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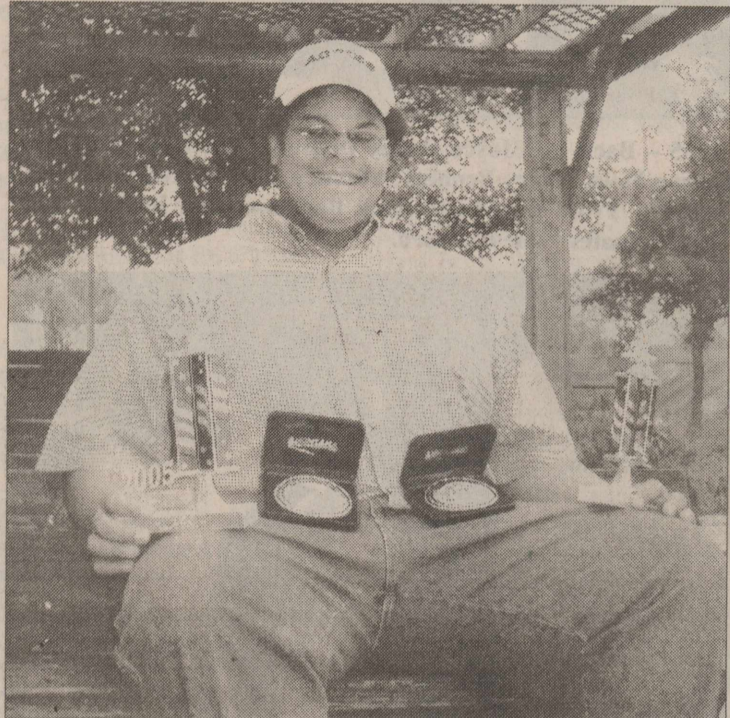
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Edmond Wins All Around Champion Cowboy

On July 30, 2005 Jacob Edmond, son of Danny and Teresa Edmond, won the title of All Around Champion Cowboy in the 14-16 age group at the XIT Junior Rodeo.



Celebration of the Season

Chamber of Commerce float in 'Celebration of the Season'. With Santa and children celebrating "The Christmas Parade" November 30, 2005. With the beginning of School, can Christmas be far behind?

Mary Allen Elementary Registration

Mary Allen Elementary will be open each day, Monday thru Friday, beginning August 8 from 9:00 to 3:00 to register new students that will be entering PreK thru 4th grade. New students will need a birth certificate, social security number, and a current shot record. We hope all of you have had a wonderful summer and we are looking forward to a wonderful school year. Our first day of school for the children will be Monday, August 15. Breakfast begins at 7:40 and classes will begin at 8:15.

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

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Friday, August 19 at the City Park from 7-9 p.m. Everyone Welcome - 6th - 12th Grade. Come enjoy a band, speaker, food, fun, and prizes!

Coldwater Manor Needs Your Old Movies!!!!

WANTED: Coldwater Manor Nursing Home would like to see some old black/white or colored movies. Our Activity Department has found that everyone likes the older movies.

If you could donate them, the residents would greatly appreciate them. Thanks.

Contact Janice Vaughn, Joann Cobos, or drop off at Coldwater Manor.

4-H Photos Needed

By Susie Spurlock

Action shot photos of 4-H Members are needed for a power point presentation being developed for the County Achievement Banquet. The banquet will be held August 22 in Stratford. Actual photo prints are welcomed and digital photos will be accepted also. Please bring prints by the County Extension Office or call Cindy Dickenson at 727-4665 to learn how to submit digital photos to her.

Photos are needed by August 1st. For more information, please contact either Susie Spurlock or Leslie Neve, County Extension Agents for Sherman County at 806-366-2122.

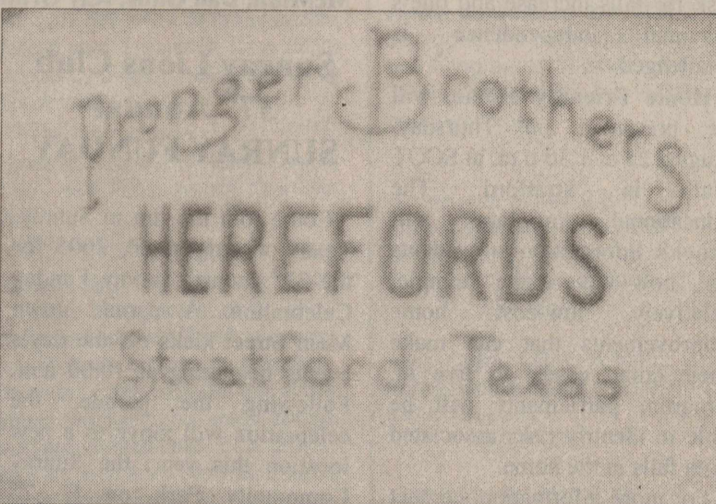
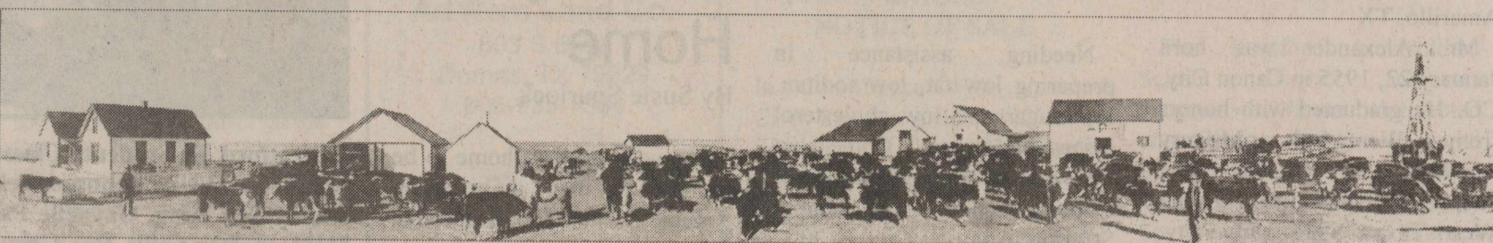
SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS ON SALE NOW

The 2005 Football Season is upon us...two-a-days began on Monday, August 1 and the Elks are eager to play ball! Season football tickets will go on sale Wednesday, August 10 in the office of the Superintendent. Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Seating will be held for previous owners until Thursday, August 25. After that date seats will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

There are 5 home games this year.
Cost of seats for the season:
Adults: \$15.00
Child-\$10.00

We are hoping for another great season and the Elks look forward to your support. For more information or to hold your seat call Penny at 366-3305. Go Elks!



100 Years on the Ranch 1904 to 1960

The Pronger Bros. Ranch has received recognition from the national Hereford Breeders Association in Kansas City, and the Texas Family Land Heritage Program (Dept. of Agriculture) in Austin, for 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS LAND OWNERSHIP AND AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION BY THE SAME FAMILY.

"To the founders, who in search of a dream found their destiny and to the heirs, who are the promise of the future, we owe the abundant blessings born of our great state."

In 1886, brothers Percy James "Perce" and Alfred Edward "Fred" Pronger left England and came to Florida with their family. The land they owned was not able to support them and they eventually came to Wichita Falls, Texas in 1890 and got into the commercial cattle business and first operated as Pronger Brothers.

Around 1903, they came to Sherman County. In January, 1904 the brothers purchased 2,560 acres from U.S. Nannie Jahns in southwest Sherman County. In 1904 cattle & crops - commercial & registered Hereford cattle, horses, burros, mules, wheat, oats, rye, barley, grain sorghum, corn and hay.

In 1905, Fred returned to Wichita Falls and married Ivie Pinkerton. Mary Allen met them at the train station when they arrived in Stratford, August 1905. Ivie Pronged & Mary Allen were friends the rest of their lives. By the 1920's Pronger Brothers Ranch was ranked as one of the largest registered Hereford herds in the nation with over 600 cows.

The Pronger Brothers were members of several organizations including the American Hereford Association, the Texas Hereford Association, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers and Texas Farm Bureau. They were also deeply involved in their community. Fred and Perce were active in the Methodist Church, the school board, and many social organizations. They were stockholders and directors of the local bank, and stockholders of the local co-op. The Pronger School, a one room country schoolhouse was located on their land.

