

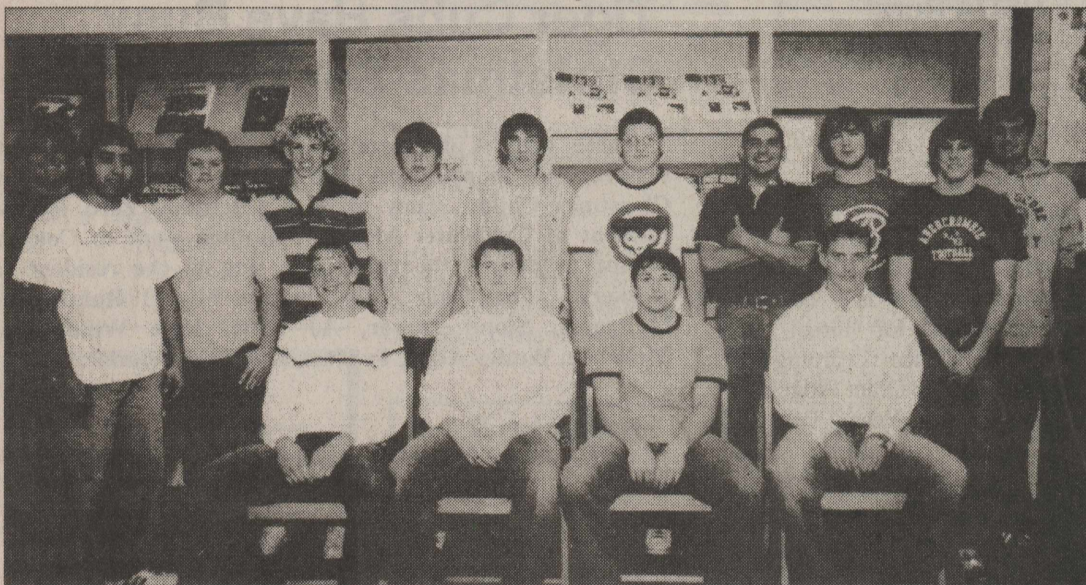
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All Academic Football

Named All Academic Football Standing L-R: Brandon Davis, Tony Ruiz, Connor Vincent, Josh Lanning, Andrew Correll, Case Crabtree, Brady Bell, Chris Ortega, Ryan McDaniel, Walter Spurlock, Harrison Walden. Seated L-R: Cory Rendon, Trent Boyd, Josh King, Tyler Haynes. Not pictured Luis Trejo.

2005 Panhandle Crop Production Clinic To Be Held

The annual 2005 Panhandle Crop Production Clinics will be held during the week of January 10, 2005. The meeting locations are January 10-Dalhart-Community Coliseum, January 11-Dumas- Moore County Community Building, January-13-Spearman-Hansford County Barn, January 14- Panhandle-Carson County Ag Barn. The meetings all begin at 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be sponsored by DuPont. CEU and CCA credits will be available. Please contact the Sherman County Extension Office (806) 366-2081 or Russell French (806) 935-6299.

"How Great Our Joy" to be Presented Sunday at FCC

The Chancel Choir of First Christian Church will present the Cantata "How Great Our Joy" during Church Services on Sunday, January 9th. The Alleluia Bells and Adagio Strings are also on the musical program. Services begin at 10:45 a.m.

Silver Boxes & Tea Cups Words of Encouragement

First Baptist Church will be hosting an afternoon tea on Sunday, January 16th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. We invite you to join us for a time of inspiration and fellowship for all the women of Stratford.

Speaker will be Rexan (Christian) Gerard and music will be led by Robin Pelton.

For more information, please contact the First Baptist Church Office at 396-5554.

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

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All Academic Cross Country

Named All Academic Cross Country seated from left, Brittany Hudson and Yadira Ortega. Standing from left, Whitney Reese and Kristen Crabtree. Not pictured Shiloh Dickenson.



First State Bank Sponsors Movie

Laurie Gillilands' class loading on to a Big Blue for their trip to Guymon to see "The Polar Express". First State Bank sponsored all kids reaching their Accelerated Reading goals to see The Polar Express movie in Guymon.

Cheerleaders Selling State Football Shirts

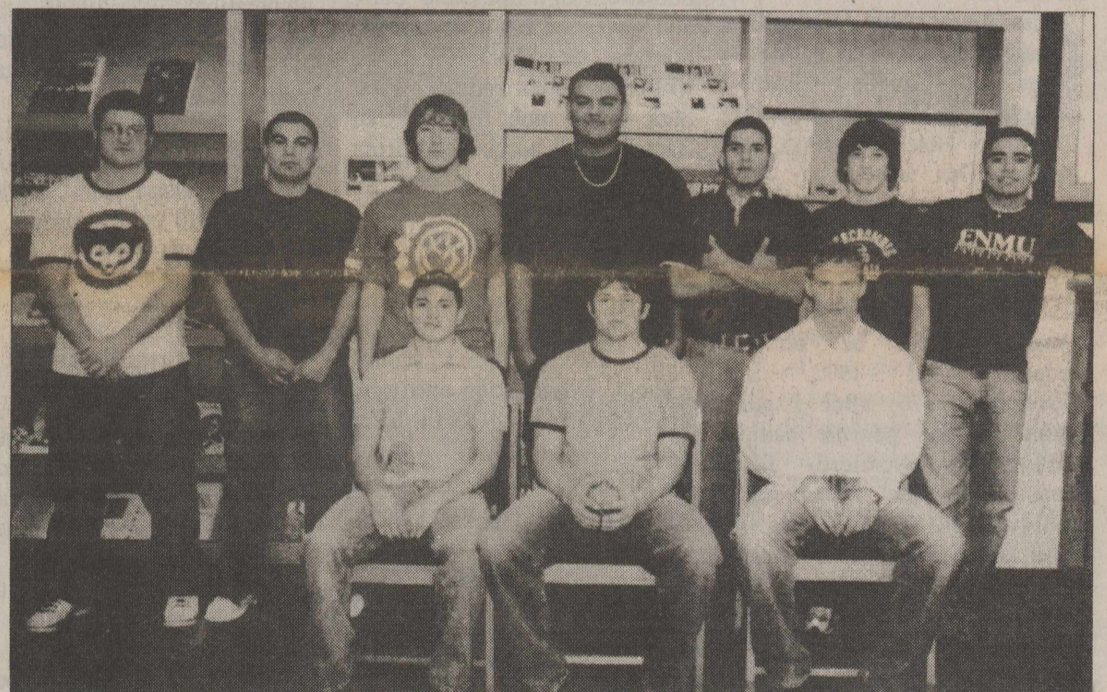
Cheerleaders are selling State Football T-shirts. Pick up order forms from any campus secretary or call 366-3324. Order forms with money must be returned by January 18th to Jessica Wheeler or your school secretary.

