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Shown above are just a few of the Cancer Survivors getting ready to start off the walk at the Stratford Track on Friday evening, June 3rd.



Stratford Hospital board new director, Kenton Kimball, Shannon Taliaferro, departing board member, Kathie Altman, new board member and Betty Brown, retiring board member.

1st Relay of Life Held June 3rd, 2005

The First Relay of Life held on Friday, June 3rd at the Sam Bass Football Stadium was a huge success. The event took in approximately \$23,000.00. Everyone said it was a fun evening and for a good cause and a very moving ceremony held at the track at dusk. Thanks to everyone who had a part in putting on this event. Shown are just a few pictures of what was going on. If you missed it, you missed out on a whole lot of fun and delicious food.

Three Stratford Elks Chosen To Play in Greenbelt Bowl Football Game

Three Stratford Elks will be featured in this year's Greenbelt Bowl Football Game in Childress, TX. Those representing Stratford will be quarterback Josh King, running back Tony Ruiz, and lineman Mark Miller.

Players will report Tuesday, June 7 and will begin a week of team practices and other scheduled events. Don Carthel head football coach of WTAMU will be the guest speaker at the Players' Banquet on Friday, June 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fairpark Auditorium. The banquet is open to the public and tickets are \$8. Following the banquet will be the Queen's Pageant at 8:00 p.m. in the Childress Junior High Auditorium. Admission is \$2.

The Greenbelt Bowl Football Game will be Saturday, June 11, at Bobcat Football Stadium. Game time is set for 7:00 p.m. Bart Thomas, EX Red Raider All-SW Conference, will be on hand to flip the coin. Advanced tickets are \$5 and at the gate \$6. There will also be \$1 tickets sold for a chance at a \$500 kick!

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Reception Held At Coldwater Manor

A reception was held for Hospital Board President Shannon Taliaferro and departing board member Betty Brown on Thursday, June 2 at 7 p.m. at Coldwater Manor. Debbie Belieu read a few words from fellow board member Wayne Smith who was unable to attend.

Wayne stated in his letter: "This community is losing two fine board members.

Betty Brown served this hospital District and community in a fine manner. There is no doubt that Betty did not make any decision that did not have the patient first in mind. She is a

deeply caring person and the board will miss her. Thank you for your service. Betty!

Shannon Taliaferro, as Board President has provided superb leadership in a most difficult period. Her experience and organizational expertise has proved invaluable to the board in facing some very difficult problems. Shannon has always had the best interest of the patients, employees, and taxpayers of Stratford Hospital District in mind. We can't replace her sleepless nights, but we can certainly wish her well. She will be greatly missed!

The community owes a debt of gratitude to these two wonderful people. Good luck and God Bless You!

Welcome to Kathie Altman who was elected to the board from the last election. Kathie has served on the board previously and we look forward to her contribution to the board.

Finally, welcome to Kenton Kimball. Kenton has been appointed to fill the unexpired term left by Shannon Taliaferro's resignation. We look forward to working with Kenton and I know he will bring a wealth of knowledge and

experience to the board.

The members of this board will continue to face difficult problems in the future. I look at these difficulties as opportunities for us to improve in every area. I have every confidence that we can make that happen! I know that every member of this board will do everything in their power to provide the best possible environment for our patients and employees alike and provide the best service we can for our taxpayers. Thank you, Sincerely Wayne Smith-Board President.

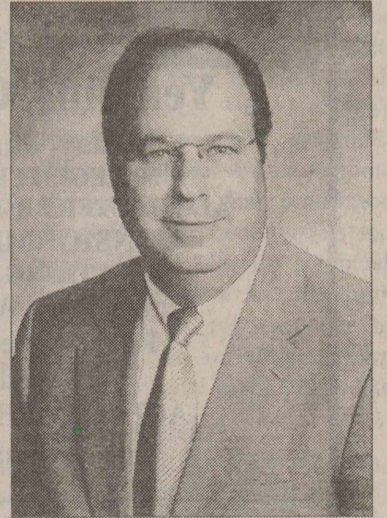
Taliaferro to Explore Career in Medicine

Houston/Galveston, TX-Miss Juliana Taliaferro of Stratford recently enrolled in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine (NYLF/MED), taking place in Houston/Galveston, TX from July 19 to July 28, 2005. Taliaferro will join 350 other high school students from around the country who demonstrate academic

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Taliaferro Honored With Going Away Reception Held June 5th

Jim Taliaferro was honored with a going away reception held at Stratford ISD Cafeteria on Sunday, June 5, 2005. Jim will be leaving to take a position at Slaton as Superintendent. The Taliaferros have been in Stratford for 20 years.



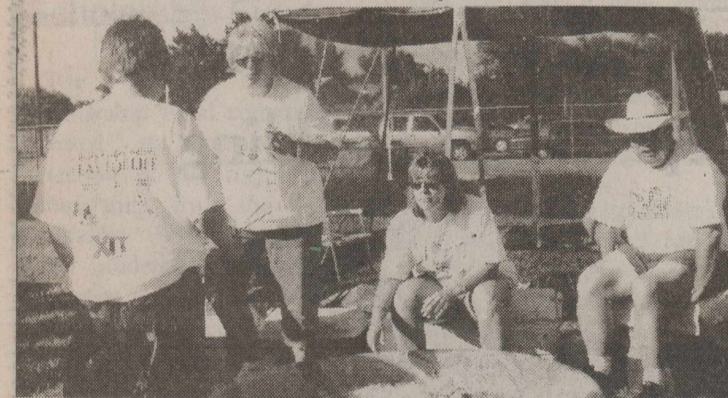
Supt. Jim Taliaferro



Susan Spurlock Rawlins was the special speaker at the First Relay of Life held in Stratford on Friday evening June 3, 2005. Shown with Susan is her niece Jennie Spurlock.



The Bouncer at the Relay of Life June 3rd.