Perce never married, but he lived with Fred and Ivie and shared the authoritative and financial responsibilities of the family. Ivie and Fred had five children-Dorothy "Polly" Pronger Summerour, Beatrice "Penny" Pronger Bennett, Percy James "P.J. or Bunny" Pronger, Jr., Doris Pronger Dyess and Alfred Edward Pronger, Jr.

After the death of Fred and Perce in 1961 their estates were divided among the five children.

Be sure and stop by the Sherman County Depot Museum to see the Pronger Bros Ranch exhibit. The museum is open from 8 until 12 noon and 2 until 4 p.m.

Pronger Brothers Ranch (Sherman/Dallam Counties if Nine miles south and west of Stratford).

(More in next issue about this prominent family).

Summer Time Lemonade



School Starts Monday, August 15th (Sorry Kids!)

More Parade Shots & Reunion pictures Page 2 & 8

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USDA Rural Development to Hold Visit in Sherman County

Representatives of USDA Rural Development will be holding an Office Day for residents of Sherman County on Wednesday, August 17, 2005, to provide information, assist with applications, and answer questions regarding the housing, community and business programs offered by the agency. The event will be held at City Hall, City Council Room, 518 North 3rd, Stratford, Texas from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Housing Programs that are offered by USDA Rural Development include the Guaranteed Housing Loan Program, Direct Housing Loan Program, Home Repair and Rehabilitation Grant Program, and the Self-Help Housing and Technical Assistance Program. Assistance is available to very low, low and moderate income families that live in rural areas, such as Hale County.

USDA Rural Development's Community Programs are designed to enhance the growth and economic opportunities of rural areas by providing the means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs and water

and waste disposal systems. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development's Community Programs have awarded \$868 million for these purposes and touched the lives of more than 840,000 rural residents in the process.

Entrepreneurship plays vital role in the economic stability of

rural Texas. With USDA Rural Development's Business and Cooperative Programs, rural businesses can gain access funds that normally would not be available to them. With the help of the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program, Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program, Rural Business Opportunity Grant Program, and the Cooperative Development Grant and Technical Assistance Program, businesses and cooperatives in rural areas can increase the economic opportunities in rural areas throughout Texas.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economics to improve their quality of life. For further information, please contact the Amarillo Local Office at 806-468-8600, Ext. or visit us on the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

Thornberry to host Community Meeting in Dalhart

Amarillo-U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) will be in Dalhart on Saturday, August 13 to visit local constituents and hear their concerns about the challenges facing us as a nation.

"Congress has passed some important legislation recently and I want to have a conversation about the agenda we have been tackling," said Thornberry. "I am sure that energy prices and Social Security will be some of the primary topics my constituents will want to discuss with me. But we can also talk about national security, the budget, and anything else they are interested in."

The schedule for the event is as follows:

Saturday, August 13th
10 a.m. Rep. Thornberry Hosts Community Meeting in Dalhart at Dalhart Senior Citizens Center at 610 Denrock

Transportation News Gaynelle Riffe

The Transportation Bill has finally passed after 2 years and 10 extensions on the last 6-year bill.

Of the \$286 billion highway bill, Ports-to-Plains in the 4 states, will receive about \$109 million in direct funding. Some of the earmark funding of interest to Stratford is: \$5 million construct a reliever route 287 south of Dumas to 287 north of Dumas; \$5.6 million reconstruct and add two lanes to US 287 from Oklahoma State Line to US 54 in Stratford; \$35 million in Oklahoma to include realignment of US 287 as a reliever route around Boise City, Oklahoma. US 54 (SPIRIT) has been designated as a High Priority Corridor. Designation reads, Corridor 54: The SPIRIT Corridor on United States Route 54 from El Paso, Texas through New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma to Wichita Kansas. Specific funding does not accompany designation, it does augment the ability to obtain funding and in certain instances permit federal funding to states to be used for such designated highways.

When will it happen? Who knows but at least we are on the drawing board.

Obits

James "Jim" Patrick Alexander

Amarillo-James "Jim" Patrick Alexander, 50 of Amarillo, died Sunday, August 7, 2005.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at Gruver Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors in Amarillo, TX.

Mr. Alexander was born January 22, 1955 in Canon City, CO. He graduated with honors from Wentworth Military Academy in Missouri and attended Amarillo College and West Texas State University. He was the owner of Alexander Enterprises and was a member of the BCA Pool League.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bobby Alexander Jr. and a sister, Catherine Alexander Nix.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Alexander of Amarillo; mother, Betty Reust and stepfather Milton of Guymon, Ok; daughters, Mandy Robinson of Amarillo and Beth Richmond & husband Jeremy of Corona, NM; stepchildren, Casey Bretz, Jesse Bretz and Amy Bretz all of Amarillo; brothers, Chuck Alexander of Amarillo, Ed Reust of Guymon, OK and Mark Reust of Clayton, NM; ten grandchildren and 10 nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be to Ronald McDonald House, 1501 Streit, Amarillo, TX 79106.

The Imagination Station News

July 30 a busy day for The Imagination Station. Hosted seating and water for Parade watchers- Won second place on the Lemonade Stand float- Sold pie by the slice at the Bar B Que. The Class of 1975 met for their class reunion in the evening. The Youth Revival was held at the Baptist Church so work began on "The Whale of a Sale" in September. Items in the windows at 309 N. Main are for sale now. Just call. Some items are electric drill, blue velvet couch, recliner chair, aquarium, golf travel bag, bicycles, 8 pc. Double bed linens, 5 pc. Baby bed linens, desk and chair. Garden tools. Luggage. Sneak a Peek!

Looking to open the Computer Lab in September. We need persons to give some computer classes. One evening or several. Planning is started for the Fall exhibit, Halloween House, and Christmas Stew Supper.

Don't forget to Sneak a Peek!

Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

We have already missed a few August activities, but will try to mention some up-coming ones.

Friday the 12th, is game night. Time is 7 o'clock.

Crafts class is Tuesday, the 16th at 5 p.m. Also on the 16th, an outing to the Chicken House is being planned, so look for the sign-up sheet. The bus will leave at 5:30 that evening.

The board meeting will be Tuesday, August 23 at 5:30 p.m.

The luncheon will be on Thursday, August 25, and at 1:30 that day, Susie Spurlock will present a program entitled "Home, Friendly Home"—giving some tips on how to make the home safer for us seniors.

By the way, there is still line dancing on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:30 when possible. It is still fun and good exercise, and new dancers would be welcome.

And, a dance is scheduled for Saturday, the 27th at 8 p.m. Music will be by Guymon's Oklahoma cowboy. Dancers, come join the fun.



Some things never change. Class of 1955 "Dragging Main"

Cooking School To Be Held

Needing assistance in preparing low fat, low sodium, low sugar and low cholesterol dishes and meals? Come join Cooking Well with Diabetes Cooking School to be held in Stratford August 16, 23, & 30th.

The Three week cooking school will focus on food preparation skills with less fat, sugar, cholesterol and sodium. The cooking school will be conducted from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the home of Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences.

Cooking Well with Diabetes Cooking School is designed to help not only the person with diabetes, but also anyone who prepares food for those with diabetes. Cost of the school is \$10.00 per person and is limited to 8 participants.

Extension educational programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

For more information or to enroll in the class, contact the Sherman County Extension Office at 806-366-2122 or come by 701 N. 3rd Street in Stratford. Registration deadline for the class is August 12th.

Parenting

(NU) - Most people learn how to deal with conflicts, face their fears, overcome challenges and solve problems by trial and error. Thus, parents might be at a loss as to how to teach their children these types of skills. Oikos Game, made by Oikos Global, is an "emotional intelligence" board game for the entire family that aims to teach children personal development and emotional skills. Oikos Global also sponsors an annual international competition for its Oikos Global Award, which recognizes and rewards young people who help their peers face challenges in their communities and schools. For more information, visit www.oikosglobal.com.

Home Friendly Home

By Susie Spurlock

Everyone wants a home to be friendly to their daily living pattern. As individuals age, the risk for falls increase and one's personal independence is challenged.