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 left until
 Christmas 2005
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 head start on the year



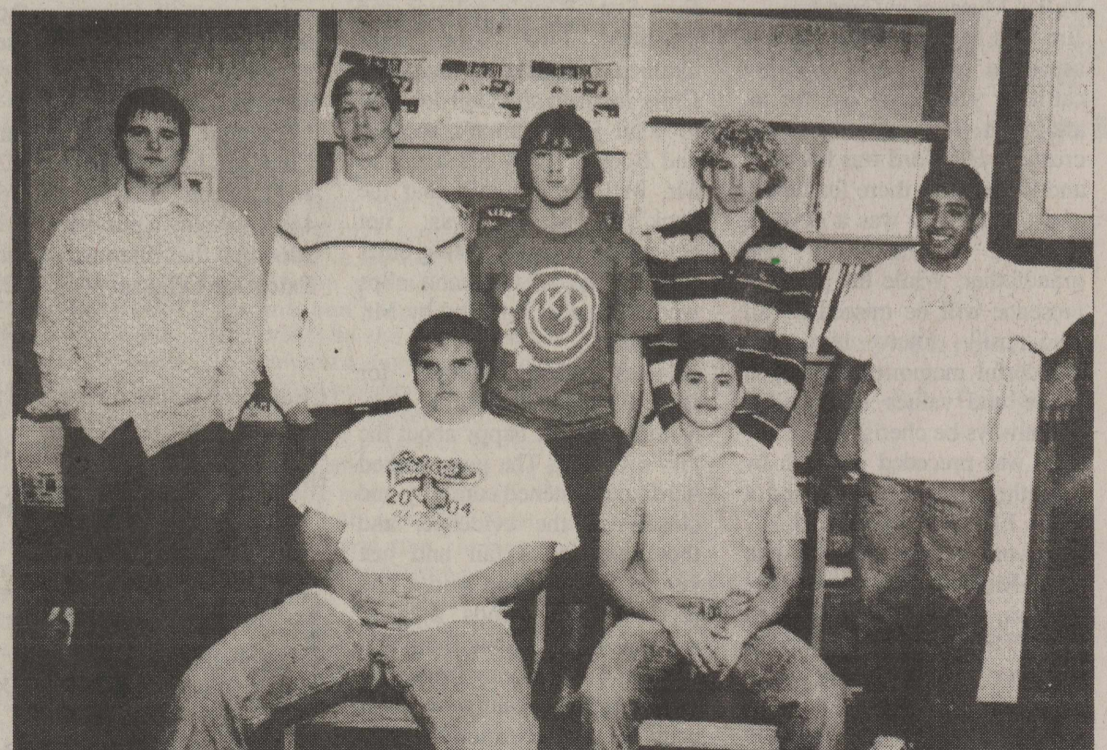
First Bank Transaction in new Building

Happy State Bank held their ribbon cutting and open house on Monday, December 20, 2004. The first bank transaction in the new bank building was made by Joyce Ann Lasley. Joyce Ann has been a great supporter of the new bank. The location of 100 N. Main is the previous site of Mr. Harmon Lowe and Joe Billington's service station. This was Joyce Ann's Uncle and father. They started operating this business beginning in the mid 1920's. Happy State Bank is proud of the tradition in this site. Shown above in the picture left to right-Adam Bell, Cindy Cummings, Trisha Schoonover, Doak Crabtree, Joyce Ann Lasley, Misty Desbien, Jo Hinds, Lupe Duarte and DeWain Traylor.



All-District 1-A 2nd team & Honorable mention

Named to All-District 1-A 2nd Team and Honorable Mention. Standing l-r: Brady Bell, honorable mention defensive linebacker; Martin Beltran - honorable mention defensive line; Ryan McDaniel - honorable mention offensive line; Rudy Portillo, 2nd team defensive line; Chris Ortega -honorable mention receiver; Walter Spurlock, 2nd team punter; Asbel Gomez - honorable mention defensive end. Seated l-r: Travis Soto - 2nd team secondary; Josh King - 2nd team quarterback and linebacker; Tyler Haynes - 2nd team receiver and honorable mention secondary.



All District 1-A 1st Team

Named to All-District 1-A 1st Team standing l-r: Trent Boyd, center; Cory Rendon, Defensive End (unanimous); Ryan McDaniel, Linebacker (unanimous); Josh Lanning, secondary; Tony Ruiz, running back (unanimous). Seated l-r: Mark Miller, defensive line (unanimous); Travis Soto, receiver (unanimous). Not pictured Luis Trejo, offensive line.

Obits

James G. "Jim" Cloyd

Canadian-James G. "Jim" Cloyd, 78, died Tuesday, December 21, 2004.

Rosary services were said at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 23, 2004 at Hughs Funeral Home Memorial Chapel, Mass was at 11 a.m. Friday December 24, 2004 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. John C. Barragan officiating. Burial was in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Cloyd was born November 18, 1926 in Hereford to the late Mr. E.R. Cloyd and Mrs. Bessie Hargrave Cloyd. Jim's family had been in the cattle business and connected to the Panhandle for well over a century. He started cowboying as a young boy. Jim graduated from Canadian High School in 1944. He was also a 1957 graduate of Texas Tech University, where he received a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry. While at Texas Tech, he was the first masked rider, known as the Red Raider, after Texas Tech joined the Southwest Conference.

Jim was a veteran of the Navy aboard the USS Providence during World War II. Jim worked for the 6666's, Matadors, U Lazy S, Mill Irons, Triangles, and Brainard Ranches of Texas and also worked for the Kern County Land and Cattle Company and the Diamond A's in Wasco, California. As a young man, Jim enjoyed rodeoing and also worked for the Santa Fe Railroad on two different occasions.

After the war, Jim returned to Canadian and worked with his father at Cloyd's Custom Slaughtering. He married Lynda Cagle on Nov. 19, 1965, in Pampa. That same year, Jim followed in his father's

footsteps by becoming the sheriff and tax assessor/collector of Hemphill County, where he served proudly until 1972. In November 1976, after four years in the penned cattle industry in Hereford, Jim worked, for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association in Stratford, where he retired after more than 20 years.

He was commissioned as a Special Texas Ranger by the Texas Department of Public Safety and as an Oklahoma Ranger by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations, serving as a certified peace officer in both states. Upon retiring, in 1997, Jim was a member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas, the Veterans of Foreign War, the American Legion and was a board member for the River Valley Museum in Canadian.

Jim was happiest when he was astride a good horse working cattle or just being out for an afternoon ride enjoying God's creation. His word was his bond and was always there for family and friends. Jim was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. While his physical presence will be missed by all who truly knew him, the wonderful memories he helped create and values he instilled will always be cherished.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David Cloyd and a sister, Elizabeth Ann Cloyd. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Richard Cloyd and wife, Melissa, of San Angelo and James Cloyd of Amarillo; a daughter Susan Day and husband, Rick, of Andrews; four grandchildren, Grayson Cloyd and Makenzie Cloyd, both of San Angelo and Jed Day and Jake Day, both of Andrews.

The family suggests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice Care Fund, 1020 South Fourth St., Canadian, TX 79014, Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106 or to Sacred Heart Catholic Church Building Fund, 804 Kingman Ave., Canadian, TX 79014.

Dorothy E. Dewees

Dorothy E. Dewees, age 79 died Sunday, December 26, 2004 in Dumas, Texas.

Graveside Services were held on Wednesday, December 29, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at memorial Park Cemetery in Dalhart, Texas with Rev. Walter Reed, pastor of The First Christian Church of Stratford officiating.

Mrs. Dewees had been a Stratford resident the past 14 years moving from Dalhart, Texas. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Stratford, Texas.

Survivors include a son Jim Dewees of Stratford, Texas; one sister Lorraine Wardell of Berlin, NM and two grandchildren Barbara and Susan

Unanimous Jury finds that First State Bank Took Money from Customers' Accounts without Authorization

On December 8, 2004, a unanimous Moore County jury found that the First State Bank of Stratford, Dalhart, and Dumas took money from the checking accounts of Bacc Farms, Ltd., and Rockin' Lazy S Cattle Co., Inc., without authorization. The unanimous jury awarded Bacc Farms \$175,014 and awarded Rockin' Lazy S \$279,355. Bacc Farms and Rockin' Lazy S will ask visiting judge H. Bryan Poff, Jr. to enter a judgment this week based on the jury's unanimous verdict.