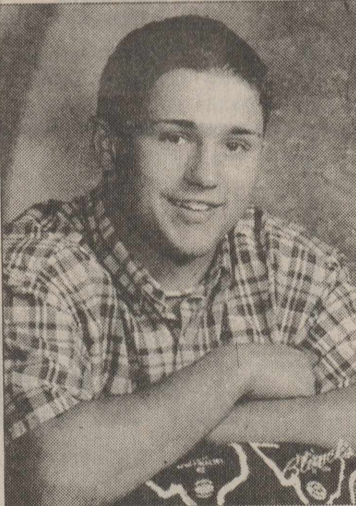


Just one of the many places you could find food or drink at the Relay of Life held at Sam Bass Stadium Friday, June 3.

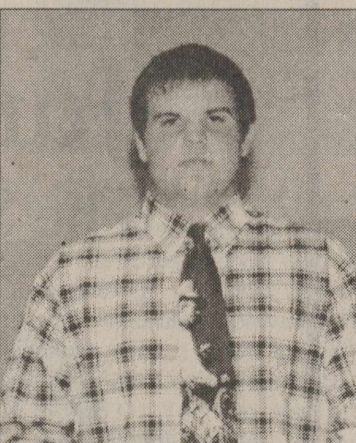
Sherman County Crimestoppers

Sherman County Crimestoppers needs your help. In the early morning hours of May 29, 2005 a person or persons committed the crime of Criminal Mischief by vandalizing the Stratford City Hall and the First State Bank of Stratford.

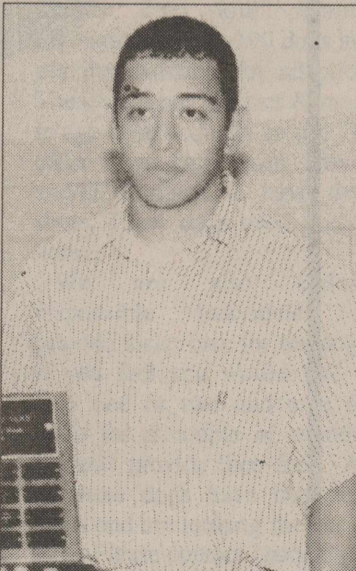
Crimestoppers pays up to \$1,000.00 in cash for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved. If you have any information on these or any other crimes contact the Crimestoppers answering machine at 366-TIPS (8477) and leave a code name and return phone number or call the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office at 366-5551 or the Stratford Police Dept. at 366-3051. All callers will remain anonymous.



Josh King



Mark Miller



Tony Ruiz



Chamber Hosts Memorial Day Program

Chamber of Commerce hosted the Memorial Day Program at the Stratford Cemetery, Monday, May 30, attended by approximately 125 persons. 4-H Horse Club presented the program. Wayne Smith, Cemetery Board, was MC. L/R: Kay and Dick Bachman, Chamber President; Pat Hartman, Chamber Board, serving Joan Palmer and Karen Perrin.

**Letter To
The Editor**

Dear Editor:

Over the past several months, First State Bank has opened its parking lot to the youth of Stratford to be used as a central meeting place to visit and listen to music. To our disappointment, this privilege is being abused. Due to the actions of a few individuals, the privilege has been ruined for the rest. As most of you know, there have been several incidents of vandalism in the past few months; not only to the bank but to several of the other downtown businesses as well. Everything from broken bottles in the parking lot and alleys, electrical poles knocked over, sprinklers broken, signs broken and paint and graffiti on several buildings. Our neighbors are threatening a law suit because of damages and disturbances. The Stratford Police Department has asked us to allow them to keep the kids off of our parking lot for the next couple of weeks to allow them time to get the situation under control. It is with regret that we find it necessary to abolish the privilege of using our parking lot. In the future, please do not allow your children to park in the First State Bank parking lot after hours. The police department has agreed to patrol the area on a regular basis to see that the parking lot is clear of vehicles and children. We would greatly appreciate the cooperation of the parents to see that no further action is necessary.

George B. Odom

Dear Readers,

In 1868, May 30 was declared as Memorial Day honoring those fallen soldiers from the Civil War and later honoring the fallen soldiers from any war. In 1971, congress declared Memorial Day to be the last Monday in May to make a federal three day weekend. Memorial Day has sometimes been called Decoration Day as a time to remember all passed loved ones by decorating their graves.

Memorial Day in Stratford was observed by the American Legion Post 262 until the late 1980's. The flags that decorate the veteran's graves have been under the direction of the last American Legion Post Commander, Max Stephenson. About 230 American flags are placed on the graves at 7:00 a.m. on Memorial Day. Max missed

this year for the first time because of a family event but he had the flags ready for Bill and Selma Pendleton, George and Gayl Harding and Dennis Phelps. (could use more help next year). Some of the veteran's graves have a brass veteran marker. These markers can be purchased for any honorably discharged veteran at \$25.00 each. (Some of the markers have been damaged by mowers and should be replaced or repaired.) Contact Bill Pendleton or Max Stephenson.

After the American Legion Post Veterans could no longer present the colors, the Stratford Chamber of Commerce took the responsibility of arranging the Memorial Day Program and hospitality with the 4-H Horse Club providing the program for most of those years.

The Cemetery Board sponsors a clean-up day the first of May each year and the City of Stratford has the responsibility of the cemetery maintenance. Each of us can help keep the cemetery in order by picking up blown away and faded flowers and tumbleweeds. Please do not

leave glass containers as they break and are dangerous for those weed eating. New graves must be water packed as they will sink over a foot eventually and cause monuments and grave covers to tilt or provide a place for animals to nest. Do remember to obtain permission from the City Hall for any permanent plant, tree or monument and keep in mind the maintenance they will require.

Visitors know Stratford is a caring community by the way we honor those who have passed on. It is a great compliment to Stratford for former residents who wish to be buried here at home.

Gaynelle Riffe

**More of the Same:
JA Lasley:**

I don't have Alzheimer's just "sometimers"- At one time, late 40; s or early 50's there was a café opened in the Bldg on Hwy 287 North where the Coldwater Outlet Store did Business. This is where "sometimers" appears. I need help, recalling who operated, this café and what was it called? I have searched and visited with folks to no avail. Help.