Home Friendly Home, will be presented on Thursday, August 25 at 1:30 p.m. at SCOT Hall in Stratford. The educational program will provide information to residents on how to make simple, relatively low-cost home improvements that can make their home easier to live in. Program participants will be able to identify risks associated with falls in the home.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 806-366-2122. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

Tri-Corner Art

By Mary Hill

Tri-Corner Art Association met on July 28 at 12 noon at the County barn, with President Millie hacker presiding. Along with the business meeting, members enjoyed sack lunches and visiting. Those present were Mary Jo Cox, Ione Kendrick, Dicy Stephenson, Anita DeBord, Shirley Durham, Velma Blake and Mary Hill.

The group decided to start regular painting sessions on September 6 at 10 a.m. at the County Barn. They will paint on every Tuesday, and would welcome anyone who would like to come and join them.



Stratford Ex-Students Class of 1955 - Back L/R Joyce Haney Dodson, Jean Keener Boren, Anna Mae Weller Johnson, Feliz Ramon Field, Nancy Bennett Salisbury, Sarah Lavake Keener, Sherry Self King, Gaynelle Parker Riffe. Front seated l/r: Dick Bachman, Jim Ingham, Bill McMinn, Dan Gillis, Ray Grimes. 20 Graduates - one deceased.

Sunray Lions Club 37th Annual SUNRAY FUNDAY

Come join the fun in Sunray, Texas on August 20, 2005 for the 37th annual Sunray Funday Celebration. A parade down Main Street kicks off the day's events beginning at 10:00 a.m. Following the parade, the celebration will move to a new location this year, the Sunray Community Park on E. 7th Street. NOTE: shuttle service will be available. The Sunray Lions will be serving their famous barbecue cooked by the BEAST, Moore County's longest rural mobile cooker. Serving will begin promptly at 11:27 a.m. and continue until 1:07 p.m. With every barbecue ticket purchased, you will also receive a chance to win a 32" RCA TV donated by Broxson's in Sunray. Ticket prices are \$6.00 in advance and \$7.00 on Funday. There will be games, entertainment, food, crafts, and much more. A variety of booths for crafts, games, etc. will be available for rental.

So bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join in the celebration. We look forward to seeing you in Sunray on August 20.

For more information contact: Funday Chairman-Steve Pierson at 948-1414. Booth Rental-Greg Smith at 948-4111 and Parade entry-H.A. Carter at 948-4121.



The Imagination Station held Main Street Art on July 30th. We built birdfeeders out of kits that George Harding made. Above, Gayle Harding is helping Katelyn Berry and Mary Ann Spurlock is working on her own. Below Jeanie Bell helps Mazie Vincent and Taylor Wright while Tom Rouse and Jaycee Seward build on their own. Eighteen kids and seven helpers made and painted birdfeeders. The kids were even given a bag of feed to start feeding the birds. It was a great day and the feeders have been attracting a lot of birds.



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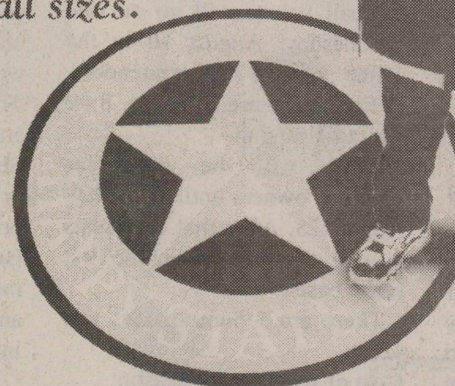
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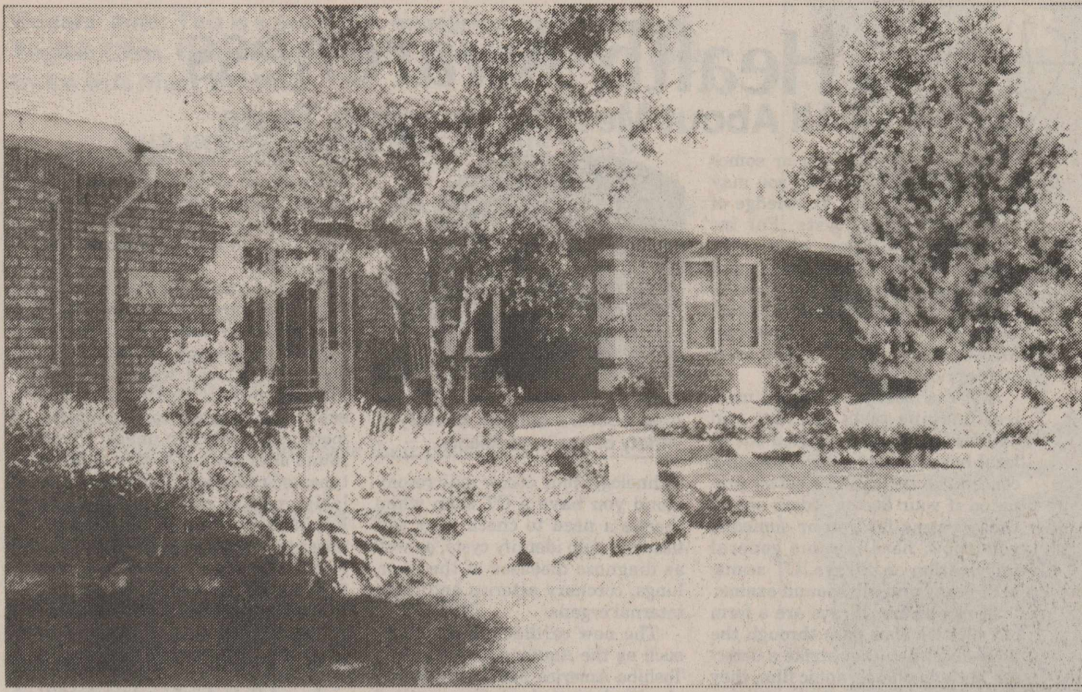


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Yard of the Month

Yard of the month for August is the home of Wesley and Susie Spurlock at 308 Kay Avenue. Photo by Dick Bachman.



Couple Honored with Shower

David Hunsaker and Angie Thomas were honored with a bridal shower Saturday, August 6, 2005 in the home of Sabrina Melton. Shown above left to right—Amanda Hunsaker holding Jordan, Gail Hunsaker, David and Angie, Kathy Thomas and Skeet Hedgecock. The couple will wed in October, 2005. Congratulations!!



Shown at left is just one of the lovely "Hansford Funny Honey's" from Spearman, TX that performed and entertained at the July Scot Hamburger supper. Ladies of the group were Mary Schuman, Linda Davis, Judy Nelson, Janie Kunselman, Judy Yarbrough, Andrea (Zimmer) Woolley, Patty Spoonmore all of Spearman. Beth Dortch & Deena Ramsey both of Morse. Terry Hart, Louise Heddins, Fran Duncan and Lee Bradford all of Gruver. The ladies were very entertaining and everyone enjoyed the evening.

A Call for Tri-State Fair Parade Entries

The 2005 SBC Tri-State Fair Parade may be five weeks away, but the time to enter your float is now. The SBC Parade and all its fanfare is set for September 17th at 10:00 a.m. Every year thousands of spectators line Polk Street to watch the line of floats, cars, horses and bands that kick off the start to the Tri-State Fair.

Sign up to join the 100 individuals, businesses and other community organizations that have already reserved a spot in the 2005 SBC Parade. This year the total number of parade entries will be limited to 150. Early birds will be rewarded with an early spot in the parade lineup because order is determined on a first come, first serve basis. Parade Chairman Walt Kelly is encouraging participants to design their float around this year's theme, "Fair time=Fun Time."

The best of the best will receive cash as part of the fun. A total award of \$600 (\$300, \$200, & \$100) will be given to the top three parade floats in the competition. The final deadline to enter is August 29th. Interested parties should call the Fair Office at (806) 376-7767 or stop by the fairgrounds to obtain a parade entry form.

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Mac Thornberry



Saturday, August 13
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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For more information, please call (806) 371-8844

First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor

921 Fulton

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed

5th & Main

Sunday 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

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

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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.

