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## House-Heavily Smoked Damaged

John and Nina Lavake returned to Stratford Sunday afternoon June 12, 2005 (after spending the weekend in Lubbock) to their home that was heavily smoked damaged. Their house had been struck by lightning that apparently hit the home early that morning during the storm that came through Stratford. John Lavake is shown above with Nina's Cello that was rescued from the home.



## Stratford Participates in Greenbelt Bowl

Tony Ruiz, Josh King and Mark Miller played in the Greenbelt Bowl in Childress, TX on Saturday, June 11, 2005. Tony & Josh played for the North and Mark played for the South. The North won 12-9. Josh King was awarded the Morris Higley Outstanding Offensive Back. King completed 12 of 17 passes for 165 yards and 1 TD. Haley Buckles participated in the Queen's Contest and received the Most Photogenic award.

## SCOT GARDEN TOUR PICS ON PAGE 6-TOUR JUNE 26

Pantry Meeting  
Thursday, June 23

There will be a pantry meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2005 at 7 p.m. at XIT Building.

## Medical Fund for Mandy Helmuth @1<sup>st</sup> State Bank

There has been a medical fund set up at First State Bank for Mandy Helmuth, daughter of Jimmy and Tammie Helmuth. After the birth of her baby daughter she was diagnosed with Peripartum Cardiomyopathy (heart failure). If you would like to help with medical expenses please contact the 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank.

**PRAISE SERVICE**  
7:30 P.M.  
Each Wednesday  
County Barn

## 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.

## Garden Tour

On June 26, SCOT Hall will sponsor a garden tour, starting at 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to go on the tour should meet at Roxie Park before 2 p.m. The cost of the tour will be \$5.00 per person.

The SCOT Bus will be available for transportation, or individuals may use their own cars, or car pool.

Yards to be toured are those of Steve & Tana Pemberton, Dennis & Sherry Phelps, Larry & Judy Drake, Steve & Brenda Johnson, Claude & Leonda Fedric (who have some new additions and changes to show) and Mary Riffe.

Everyone is invited to join the tour and see some of Stratford's beautiful yards.

## Information Meeting June 28th

Sherman County Emergency Management and the American Red Cross will sponsor a information meeting June 28, 2005, 7 p.m. at the Stratford Fire Department. The program will be presented by Emily Nolte, Red Cross Representative, Regional Disaster Planner who will discuss with the fire department members and other community volunteers mass vaccination protocol in the event of biological or health hazard incident.

All church organizations, civic organizations and community volunteers are urged to attend. In the event an incident occurs, volunteers are needed to help staff dispensing clinics, assist with registration and answer questions from the community. Training will be provided.

Contact Sandy Williams at 806-683-4322 or 366-3245 for more information

## Berry Earns Securities License

Walt A. Berry, District Representative with Modern Woodmen of America, has become a registered representative with MWA Financial Services, Inc., 1701 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois 61201, a member of NASD and SIPC. As a registered representative, Berry is now licensed to sell mutual funds, available through MWA Financial Service, Inc. a wholly owned subsidiary of Modern Woodmen of America.

Founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society, today Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States.

## Summer Track Camps

This summer weekly track camps will be offered to teach the fundamentals of the six field events in tract and field. The emphasis will be on fundamentals in hopes of jump-starting next year's track season. Field events are very skill-oriented and take much of an athlete and coach's time. These camps will be very beneficial to field event athletes in the future when time is short during the regular track season. Any boy or girl that was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or older is welcome to attend. We will meet for 2 hours a day, 4 days a week. The cost is \$15 for the first camp attended and \$10 for each camp attended following. Each camper will receive a T-shirt. If you have any questions, contact coach Hand at 366-3678.

June 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Shot Put Camp 9:00 to 11:00  
High Jump Camp 1:00 to 3:00

## Volunteer Help Needed

The Chamber of Commerce could use help with the 4th of July Celebration. There are several organizations with food booths but are short on games. Each booth & customers helps finance the fireworks. The Chamber cleared about \$100.00 after all the expenses were paid and that is better than short \$100.00 which has happened. Volunteers are needed for a short 30 minute patriotic program. Please contact Gaynelle Riffe. Each booth is obligated to set up and take down booth but some clean up is still required. If you could pick-up around you and everywhere you see, that would be a big help.

## Museum to Host Native Wildlife Exhibit

The Sherman County Depot Museum will host a Native Wildlife Exhibit this summer. Please share any of your mounted wildlife or beautiful wildlife pictures with the community by loaning them to the museum for this short time. Your generosity makes all these exhibits possible, and we all enjoy seeing each other's treasures. You may take your exhibits to the museum and Millie Hacker will take care of you. Thanks for your support of our local museum.

## 4-H Reminders

Sherman County 4-H members are reminded that Awards Program Record Books and Award Application Forms are due in the County Extension Office on Thursday, June 30 at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Susie Spurlock at 366-2122.

## Stratford Chamber of Commerce Joins the Rallying Call for Rural Texas

Austin-The Texas Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce that the Stratford Chamber of Commerce has become a member of Texas Yes!, TDA's new initiative to market and promote rural Texas.

"Every voice and action made a difference, and we are proud to have Stratford Chamber of Commerce as a member of this program," said Delane Caesar, TDA's Assistant Commissioner for Marketing and Promotions. "The purpose of Texas yes! is to create a single rallying call for rural Texas, and our goal is to build a growing network of members dedicated to this purpose."

Launched in October 2003, Texas Yes! is a broad-based membership program open to rural communities, businesses and individuals? All members commit to the continued improvement and economic strength of rural Texas through community projects-from promotion tourism and cultural heritage to beautification and economic development. Texas

## Sherman County Steer Validation to Be Held

The Sherman County 4-H and Stratford I.S.D. will be conducting their steer validation for the 2005-2006 show season on June 27, 2005 at Steve Johnson's barn beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please bring children's social security numbers, parent, and child. If you will be unable to attend this validation please notify Leslie Neve, (806) 366-2081, before the validation date so alternative arrangements can be made, of if you need directions to barn. There will be no available dates for validation after June 27.