And in my PS. Last week I recognized downtown Pizza, 27 Pizza and Fern Gupton café and I apologize to Brad Williams and Subway-the new business on the corner of 54 and 287. I'm sure I probably have left out others-not intentionally, O'Yes at one time Joan Palmer and Viola Kautz had a restaurant, where Lola's Bldg now stands. They served delicious Mexican Food.

*Patience Readers-I have sent a story about our band and all of its many honors, to the Amarillo Globe News. I've searched each day to no avail. If it does not appear there and soon, I will write this story for the Stratford Star. The Big Blue Band needs to and has quite a story, since 1931 to the present time.

*Just a note-Thanks to Stacy Metcalf for an outstanding evening and the Relay for Life. A beautiful Ceremony and lots of work, but Stacy it all paid off, It was great.

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**Sherman County
4-H Beef Quiz
Bowl Raffle**

Thanks to everyone for your support of our 4-H Beef Quiz Bowl Raffle. The team members Jacob Edmond, Pete Dahl, Kaleb Horsford, and Shiloh Dickenson raised enough to attend their trip to State 4-H Roundup. The team will compete on Thursday, June 9, 2005 in College Station against teams from across the state of Texas. Good Luck!

Winners of the raffle prizes are Danny Edmond-¼ Beef, Shawna Sharam-6 briskets, Wilson Neve-2 pork loins and Brenda Chandler-Horse. Thanks to all of the donors: Texhoma Livestock Auction, Stratford Feedyard, Brown's Meat Locker and Danny Edmond

**"You're a Good Man,
Charlie Brown" OPSU
Youth Drama Camp
June 11, 2005**

The Oklahoma Panhandle State University will present "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" with students from the youth drama camp June 4-11. The production will be in the campus auditorium, Saturday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m. Several Stratford students will be in the production.

**Ellis Named to
Spring Honor Roll**

Amarillo College named 351 students to the spring 2005 honor roll. Students on the list must have been enrolled in 12 or more hours in academic courses and have earned a grade point average of 3.6 or higher. Included on the Honor Roll from Stratford is Laurie L. Ellis.



Engagement Announced

Janet and Joe Reinart of Stratford announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Elizabeth, to John Eugene Attebury. Attebury is the son of Patricia Sutton of Lubbock and the late Doyle Attebury, formerly of Abernathy. The couple plan to wed July 23 at Three Falls Cove in Sanford. The bride-elect is the Transfer Officer for West Texas A&M University. The prospective groom is the Webmaster for West Texas A&M University. More information about their wedding can be found online at www.reinart-attebury.com.

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Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- June 2-Aug.20** "Texas Legacies" Musical Tue.-Sat. 806-655-2181 Pioneer Amphitheater Palo Duro State Park
- June 5-Aug15** ""Texas Express" Music Sun.-Mon. 806-655-2181 Pioneer Amphitheater Palo Duro State Park
- June 11** "You are a Good Man, Charlie Brown" Youth Drama OPSU Auditorium, Goodwell, OK
- July 8-10** "Beauty and the Beast" Youth Musical Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- August 4,5,6** Melodrama Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre 244-5646
- Sept. 7** "The Diamonds" Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre 244-5646

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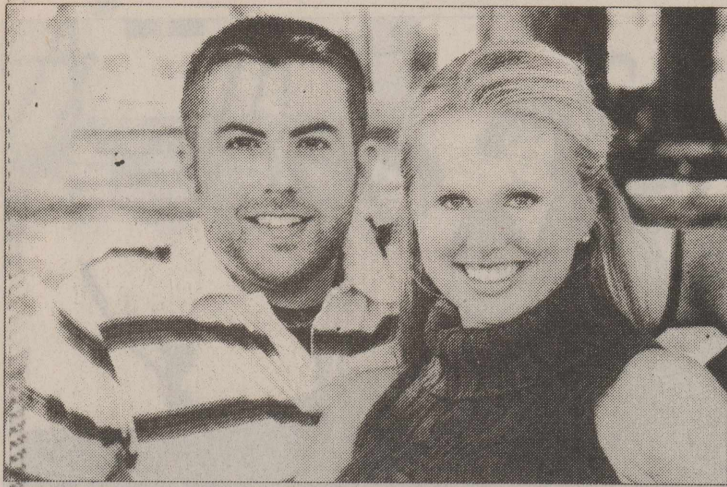
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Oakley Honored With Bridal Shower Sunday, June 5, 2005

Shown at left is Jennifer Oakley, bride elect of Dale Bettes, who was honored with a bridal shower Sunday, June 5th in the home of Dana Buckles. Shown above left to right-Sami Womack holding Hanah Womack, Leah Oakley, Jennifer Oakley, Sammie Wibbing, Nancy Oakley and Stephanie Washburn. Standing in front Laura Womack.



Engagement Announced

Ashley Rhea Wells & Brock Kent Crews will marry in a garden wedding on July 9, 2005. The bride elect is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Wells of Boise City, OK, the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Wells of Stratford, TX and the late Gene & Reta Richardson of Boise City, OK. Ashley is a 2000 graduate of Boise City High School and earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Oklahoma State University in May 2005. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Kent Crews, the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Cochran and Mr. & Mrs. Fred Crews, and the great-grandson of Mrs. Lorraine Palmer, all of Keyes, OK. Brock is a 1999 graduate of Keyes High School, earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Oklahoma State University in December 2003 and his Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from OSU in May of 2005. He is employed by L3 Communications in Greenville, TX as a Structural Engineer. The wedding & reception will be held at the home of Paul & Sandy Wells.



Let's Get Creative

Come join us at the Imagination Station on Friday June 10th for the first session of our Main Street Art Program. We will be painting dogs onto brick pavers. These are very cute and make perfect yard art. The cost is \$5.00 per person. There will be one session at 1:00 p.m. All ages are welcome. It is not necessary to pre-register but it would be helpful to insure enough supplies. For pre-registration or questions please call Laurie Spurlock at 366-2772.