Blake Stringer, a Dumas farmer, had borrowed money from First State Bank. Mr. Stringer was the general partner of Bacc Farms, Ltd. and the president of Rockin' Lazy S Cattle Co., inc. Bacc Farms and Rockin' Lazy S were not borrowers of First State Bank and owed the bank no money. Starting on May 20, 2003, without authorization, First State Bank took money from Bacc Farms's account and from Rockin' Lazy S's account to reduce Blake Stringer's personal debt and to pay itself back. The unanimous Moore County jury found that First State Bank took \$145,014.25 from Bacc Farm's account without authorization and took \$169,655.53 from Rockin' Lazy S's account without authorization.

During the trial, George Odom, president of First State Bank, Chris Johnson, vice president of First State Bank, and Gail Johnson both testified that Blake Stringer authorized the debits in question. Mr. Stringer testified that he had not authorized the debits in question. After seven long days of trial, the unanimous Moore County jury agreed with Mr. Stringer.

Dumas CPA Tom Brandon testified about Bacc Farms's and Rockin' Lazy S's economic damages, and Pat McElroy, a banking expert, testified about First State Bank's policies and practices. First State Bank claimed that Blake Stringer told Chris Johnson and Gail Johnson to debit Bacc Farms's account and Rockin' Lazy S's account. Mr. McElroy testified that the bank's position was not believable because among other things none of the debit slips were signed or initialed by Mr. Stringer.

James Wood, attorney for Bacc Farms and Rockin' Lazy S said: "We are happy about the jury's verdict. The jury worked hard, they listened carefully and closely to the evidence, and they rendered a fair and just verdict." Mr. Wood said: "The jury's verdict sends a clear message to First State Bank that you can't take money from your customer's accounts without proper authorization." Mr. Wood added: "The verdict vindicated Blake Stringer. The bank attacked Blake personally and even called him a liar. But the jury rejected the bank's attacks on Blake's character."

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.
—Abraham Lincoln

Medicare Program Planned Jan. 18th

The new year brings many things, one of them changes to your Medicare benefits. Most people are able to describe Medicare, many people know something about it but few know if they are getting all the benefits available to them from Medicare.

Andy Crocker, Gerontology Health Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension, will present "Managing the Medicare Maze" to help Medicare recipients better understand their benefits. The workshop will be held Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at SCOT Hall in Stratford beginning at 2:00 p.m.

During the two-hour workshop, Andy will address changes to Medicare benefits for 2005, Medicare supplement insurance, mail-order health products and Medicare's prescription drug benefit plan. In addition, Andy will be available to answer questions regarding other prescription drug assistance programs, including manufacturer's discounts, among others.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 366-2122 or Lynn Wells, SCOT at 396-2011.

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4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl

Nutrition Quiz Bowl practice sessions will begin Monday, January 10 at 4:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office. 4-H members who would like to extend their knowledge of foods and nutrition along with food preparation skills are encouraged to come and join the fun. 4-H'ers will also gain communication and listening skills in this educational activity. At the first practice session, dates for weekly practices will be determined, as District Quiz Bowl will be February 26, 2005.

4-H Shooting Sports Project News

4-H Shooting Sports project member and parents are asked to mark their calendar January 10, 2005 for the first project meeting. The meeting will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

During the meeting, members will have an opportunity to meet the coaches, sign up for practice schedules, pay the \$35.00 project fee, and learn more about the NRA Marksmanship Qualification program. All members must attend the Safety training to be conducted by Scott Buckles and teen leaders.

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For more information, contact Cindy of Lem Russell at 727-4671, Scott Buckles at 769-4464, Wesley Spurlock at 396-2864 or the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.

Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.
—Abraham Lincoln

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"Always Patsy Cline" ALT Jan. 27-30

"Always Patsy Cline" returns to the Amarillo Little Theatre. The cast, Tammy Hysmith and Cindi Bulla are excited to return to ALT with the most successful show in its history. Tickets go on sale, 10:00 a.m. January 17th, 806-355-9991.

Harlem Globetrotters January 13th

Harlem Globetrotters
Amarillo Civic Coliseum
January 13-806-378-3096.

USDA Rural Development Accepting Applications

Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2005 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program will have competitive grant funds to provide access to education, training and health care resources for people in rural America.

"Texas communities can benefit from the opportunities provided by the distance learning and telemedicine program. This grant will help ensure that rural Texans have the access to modern technology and telemedicine services," said Daniel.

Distance learning and telemedicine grants are specifically designed to provide access to education, training and health care resources for people in rural America. Funds may be used to provide distance learning or telemedicine services to residents or entities in rural areas. Incorporated organizations federally recognized Indian tribes, state, or local governments are eligible to apply in rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.

The maximum award per grant is \$500,000. Applications must be completed and submitted no later than February 1, 2005 and will be scored and awarded on a competitive basis. For more information, on the distance learning and telemedicine program for 2005, please contact Francisco Valentin, Jr., community Programs Director, (254) 742-9789 or visit the website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rus/telecom>

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 to help enhance the quality of life and increase economic opportunities for the nation's rural residents. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs contact any USDA Service Center or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>

Home

(NU) - Fences are built for many reasons. Fences keep children or animals in the yard and define property lines. Fences also provide security and privacy, and complement other backyard amenities, like pools, spas and decks. Redwood is often the material of choice for fences because it is durable, looks good, and resists warping and splitting. For fence building tips or other project plans and redwood information, log on to www.calredwood.org.



Tiger Cubs Have Busy Christmas Season

These Tiger Cubs were very busy during the Christmas season. They shopped and filled three shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. They made a Christmas card for every resident of Coldwater Manor, and then went to Coldwater Manor to deliver the cards and sing to the residents and workers. The Tiger Cubs include Miguel Rosales, John McBroom, Stone Tarver, AJ Riffe, Kyle Willard, Jack McBryde, Wesley Allen, Ty Hess, and Holten Butler.

It isn't necessary to be rich and famous to be happy. It's only necessary to be rich.

—Alan Alda

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- Jan. 8 Chamber Music Amarillo – trumpet & violin 8:00 p.m. Santa Fe Building Ballroom, Amarillo 806-236-3545
- Jan.12-13 Amarillo Symphony Young People's Concert Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-8782
- Jan. 13-23 "Five Guys Named Moe" Musical Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Jan. 16 Larry the Cable Guy Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Jan. 22 Amarillo Symphony, Harrington String Quartet Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-8782
- Jan. 25-26 "Say Goodnight Gracie" Broadway Series Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Jan. 26 Snoop Dogg Amarillo Civic Center coliseum 806-378-3096
- Jan. 27-30 "Always Patsy Cline" returns Amarillo Little Theatre Main Stage 806-355-9991
- Jan. 29 Dave Taylor Dance Co "Rainforest" Lone Star Ballet Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-2463
- Feb. 5 "Lift Every Voice Concert" Amarillo Opera Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-7464

Sherman County Development Committee

It's a new year and time to roll up our sleeves and get things done! If you're not a member but would like to become one, **AND** if you believe in the future of Sherman County, please consider joining the SCDC. The dues are \$25 per year and we welcome your support and your ideas. 2005 is going to be a busy year in our community and we want everyone to be involved.