Wed. 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

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Inner Combat

Most of us have a rather perverse notion of freedom. We think it means doing whatever we want to do. All constraints are gone. Sorry. That's not the liberty we celebrate on July fourth. It's not the freedom we should celebrate on the other days of the year either. This perverted idea of independence, which justifies all sorts of deviant behavior, is actually a form of bondage. Listen to how one individual in the Bible puts it. "I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members" (Romans 7:23). Pagan Paul realizes he is a prisoner of all sorts of evil urges rising up within him. He is not free at all. He therefore cries out in anguish, "Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?" (Romans 7:24). There is only one answer to this cry of distress. Jesus Christ. We gain freedom, a new start in life, through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Listen to Pagan Paul once again. "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death" (Romans 8:2). This freedom is liberty to serve God, to do good, to live with a clear conscience. This is true freedom.

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Pastor Roy Harris
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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



Arriving at the Playa Lakes Festival in Canadian, TX were: Back row L/R Kathie Altman, Lupe Conway, Alex Asher, Tera Imler-Harris, Teresa Wells, Heidi Brooks, Front L/R Violet Conway, Chase Lutes, Madeline Drake, Kathy Brooks and Monica Ramos. Not shown: Lidia Mendoza.

Playa Lakes Festival in Canadian, Texas

By Kathie Altman

Nine Stratford ISD students attended the Playa Lakes Festival in Canadian, Texas and Lipscomb, Texas July 18-20. These students will be entering 4th-7th grades in August 2005: Alex Asher, Heidi Brooks, Kathy Brooks, Violet Conway, Madeline Drake, Tera Imler-Harris, Chase Lutes, Lidia Mendoza and Monica Ramos. Adult sponsors were: Kathie Altman, Lupe Conway and Teresa Wells. They joined 21 other students from Claude, Goodnight, Canadian, Higgins and Lipscomb in the 3-day seminar.

On the first day of the Festival, these students knew very little about playa lakes, wastewater reuse, the Canadian River, and the Ogallala Aquifer. Each day they gained a better understanding of surface water hydrology, how Ogallala groundwater is being steadily depleted, and what they can do to preserve water and promote a healthy water cycle.

Festival director, Dr. Darryl Birkenfeld, said "These kids and their adult sponsors received a crash course on water issues with some of the region's best teachers—this Festival would rival anything taught in a university. Our High Plains water isn't always easy to see, but it is hard at work in thousands of playa lakes, small springs, large draws and creeks that turn into some big river further east, and, of course, the mighty Ogallala Aquifer."

On the first day, students heard about playa lakes: their origin, their flora and fauna, their impact on wildlife, and their ability to recharge the Ogallala Aquifer.

Each student was given a journal to write down important information and observations. In addition, they received a camera to help in recording these observations. Dick Wilburforce talked about the use of photography as a tool for learning and for art. He guided the students each day in their picture records.

The group traveled to Lipscomb and rode a wagon to Wolf Creek to dig clay on the creek bank. More about this on day three Debbie Opdyke from Lipscomb guided the students in this clay harvest.

After a picnic of roasted hotdogs and marshmallows, the group traveled to a playa lake and gathered interesting plants and other specimens. Dr. Luke Lewis, biologist with Texas Prairie Rivers Region, Inc, Bob Rogers, Biologist from Canadian; and Jim Steiert of Hereford, author of "Plays: Jewels of the Plains" helped the students identify the plant samples.

On day 2, the group went with Dr. Nick Parker, Global Scientific, Lubbock to study

water reuse and to tour the Canadian wastewater lagoons. He demonstrated how plants help clean our water.

After another picnic lunch, students attended a creative writing module with Andy Wilkinson, poet, singer, songwriter and Amanda Shires, write and musician, both from Lubbock. They taught students how to create poems and use writing as a creative tool to learn about playa lakes and water use. The students wrote a group poem about the plays, and then each composed an individual poem in their journals.

On day 3, Bart Wyatt, Education Director with Panhandle Groundwater, talked to the students about the hydrologic cycle and water recharge. Rhonda Artho, Education Director from North Plains Groundwater Conservation District in Dumas, oriented students to the history and current status of the Ogallala Aquifer and issues surrounding its use and conservation.

Everyone went to the Canadian River where Debbie Opdyke showed the students how to build a fire on the sand. Then each student used the clay from day one to make a pinch pot. Each pot was buried in the hot sand to bake.

The students were bussed to the Washita River, south of Canadian, for a picnic and to see the headwaters of the river.

After returning to Canadian, the students gathered their pots, told their new friends goodbye and traveled back to Stratford.

The Playa Lakes Festival was organized by Ogallala Commons, an education resource network active in eight states of the Ogallala Aquifer regions. Their executive director, Dr. Darryl Birkenfeld, was the Festival director.

Playa Lakes Joint Venture provided a grant for the Festival. Other sponsors were: Water Resources Center at Texas Tech University, The southwest Collection/Special Collections library at Texas Tech, North Plains Groundwater Conservations District, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, and Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District.

A special thank you to Stratford ISD for providing a van for our transportation to the Festival each day.

Two persons cannot long be friends if they cannot forgive each other's little failings.
—Jean De La Bruyere

No persons are more frequently wrong, than those who will not admit they are wrong.
—Duc De La Rochefoucauld

Wildland Fires

By Sandy Williams

Due to the hot, dry conditions we experience in the Texas Panhandle, residents need to be extra cautious. Although wildland or grass fires are normally considered to be in the country and a distance from towns and cities, their fast movement and rapid spread can impact homes and businesses on the edges of towns. Wildfire can strike home if you have not taken some steps to protect your house and property. The actions and precautions listed below are designed to help you prepare your home and property and lessen the threat of wildland fire damage to you and your property.

10 Simple Steps to Protect Your Home from Wildland Fire

- #1 LPG tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area around tank clear of flammable vegetation.
- #2 Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.
- #3 All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats, stack lumber, etc. should be kept away from structures.
- #4 Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid buildup of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.
- #5 Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more.
- #6 In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least 3 times the fuel length around the structures.
- #7 Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach your roof, shovel, rake and a bucket or two for water.
- #8 have connected garden hoses at all sides of your home for emergency use.

#9 Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your home.

#10 Assure that you and your family knows all emergency exits from your neighborhood.

During hot, dry periods you should be aware of the following things:

- #1 Know if there is a burning ban in place for your town, city or county.
- #2 If you burn, contact Sherman County Sheriff Dispatch at 806-366-5551 and give the location (city or county) where you intent to burn. If there is a high fire danger for that time period, you will be advised.
- #3 If you burn, clear a large area on the ground of any combustible materials such as grass, leaves and scrap wood, burn only what you want to burn.
- #4 Do not leave your burn pile unattended and have a hose at the ready.

The thing that is incredible is life itself. Why should we be here in this sun-illuminated universe? Why should there be green earth under our feet?
—Edwin Markham

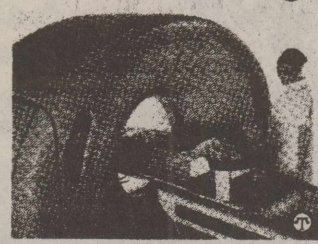
Health Awareness All About Medical Imaging Tests

(NAPS)—Before you or someone you love becomes ill, you may want to check your knowledge of medical imaging tests. For instance, do you know what a CT scan is? Or when your doctor will recommend that you have an X-ray versus an ultrasound exam? What if your doctor ordered an MRI scan—would you know what your options are?

For the most part, today's medical imaging tests are fast and painless procedures carried out at local hospitals or medical imaging centers. To help you be better prepared if your doctor orders one of these exams for you or someone you know, here is some general information on X-rays, CT scans, MRI scans and ultrasound exams:

X-ray exam. X-rays are a form of radiation that pass through the body and when they strike a detector, such as photographic film, they produce an image. Dense tissue such as bones appear white on the X-ray picture, while less dense tissue such as muscles appear in shades of grey. If there are any abnormalities—for instance, a broken bone—they will show up clearly on the X-ray. The most common type of X-ray is the chest X-ray, which can help doctors identify lung conditions like pneumonia. Doctors also order X-rays to check for fractures and heart problems such as an enlarged heart.

CT scan. Computed tomography scans—also known as CT or "CAT" scans—combine the use of X-rays with the latest computer



technology. Your doctor may recommend you have a CT scan when there's a need to check your soft tissue to help identify cysts, as well as diagnose diseases of the liver, lungs, coronary arteries and other internal organs.