WHEN WE COOKED, COMING JUNE 14

When We Cooked, authored by former Southwestern Public Service Home Economist will be in Stratford Tuesday, June 14th. Jan Davis, Home Economist of Amarillo will be presenting a food demonstration program highlighting recipes from the cookbook during the noon hour. Sponsored by Sherman County Extension Education Clubs, the lunch and learn style meeting will begin at 11:45 am at the County Exhibit Building with recipes from the cookbook being served for a free will donation. At 12:15 pm, Mrs. Davis will demonstrate three recipes from the cookbook that program participants will be allowed to sample. Cookbooks will be available for sale following the program. Following the food demonstration, information about Sherman County Extension Education Clubs will be provided and time for fellowship prior to the 1:00 pm adjournment. So that adequate arrangements can be made for the lunch and program, please call the Sherman County Extension Office at 366.2122 to reserve your place at When We Cooked.

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Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

SCOT Luncheon on Thursday was once again very good. The crowd was a bit small, but we appreciate those who made it. Erwin Elms had our program, giving us some wonderful piano music. Thank you, Erwin! It was hard to sit still for this.

There are some outings being planned for the month of June. Check at SCOT Hall for sign-up sheets for these.

One event that is in the planning stage is a garden tour. Lynn Wells is our planner for this. The date is June 26, so put this on your calendar. We will have more information later.

We will try to remember to remind everyone of up-coming events.

Happy month of June to everyone! Once again, we'll try to remind you of what is going on at SCOT Hall.

Bingo night was last Thursday, and will be again on the 16th; craft classes meet on first and third Tuesdays at 5:30; game night is June 10; line dancing meets on Mondays at 5:30, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

Later in the month, June 26, there will be a garden tour. We will have more information on this later. Lynn Wells is chair person for this. Here is an opportunity to see some beautiful yards.

Another outing that is being planned is the trip to the Chicken House, June 13 and June 17. There is a sign-up sheet, and the bus will leave at 5:30.

Our dance last month was very good, and another one is scheduled for June 25th at 8 p.m. If you like to dance, come down and join us. Music will be by the "Oklahoma Cowboy" of Guyton.

And, don't forget that our luncheon will be on June 23. Just thinking of all that good food will make us want to cook something up and join the crowd!

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Ice Cream Supper Time! Kerrick Community will have their annual ice cream supper this Friday night, June 10, 7:30 p.m. Notice that it's supper, not social, 'cause that's what they have- all the ice cream one can hold plus the cakes, pies or whatever goes with it.

So bring a freezer full or something to go with it.

Hosts are Joyce & Ted Irlbeck, Lynn and Kenneth Wells.

Jo June McDaniel fixed son Whitson's birthday dinner recently. Present were his family, Jean, Ruston and Kayla, all of Dumas.

High School and college graduations kept several locals busy this year. Kristen Powell, daughter of former resident Sharon Martensen, graduated from Johnson & Wales University, Denver, May 21. She has a degree of Bachelor of Science International Business with a Management emphasis and Leadership concentration, Summa cum Laude. In celebration she and two others had a buffet for lots of family and friends that included her godmother Patti McDaniel and Marylou McDaniel.

Willie Baker had a buffet in celebration of his graduation from Rye, CO. high School. Attending this really big party were a cousin, Brenda Taylor of Lakewood, CO, Patti McDaniel, Aurora, CO., Marylou & Mike McDaniel, Kerrick, Merilee McDaniel and LaRissa Luna, Stratford.

Willie is a grandson of Donna Baker, former Boise City resident and great nephew of the late Franny Taylor.

Marylou, Patti & Mike McDaniel opened "Fred's Spread" in Colorado over Memorial Weekend. Spending one night there also were

Merilee and her friend LaRissa.

Dalhart Chapter 1051, Order of the Eastern Star, had installation of officers 2005-06, June 2. Debra Ford and Buddy Saltemeier are Worth Matron and Worthy Patron. Gladys Arnold is Marshal and Marylou McDaniel is Esther.

Ralph Hampton spent four days in the hospital last week.

Kelly, Kerry, Kevin and Kole Carlile of Abernathy spent Memorial weekend with Bill & Pat Boren. They had an old-fashioned wiener and marshmallow roast.

Friday Pat had a procedure done on her back at Pain and Spine Center and it took away the pain!

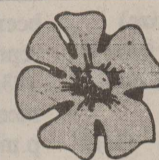
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First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton

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Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed, Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed
5th & Main

Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed.: Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
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Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

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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

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Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Brent Farney
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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

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USDA Accepts Farm Service Agency County Committee Member Nominations June 15-August 1, 2005

Sherman County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rebecca Hemphill today announced the USDA will soon begin accepting nominations forms for eligible candidates to serve on local FSA County Committees. The nomination period is June 15-August 1. For Sherman County, the committee seat up for election in 2005 represents LAA#2, approximately the northeast one-third of the county.

"I encourage local producers to get involved and make a difference in the local agriculture industry by becoming a member of their local FSA County Committee," said Hemphill. "FSA County Committees play an important role in the decision making process for commodity price support loans and payments, conservation and disaster programs and other important agricultural issues in impacting their farming community."

Almost anyone participating or cooperating in a local FSA program and who is of legal voting age can be nominated as a candidate. Individuals may nominate themselves or others.

All nomination forms must be received in the County FSA Office or postmarked by August 1. Voting takes place between November 4th and December 5th, 2005.

To hold office as an FSA County Committee member, a person must meet the basic eligibility requirements described below:

1. Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA
2. Be eligible to vote in a county committee election
3. Reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate. (In some cases, this requirement may be waived. Check with the local county office.)
4. A person must not have been:

*Removed or disqualified from the office of FSA County Committee member, alternate, or employee;

*Removed for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement, or any other felony; or

*Dishonorable discharged from any branch of the armed services.

Interested individuals who are uncertain about their eligibility to serve on the FSA County Committee should contact their local FSA office for affirmation of eligibility to serve.