For more information contact:

Kathy Allen—SCDC

P.O. Box 652

Stratford, TX 79084

806/366-2897 email: scdc@xit.net

Irene Wakefield will soon be celebrating her 90th birthday. Anyone with memories and thoughts of Irene and her life with husband Tom and would like to share those memories, please put in writing and mail to Kim Clayton at 4225 Hampton Drive, Valdosta, GA 31605 or email at kim@garyminchew.com. My grandmother's birthday is February 4 and we are getting down to the wire. Friends of Irene Wakefield, please submit to me. My Grandfather (Tom Wakefield) served Stratford as commissioner many times and though he did not let us know often, he missed Stratford very much. In fact, he would just sit in his pickup truck to reminisce and "smell" Texas.

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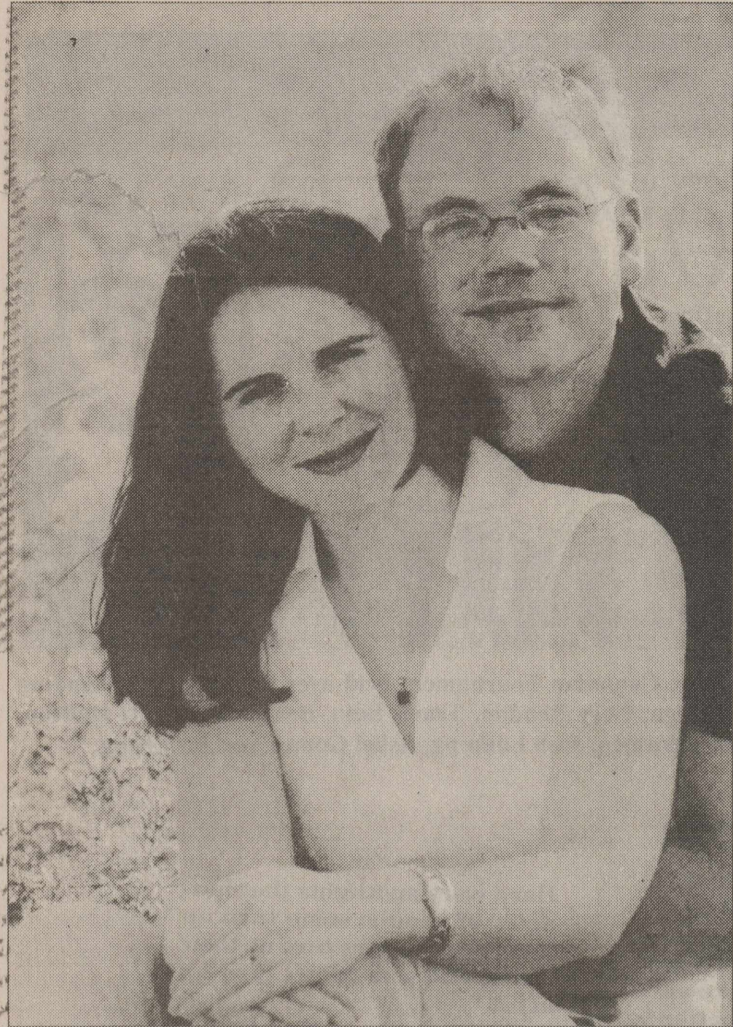
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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel



Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Margaret Graham of Stratford, TX are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah, to Mr. Adam Hunter, son of Robert and Camille Hunter of Atlantic Beach, FL. Sarah, a 1994 graduate of Stratford High School, earned Bachelors Degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. Adam earned his Bachelors Degree in Mathematics and Computer Science from Rice University in Houston, TX. The couple met while earning Masters Degrees in Computer Science at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, which they both completed in 2000. Adam specialized in computer graphics and Sarah in computer-integrated surgical systems. Both now reside in Austin, TX, where Adam works as a Software Engineer for Sony Online Entertainment and Sarah works as a Software Engineer for Opus Healthcare Systems. The couple plans a March 5, 2005 wedding at Star Hill Ranch just outside of Austin in the village of Bee Cave, TX.

Health

(NU) - A recent survey looked at children's exposure to secondhand smoke and found that approximately 3 million children 6 years old and younger still are exposed regularly to secondhand smoke in their homes. Exposure to secondhand smoke is a serious health risk, and children are the

most vulnerable. If secondhand smoke is a problem in your home, take the Smoke-free Home Pledge. It gives you and others the incentive to make and keep your home and car smoke-free. You can pledge online at the Environmental Protection Agency's Web site, www.epa.gov/smokefree, or through a special hotline at (866) SMOKE-FREE.

Enjoying Kerrick Christmas program were Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Minnie, Ralph James & Annette Hampton, Jo June & Shelby McDaniel, Trew, Cara, Allie & Benjamin James, Trisha, Reed, Rett, Rese Schoonover, Kenna & Dempsey Collums, Peggy & Chandra Hawkins, Barbara Schoonover, Marylou & Mike McDaniel, Gayla James, Leo Horne.

Thea James, Charter Ramey, Levi James, Monica Johnson, Lem, Cindy, Sunny Russell, John Lavake.

Music was provided by Rolene Arkon and Nina Lavake on violin and cello.

If you haven't paid for your pecans, please give money to Jo June.

Roy & Ciccy Harris visited Ciccy's dad, Littleton Fowleer, at Mineral Wells and Roy's mother, Rowena Harris Widdle, at Higgins during the holidays.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover had son Brady's family Christmas Eve. Christmas Day they went to Barbara's sister, Marsha Hollingshead's in Guymon.

Jo June McDaniel and the John McDaniel family spent Christmas Day with the Penny Whitson family in Clayton.

Clifford Abbott of Lubbock visited during the New Year's weekend with Marylou and Mike McDaniel. Patti McDaniel, Denver, was here for Christmas. Christmas Day lunch was at Duane & Thelma Smith's in Dumas.

Brenda Taylor of Littleton, CO., was here for a few days.

Kerry and Kelly Carlisle of Abernathy hosted Christmas for Bill & Pat Boren and the Joe Bill Boren family of Rio Rancho, NM.

Nita Taylor is home this week. Son Doug was here Dec. 20-26 from Waco. Linda & Poe Keener hosted the family Christmas dinner for them and Mark, Klinton & Kelsey Keener, Jere Don Keener, Dylan Keener and Terri Boren of Borger.



Benjamin was not too sure about this fellow in the red suit! This group of youngsters visited with Santa at Kerrick Community before Christmas. From left are Dempsey Collums, Rese, Rett & Reed Schoonover, Santa, Allison, Benjamin and Trew James.

Whitebird to Perform in Stratford Jan. 12

Pete Whitebird, award winning Nashville Christian recording artist and owner of nine #1 hits in Christian Country music, will be in concert and in ministry of the Gospel at the First Assembly of God Church in Stratford on January 12, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Pete is sponsored by The First Assembly of God in Stratford and the Cowboy Church. All are invited to enjoy the music and the "good news." A free will offering will be taken for Pete and his ministry.

Pete and his wife Judy are on the road nine months out of the year ministering from Pennsylvania to California. He has recently completed a greatest hits CD and a video.



Rolene Arkon and Nina Lavake provided great music for the singing of carols at Kerrick's Christmas program. Santa had treats for all.

Stratford Hospital District Minutes- Board of Directors Meeting-Nov. 11, 04

Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors met for the regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The officers and Directors present were:

Shannon Taliaferro, President; Ronnie Brooks, Vice-President; Wayne Smith, Director; and Larry Drake, Director.

President Shannon Taliaferro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present Jimmy Lanning representing the Stratford Emergency Medical Service, Judy Griffith representing the Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Debbie Beilue representing Coldwater Manor, Karen Pulliam representing Stratford Hospital District, Kandie Galla secretary for the Stratford Hospital District, Chassidy Town representing Nursing department, Joann Cobos & Janice Vaughn representing Activity Department; Ana Montes representing Dietary department, Debbie Rivas representing Housekeeping and Laundry departments, Miguel Rosales representing Maintenance department.