Because of friction caused by tides, the earth's rotation slows and the day increases about a millisecond each century.

Yes! will help spotlight rural Texas success stories to spur ideas and inspiration for other rural communities.

Through Texas Yes!, TDA has also launched a multi-faceted marketing initiative to promote rural Texas tourism. Gov. Rick Perry allocated funding through 2005 to help support this effort.

"Rural Texas has so much to offer, and we want people to know about it," Caesar said. "This is an exciting opportunity

to give rural Texas the attention it deserves."

Rural Texas covers approximately 80 percent of the state's total land area, encompassing 213,297 square miles out of 267,277. Eighty-five percent of the state's incorporated cities have fewer than 10,000 residents and the population of rural Texas is higher than the combined populations of Alaska, Delaware, North Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming.

"There has never been a more important time to stand up in support for rural Texas," Caesar said. "And we appreciate every member who is standing with us."

For more information on Texas Yes!, call (866) 4TEX-YES or visit Yes.org.

## Relay for Life Update

We would like to express our thanks to the cancer survivors, businesses, committee members, and teams who helped to make Sherman County's first ever Relay for Life-a huge success. Everyone who was involved deserves a round of applause for their hard work. Relay truly is a bout a community taking up the fight for a cure-and you all are a testament to that! Cancer has impacted so many lives in this community. This was never more evident than during the Relay's inspirational luminaria ceremony. You all have provided unconditional support to each other, to the Relay, and to improving the public health here in Sherman County.

Following is a list of individuals, teams, and

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Class 1955- Top L/R: Superintendent R. W. Standefer; T. J. McGaughey, Principal; B. J. Chancey. Sponsor; Laurine Naugle, Richard Bachman, Helen Lowe, Bob Newman, Collene Palmer; 2nd, Felize Ramon, Donald Weller, Sherrye Self, Martha Plunk, Glen Wakefield, Sarah Lavake; 3rd, Beth Pemberton, Donald Stone, H. T. Galloway, Principal; Homer Boren; bottom; Ray Grimes, Bill McMinn, Anna Mae Weller, Dan Gillis, Jimmy Ingham, Gaynelle Parker.



Class of 1945 L/R: Top Amelia Ramon, Arlene Grimes, Nelle Alexander, spon., E.R. Wooten, Supt., Grady Pearson, Co-Supt. (2) Lovita Cowdrey, Dorothy Walsh; (3) Cella Pearson, Violet Lee Garouffe, Richard Albert, Virginia Schroeder, Dorothy Nell McWilliams, (4) Neil Jackson, June McDaniel, Peggy Morse, Paulagean Wadley, Helen Ruth Ritchey, Dean Turner.

### Lollipop Junction Small Talk #4

Everyday we think about the future of our children. What are they doing? What will they be? Are they happy? We all want to give our children something better than what we had. Our goal at Lollipop is to do just that. Childcare is not putting kids in front of the TV and putting in a movie. It is day to day structure, social interaction, and learner-centered instruction.

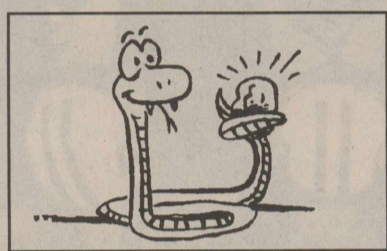
Lollipop Junction Daycare will be offering a preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds. This will be provided for those already attending the daycare. It is also open to those who would like to enroll just for the preschool program alone. We will be using a Texas Education Agency approved preschool curriculum and a bilingual staff. Pre-Registration for the program will begin on July 20<sup>th</sup> from noon until 6:00 at Lollipop. If you have questions or would like more information call 366-5886, ask for Cheryl. Enrollment will be limited to ensure a quality program.

Lollipop board of directors, families and staff will be at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities in the park. We will be selling Frito pies, water, tea and temporary tattoos to help purchase this new curriculum. Come celebrate with us. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a tax deductible donation please stop by Lollipop Daycare, see any board member listed below or simply mail it to Lollipop Junction Daycare at P.O. Box 411, Stratford, TX.

A child's education is priceless.

Board of Directors: Wesley Spurlock, Gracie Fierro, Rhonda

Browne, Jennifer DeAnda, Misti McBryde, Shelly Ricketson, Angela Hays, Earnie Baten



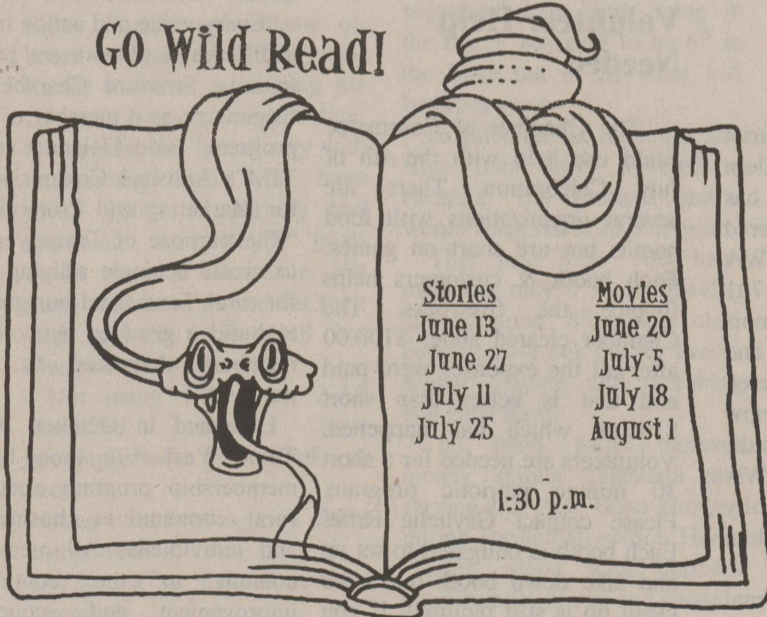
The ancient Greeks believed the mineral jasper could draw the poison from snake bites.

### Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

June 25 July 1-3	"Dead Man's Hand" Mystery Amarillo College Theatre 806-371-5359
June 17-18 24,25	Kwahadi Indian Dancers 806-331-3175 Kwahadi-Kiva Indian Center Amarillo
July 8-10	"Beauty and the Beast" Youth Musical Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
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 17 - Aug 14	"Lone Star Rising" Outdoor Musical Wed.-Sunday 8:15p.m. 806-677-1706 Lake Meredith Fritch Fortress Amphitheater

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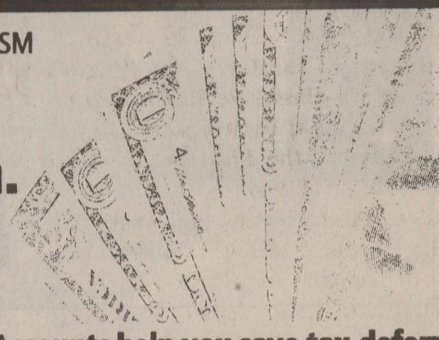
### Letter To The Editor

Dear Readers,  
Nothing Lost that Cannot Be Found

The Chamber of Commerce is missing two Microphone stands. They will be needed for the 4th of July Program in the Park. They did have a yellow name tape on them. One is solid round the other cut out for stacking. Last time all of them used was last 4th of July. They have been loaned several times and were stored at the County Barn as Cowboy Church used them some. The Imagination Station is missing a green paper cutter. Last used in March. Decorations missing or misplaced, one box of orange fish net. Now isn't that an interesting assortment? If found, please return to Gaynelle Riffe or Stratford Grain Co. Thanks

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The horned toad is actually a lizard.



## 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary To Be Celebrated

Doug & Cheryl Reese of Borger will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this summer with a trip to Hawaii. Doug Reese married the former Cheryl Holterman in Espanola, New Mexico on July 2, 1965. They moved to Stratford in 1973 where they lived for over 21 years and they moved to Borger where they have resided for over 11 years. Doug has worked for the gas company for over 40 years and is the area manager of Texas Gas Services in Borger. Cheryl is the administrative assistant at the Care Net Pregnancy Center and has taught pre-school classes at St. Andrew United Methodist Church and Wee School at First Baptist Church in Borger. The couple are members of the First Baptist Church in Borger. The couple have four children. Krisann Gaiko and husband, Jason of Allen, Texas, Shelly Ricketson and husband Jeff of Stratford, Stacy Pollard and husband, Thomas of McKinney, Texas and Scott Reese of Amarillo. Their five grandchildren are Whitney Reese and Lane Ricketson, Reese and Riley Gaiko and Paige Pollard.

## Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Bill & Pat Boren recently took a trip around Colorado. They went by their former ranch in the mountains. Also went to Lake City where almost everyone from Kerrick went 30 years ago.

Bill went to Abernathy to watch Carlisle in ballgame. Kevin Carlisle was on the All Star team and so was one of Joe Bill's boys at Rio Rancho, NM.

Reed 7 Rett Schoonover's ball teams won first place. Rett was first in machine pitch and made the All Star Team. Reed's was first in Little League.

There was an accident at the Elevator Sunday evening! A loaded grain truck "split" or broke and it was a mess to clean up. No one was hurt.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters hosted supper and canasta Saturday night for Bud & Frankie Shields, Rolene Arkon and Jo June McDaniel.

Carol Ceifers and Gary Harris are getting married Saturday at Woodward, OK. Roy Harris, Gary's brother, is performing the ceremony.

Ciccy Harris' father, Lit Fowler of Mineral Wells, will be having surgery on a leg this week.

## Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

There are still a few June activities coming up at Scot Hall.

Our luncheon is this Thursday, June 23, and there will be a dance on Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, at 8 p.m. Anyone who likes to dance is welcome, so come join us for that.

Then, the big event-the garden tour, is on Sunday, June 26, starting at Roxie Park at 2 p.m. Come and see some lovely yards.

Line dancing is on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. We would welcome anyone who wants to join us for fun and exercise.



## Marriage Announced

Paula Erika Baeza and Sam Wisdom of Amarillo were united in marriage on June 11, 2005 at the Little Chapel on the WT Campus in Canyon. Erika is the daughter of Paula Baeza of Stratford.

Relay  
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businesses that were instrumental in bringing this worthwhile event to Sherman County. Their contributions help to provide services and support to cancer survivors as well as research for a cure.

### Businesses & Organizations

Happy State Bank  
First State Bank  
Elk Pharmacy  
Smith Agency  
Farm Bureau  
Walter Lasley Feedyard  
Duncan Chevrolet  
Let's Make Arrangements  
Mungia's Heating & Air  
Dairy Queen  
Brown's Meat Locker  
C&D Body Shop  
West Texas Gas  
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Stratford Grain  
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Express Lane  
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### Committee Members

Chair & Co-Chair Stacy Metcalf & Laurie Gilliland  
Team Development-Desine Garza, Shanda Davis, Laurie Spurlock, Marsha Wright  
Accounting, Data Collection- Cindy Cummings  
Sponsorship-Walt Berry  
Luminaria-Suzanne Traylor  
Logistics-Eddie Metcalf, Tim Gilliland  
Entertainment-Greg Wright & Terri Teig  
Survivorship-Michelle Lutes  
Communication-Nikie Berry  
Advocacy-Joyce McBryde & Sue Hudson  
Cancer Education-Terri Teig  
Registration-Shawna Baugus, Kaci McBryde, Susan Wheeler

### Sherman County Relay for Life Teams

Cimarron Feeders: \$7776.93  
Bunko Babes & Boys: \$885.75  
Mae "Aloha Team": \$1723.01  
SISD Student Council: \$836.20  
Baptist Youth Group: \$1405.00  
SISD Jr. High Teachers: \$1253.00  
Prospectus Study Club: \$465.50  
Happy State Bank & Friends: \$1263.02  
Methodist Jr. High Youth: \$1109.85  
First State Bank: \$1309.00  
Methodist Adults: \$1341.37  
Assembly of God: \$1486.00  
Catholic Youth Group: \$216.00  
Lions club: \$464.50  
Luminaries: \$1526.14

Donations:  
Sr. Class: \$250.00  
Nu Beta Sorority: \$150.00

Total: \$23,461.27

The Relay committee has decided to continue this worthwhile event. The committee will begin working on planning stages for the next relay in January of 2006.