The new cardiac CT scanners, such as the Aquilion 64 CFX from Toshiba America Medical Systems, also let doctors check for suspected heart disease and often eliminate the need for people to undergo invasive cardiac angiograms. These fast and painless cardiac CT scans can be done while you take a single breath—usually in just 10-15 seconds.

MRI scan. MRI uses a powerful magnet and pulses of radio waves to create images of the body's internal organs and structures. The MRI can detect changes which may indicate diseases caused by trauma, infection, inflammation or tumors. For instance, your doctor will have you undergo an MRI scan if you have a

sports injury, lower back problems, or suspected arthritis or osteoporosis. If you're claustrophobic, you may want to ask to have an open MRI instead of a traditional enclosed MRI.

Ultrasound exam. During this procedure (also known as a sonogram), a small instrument placed on the body directs high frequency sound waves toward internal organs. This produces an echo that returns to the instrument and creates an image. Ultrasound does not use X-rays or other types of radiation and is particularly good at capturing motion. For instance, millions of expectant parents have seen the first "picture" of their unborn child thanks to pelvic ultrasound examinations. An ultrasound exam can be given at any time during pregnancy to track the development and health of the baby.

In addition, your doctor will have you undergo this exam to check for health problems such as gallstones, deep vein thrombosis, appendicitis, ectopic pregnancy, hip dysplasia, pancreatitis and aortic aneurysms.

If you want to know what to expect during any of the above exams, ask your doctor, hospital or medical imaging center for a list of written instructions. Also, if you have any last minute questions, talk with the technologist—the person operating the equipment—before the exam starts so you're 100 percent ready for the procedure.

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Editors' note: This is a poem J.E. memorized in High School English Class. He truly tried to be a friend to all. Sent to paper by his wife Mary Brannan.

THE HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

"He was a friend to man, & lived in a house by the side of the road."

-Homer

There are HERMIT SOULS that live withdrawn
In the peace of their self-content;
There are souls, like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Where highways never ran;
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by--
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scormer's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban;
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a fiend to man.

INSPIRATION

I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife.
But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears--
Both parts of an infinite plan;
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead,
And mountains of wearisome height,
That the road passes on through the long afternoon
And stretches away to the night.
But still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice,
And weep with the strangers that moan,
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by--
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,
Wise, foolish-so am I.
Then why should I sit in the scormer's seat
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

Sam Walter Foss

Farm Service Agency Increasing Quail Populations through Sound Cooperative Conservation Practices

Bobwhite Quail enthusiasts in Texas may no longer wonder where all the quail have gone, thanks to the efforts of USDA's Farm Service Agency and its many partners.

"All species seem to have their dedicated devotees, but no game species seems to provoke more enthusiasm than bobwhite quail," said Rebecca Hemphill, County Executive Director of the Sherman County Farm Service Agency.

Northern bobwhite quail are a native species with a historic range in the Midwest and Southeast areas of the country. The birds are a valued inhabitant of farm landscapes, an important aspect of rural culture and are a key element to the heritage of hunting.

However, the northern bobwhite quail population has declined dramatically over the last quarter-century. Their habitat is disappearing due to urbanization, increased grassland cultivation and a transitioning of once grassy fields into woods and forests—a process called succession.

To underline the bird's importance, the Farm Service Agency, which has the largest conservation partnership involving private land in the United States, is paying private land owners in 35 states, including Texas, to set aside land for quail habitat. The Conservation Reserve Program's Northern Bobwhite Quail Habitat Initiative introduced a conservation practice intended to create 250,000 acres of early

succession grass buggers along agricultural field borders. To date, more than 48,000 acres have been enrolled nationwide. The Farm Service Agency estimates this nesting and brood-rearing cover will increase bobwhite quail numbers by three-quarters of a million birds annually. Planted buffers will also benefit reptiles, amphibians, aquatic species and upland birds, many of which are being considered for listing as endangered species. In addition the initiative will reduce soil erosion and protect water

quality by trapping field sediments and nutrients.

The quail population in each of the "select" states has been studied; and organized efforts by wildlife groups and sporting organizations are underway to boost quail populations. Study results all point to one thing—the need for more wildlife habitat.

"I there is one thing quail lovers agree on, it's that FSA's Conservation Reserve Program has provided the necessary funds for farmers and landowners to create habitat for these desirable upland birds," said Hemphill.

USDA estimates that through the Northern Bobwhite Quail Habitat Initiative, CRP will provide \$125 million in payments to participants through 2007, when the overall statutory enrollment limit is expected to be reached. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and 32 state fish and wildlife agencies are providing technical monitoring and evaluation assistance.

The Farm Service Agency has partnered with Quail Unlimited the Southeast Quail Study Group, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, the National Wild Turkey Federation and other conservation groups, as

well as local conservation districts, to provide outreach, technical expertise and other assistance.

As a result of this unique partnership and success seen thus far, the Northern Bobwhite Quail initiative was chosen to be one of 30 case studies to be presented at the White House Conference for Cooperative conservation later this month in St. Louis. The project contact and conference presenter is Donald McKenzie, Northern Conservation initiative Coordinator, 501-941-7994, wmidm@ipa.net

Lions Clubs Encourage Early Childhood Vision Screenings

(NU) - Health screenings are a traditional part of the back-to-school season throughout the country. Eye screenings in particular are important for children entering school for the first time, since vision and learning are inextricably linked.

According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, vision problems affect one in every 20 preschoolers and one in four



Shown above the Samuel High School Deaf Choir under the direction of Connie Miller. The group consists of 11 deaf and hard of hearing students.

Region 16 ESC to host Annual At-Risk Conference

Area educators and interested community agencies and individuals are invited to participate in the Twelfth Annual At-Risk Conference, *Soaring to Success*, from 9a a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 17 in the Amarillo Civic Center.

Sponsored by Region 16 Education Service Center, West Texas A&M University and Amarillo Independent School District, the conference will feature two nationally-known speakers and the Samuel High School Deaf Choir from Dallas Independent School District. Presenters include Ruby K. Payne, Ph.D., *A Framework for Understanding Poverty*, and Murry Banks, *Soaring to Success-Teaching with Passion and Style*.

An expert on poverty and mindsets of economic classes, Dr. Payne has been a professional educator since 1972, from high school teacher, principal, central office administrator, to educational consultant. Since 1996, she has trained tens of thousands of professionals yearly and has certified more than 4,500 Framework trainers.

One of the nation's most sought after speakers in the area of lifestyle and its impact on performance, Banks is a world class athlete and honored educator. He was named Vermont's Teacher of the Year in 1982 and has won four national championships in the triathlon, twice finishing among the top in the world. He also won the Masters World Championship two times in cross-country skiing.

Under the direction of Connie Miller, the Samuel High School Deaf Choir has commanded state and national attention by "singing" the words of songs in the air. The group, consisting of 11 deaf and hard of hearing students, has performed for the State Fair of Texas, the Fort Worth Naval Disability Fair, the Office of Homeland Security, a government statewide leadership conference, the Harlem Globetrotters, the Dallas Cowboys, the Texas Rangers, the Dallas Mavericks, the Dallas Sidekicks and a rally for President Bush.

The conference will also include numerous exhibitors and booths with representatives from community programs.

Cost of the conference is \$15, which includes lunch and refreshments. Participants may register online at www.esc16.net. Limited on-site registration will be also accepted between 8-9 a.m. when refreshments and exhibits will be available.

For further information, contact Elaine Wells at 677-5123.

504 CHILD FIND NOTICE

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

AVISO DE IDENTIFICACION DE ESTUDIANTES INCAPACITADOS BAJO LA SECCION 504

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

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

2005 Stratford Elks Football Schedule

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| Aug. 13 (Sat) | Canadian (Scrimmage) | There | 10:00 |
| Aug. 18(Thurs) | Sanford-Fritch (Scrimmage) | There | TBA |
| Aug. 26 | West Texas | Here | 7:30 |
| Sept. 2 | Panhandle (Homecoming) | Here | 7:30 |
| Sept. 9 | Spearman | There | 7:30 |
| Sept. 16 | Dalhart | Here | 7:30 |
| Sept. 23 | Tulia | There | 7:30 |
| Sept. 30 | Open | | |
| Oct. 7 | *Gruver | There | 7:30 |
| Oct. 14 | *Booker | Here | 7:30 |
| Oct. 21 | *White Deer | There | 7:30 |
| Oct. 28 | *Sunray | There | 7:30 |
| Nov. 4 | *Vega | Here | 7:30 |
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| Sept. 1 | Gruver | There | 5:00 |
| Sept. 8 | Perryton | Here | 7:30 |
| Sept. 15 | White Deer | There | 5:00 |
| Sept. 22 | Sunray | There | 5:00 |
| Sept. 29 | Vega | Here | 5:00 |
| Oct. 6 | Gruver | Here | 5:00 |
| Oct. 13 | Booker | There | 5:00 |
| | Perryton | There | 7:30 |
| Oct. 20 | White Deer | Here | 5:00 |
| Oct. 27 | Sunray | Here | 5:00 |
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farsightedness and nearsightedness, cataracts and misalignment of the eyes.