The floor was open to any community comments, there were none.

Kandie Galla read the minutes from the previous meeting; minutes were approved after corrections were made.

The contract for the new Administrator was discussed and signed. Wayne Smith made a motion to accept Debbie

Beilue as the Administrator for Stratford Hospital District, Ronnie Brooks seconded the motion, motion carried 4/0.

Joann Cobos and Janice Vaughn presented the expenses for activities to the board and answered questions the Board had concerning their invoices.

Chassidy Town presented the expenses for nursing to the

board and answered questions the board had concerning the invoices.

Miguel Rosales presented the expenses for maintenance to the board and answered questions the board had concerning his invoices.

Debbie Rivas presented the expenses for housekeeping and laundry to the board and answered questions the board had concerning her invoice.

Ana Montes presented the expenses for dietary to the board and answered questions the board had concerning her invoices.

President Shannon Taliaferro discussed getting invoices and budgets to Kandie Galla to be put into the board books before the board books are delivered to the board members.

The board members voted on the Appraisal District nominations. Larry Drake made a motion for Gerald Wilhelm and Becky Hemphill, Ronnie Brooks seconded the motion, and motion carried 4/0.

Judy Griffith presented the financial report for the Stratford Family Medical Clinic, she reported 382 patients for the month of October. Judy Griffith presented a proposal to the board to increase rates for office visits. Wayne Smith made a motion to accept the proposal to increase office visit rates, and for fee payment upfront, Ronnie Brooks seconded the motion, motion carried 4/0. Judy Griffith requested getting a cardiac monitor for the clinic, discussion followed and later tabled. Ronnie Brooks made a motion to pay Stratford Family Medical Clinic's payables as presented, Wayne Smith seconded the motion, and motion carried 4/0.

Jimmy Lanning presented the financial report for the Stratford Emergency Medical Service. Jimmy Lanning reported 19 runs for October. Wayne Smith made a motion to pay Stratford Emergency Medical Services payables as presented, Ronnie Brooks seconded the motion, motion carried 4/0.

The board discussed, and will cease the weekly rounds due to the new Administrator.

The board recessed at 8:30 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

The board went into executive session at 8:50 p.m. and executive session closed at 9:35 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m. Minutes approved by President Shannon Taliaferro.

Debbie Beilue presented the financial report for Coldwater Manor. Ronnie Brooks made a motion to pay Coldwater Manors payables as presented. Larry Drake seconded the motion, motion carried 4/0.

Karen Pulliam presented financial report for Stratford Hospital District. Ronnie Brooks made a motion to pay Stratford Hospital Districts payables as presented. Wayne Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. Karen Pulliam explained that all Loans at First State Bank have been -paid off, the revenue note is left with a one-dollar amount for renewal purposes.

The Credit Card Policy was discussed. Jimmy Lanning and Debbie Beilue are the only ones to carry a credit card. Any expenditure requires a receipt; the individual will be responsible for expenses if no receipts are produced for business use. Wayne Smith made a motion to accept the policy, Ronnie Brooks seconded the motion, and motion carried 4/0.

Administrator's supervision for Stratford Hospital District concerning paying of the payables in a timely fashion was discussed. Judy Griffith and Jimmy Lanning will present their payables to the administrator any thing else concerning large purchases or expenses will be presented to the board. Debbie Beilue will present Coldwater Manor payables to a board member for second signature.

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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. Gene Weinette 520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

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 Ernie Maiwald 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.

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In a survey of 2,000 high achieving students, age sixteen-seventeen years: eighty percent said cheating was common in their school. Seventy-eight percent of these admitted cheating. Professional people, attending a Harvard Business School seminar on ethics, were given a standard for behavior. Don't do anything that will get in the newspaper. Publicity is bad. What about the conduct that causes the publicity? The best advice is simply, don't get caught. This is a far cry from the honesty and fidelity homes and societies need to function smoothly. If you can cheat and not get caught, is it really OK? Is this what marriage is all about? Is this what family life is all about? If you lie to your parents and don't get caught, is it really OK? If this what business is all about? If you cheat on your expense account and don't get caught, is it really OK? No, it is not all right. One of the Ten Commandments in the Bible states, "You shall not steal" (Exodus 20:15). I know some folks can't stand morality being shoved down their throats. So be it. If you don't want to live by God's commandments, as many people don't, you can expect more cheating in schools, more cheating in marriages and more cheating in businesses. Can you live with alternative?

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The Stratford Lady Elks placed 2nd at the Canadian Tournament held over the Christmas Holidays. In back l-r: Allison Baskin, Candie Bell, Deidre Tarver, Katelyn Reed. Front l-r: Shadley Audrain, Kayla Robertson, Yadira Ortega, Lindsay Stein, Brittany Hudson.

The 7th grade girls lost 17-31 to Sunray on December 13th. Kayla Dennis was high point with 6 points followed by Janeth Reyes with 5 points and Channing Ziemann with 4 points.

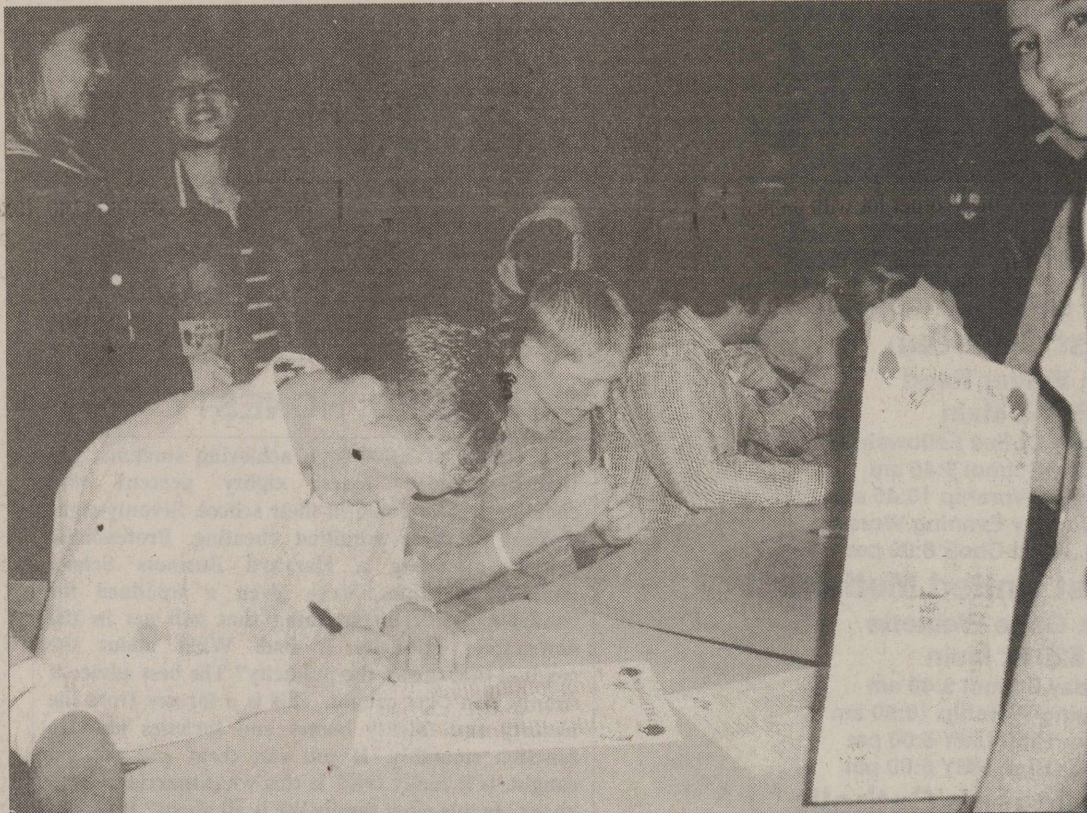
The 8th grade girls beat Sunray 33-31 on December 13th in overtime. Sinead Everett was high point with 14 points followed by Stephanie Bell with 8 points.