## Births

Johnathon, Jacob, & Hannah are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby brother, Joshua Lynn Larance. Joshua was born May 28, 2005, and weighed 6 lbs, 6 1/2 oz and was 18 1/2 inches long. He is welcomed home by Mom & Dad, Shawnee & Johnny Larance of Amarillo, TX.

Proud grandparents are W.R. & Cindy Larance of Stratford, TX and David & Debbie Weir of Houston, TX. Great grandparents are Ray & Doris Larance of Amarillo, TX.

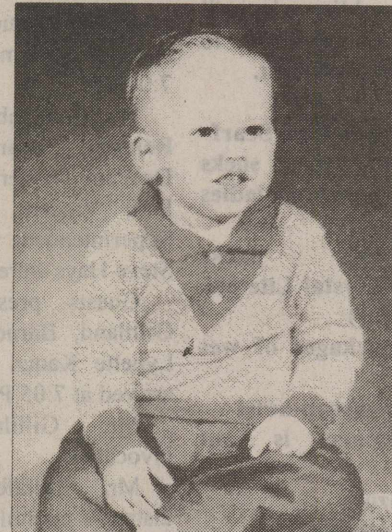
Chris and Mandi Haynes of Lubbock, TX are proud to announce the arrival of their son Timothy Wayne Haynes born on June 6, 2005. He weighed 8 lbs 12 oz and 21 inches long.

Maternal Grandparents are Billy & Jeanne Bell of Stratford and Paternal Grandparents are Steve & Linda Haynes of Stratford.

Maternal Great-Grandparents are Paul Engelbrecht of Amarillo, Geneva Bell of Stratford and Dorene Hambrick of Benbrook. Paternal Great-Grandparents are Walden & Joy Haynes of Pampa and Patricia Wynn of Follett.

### Health

(NU) - Recent news reports about the risks of several popular pain medications have left many of the 20 million Americans living with osteoarthritis wondering what their options are. A study presented at the Osteoarthritis Research Society International meeting in December 2004 showed that the over-the-counter pain reliever acetaminophen, the active ingredient found in Tylenol, is a safe and effective treatment option, when used as directed, for patients suffering from the pain of osteoarthritis. For more information on osteoarthritis and treatment options, visit [www.StraightTalkOnPain.com](http://www.StraightTalkOnPain.com).



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Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
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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 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.,  
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

### 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 Worship 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 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 Oraction 6:00 pm  
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm  
Susninos Durante El Servicio.

Estudio Biblico &  
Se Cuidamos

## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Seeing is Believing, Right?

Missouri is the Show Me state. In other words, if I don't see something with my own eyes, I won't believe it. By and large, we think that's a pretty good philosophy. If you want me to believe trees and other plants take on carbon dioxide and give off oxygen, prove it. Just don't point to a science book. How are you going to prove such a thing? You have to do a controlled experiment. You place plants in an airtight room. You measure the amount of oxygen and carbon dioxide in that room. And you allow the plants a specific amount of time to be there. Then you take the measurements again. You discover there is now more oxygen in the room and less carbon dioxide. So you conclude the plants use carbon dioxide and give off oxygen. It's perfectly simple. Or is it? Can you see the plants making oxygen? Well, no. But all the evidence points in that direction. Ah! Now we get to the bottom line. We don't see the actual process. But we do see the outcome, the evidence. We draw our conclusions from the evidence. The same thing takes place in courtrooms across America every day. So it is common practice for us to examine evidence and make proper judgments. This being the case, if I were to show you the evidence, would you believe in God? Would you believe the Bible is the written Word of God? Would you believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and is the Son of God? Or contrary to your standard operating procedure, would you blow off the evidence simply because you don't like the conclusions? That would be bad policy in the courtroom. It would be bad policy the laboratory. It's also bad policy when it comes to God, the Bible and Jesus Christ.

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### Templo Hispano Eben-Ezer

Pastor Roberto Frescas  
205 N. Poplar - Hwy 287  
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.  
Sercicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.  
Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

### Kerrick Community Church

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

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## Treat'n Troops

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**  
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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.

### Jan Davis Presents Program June 14th

A group of women enjoyed the program "Remember When We Cooked?" June 14 at the Exhibit Building. Jan Davis, Home Economist, and one of the authors of the book, "When We Cooked", prepared a luncheon using recipes from the book.

Tables were decorated with silk flowers of red, white and blue as it was Flag Day.

Sherman County has two Texas Extension Education Clubs, Southstar that meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday mornings and Lunch & Learn that meets one hour at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday on even months.

Recent club programs have been on health, Identity Theft, Nutrition and Renewing the desire to cook.

TEEA also is a member of Stratford Area Foundation and they support 4-H through scholarships, give Fashion Show awards and volunteer.

The major goal of TEEA Clubs is to improve and enhance quality of personal and home life.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

### Women's Health

(NU) - In an effort to reduce the number of women who die from cervical cancer, a bipartisan, nonprofit association of elected women state officials is advancing its goal of eliminating this preventable disease within the next 10 years. Since January 2004, members of Women In Government have introduced bills or resolutions in more than 35 states in order to improve cervical cancer prevention efforts. So far, these bills and resolutions have been enacted in 17 states. To learn more about Women In Government's "Challenge to Eliminate Cervical Cancer Campaign," visit [www.womenin.gov/prevention](http://www.womenin.gov/prevention).

## STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION June 6, 2005

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2005 in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Garead McBryde, DeWain Traylor, Brent Spurlock, Patti Vincent, Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent Ricky Reed and Steve Hays were absent.

Guests present were Tim Gilliland, Barney Willborn and Lynette Kautz. Steve Johnson arrived at 7:05 PM.

Mr. Gilliland led the invocation.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the district's monthly recognition. It was as follows:

- The Elk golf team participated at the State Golf Tournament in Austin. The team finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Congratulations golfers.
- Deidre Tarver placed 6<sup>th</sup> in discus at the State Track Meet and the boys sprint relay placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the State Track Meet. Congratulations to all of these participants.
- Josh King has been selected as the Amarillo Globe News Football Athlete of the Year.
- Brittany Hudson, Tyler Haynes and Kayla Willard were honored at a banquet on the West Texas A&M. This event honored the

vaedictorian and salutatorians of the surrounding schools. Lynda Hauser nominated Brittany for this special award honoring twenty students in the area.

Lynette Kautz administered the oath of office to new member Barney Willborn.

Trustee officer elections for the 2005-2006 school year were held.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Garead McBryde seconded to elect Joe Reinart as president. Motion carried 6-0.

Steve Hays arrived at 7:05 PM.

Garead McBryde made the motion and DeWain Traylor seconded to elect Steve Hays as vice President. Motion carried 6-0-1, Steve Hays abstained.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to elect Garead McBryde as secretary. Motion carried 6-0-1, Garead McBryde abstained.

Mr. Gilliland reported on the middle school maintenance projects for the summer.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the transportation report. The cost per mile for transportation for the month was 36¢. He then gave the budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 65.12% and revenue collected at 91.77%. Tax collections are at 98.25%. He then gave the investment report. SEE ATTACHMENT

Mr. Taliaferro reported on termite damage in the old, old gym under the cafeteria.

Treatment option #1 \$13,000.00  
Treatment option #2 \$8,000.00

Damage was summarized by Jim Stevenson from Dalhart. Mary Allen Elementary was estimated with same treatment at

\$13,000.00  
Southwest Securities contacted Mr. Taliaferro about options related to the Stratford ISD bond and its early payment.

Mr. Taliaferro reported that State Championship signs are to be put up on Wednesday.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro went over the textbook adoption list. Patti Vincent made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to approve the list as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro went over the computer proposal received for the lab at the Mary Allen Elementary. They were as follows:

Westgate Computers \$20,570.00  
Dell Computers \$20,634.00  
ASI Computers \$21,472.00

Patti Vincent made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to accept the bid from Dell Computers for \$20,634.00. Motion carried 7-0. SEE ATTACHMENT

DeWain Traylor made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to accept the resolution to join the Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS). Motion carried 7-0.

Joe Reinart read a letter of resignation from Jim Taliaferro. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to accept the resignation with regrets. Motion carried 7-0.

The board of trustees interviewed Tim Gilliland for the position of Stratford ISD Superintendent.

The board entered into closed session at 8:01 PM pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074. They adjourned out of

closed session at 10:53 PM.

Mr. Taliaferro, Mr. Gilliland and Steve Johnson returned as guests.

Steve Hays made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to name Tim Gilliland as the Lone Finalists for the Stratford ISD Superintendent position. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Steve Johnson encouraged the Board of Trustees to broaden the scope of its search by opening the application process to outside applicants.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to hire Mettie Judd subject to assignment. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held termite treatment options. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 PM.

### New York Times Fiction Best Sellers at the Sherman County Public Library

- The Mermaid chair by Sue Monk
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July by James Patterson
- True Believer by Nicholas Sparks
- The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
- The Twelfth Card by Jeffrey Deaver
- Velocity by Dean Koontz
- The Closers by Michael Connelly
- Rage by Jonathan Kellerman
- The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
- Broken Prey by John Sandford
- Devil's Corner by Lisa Scottoline
- Appaloosa by Robert B. Parker
- The Broker by John Grisham
- Angels and Demons by Dan Brown
- Zorro by Isabel Allende
- Marker by Robin Cook
- Saturday by Ian McEwan
- Lone Calder Star by Janet Daily
- Act of War by Dale Brown

### Stratford Student Earns Degree from Lubbock Christian University

Lubbock, TX June 6<sup>th</sup> Carie Morrow of Stratford, was one of 254 graduates who participated in commencement exercises for Lubbock Christian University on May 7.

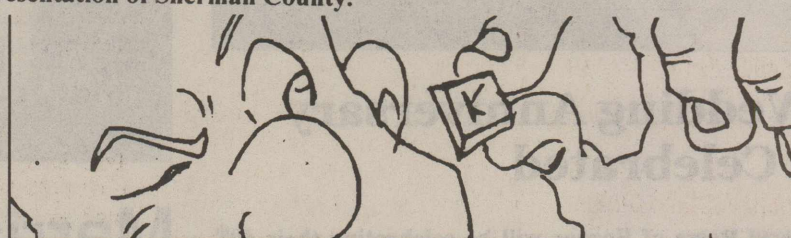
Morrow graduated with a Master of Education in Elementary Education.

Lubbock Christian University is a liberal arts institution of higher learning dedicated to providing a quality education in a Christian environment. LCU was among only six Texas schools to be named in the John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll of Character Building Universities. LCU offers 34 bachelor's degree programs and ten master's degrees with an enrollment of almost 2000 students.