More than 430,000 pre-literate children in the U.S. between the ages of 6 months and 5 years have been photoscreened for such vision problems through their local Lions clubs. Nearly 26,500 of them have been referred for treatment.

These photoscreenings, which are done by trained volunteers, are a cost-effective way to identify vision problems in children and have been shown to be 85 percent to 90 percent accurate.

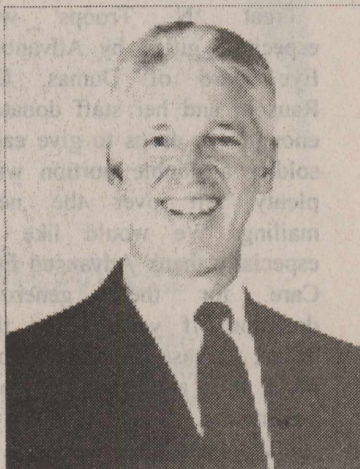
Vision disorders are the fourth most common disability among children in the U.S. The earlier children are screened, the better the chance of preventing permanent vision loss.

A child might be exhibiting signs of a vision problem if he or she:

- rubs his or her eyes often;
- has trouble focusing;
- blinks more than usual;
- squints when focusing on distant objects;
- frowns excessively;
- stumbles over small objects;
- is sensitive to light;
- has inflamed or watery eyes.



Ruby K. Payne, Ph.D.



Murry Banks

Those who think they have no time for bodily exercise will sooner or later have to find time for illness.

—Edward Stanley

Safety

(NU) - Are schools safe? Considering the number of tragic events that have occurred at schools across the country in recent years, this is one question that every parent, teacher, administrator and community member is having a hard time answering. To raise awareness of school safety and security issues, the National Crime Prevention Council developed the Be Safe and Sound initiative in collaboration with National PTA. This public education effort mobilizes parents to work with school officials and policymakers in creating an environment where students feel safe. To learn more, visit www.npc.org/besafe.

Lack of activity destroys the good condition of every human being, while movement and methodical physical exercise save it and preserve it.

—Plato

Treat 'N Troops Volunteers Met August 4, 2005

Treat 'N Troops volunteers met Thursday, August 4, 2005 to pack for two local soldiers and their units.

Janice Sladek, Ann Wells, Kathie Altman, Kay Payne, Betty Carter, Joyce McBryde, Maurine Plunk, Gene Weinette, and Sue Hudson were busy sending the items donated by the citizens of Stratford to Josh Marshall and to Ty Young.

Treat 'N Troops was especially gifted by Advanced Eye Care of Dumas. Dr. Ransom and her staff donated enough eye drops to give each soldier a double portion with plenty left over the next mailing. We would like to especially thank Advanced Eye Care for their generous donation. If you are in the office, please mention how much it is appreciated by our community.

Josh Marshall is the son of Mark and Joyce Marshall and the grandson of Gene and Jean Marshall and Dick and Jo Davenport all of Stratford. Josh received gifts for 52 soldiers in his unit, plus beef jerky, magazines and batteries. The Men's Bible Class of First Christian Church donated a case of No Mans Land Jerky. Lynda Hauser, Librarian of Stratford High School has been diligent in sharing the magazines that come to the school during the summer and are left unread. Ordinarily, they would have been disposed of, but Lynda has sent them to the soldiers. The men and women will be current on sports, hot rods, hunting & fishing, farming, mechanics and even a little gardening and

cooking. "Guise Post" magazines were also donated.

Ty Young is the son of James Young and Susie Hale. He is the grandson of Marie Young of Stratford. Ty is serving in Iraq with a unit of 15 soldiers. He and his friends will also share the same gifts mentioned above. All of the men and women were treated with new, white socks. The combination of sweat and sand are an on-going problem for many of the soldier's feet. New socks seem to be a real treat for the troops serving in Iraq.

As donations are received, this project will continue. The return of school children is certainly a big help for this endeavor. The students are always enthusiastic and willing to help with donations.

Please keep these and other soldiers in your prayers. These boxes will go to Josh and Ty after a special prayer was lifted over them. We pray for God to continue to watch over these and other troops...ultimately to return home safely and soon.

Puerto Vallarta Fish Stew

- 1 Tbsp. canola oil
- 1 cup diced yellow onion (½-inch)
- 2 cups diced zucchini (½-inch)
- 2 Tbsp. minced fresh jalapenos
- 1 Tbsp. minced garlic
- 2 cups fish stock
- 1 cup canned diced tomatoes
- 1½ lbs. boneless, skinless snapper fillets, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 cup California Ripe Olives, halved
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro
- 2 Tbsp. lime juice

Directions:

Heat oil in a large saucepot over medium heat. Add yellow onions and cook for 2 to 3 minutes until softened. Stir in zucchini, jalapenos and garlic and continue cooking for 2 more minutes until lightly browned.

Pour in fish stock and tomatoes and bring to a boil. Add snapper, cover and simmer over low heat for 10 minutes. Stir in California Ripe Olives, cilantro and lime juice. Season to taste with salt. Serve hot. Serves 4.

Nutritional Analysis Per Serving: Calories 283, Fat 9g, Cholesterol 53mg, Sodium 514mg, Carbohydrate 14g, Protein 35g, Calories from fat 30%.

Tips on Lawn Sprinkler Efficiency from North Plains Water District

As the summer progresses and rainfall is not always dependable, it becomes more and more important for homeowners to water their landscapes efficiently to maintain healthy plants and use water effectively. To be efficient, it's important to use only as much water as you need while losing the minimum to runoff or evaporation. The water must thoroughly penetrate the soil into the root zone of the plants, usually to a depth of about 4-6 inches in clay soils and up to 8 inches in loamy soil, depending on the plant. Grasses especially benefit from infrequent deep soakings to encourage deep roots to better help the plant survive times of stress and drought. In general, lawns need 1 1/2 inches of water per week in summer, and Bermuda grass and native grasses require less. If the water comes from rain, which we always hope for, enjoy it and adjust your sprinkling schedule to account for the free water you received.

To use water efficiently, you must know how much water is reaching your plants' roots. In-ground sprinkler systems may vary in how much water is being applied in different zones, or may not be set for the time of day and length of water period that is most beneficial for lawns. Portable sprinklers also vary in the uniformity of their spray patterns and in the amount of water they release over a given period of time. The best way to gauge the spray uniformity and measure the output of your sprinkler or sprinkler system is to use the catch-can method.

This easy method can quickly give you an idea of how fast your system is applying water and how to adjust it to use water more efficiently. To begin,

gather six or more containers of the same size and capacity, such as straight-sided mugs or tuna cans. Place the containers at regular intervals throughout the spray pattern of your sprinkler or sprinkler system, starting within a couple of feet of the sprinkler and extending out to the far reach of the spray. For an in-ground system, check multiple spray heads to get an overall average for the system. Put containers at the sides of the spray pattern as well as in the center.

Turn on the sprinkler and note the amount of time it takes to fill a container with an inch of water. Check the water level in all the containers to determine the uniformity of the spray pattern. If the pattern is very uneven, you will need to move the portable sprinkler to overlap the deficient areas.