The Lady Elks beat Texhoma 61-19 on December 17th. Candie Bell was high point with 11 points followed by Shadley Audrain with 10 points, Deidre Tarver with 9 points and Brittany Hudson with 8 points. The Lady Elks won 2nd place in the Canadian Tournament held December 28th thru December 30th. In their first game, the Lady

Elks beat Memphis 56-21. Allison Baskin was high point with 12 points followed by Shadley Audrain and Deidre Tarver with 8 points each and Brittany Hudson with 7 points. In their second game, the Lady Elks beat Ft. Elliott 44-42. Deidre Tarver led the Lady Elks with 15 points followed by Katelyn Reed with 11 points and Candie Bell with 10 points. In the championship game, the Lady Elks fell to Canadian 33-41. Shadley Audrain led the Lady Elks with 12 points followed by Katelyn Reed with 9 points.

The Stratford Elks kicked off their basketball season over the Christmas Holidays placing second in the Canadian

Tournament. In the Elks' first game, they beat Ft. Elliott 62-50. Asbel Gomez led the Elks with 12 points followed by Tyler Haynes with 11 points and Josh King and Cory Rendon with 9 points each. In their second game, the Elks beat Claude 56-48. Chris Ortega was high point with 18 points followed by Tyler Haynes with 10 points and Josh Lanning with 8 points. In their third game, the Elks beat Memphis 47-42. Tyler Haynes led the Elks with 18 points followed by Chris Ortega with 16 points. In the championship game, the Elks lost to Gruver 41-48. Tyler Haynes was high point with 15 points followed by Chris Ortega and Josh King with 7 points each.



The Happy State Bank sponsored a signing party for the 2004 Stratford Elk State Runner-up Football team on Monday, December 20, 2004 at the High School Cafeteria. Elk players were on hand to sign footballs, rosters, T-shirts etc.

CHILD FIND.....

Is the ongoing process of locating children
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If you suspect your child has significant delays in learning, behavior, motor skills, speech, vision or hearing contact your school district
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504 CHILD FIND NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Stratford ISD has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate, and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504 programs, please contact the District's Section 5-4 Coordinator Jessica Wheeler at 366-3324 or by mail at P.O. Box 108, Stratford, Texas 79084.

AVISO DE IDENTIFICACION DE ESTUDIANTES INCAPACITADOS BAJO LA SECCION 504

Bajo la Seccion 504 del Decreto de Rehabilitacion de 1973, Stratford ISD esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y proporcionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas informacion sobre los derechos de padres de ninios incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificacion, y colocacion de ninios en el programa de Seccion 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con el Coordinador de 504 del Distrito Jessica Wheeler, al numero 366-3324 o por correo a la siguiente direccion: P.O. Box 108, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Who does not thank for little will not thank for much.
—Estonian proverb

COCONUT ICE CREAM (Makes 8 servings)

- 6 egg yolks
- 14 packets sugar substitute
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 (13.5-ounce) can unsweetened coconut milk
- 2 teaspoons coconut extract
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup shredded unsweetened coconut, lightly toasted

In a medium bowl, whisk yolks and sugar substitute to combine. In a medium pot, bring heavy cream to a simmer over medium-low heat.

Slowly pour 1 cup cream into the yolk mixture, whisking constantly. Pour yolk mixture back into pot. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture is thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. Remove from heat. Stir in coconut milk, coconut and vanilla extracts. Chill 4 hours.

Pour ice cream mix into ice cream maker. Process according to manufacturer's directions. About 5 minutes before ice cream is finished, add the toasted coconut.

Nutritional information per serving: 6 g carbohydrates, 4.5 g net carbohydrates, 1.5 g fiber, 4 g protein, 32 g fat, 326 calories.

Atkins offers a free newsletter with product updates, low-carb diet tips and recipes. For great recipes, look for "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" (Harper Collins) and "Atkins for Life" (St. Martin's Press). For more information, visit www.atkins.com.



The Stratford Elks placed 2nd in the Canadian Tournament held over the holidays. Standing from left: Case Crabtree, Chris Ortega, Cory Rendon, Travis Soto, Brady Bell, Scott Hudson, Tyler Haynes, Gus Rosales, Harrison Walden, Josh Lanning, Asbel Gomez and Josh King.

Everyone has the obligation to ponder well his own specific traits of character. He must also regulate them adequately and not wonder whether someone else's traits might suit him better. The more definitely his own a man's character is, the better it fits him.

—Cicero

Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all.

—Sam Ewing

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Ranch Hand Wanted-Sherman County Ranch-Call mobile-620-482-5501, Home phone-806-827-7496 Office-580-423-7281 Mark Freeman-Freeman Ranch 12-23-tfn

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Coldwater Manor has openings for CAN, LVN, RN and Cooks. Apply in person 1-6-c

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

Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs 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.

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

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.

Community

(NU) - Do you ever tell yourself, "Someday I'm going to get involved in my community"? Now is your chance. Join Lions Clubs International and you can help people in your community or on the other side of the world. Lions volunteers are involved in projects such as building community playgrounds, assisting in vision screenings at schools and aiding seniors. You can find information about local Lions clubs at www.lionsclubs.org or by calling (800) 74-SIGHT.

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Wise anger is like fire from a flint: there is great ado to get it out; and when it does come, it is out again immediately.
—Matthew Henry

Houses For Sale

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

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When angry count four; when very angry, swear.
—Mark Twain

PETS & PEOPLE

Annual Survey Proves Dogs Are Man's Best Friend

(NAPS)—For as long as anyone can remember, dogs have been deemed man's best friend. But what truth lies in this old adage, and how deep does the bond between people and their four-legged friends run?

The makers of one popular food for dogs surveyed 1,500 dog owners and lovers from across the country to find out more about these beloved canine companions. From pet pampering to doggie socialization and nutrition, the survey dug up some interesting "tidbits" about all things dog.

It's clear that dogs play an integral and important role in our lives and, in most cases, are much more than just man's best friend. In fact, 70 percent of people surveyed said they consider their pooches to be a part of the family. In addition, 71 percent admit they even talk to their dog as if he was human and 22 percent say they include their pup in family vacations.

"PEDIGREE is not just about dog food; we work to understand dogs at their best through the lens of dog lovers," said Chris Jones, Franchise Director of Pet Care for Masterfoods USA. "This understanding is translated into the most complete range of products to bring out the best in dogs."

Best Friends Forever

According to the survey, dogs may play an integral role in human social life. Whether it be a new found friend or a significant other, many dog owners report their pooches have played match-maker a time or two. In fact, more than 50 percent of people surveyed say they have met a new

friend or acquaintance while walking their dogs and 15 percent even met their spouses that way.

Can dogs really attract dates? Does your four-legged friend know which mate is best suited for you? It seems some people think so. Forty-two percent of dog owners who participated in the survey admit they have or say they might, take their dog out for the sole purpose of meeting someone of the opposite sex. Others take this one step further, as 14 percent of women said they would even take their dog's opinion into consideration when choosing a mate—if Fido doesn't like him, then neither will she.