## 4-H Rifle Team takes 5<sup>th</sup> place

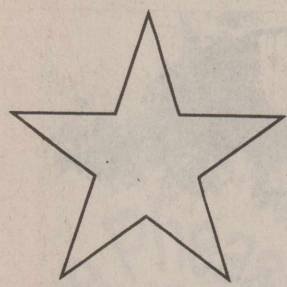
Members of the Sherman County 4-H Rifle team took 5<sup>th</sup> place at the State 4-H Rifle Match held in Rosenberg June 8<sup>th</sup>. Team members are Rustin Russell, Nathan White, Walter Spurlock, and Kaleb Horsford. Walter placed 6<sup>th</sup> high Point Individual at the state contest. Coaches Lem Russell, David White, and Wesley Spurlock chaperoned the team. Congratulations 4-H'ers for excellent representation of Sherman County.



In the game of Scrabble, the only tile with a point value unique unto itself is the K (5 points).

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Wanted: Part time or temporary farm help. Good Pay, 20 Cents mileage. Al Reznik 806-543-4076.  
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## Garage Sales

Large Several family garage sale: Sat. June 25-5:10 P.M. Maple, Sherman County Barn 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Crafts and Painted items by Bobbie & Kay.  
6-23-c

## Lost

Lost: Brighton Brown Animal print sunglasses-may have been lost at Cancer Walk. Please call Marty Bain at 366-2053 and leave message!  
6-23-c

## DALLAM-HARTLEY COUNTIES HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Coon Memorial Home Health Care/Hospice in Dalhart, Texas has an immediate opening for an RN. Call Loree Elliott at 806-244-8555.

Human Resources Dept. Coon Memorial Hospital 1411 Denver Avenue Dalhart, Texas EOE [www.dhchd.org](http://www.dhchd.org)

## Consumer

(NU) - Damaged items. Objects lost in transit. At one time or another, most people have had an unpleasant experience with shipping valuables. The secret to shipping is in the packing. But if the item you're planning to ship is delicate or large, it may require extra care. To ensure your items' utmost safety during transit, it's best to leave packing and shipping to the experts. Pak Mail, for example, will pack and send objects of any size, weight and configuration to anywhere in the world. For more information, call (800) 778-6665 or log on to [www.pakmail.com](http://www.pakmail.com).

## Food

(NU) - According to the latest U.S. dietary guidelines, adults and children alike should have from five to 13 servings of fruits and veggies a day. In general, you need to eat a wide variety of vegetables to get all the vitamins, minerals and fiber they have to offer. With the exception of soy foods, though, the protein in plant foods is incomplete. Nutrient-dense eggs provide some of the highest-quality protein available. For easy meal ideas using eggs and veggies, visit the American Egg Board's Web site at [www.aeb.org](http://www.aeb.org).

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## Houses for Sale

For Sale: 919 N. 7th Street across from City Park, 3 bedroom 1-1/2 bath, Lg. Dining Room & kitchen, metal fence, 2 storage bldgs on corner lot. 366-3102.  
6-30-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

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

House for Sale: 802 N. Fulton, Carpet, 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.  
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## Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

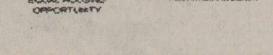
To report Suspected Child Abuse, call

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Paula Everett-966-5445  
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Patsy Harland-827-7568  
Belinda Hamilton-827-7728  
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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.  
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## 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.

## Legal Notices

### Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested Vendors to carpet and tile classrooms. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. June 24, 2005. Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, Faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent office at 503 N. 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened on June 24, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. we reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals.

Items include labor, material, and equipment for the renovation.

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### ESTATE OF FRANCES KNOX BROWDER, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS

### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF FRANCES KNOX BROWDER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the estate of Frances Knox Browder were issued on June 14, 2005, in Cause No. 2098, in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas to Catha Hamilton.

The residence of the Executrix is Dumas, Moore County, Texas; the post office address of the attorney for the Estate is:

Rick L. Russwurm  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 718  
Dumas, Texas 79029-0718

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

DATED this 14 day of June 2005.

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Dumas, TX 79029-0718

Attorney for Applicant  
Rick L. Russwurm  
State Bar No. 17443550  
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## Consumer

(NU) - Now more than ever before, Americans are using the Internet to get what they want, when they want it. Blockbuster Online, for instance, is a new, easy-to-use online DVD rental service that can bring the movie store right to your door with just a few clicks of a computer mouse. For less than \$15 a month, Blockbuster Online users can rent up to three movies at a time and return them at their convenience with the provided pre-paid postage envelope. To learn more, visit [www.blockbuster.com](http://www.blockbuster.com).

## Cards of Thanks

The family of George Allen would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during the years of George's illness and especially the past few weeks. No words could ever tell all of you how much you are appreciated. The food was wonderful, the plants and flowers were beautiful, and it was so nice to talk to all who called and came to visit. During the past 3 years we have had a lot to be thankful for; the EMT services. There is no way we could have managed without those fantastic caring people. And thanks to Sherman County Commissioner Tommy Asher who always made sure the roads were in good condition so the ambulance could get there to take care of George. At times like these you remember how much a "small town" way of life means to a person. Thanks again to everyone.

Mrs. Claudine Allen  
Lynn & Kathy Allen & Family  
Jerry Allen  
Ted & Sheryl Allen & Family

We want to express our gratitude to our Volunteer Fire Department, Ambulance crew, Law enforcement and to our precious relatives, friends and neighbors who responded to our 9-1-1 call last Sunday afternoon. Also, we want to thank everyone for helping with the clean up and getting us settled in a temporary home. John and Nina Lavake are humbled once again for the caring and generosity of our community.

## Consumer

(NU) - You probably know that by recycling you can save landfill space. But did you know that recycling also can produce a profit? You can recycle empty inkjet and toner cartridges through mail-back programs or local retailers like Staples. Staples offers a Recycle for Education program that gives \$1 to local education charities for every empty inkjet or toner cartridge you recycle in their stores. If you sign up at [www.staplesrecycle.com](http://www.staplesrecycle.com), your school of choice can directly collect the earnings. For more information on recycling at Staples, visit [www.staples.com/recycle](http://www.staples.com/recycle).