More information on the COC elections, including the nomination form, is available at the local USDA Service Centers or online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/puications/elections/Default.asp>

Kerrick News

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Heath Collums and his wife, Kenna, were in Denver over the weekend. Heath was named Cargill Employee of the Month. Congratulations, Heath!

Coming for Chandra Hawkins 8th grade graduation were her grandmother, Maylene Rish, Houston, MS., Martha Bradbury and Lexie of Sturgis, MS.

Peggy and Chandra Hawkins participated in The Relay for Life Event Saturday. HHAVE heard that it was very impressive.

They recently visited with Mabel Rogers in Amarillo.

Donna Gillenwaters was on the Mary Allen Team at the Relay for Life. During the weekend she and Bill were at a family reunion at Fort Supply, Ok.

Our troops need our thoughts and prayers...and care packages. These items will be packaged and sent to a specific local soldier who will in turn distribute them to troops in his platoon/unit.

- Camouflage Aqua Cool Scarf
- White crew type socks (packages in mens and ladies sizes)
- Small packs Gatorade/tea/Crystal Lite etc. (this is a powder)
- Travel size packages of wet wipes
- Lotion/shampoo/soap-hotel size (conditioner is not needed)
- Disposable razors
- Travel size toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Eye drops (small)
- Hand sanitizer (travel size)
- Lip balm (Carmex in a tube is preference)- Paperback books & playing cards
- Foot powder (small) Gold Bond, Baby powder, etc.
- Beef Jerky
- Sunflower seeds, peanuts, etc.
- Gum
- Snack foods
- Band Aids
- Q-Tips
- Pens & Pads
- CASH for postage
- AA Batteries

We will build packs from your donations. You can donate one thing or several. The average cost for a mailing is \$300. Your cash donation will help with postage and needed supplies. Checks can be made to Treat'n Troops. All funds will be handled through the First United Methodist church. Donations may be mailed to the church or to Sue Hudson. Drop boxes will be at the local churches or you may call 366-5916 or 396-2178 and your donations will be picked up. If your organization is interested in providing a particular item, please call Sue Hudson for more information on items that can be donated in bulk.

Stratford Star Deadline for June 16ths issue for Ads and Photos only, Friday, June 10th at 4 p.m. Articles deadline is still 12 noon Monday June 13th-Thank you for your cooperation

CHILD FIND.....

Is the ongoing process of locating children With disabilities from birth through age 21.

If you suspect your child has significant delays in learning, behavior, motor skills, speech, vision or hearing contact your school district (806) 366-3320

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.

Stratford Ex-Students Reunion July 29-30 Gaynelle Riffe

Stratford Ex-Students Reunion will honor the classes from 1905 to 1995 beginning on Friday, July 29 at 7:00 p.m. with hamburgers, ice cream and visiting. There has not been much interest in planning from Ex-Students in Stratford but several ex-students living away have made plans for their class. The out-of-town class of 1960 is also planning a gathering. Only one in town person has submitted a corrected address, while 5 persons out of town have mailed in lists of corrected addresses. After the Jamboree moved their date to the Ex-Student week-end, adjustments have to be made to accommodate both events. Unfortunately, some community ex-students must pull double duty and the individual class lunch and Saturday Banquet has been discontinued. All representatives from Classes 1935,45,55,65,75,85,95 will meet Tuesday, June 14 at 8:00 p.m. at the Imagination Station for a short meeting to complete the mail out information. The 30 cards will not be sent so please remind the class representatives that should be present to put it on their calendar.

Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll 6th six weeks 3rd grade

- Preston Burr
- Aurelio Lozano
- Daniel Acosta
- Brooklynn Palmer
- Janette Daniels
- Elena Rueda
- Jacqueline Gonzalez
- Marisol Zamudio
- Ben Gilliland
- Tiffany Jimenez-Torres
- Mazie Vincent
- Hunter Everett
- Nathan Bennett-Farris
- Carlos Trejo
- Sterling Audrain
- Ellie Daniels
- Erin Huggins
- Suzzette Palma
- Ricky Garay
- Britney Garza
- Emily York
- Mary Ann Spurlock

Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll 6th six weeks 4th grade

- Christian Confer
- Victor Acevedo
- Karen Lozoya
- Alex Asher
- Kaylee Mungia
- Colten Rendon
- Ethan Shields
- Reed Schoonover
- Stephanie Jacques
- Tera Imier-Harris
- Itzel Salcido
- Grayson Gonzalez
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- Elizabeth Reyes
- Meghan Brooks
- M'Lynn Wells
- Zachary Farney
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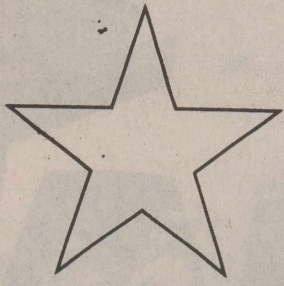
Stratford Basketball Team 1925

Stratford Basketball team 1925: L/R-Back; Iva Daugherty McAdams, Robbie Cooper Yates, Coach H.W.G. Bishop, Dorothy Lee Norman, Gladys Weeden Kirkwood, Front Row: Jesse B. Gibbons, Louise Harris, Ruth Harrison White, Ethel Bowen Skillen, Ossie Etheridge, Filma Foster, Bessie Arnold.

Three Ivy League stadiums have been NFL home fields. The Philadelphia Eagles played at the University of Pennsylvania's Franklin Field from 1958 to 1970, the Boston Patriots at Harvard in 1970, and the New York Giants at Yale Bowl in 1973 and 1974.