The survey also found that it's a dog-gone good life for pups these days. Among dog lovers surveyed, many spoil their dogs as they would a child. From showering their dog with gifts, to surprising them with unexpected treats (72 percent), people frequently pamper their pooches. Many even give their dogs presents during the holidays (50 percent), proving dogs really are another member of the family.

What's in a Name?

Ask 1,500 people what they named their dog(s), and you'll get 1,181 different answers. While Max, Buddy and Bear were the most common names uncovered in the survey, it seems dog names are as individual as the pups themselves. There were, however, some interesting similarities, as "people" names were more common than the traditional Fido, Rufus or Spot. In fact, of those surveyed, nearly half (47 percent)

gave their dogs a human name, with the most common being Max, Jack, Molly and Daisy.

A Happy Dog is a Healthy Dog

Nearly all dog lovers who participated in the survey believe their dogs are happy (99 percent) and most also report taking steps to keep them that way. The most common things people do to keep their dogs in good health include a daily romp around the block (55 percent) and keeping up with regular visits to the vet (41 percent). Dog owners surveyed also said that their pooches motivate them to live a healthier, more active lifestyle (68 percent). In fact, 49 percent incorporate their dog into their daily exercise regime, offering them both a good workout.

Dog lovers also realize that meals are important and proper nutrition is key. When asked what dinner time was like in their house, over half of dog owners surveyed say their pooches dart to the dish when their favorite fare is served (54 percent). Others add their dogs can be finicky if they don't provide the preferred food and that some will even stage a hunger strike if they don't like what's served. That's why it's important to choose a dog food that tastes delicious and contains all of the essential nutrients dogs need to thrive. PEDIGREE Food for Dogs offers proper nutrition in a variety of flavors, which means even the most finicky dog may be wagging his tail with enjoyment when it's time for meals.

For additional information as well as tips for keeping your dog healthy and happy, log on to www.pedigree.com.

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Cards of Thanks

We would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who listened to our broadcasts of the Stratford Elk Football games this season. Our goal has always been to make you feel like you were there with us. Special thanks go to George Chambers at KKIT in Dalhart, our sponsors, and to the Stratford Independent School District for allowing us the honor and privilege of bringing you all the action. Special thanks go to the young men and coaches of the 2004 Stratford Elk Football team, the Class 1A State Football Semi-Final Champions. Without you we would not have been able to have so much fun broadcasting your exploits on the gridiron. It has been a blast following you guys through the ups and downs of the season. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Finally, to the entire community of Stratford for putting up with our antics and for your wonderful comments and support throughout the season. We are truly blessed to live in such a great community. Thanks again!

TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL IN '05!!
THE STRATFORD SPORTS NETWORK ON KKIT, DALHART-THE TOWER OF POWER
GREG WRIGHT, WAYNE SMITH AND SCOTT BUCKLES

We are just letting the Cross Country Team, Football Players, Coaches and the Fellows that announced play by play to us at home, and last, but not least, our Big Blue Band, How proud we are of all of you.

Rex & Bernice Christian

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SHERMAN

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 69th Judicial District Court of SHERMAN County on the 31st day of December, 2004 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS NORMA JEAN HOBSON

Cause #4562 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at TEN (10) O'CLOCK AM on the 1st day of FEBRUARY, 2005 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the City of STRATFORD, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

.011718 Royalty Interest in the Hobson, A #1, Lease Number 10111, RRC #27605, located in Section 385, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas.

Levied on the 31st day of December, 2004 as the property of NORMA JEAN HOBSON AND/OR HERBERT L. HOBSON

To satisfy a judgment amounting to \$109.97, representing delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney's fees through the date of judgment, plus all costs of court, costs of sale, and post judgment penalties and interest recoverable by law in favor of STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT,

NORTH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT AND/OR SHERMAN COUNTY.

ALL BIDDERS MUST COMPLY WITH SECTION 34.015 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 31st day of December, 2004
SHERIFF Sherman County, Texas Jack Haile.
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Beware the fury of a patient man.

—John Dryden

The greatest remedy for anger is delay.

—Seneca

The flame of anger, bright and brief, sharpens the barb of love.

—Walter S. Landor

Anger and intolerance are the twin enemies of correct understanding.

—Mahatma Gandhi

Legals cont.

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SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SHERMAN

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STRATFORD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT VS WILLIAM E.
HAWKES LIVING TRUST

Cause #4581 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at TEN (10) O'CLOCK AM on the 1st day of FEBRUARY, 2005 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the City of STRATFORD, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

.061279 Royalty Interest in the Saxby #2, Lease Number 30309, RRC Number 171562, located in Section 313, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas.

Levied on the 31st day of December, 2004 as the property of WILLIAM E. HAWKES AND/OR WILLIAM E. HAWKES LIVING TRUST

To satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,921.33, representing delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney's fees through the date of judgment, plus all costs of court, costs of sale, and post judgment penalties and interest recoverable by law in favor of SHERMAN COUNTY, STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, STRATFORD

HOSPITAL DISTRICT, AND OR NORTH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT.
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COUNTY OF SHERMAN

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STRATFORD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT VS GEORGE
GEIL

Cause #4583 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at TEN (10) O'CLOCK AM on the 1st day of FEBRUARY, 2005 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the City of STRATFORD, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

.005815 Royalty Interest in the Price #1C, Lease Number 11480, RRC Number 27706, located in Section 14, Block 2-B, GH&H Survey, Sherman County, Texas

Levied on the 31st day of December, 2004 as the property of GEORGE W. GEIL AND/OR AMALIE GEIL

To satisfy a judgment amounting to \$657.73, representing delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney's fees through the date of judgment, plus all costs of court, costs of sale, and post judgment penalties and interest recoverable by law in favor of

STRATFORD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT, STRATFORD
HOSPITAL DISTRICT,
COUNTY EDUCATION

DISTRICT #20 FOR
STRATFORD ISD, NORTH
PLAINS WATER DISTRICT
AND/ OR SHERMAN
COUNTY.

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CITY OF STRATFORD VS
HARRY RAVICK

Cause #4584 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at TEN (10) O'CLOCK AM on the 1st day of FEBRUARY, 2005 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the City of STRATFORD, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

.004436 Royalty Interest in the Lee #14, Lease Number 5680, RRC Number 27409, Section 4, Block 2-B, GH&H Survey, Sherman County, Texas.

Levied on the 31st day of December, 2004 as the property of HARRY RAVICK

To satisfy a judgment amounting to \$528.86, representing delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney's fees through the date of judgment, plus all costs of court, costs of sale, and post judgment penalties and interest recoverable by law in favor of STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT, COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICT #20 FOR STRATFORD ISD, NORTH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT AND/ OR SHERMAN COUNTY.

