, and Jacob Edmond. Ashton placed first in informative speaking and second in duet improv. Nora competed in prose, poetry, and earned a second place trophy in duet improv. Jacob competed in persuasive speaking and impromptu speaking. They brought home three trophies.


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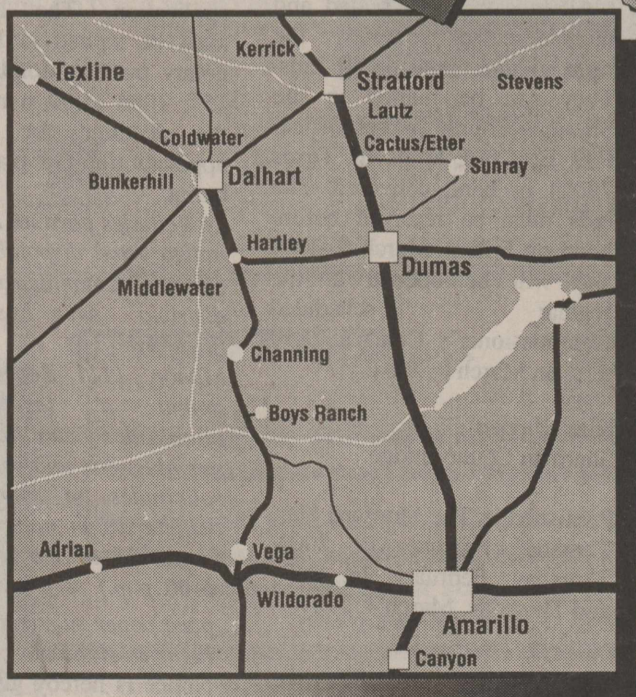
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