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6-9-c

For Sale: 1993 Chevy Blazer, low mileage, 4 WD, call 366-5308 or 396-5978.
3-24-tfn

PHOTO PROCESSING-Elk Pharmacy offers next day service (excludes weekends) on photo processing, reprints, & enlargements. Prints from prints, negatives, digital services, & CD's **FREE DOUBLES EVERYDAY!**
6-30-c

Two storage barns for sale located on property behind the clinic (1216 Purnell) \$8900.00 or BO call 366-3253
6-16-c

For Sale: 1992 Suzuki 250 Quad-Racer, 4-wheeler, 2 stroke, New tires and tune-up. \$2000.00 Call 366-7664 or 753-6677.
2-17-tfn

For Sale or Lease-212 N. Poplar-40' x 60' office building. Call 806-679-5585.
4-1-tfn

GREETING CARDS-Elk Pharmacy offers three lines of Greeting Cards. Two are new card lines and reasonably priced. Check them out today!
6-30-c

Help Wanted

The Stratford Family Medical Clinic is now taking applications for receptionist. Applicant must have computer and phone skills as well as able to multi task and willing to work. Please come by Stratford Family Medical Clinic to apply.
6-16-c

Wanted: Part time or temporary farm help. Good Pay, 20 Cents mileage. Al Reznik 806-543-4076.
6-16-c

Garage Sales

Moving Sale: Thursday and Friday June 9th and 10th. 516 N. Grace.
6-9-c

To Give Away

Precious kittens to give to good homes. Call 727-4340.
6-16-c

Scholarship Winners Named from Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund

The Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund committee is pleased to announce the selection of the recipients of scholarships from the Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund. Five students who will be incoming college freshmen this Fall will each receive a \$1,200 scholarship. The new recipients are:

Jared Balenseifen of Keyes, Oklahoma will attend either Oklahoma University, Oklahoma State University or Colorado School of Mines and major in Engineering;
Brette Forinash from Texhoma, Oklahoma plans to attend University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma and major in Engineering Technology;
Jordan Light of Rolla, Kansas will be attending New York University in Manhattan, New York to major in journalism;
Whitney Philippi of Moscow, Kansas will be attending Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas and major in pre-law/english; and
Haley York of Sublette, Kansas plans to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas and will major in Biology.

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8-19-tfn

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11-27-tfn

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Currently, approximately eighteen students are receiving scholarships. The scholarships are renewable. To date, there have been 68 scholarships awarded, with a total amount expended of \$260,900.00.

Eligible applicants must be residents of one of the following counties: the **Southwest Kansas counties** of Hamilton, Kearny,

Finney, Stanton, Grant, Haskell, Stevens, Seward and Morton; the **Oklahoma Panhandle counties** of Texas, Beaver, and Cimarron; or the **Texas Panhandle counties** of Moore, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree and Hutchinson.

For further information about the Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund, Inc., please address inquiries to P.O. Box 248, Hugoton, Kansas 67951, phone 620-544-4333.

Children's Health

(NU) - Children who suffer from an eosinophil-associated gastrointestinal disorder, commonly referred to as EGID, have life-altering allergic reactions when they eat certain foods. These children may rely on a special hypoallergenic elemental formula to keep them nourished and some are fed through a tube that goes directly into their stomachs. Ross Pediatrics makes such a formula, called EleCare, which provides all of the proper nutrients children with EGID need to grow and thrive during their developmental years. To learn more, visit www.elecare.com, www.apfed.org or www.cincinnatichildrens.org.

Houses For Sale

House for Sale, 516 N. Grace. Call 396-2332. \$18,000.00
6-16-c

For Sale: Our home at 619 S. Pearl. 2572 sq. ft. living area, 3 b, 2 b, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, separate storage garage extra lg. Lot 366-5829 or 753-7775.
4-22-tfn

3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot. 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for appointment.
10-21-tfn

For Sale: 3BR, 1.75 bath home at 603 S. Fulton. 2 living areas, dining room, master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Lots of closets and storage throughout the house. Large backyard with above ground swimming pool, metal storage shed and covered patio. 2 car garage. Brick and vinyl exterior for maintenance free up keep. Contact Rhonda Browne after 6:30 at 366-7597 or leave message.
12-9-tfn

House for sale-3 bedroom 1 bath. Central heat & air, sprinkler system, large storage building, 401 S. Pearl. Call 366-3678.
6-2-c

For Sale: Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick home at 408 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CHA, attached garage, new attic insulation, large fenced in backyard. Stove, washer, dryer and new built in dishwasher stay. Great neighborhood \$55,000. Call 366-3111.
3-24-tfn

For Sale: 305 N. 3rd. 2 bdrm, laundry room, CHA, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$20,000. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613.
3-31-tfn

House for Sale: 802 N. Fulton, Carport, CHA Heat Pump system. Call 396-2007.
5-12-tfn

For Sale by Owner. 4/2/3 home on corner lot. Custom built in 1995. New carpet, 20 x 20 finished basement, fireplace, ceramic tile in entry, utility, dining and kitchen, sprinkler system, open floor plan, approx. 3200 total sq. ft. Call 806-366-2303 evenings or leave a message.
11-4-tfn

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4-22-tfn

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.
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For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath-2-3/4 bath, CHA detached garage, Big back yard with storage building, close to school. Call 366-2401.
5-5-tfn

For Sale-Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick home at 408 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CHA, attached garage, new attic insulation, large fenced in backyard. Stove, washer, dryer and new built in dishwasher stay. Great neighborhood. \$55,000. Call 366-3111.
3-31-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 thee 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.

Flag Day
June 14th

Cards of Thanks

My thanks to all the wonderful people who have done so much during my recent stay in the hospital and after returning home. The many visits were so welcome. Some times I slept through part of them but they helped Don too. The cards, food, phone calls, flowers and gifts are so appreciated but most of all your prayers are seeing me through a difficult time. Thanks to my special baby sitters who came when my family needed to be gone. If you have A positive blood and have donated blood to Coffee Memorial, I really appreciate your gift of life. I would not be here without it. Most of all I thank my precious family.
Carole Gibson

Cards of Thanks

We would like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring us in the Greenbelt Bowl All-Star Football Classic and Beauty Pageant.

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Thank you
Mark Miller and
Haley Buckles

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT THE COLONIES PRESENTS COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

The Church of Christ at The Colonies will present "Acorns to Oaks" on June 8 and 10, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. The free public performances are on the first and last day of the church's Vacation Bible School. The musical is directed by Darrell Bledsoe, Desiree Thompson, and Sam Shedd.