To see how deep the water is soaking in, wait a few hours and then use a shovel or trowel to remove a wedge of soil near the catch can with an inch of water

in it. Measure the depth of the moisture in the soil. Depending on whether your soil is sandy, clay, or something in between, the moisture will extend from a few inches to nearly a foot deep. Use this measurement and the time it took to apply the water to determine the length of time you need to let your sprinkler run to thoroughly water the plant roots. Clay soil takes longer to absorb water than sandy soil, and may need multiple shorter applications instead of one long watering session. Apply water only until it begins to puddle, then turn off the water and wait until the soil absorbs the water before continuing.

The best time of day to water your plants is early morning when the air is still cool. It is also important to water at the times of day when the wind is mildest. Watering in the middle of the day when wind and evaporation are greatest

consumes up to 15 percent more water. Watering on windy days also deforms the spray pattern, making the application less uniform.

It is also important to monitor your sprinkler or sprinkler system to ensure that water is falling on the areas you want to water and not on the street or sidewalk. Water that falls on streets, driveways, sidewalks, buildings and other nontarget areas is wasted and can also lead to pollution from car fluids and other chemicals that wash into downstream waterways.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (NPWD) has a variety of materials on water efficient landscape care, as well as water efficient plant selection and efficient use of water around the home. These materials are free to the public and can be obtained at the NPWD office at 603 East 181 Street in Dumas.

Philanthropy

(NU) - What can you do to make the world a better place? One of the best things you can do is create a charitable foundation to contribute to a cause that's near and dear to you. Establishing a foundation is no longer an activity confined to the wealthy. Established in 1968, the National Heritage Foundation provides the necessary tools and support to anyone who wants to set up a foundation for charitable, educational, scientific or religious activities. It takes care of all of the administrative tasks and also can help with marketing and fundraising strategies. For more information, visit www.nhf.org.

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
- 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.

I am pushing sixty. That is enough exercise for me. —Mark Twain

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Stratford Independent School District has announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch program and/or School Breakfast Program. The cafeteria has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

| FAMILY SIZE | ANNUALLY | | MONTHLY | | WEEKLY | |
|--|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| | FREE | REDUCED | FREE | REDUCED | FREE | REDUCED |
| 1 | \$12,441 | 17,705 | 1,037 | 1,476 | 240 | 341 |
| 2 | 16,679 | 23,736 | 1,390 | 1,978 | 321 | 457 |
| 3 | 20,917 | 29,767 | 1,744 | 2,481 | 403 | 573 |
| 4 | 25,155 | 35,798 | 2,097 | 2,984 | 484 | 689 |
| 5 | 29,393 | 41,829 | 2,450 | 3,486 | 566 | 805 |
| 6 | 33,631 | 47,860 | 2,803 | 3,989 | 647 | 921 |
| 7 | 37,869 | 53,891 | 3,156 | 4,491 | 729 | 1,037 |
| 8 | 42,107 | 59,922 | 3,509 | 4,994 | 810 | 1,153 |
| 9 | 46,345 | 65,953 | 3,863 | 5,497 | 892 | 1,269 |
| 10 | 50,583 | 71,984 | 4,217 | 6,000 | 974 | 1,385 |
| 11 | 54,821 | 78,015 | 4,571 | 6,503 | 1,056 | 1,501 |
| 12 | 59,059 | 84,046 | 4,925 | 7,006 | 1,138 | 1,617 |
| For each additional family member add: | | | | | | |
| | \$4,238 | \$6,031 | \$354 | \$503 | \$82 | \$116 |

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of the free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "NONE". An adult household member must sign the application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, The Business Manager will review application and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Tim Gilliland, Superintendent PO Box 108 Stratford, TX 79084 Phone (806) 366-3303.

Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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

- 1. Lifeguard by James Patterson
- 3. The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
- 8. The Mermaid Chair by Sue Monk Kidd
- 10. Long Time Gone by J.A. Jance
- 11. Miracle by Danielle Steel
- 13. Eleven on Top by Janet Evanovich
- 15. True Believer by Nicholas Sparks
- 16. The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
- 17. Crusaders Cross by James Lee Burke
- 21. Dancing in the Dark by Mary Jane Clark
- 22. Cross Bones by Kathy Reichs
- 24. 4th of July by James Patterson
- 27. Angels and Demons by Dan Brown
- 35. Velocity by Dean Koontz

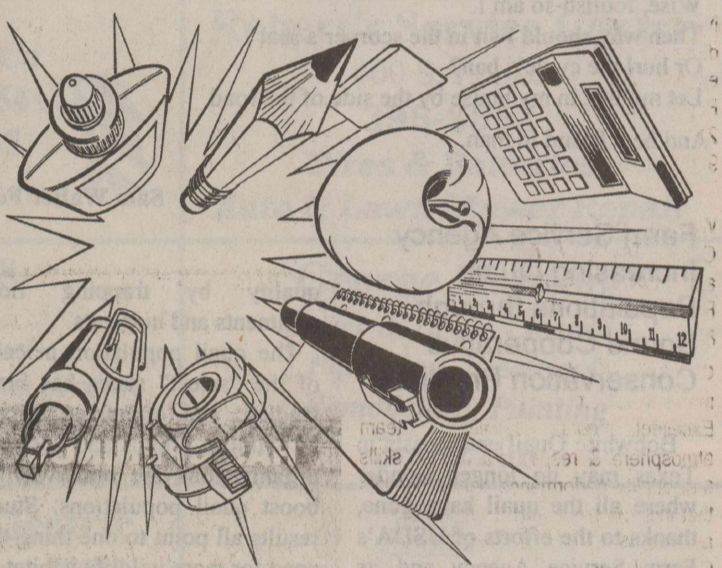
(NU) - According to a report by The Associated Press, soft adventure is expected to be one of the biggest travel trends for 2005. Soft adventure is less strenuous than typical adventure travel, with more convenient accommodations and amenities.

Rocky Mountaineer Vacations, one of North America's largest vacation specialists, is embracing this trend with packages that explore western Canada's snow-capped mountains and abundant wildlife. Its "Spectacular Canada" collection of vacations vary from lodge and ranch stays to city discoveries and from relaxing resorts to self-drive tours.

Many of the packages can be booked in conjunction with the two-day Rocky Mountaineer Rail Journey between Canada's west and the Canadian Rockies.

For more information, visit www.spectacularcanada.com and www.rockymountaineer.com.

BACK TO SCHOOL SALE



Bring in \$5 worth of school supplies to any XIT Customer Care Center and receive \$10 off any in store purchase.

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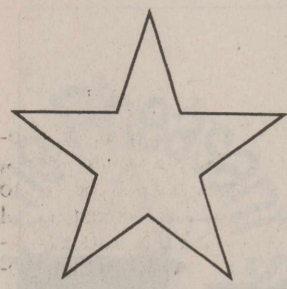
Ask about the XIT School Rebate Program and how you can help your local schools earn money.

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Used Tire Sale: Duncan Chevrolet-366-5557.
7-24-tfn

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

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

WANTED: Responsible party to take on small monthly Payments on High Definition Big Screen TV 1-800-398-3970.
8-18-p

For Sale: Hammond Organ, in good condition. Call Marlene at 366-3181.
8-11-c

Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, August 13
305 Kay Avenue
8:30 a.m. - ?
No early birds!
8-11-c

Help Wanted

Needed: pianist, organist and choir director. Salary dependent upon experience. If interested contact the First United Methodist Church at 396-2178.
9-1-c4xc

Wanted: Part-time Sherman County Older Texan Director. Pick up application at SCOT Hall Monday-Friday 12-4 p.m. EOE.
8-11-c

Cimarron Feeders needs a full time member to join the Pen Riding Team. Excellent horse facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Great benefits that include: Medical & Dental insurance as well as 401 K, vacation & bonuses. Come fill out an application. Questions? Call: Chad @580-543-6383 ext. 200. Must pass physical and drug test. EOE
7-21-4x-8-10-05

Found

Found: Women's Ring in front of City Hall. Call 396-2011-Lynn Wells
8-11-c

Travel

(NU) - If you were asked to guess the location of the world's largest golf course, chances are China wouldn't be your answer. But it's true: In 2004, the Mission Hills Golf Club in China was officially recognized as the world's largest golf club by the Guinness World Records. The club stretches over 50 miles and boasts 180 challenging holes of golf spread over 10 championship courses designed by golf legends from five continents. Mission Hills is a world-class resort as well, with two five-star hotels and other top-notch amenities. To learn more, visit www.missionhills.com.