## Health

(NU) - Warm, wet weather has led to the early arrival of the West Nile virus this year. The pools of standing water left from the rains serve as excellent breeding places for mosquitoes, including those that carry the West Nile virus. Your local public health department or pest control professional can help you locate potential mosquito habitats and treat them with environmentally friendly larvicides. For information about how to protect yourself and your family from the West Nile virus, visit [www.mosquitoawareness.com](http://www.mosquitoawareness.com).



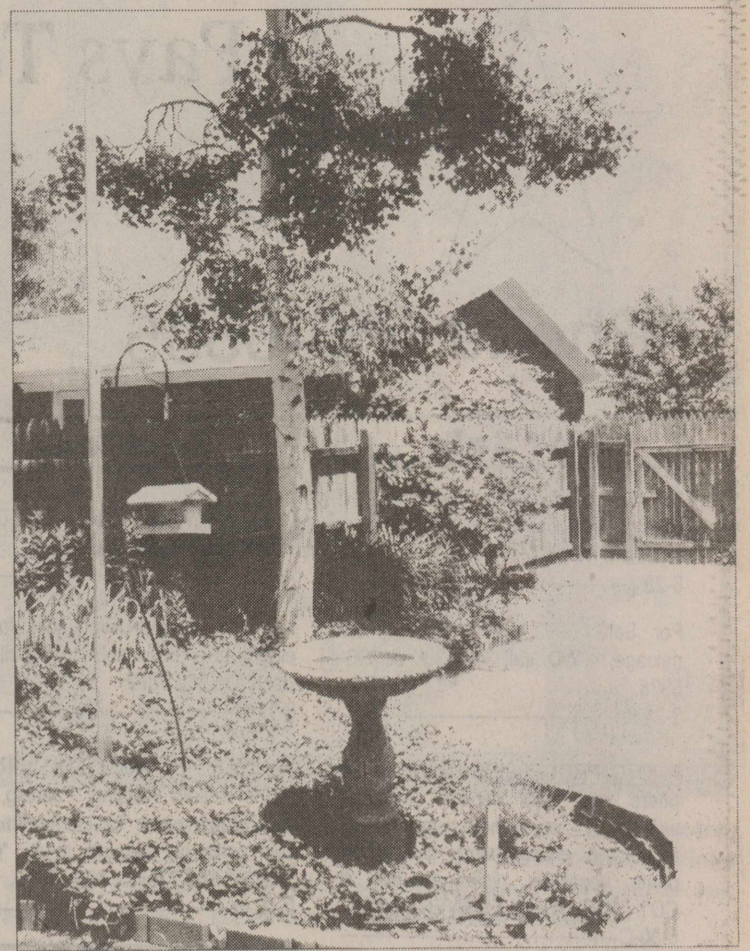
# 2005 Garden Tour



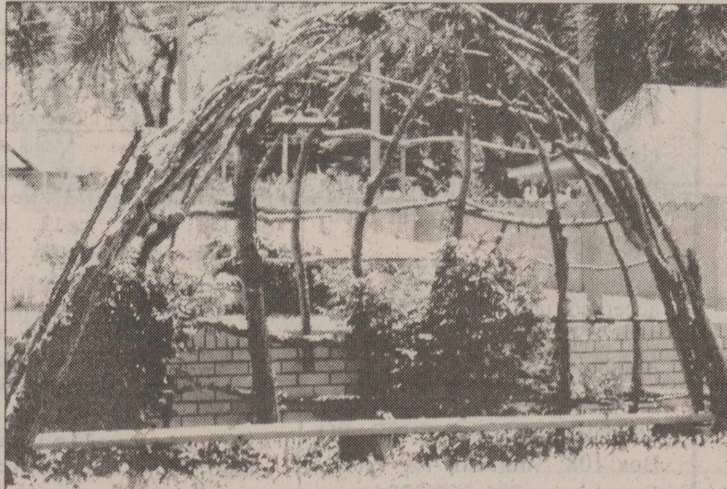
Mary Riffe's beautiful yard has evolved from a chicken house, rabbit hutch, pig pens to grass, bushes and trees.



The many evergreens in Brenda & Steve Johnson's back yard provide wonderful cool shade, but a bit of a problem when growing many plants.



Larry & Judy Drake enjoy watching the birds and squirrels and the peace and quiet of their yard.



This unusual arbor in Steve & Tana Pemberton's backyard is made from "recycled" cedar trees.

## Big Blue Band History

By J.A. Lasley

Whoa! I hollered for help and I got it. Several phone calls regarding the Name of the Café on 287-Midway Café was unanimous-but who opened or worked there was not. Perhaps not to create a controversy. I best leave who worked there alone. Also learned from one caller a couple of café's opened at various places but there is nothing in God, Grass and Grit, so best I finalize this saga eating as is.

I have run out of patience with the Amarillo Globe News. Have written, requesting printing the article about our Big Blue Marching Band or returning. Neither has happened so, I will write my story again for the Star.

The Stratford Big Blue Band celebrated with a Banquet in the High School Cafeteria, Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005. They were celebrating 34 competitions; as well as 30 Division I sweepstakes.

How did it all begin? A brief History of the SISD Band Program.

The first band was organized by Mr. M. T. Camp in 1935. Mr. Carl (Jack) Spratt-1936-1938.

Mr. Rex Beene and Mr. C.W. Beene 1938 (temporary)  
Mr. Jack K. Veazey 1040-1941  
Miss Speare-1940-1941.

The band program was dropped because of WW II-1941-1947.

Mr. Dan Whitaker 1940-1952  
Mr. John Schnabel 1952-1953.  
Mr. Wayne Stevens 1953-1955  
(Band (old one) built in 1954.

Mr. Wayne Stevens 1953-1955  
Mr. George Dick 1955-1958  
Mr. Joe Mack Hill 1958-1966  
Mr. Noel Maxwell 1966-1970  
Mr. Paul Mathis 1970-1971  
Mr. Jeff Doughton 1971-1973

Mr. Gary Laramore 1973-1979  
Mr. Randy Hunsaker 1970-  
The first earned "Sweep Stakes) Mr. Noel Maxwell 1967-1968, 1968-1969, 1969-70.