"Acorns To Oaks" by Celeste Clydesdale will be performed by 40 plus children (first through eighth grade) from the community. According to Darrell Bledsoe, the Worship Leader of the church and director of the musical, "This musical teaches children about growing in Christ. As the children help Mr. MacDonald with his harvest, he teaches them the parable of the seed and the sower." Bledsoe adds that, "When the children are visited by some mischievous crows, and some rumor weeds, they begin to understand that the best way to produce the fruit God desires in their lives is to plant their roots firmly in God's Word."

Dick Marcear, Minister of the Church of Christ at the Colonies, states that this "musical is an extension of the church's community outreach programs. We hope all feel invited to come and enjoy this fine production that helps us all better understand God's Word." Marcear continues to say that, "we are a church committed to reaching out to others and so we all may learn how to become more Christ-like as we live today."

Kim Black, Tammie Cleeton, Karyn Conner, Michelle Tatum, Beverly Bledsoe and other volunteers have helped with the production of the musical. For more information on the Church of Christ at The Colonies, call 806/355-7303. For information on Beverly and Darrell Bledsoe's careers in the Christian music business, visit www.bravomusiconline.com.

SECOND ANNUAL Panhandle Challenge Road Ride is June 11th at the Discovery Center at Medi-Park

The Panhandle Down Syndrome Guild will host the 2nd annual Panhandle Challenge Road Ride beginning at 9 a.m. at the Discovery Center at Medi-Park on Saturday, June 11, 2005. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

The Road Ride consists of a 30 or 42 mile ride for adults and a 1 mile ride around Medi-Park for children. Rest stops with water, PowerAde, fruit and granola bars will be provided.

The Panhandle Challenge Road Ride is a fund raiser for the Panhandle Down Syndrome Guild, a non-profit member support group. The primary motivation for the group and the Road Ride is to celebrate the lives of people with Down syndrome, promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome, and to raise funds for education, research and outreach programs. The ride was begun last year as a Leadership Amarillo/Canyon project to bring another event to the Amarillo area and to support a good cause.

This is a family friendly event and the Panhandle Down Syndrome Guild encourages everyone to attend.

To find out more information please call Shari Medford at 358-6294, Jeff Medford at 654-5790 or Vicki Cabrera at 468-9088. You may also email panhandedsg@yahoo.com

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

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Recreation

(NU) - The summer air beckons avid all-terrain vehicle riders outdoors. Unfortunately, injuries can occur if ATVs aren't handled safely. According to ATV manufacturer Polaris Industries Inc., proper safety training, common sense and personal responsibility are the keys to preventing ATV accidents. To learn about ATV safety, call the Polaris safety hotline at (800) 342-3764 or visit www.polarisindustries.com.

Farm Service Agency Accepts Applications for 2005 Livestock Assistance Program

According to Rebecca Hemphill, Executive Director for the Sherman County Farm Service Agency (FSA), Sherman County is one of 95 counties in Texas approved for 2005 Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) benefits. LAP provides relief to livestock producers who suffered grazing losses in 2003 or 2004 due to drought, severe weather and related causes. Producers of dairy and beef cattle; bison and beefalo; goats; swine; sheep; and certain equine, elk and reindeer are now eligible to participate in LAP.

To qualify for LAP, grazing land must be located in a county designated as a primary disaster county under a presidential or secretarial disaster declaration. The declaration must have been approved on or after Jan. 1, 2003, for a disaster occurring through Dec. 31, 2004. LAP benefits are not available for contiguous counties.

"A county may meet eligibility requirements for both 2003 and 2004; however, producers may receive benefits for only one of the two calendar years," explains Hemphill.

Eligible applicants must have control of adequate grazing land to support the eligible livestock and possess beneficial interest in eligible livestock that have been owned or leased for at least three months. During 2003 or 2004, livestock producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing production for three or more consecutive months due to natural disasters.

"If you reduced the number of livestock because of a natural disaster, you won't be penalized for those reductions. If, because of a natural disaster, you sold eligible livestock that were placed on grazing land on or after Jan. 31, 2003, you will receive compensation for the entire disaster payment period or to the date when livestock are normally sold," said Hemphill.

LAP payments will be based on the number of livestock a producer would have owned if the disaster had no occurred. For livestock that were sold in the course of routine business, eligible applicants will receive benefits for those animals only-up to the date of sale. A payment limitation of \$40,000 per person applies, and individuals whose gross revenue exceeds \$2.5 million are ineligible for program benefits.

For more information on LAP including eligibility criteria and application process, please contact the Sherman County FSA at 806-396-2211 or visit the national FSA web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Home

(NU) - If you want to increase the value of your home, invest in landscaping. It's important that you find the right landscaping contractor for your project and use high-quality materials like segmental retaining walls and interlocking concrete pavers. When choosing a landscaping contractor, ask if the contractor has been certified or trained by the product supplier or achieved recognition from a local or national trade association. Such credentials are provided by the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute for paver installation and by the National Concrete Masonry Association for segmental retaining wall installation. For more information about segmental retaining walls, visit www.ncma.org. For information about pavers, visit www.icpi.org.

Farm Service Agency Announces 2005 Corn, Sorghum & Soybean Loan Rates

National loan rates for the 2005 corn, grain sorghum and soybean crops were announced by Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns.

The national loan rates are \$1.95 per bushel for corn, \$3.48 per hundredweight for grain sorghum and \$5.00 per bushel for soybeans.

"Individual county loan rates will vary," said Rebecca Hemphill, Executive Director for the Sherman County Farm Service Agency (FSA). "The 2005 loan rates for Sherman County are \$2.23 per bushel for corn, \$3.65 per hundredweight for grain sorghum and \$4.67 per bushel for soybeans." Loan rates for other counties can be obtained at the local FSA Service Center or on the Internet at: <http://fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/loanrate.htm>.

Eligible producers may choose to use the 9-month loan program; or if the regional market price is below the loan rate, producers may elect to receive a loan deficiency payment (LDP) instead of pledging their commodity production as collateral for FSA's loan program.

Loan deficiency payments requested prior to harvest will have an LDP rate based on the date of delivery for each load. LDPs requested after harvest will have a payment rate based on the date of the request.