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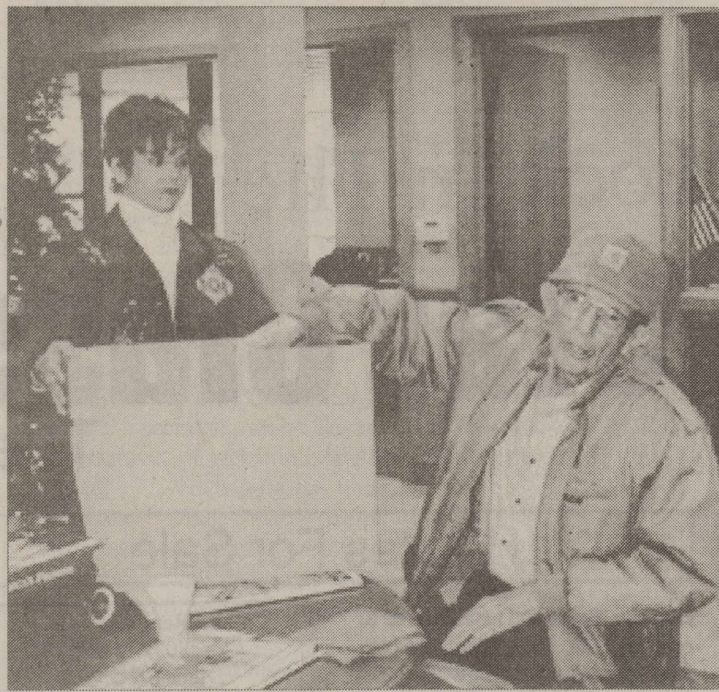
STRATFORD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT VS LLOYD LILE

Cause #4580 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at TEN (10) O'CLOCK AM on the 1st day of FEBRUARY, 2005 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the City of STRATFORD, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract 1: 004464 Royalty Interest in the Carlander "A" #1, Lease Number 30325, RRC Number 7303, located in Section 199, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

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Max Stephenson was the "Official" for the Drawing at First State Bank of Stratford.

First State Bank Holds
Drawing on Dec. 22-2004



First State Bank Carol Zimmer presents Jere Keener with a \$200 gift certificate that he won.

Always remember others may hate you but those who hate you don't win unless you hate them. And then you destroy yourself. —Richard Milhous Nixon

You do not have to do everything disagreeable that you have a right to do. —Judith Martin (Miss Manners)

Tract 2: .004464 Royalty Interest in the Carlander, B, Lease Number 30135, RRC Number 6790, located in Section 199, Block 1-t, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas.

Tract 3: .004464 Royalty Interest in the Carlander #3, Lease Number 30029, RRC Number 6501, located in Section 199, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

Tract 4: .004464 Royalty Interest in the Carlander #2, Lease Number 2160, RRC Number 78181, located in Section 199, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas.

Levied on the 31st day of December, 2004 as the property of LLOYD LIKE

To satisfy a judgment amounting to \$807.78, representing delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney's fees through the date of judgment, plus all costs of court, costs of sale, and post judgment penalties and interest recoverable by law in favor of STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT, COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICT #20 FOR STRATFORD ISD, NORTH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT AND/ SHERMAN COUNTY.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS
SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SHERMAN

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 69th Judicial District Court of SHERMAN County on the 31st day of December, 2004 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of

STRATFORD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT VS ALBERT
DEAR

Cause #4576 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at TEN (10) O'CLOCK AM on the 1st day of FEBRUARY, 2005 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the City of STRATFORD, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract 1: .008593600 Royalty Interest in the Dear No. 1 Lease located in Sec. 20, Block 2-T, TNO Survey, Sherman County, Texas.

Levied on the 31st day of December, 2004 as the property of ALICE FRANCIS DEAR AND/OR ALBERT MCCOY DEAR

To satisfy a judgment amounting to \$2,687.87, representing delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney's fees through the date of judgment, plus all costs of court, costs of sale, and post judgment penalties and interest recoverable by law in favor of STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT, COUNTY EDUCATION

DISTRICT #20 FOR STRATFORD ISD, NORTH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT AND/ SHERMAN COUNTY.

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DO YOU WANT TO BE SAVED?

Only one time, in the entire Bible, is the question asked. "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). In the next verse (Acts 16:31) the question is answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

Remember:

- Hell's Hot
- Life's Short
- Death's Sure
- Eternity's Long
- and, "There Ain't No Exits In Hell."

NO MAN KNOWS, HOW SOON IT IS TOO LATE

"Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain." Exodus 20:7

Any way that you use God's Name, the Lord's Name, Jesus' Name, other than in a Holy manner, is taking His Name in vain.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13 indicate that, "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." In the next verse, Romans 10:14 it says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?" Believing precedes calling upon the name of the Lord. Jesus Himself said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." God reaffirms this truth in 1 Timothy 2:5 saying "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." When someone says "repeat this prayer after me to be saved" it is making people feel like they have to "do" something to be saved, other than believing. If someone is asked to say a prayer to be saved, the person who says the prayer is still on his way to hell, after repeating the prayer, if he hasn't believed in his heart. Nowhere in the Bible is it found that a person has to pray a prayer to be saved. God does not hear a prayer unless you go to God in the name of Jesus Christ, The Only Mediator between God and man. Jesus Christ is not your Mediator unless he is your Lord and Savior. So according to God, the steps are, first, you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. By believing as Acts 16:31 indicates, you are saved! Acts 16:30,31 is the only time in the Bible where the question is asked, "what must I do to be saved?" God answering through Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." By being saved, Jesus Christ is your Lord, Savior, and Mediator between God and yourself. Now you can pray to God, because you have the Mediator, Jesus Christ.

I believe that when a person "prays" to God, without being saved, his prayer goes no higher than the ceiling, and God probably says, "Who do you think you are, to think that you can come to Me, without coming to Me in the only possible way that I have set out in My Word? For you come to Me, through My Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the One and Only Mediator between you and Me." You don't just pull Jesus Christ out of the air, and say today I want You to get me to God, be my go-between for God! It doesn't work that way. Jesus Christ is either your Lord and Savior, making Him your Mediator, or, if Jesus Christ is not your Lord and Savior, He is not your Mediator. I believe it is very important to stress that you are saved by believing only. John 3:16, probably the most quoted verse in the Bible, says that, "whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Again, this passage clearly prescribes believing, not repeating a prayer. In John 3:4, Nicodemus asks Jesus, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" He was asking this in regard to Jesus' statement in John 3:3, that a man needs to be born again. Jesus' answer in John 3:5 and following is "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Nowhere does Jesus say, pray to be saved, it is always believe.

Years ago, I heard Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse say "I'm deeply offended when I hear a prayer that does not end with the idea that God must be approached only through the Name and the Being of the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:13 says "In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Romans 10:9 tells us "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." For with the heart man believeth (first) unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession (next) is made unto salvation." How many people have gone to hell or are going to hell by putting their trust in the ungodly "pray the sinners prayer" or "repeat this prayer after me", instead of believing John 3:36: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Luke 23:39-43 tells us "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. "40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? "41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. "42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. "43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." In these verses in Luke, we see that a man was saved by believing only. The malefactor did not, and was not instructed by Jesus, to pray, to receive salvation. He said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. "43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise. " You don't fool Jesus. Jesus knew that this man believed in Him; that this man believed that this Jesus that he was talking with was the Lord, The Messiah, the Only Begotten Son of God, the Savior, and in believing, the man was saved. Now if you think that you have to pray first, repeat first, or anything first, before believing, why did Jesus tell him "today thou shalt be with Me in paradise?" OR if there is a need to do for anything to go along with believing, why didn't Jesus tell him what that was? Jesus doesn't make mistakes! God's Word is true. You don't (really you can't), add to or take away from God's Word, and it be true. Just leave His Word alone, and do what God said, believe. Psalm 119:89 "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." Revelations 22:18,19 "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: "19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Take your Bible and check the references that we contained herein— nothing added to and nothing taken away; and when you hear "the plan of salvation" from anyone, get your Bible out and see if it is God speaking or "someone's" idea. I can't see "ten steps" to salvation, I can see only one step: believe. The malefactor on the cross had but one step, and he took it. You, I, we all have "one step," believe. Please take it, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation.

* All Scripture references are from The King James Version, (Cambridge: Cambridge)1769.