Mr. Jeff Doughton Sweepstakes 1971-72-73

Mr. Gary Laramore Sweepstakes 73-74-75,76  
Mr. Randy Hunsaker 1986,87,89,90,91,92,93,95,96,97,98,03,04

Mr. Hunsaker, along with Eldric Shanks (who came on board mid semester this year)-Randy however is starting his 27 year. He wants no fan fare. He says he has been lucky with outstanding kids who have given 100% in playing and marching. And Randy gives credit to good assistance. His three sons have played for their dad, and his wife Gail has always been there.

Not many 1-A (even 2-A0 classified schools have accomplished this kind of record.

Other honors Band competition:

1977- 4<sup>th</sup> in state-Gary Laramore

1979 2<sup>nd</sup> in State-Gary Laramore

1981-4<sup>th</sup> in state and 1983-2<sup>nd</sup> in state. (TMEA)

ATSSB-Outstanding performance series competition 2001-Won state in 2 of the 3 concert band categories.

There have been assistant band directors that have been very important in these 30 sweepstakes and 34 division I Marching: John Strothers, Bill Surface, David McIntyre (and wife) Mr. Jim Taliaferro, Jeff Witcher, Betty Ingram and Bobby Buhr.

Presently Mr. Hunsaker assistant is Eldric Shank, a Moore County Product, Mr. Hunsaker says Mr. Shank has

proven himself, jumping right in to contribute.

The band, in the early 70's was a 2A Division and these lack few years, a classified 1-A Division School.

In 2004 the band won this Division to go to State 1 point separated them from being in the top 5; however to be 6<sup>th</sup> in the State out of 22 class 1-A bands-is great.

To calculate the miles the Big Blue Band have traveled to contests; Elk football games would surpass the 20,000 miles.

This past year 105 band members only 8 senior leaving and a good 8<sup>th</sup> grade class coming up--Look out for even a bigger playing and marching Big Blue Band.

The band earns expense money selling calendars and serving the Best Band Burgers during Basketball season Home Games, along with popcorn your favorite drinks and candy.

Information-Randy, Gail Hunsaker SISD Web Site and yours truly tagging along. I played in the band under Carl (Jack) Spratt (do not know if he is still alive) and Jack Veazy, who is living at the present time.

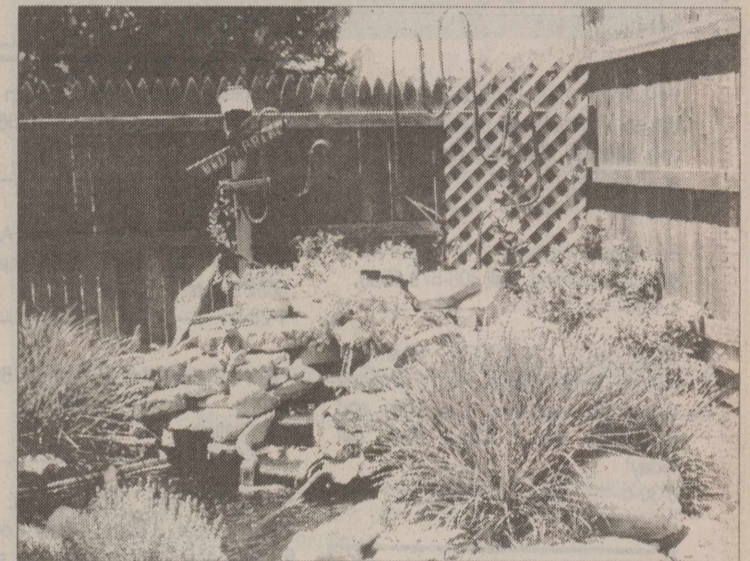
## Garden Tour

On June 26, SCOT Hall will sponsor a garden tour, starting at 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to go on the tour should meet at Roxie Park before 2 p.m. The cost of the tour will be \$5.00 per person.

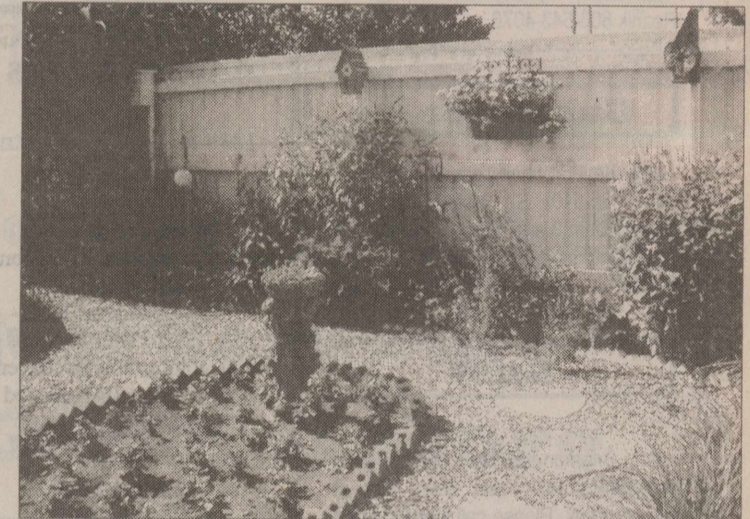
The SCOT Bus will be available for transportation, or individuals may use their own cars, or car pool.

Yards to be toured are those of Steve & Tana Pemberton, Dennis & Sherry Phelps, Larry & Judy Drake, Steve & Brenda Johnson, Claude & Leonda Fedric (who have some new additions and changes to show) and Mary Riffe.

Everyone is invited to join the tour and see some of Stratford's beautiful yards.



This beautiful fountain with water fall is the focal point of Sherry & Dennis Phelps backyard.



Claude and Leonda Fedric's yard has many whimsical decorations including 21 bird houses.



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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 SO 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.