A producer must request a loan or LDP benefits prior to losing beneficial interest in the crop. Hemphill defined beneficial interest as, "title to, control of and risk of loss of the commodity."

For more information on commodity loans and LDPs including eligibility criteria and application process, please contact the Sherman County FSA at 806-396-2211 or visit the national FSA web site at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Taliaferro
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excellence, leadership potential and an interest in a career in medicine.

Throughout the ten-day forum, NYLF/MED will introduce Taliaferro to a variety of concepts in public health, medical ethics, research and general practice, and will include site visits to medical facilities and clinics. Students will engage in a simulation using problem-based learning, an educational method in which students will be presented a fictional patient's case history and must diagnose and develop a treatment plan for the patient.

"Juliana Taliaferro may very well be the face of the future of medicine," said NYLF executive director, Donna Snyder. The National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine creates a virtual classroom with hospitals, clinical facilities and healthcare professionals. By shadowing key personnel, these students will have a great opportunity to gain a behind-the-scenes perspective on a medical career. Timing is critical as young people explore their career paths, just prior to immersing themselves in college work.

In addition to visits to cutting-edge medical schools and clinical facilities, Taliaferro will have the opportunity to hear from and interact with leaders within the medical field. Students have up-close and personal contact with physicians, surgeons, researchers, scientists and medical educators as they go behind the scenes to view these professionals at work.

NYLF is a nonprofit education organization that brings various professions to life, empowering outstanding young people with the confidence to make well-informed career choices. Since 1992, NYLF has provided programming to more than 100,000 young people. For addition information, visit us at www.nylf.org



Pre-Harvest Hot Dog Bask at Stratford Grain Co. Wednesday, June 1st. Approximately 300 persons attended on a sunny noon with anticipation of a good wheat harvest.

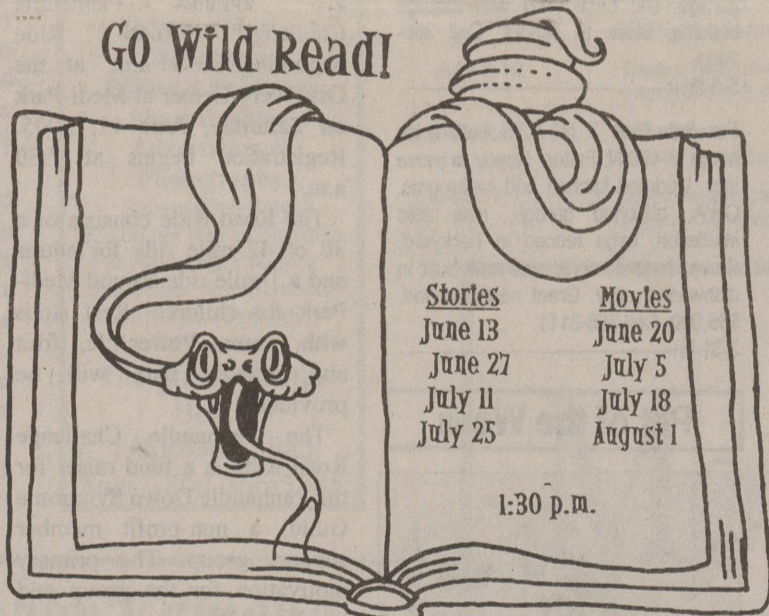


Stratford Grain Co. crew cooking up 780 Pre-Harvest Hot Dogs for the community Wednesday, June 1st.



4-H Horse Club preparing for Memorial Day Program held at the Stratford Cemetery Monday, May 30. Sponsor, Piper Bennett and Assistants, Andy & Karen Riffe, Brenda Acker, Teresa Wells helped the rider's present wreaths remembering the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq Liberation. 4-H riders are Forrest Acker, Cheyenne Acker, Nathan Bennett, Angie Rosales, Jake Lawrence, Jayton Lawrence, Brienne Hargrove, Justin Lanning, Tanner Riffe and Austin Riffe. Also at the ceremony Mary Ann Spurlock read a poem and Jordan Taylor concluded the program by playing Taps.

Go Wild Read!



Summer Reading Program
 at the
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**Tornado
 Plan to Survive!**

*PLAN AHEAD! Designate a spot in your home and make sure the entire family knows where to go and what to bring. Have an emergency kit on hand, be sure to include batteries, a flashlight, battery-operated radio, medications and bottled water. Make sure these things are in your designated area.

*STAY INFORMED by following updates on radio or television. Our local stations do an excellent job of relaying weather-related information on a timely basis.

*LEARN THE DIFFERENCE between a tornado watch and a tornado warning. A tornado watch means "watch the sky". A tornado warning means a tornado is likely to develop or a tornado has been indicated on radar.

THE SIRENS DO NOT SOUND WHEN A TORNADO WARNING IS ISSUED...THEY ARE ONLY SOUNDED WHEN A TORNADO HAS BEEN SPOTTED ON THE GROUND IN OR AROUND THE STRATFORD AREA.

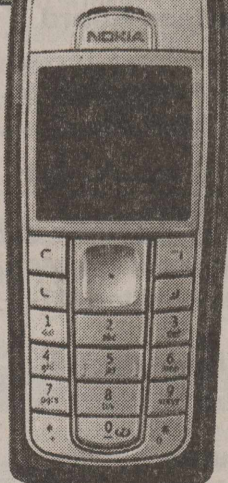
Sirens Sound-Now What!

*LISTEN: If you hear the sirens, take cover immediately in strong shelter. If you do not have a basement or storm cellar, move to an interior room in your home such as a closet, bathroom or a room without windows.

*TAKE ACTION: Exit your mobile home and take shelter in a nearby building. If no building is nearby, lie flat in a ditch or ravine.

*GET OUT! Never stay inside your car. Leave the car and lie flat in a ditch or ravine. Never get in your car to seek shelter elsewhere (Note: the courthouse is not a tornado shelter).

GET LOW! If you are in open country, take cover on low, protected ground.



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