Auto

(NU) - Tired of paying more and more for gas? Fuel prices this year have been at the highest levels in 25 years, and with world demand for oil higher than ever, they most likely won't decrease any time soon. According to Zap, a publicly owned company based in California that manufactures an array of electric vehicles, one of the best ways to beat rising gas prices is to buy and drive an electric car. Gas cars use about 10 cents' worth of fuel for every mile, whereas electric cars use only 3 cents' worth. To learn more, go to www.zapworld.com or call (800) 251-4555.

I have to exercise in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

---Marsha Doble

Services

Tree trimming or removal. Call Dusty Stewart for a free bid. 366-7601.
6-9-tfn

I will do little handiwork jobs for the elderly at a reasonable cost. Call Dick Bachman 366-7679.
8-19-tfn

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9-16-tfn

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7-28-2mo.-9-8-05

Stay at home Mom would like to keep 1 to 2 children in my home. Days-Monday thru Friday. CPR Certified, References available. Please call Tonya at 366-7555.
8-25-c

For Rent

2 bdrm house for rent: garage & fenced backyard. Call 396-2125.
7-14-tfn

3 bedroom, 2 bath-204 S. Main, Stove, Refrig, Dishwasher included, Central H/A, W/D Hook-ups, Rent: \$450 Deposit: \$200. Contact Kristine Olsen 244-5646. References requested.
8-3-c

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

One bedroom completely furnished house for rent. Call 396-2125.
4-7-tfn

House for Rent-2 Bdrm at 609 N. Grace. Call 366-2008 for more information.
5-12-tfn

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

Lost

Lost or Strayed, from 10 miles east of Stratford, 600 lb. Heifer, Blue tag in right ear, purple tag in left ear.
Brand S on right hip.
Joe Flores, 396-5538 (work)
396-5389 (home)
7-21-c

Land For Sale

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

Medical Fund for Mandy Helmuth @ 1st 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 1st State Bank.

Houses for Sale

New Listing. For Sale by Owner: 601 S. Spruce, (across from Girl Scout park), 3/2 brick home on 1.1 acres. Like New. Large master bedroom and bath, central H/A. Nice backyard with new fence, patio and sprinkler system. Attached garage. Call (806) 366-3764 or (806) 681-5284.
7-21-8x-9-1-c

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

House for Sale: 802 N. Fulton, Carpet, CH/A Heat Pump system. Call 396-2007.
5-12-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, CH/A, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$20,000. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613.
3-31-tfn

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath-2-3/4 bath, CH/A detached garage, Big back yard with storage building, close to school. Call 366-2401.
5-5-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 806-934-3381 evenings or leave a message.
11-4-tfn

Reduced price. Precious brick house. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. New carpet, central heat and air, sprinkler system and huge storage building. 401 S. Pearl Call 366-3678
6-16-tfn

House for Sale at 1209 Division St. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice neighborhood. Close to schools. Lg. Storage building in fenced backyard-Attached Garage. For more information call 934-3569 or 922-3569.
7-14-tfn

For Sale or Trade: Wonderful unique, large home on 13.5 acres, 2 miles west of Stratford on HWY 54. Four bedrooms, three full baths, hobby room, new central air, double garage, large open kitchen/family room and a newly drilled water well. Property is covered with trees. Contact Carolyn days-806-396-5810 or cell 210-854-8924.
7-21-tfn

HOUSE FOR SALE: 816 N. Maple-Two story, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, Central H/A, Fireplace, Carport, Fenced backyard with deck. Close to school! \$40,000. Call Brett: 366-7664 or 753-6677.
7-28-tfn

RUN TO THE CELLAR when the storms come your way!! Nice brick home with 3 bedrooms, 1.75 baths, attached 2 car garage, new laminate flooring in kitchen and dining area, central heat and air, storm cellar in backyard, storage shed. REDUCED TO \$65,000. Located at 712 N. Wall in Stratford. For appointment call Deana Houlette at Houlette Real Estate in Dumas. 935-2863/922-6863.
6-16-tfn

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- June -Aug. 20 "Texas Legacies" Musical Tue.-Sat. 806-655-2181 Pioneer Amphitheater Palo Duro State Park
- June -Aug 15 ""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
- Sept. 7 "The Diamonds" Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre 244-5646
- Sept. 10 Concerto Extraordinaire Chamber Music Amarillo Santa Fe Ballroom 900 S. Polk St. 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 15 Harrington String Quartet
- Sept. 24 "Hansel and Gretel" Amarillo Opera Civic Center Auditorium
- Oct. 4-5 "Peter Pan" Broadway Series Amarillo Civic Auditorium

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\$78,900

Very Cute! 1 B/R, 3/4 bath home, would make a great rental property.
\$15,000

Great Starter Home, or Possible Investment Property! 2 B/R, 1 bath.
\$25,000

Shop in Backyard! Nice 3 B/R, 2 bath with 1 car detached garage.
Reduced to \$43,000

Prime Location! This 3 B/R, 2 bath home is located in a quiet neighborhood and close to schools.
\$110,000

Corner Lot! This 4 B/R, 1 1/2 bath home has had C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line has all been recently replaced.
\$55,000

PRICE REDUCED: 619 S. Pearl, 3 br. 2 bath, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, storage garage, call 366-5829 or 753-7018.
7-7-tfn

For Sale-Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick home at 408 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CH/A, 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

I'm Mad...at banks who don't give house loans because of bad credit, problems or new employment. I do, call L.D. Kirk, Homeland Mortgages, (254) 947-4475.
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Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, call

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Paula Everett-966-5445
Ken Forthman-366-2586
Patsy Harland-827-7568
Belinda Hamilton-827-7728
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Legal Notices

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE NOTICE OF SALE

In Compliance with Vernon Civil Statutes article 4477-9A, Section 5.03, Litter Abatement Act, I will proceed to sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder, for Cash, on the 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005, TUESDAY all of the following listed abandoned motor vehicles.
Location of the sale will be: **C&D BODY SHOP 814 EAST TEXAS AVE Sale will begin at: 10:00 a.m. at C&D Body Shop**
1992 Pontiac 4D Vehicle ID #1G2WH54T4NF250161
Tag/State T87PTN, TX
1986 Honda 4D Vehicle ID#JHMAK7439GSO27447
Tag/State TO3GRK, TX
1995 Dodge 4D
IB3ES27CISDC262506 T53PTR, TX
1988 Linc 4D
1LNBM9845JY783212, M56WKG, TX
1989 MERC 2 D
1MEPM6043KH690404 R11KVW, TX
1994 Pont. Sunbird-1G2JB14H3R7578154-URT101, KS
1994 Niss 4D
IN4BU31DXRC240853-W14PFC, TX
1993 Ford Aerostr-1FMDA31U1RZB29352-VLR949- KS
1993 Niss XE
IN6SD11S1SC462410-9RDN45, TX
1991 Chev 4D
1G1BNS3E8MW135379-C3HGFF, TX
1991 Ford Explorer, 1FMDU34X6RUC99008,
1991 Niss Altima,
IN4BU31D4SC267553, KCJ4104, TX
1991 PLY-VOYSW-

2P4GH2535MR299482-712RII, WA
1991 Ford 4H
1FAPP14JXMW268582-G91ZCN, TX
1990 Merc 4D
1MECM50U0LA632011-L20GDM, TX
1991 Mits 4D
JA4GJ51S4M006905-GO5RKD, TX
1984 Mazda-RX7-JM1FB3310E0818801-DBX715, NM
1984 PLY Voyager-1P4GH44R6RX114169-392TXA, OK

1996 Ply-2P4FP25B6TR7296223-SRM2697-NC
1996 Chev Van-1GNDM19W2TB189527-7019603, IL
1997 Ford Explorer-1FMDU32PSVZA62316-D16NBJ, TX
1980 Ford PK-F25EKHG3274-5DMS81, TX
1993 Ford Tempo-2FAPP36X7PB114401

YOU MUST BE A TEXAS RESIDENT TO BID AT THIS SALE:

Sheriff Jack Haile
Sherman County, Texas

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Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested contractors for Special Education Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. August 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 August 24, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, August 4, 2005 and Thursday, August 11, 2005.

STRATFORD SECURE STORAGE LEGAL NOTICE

This is to notify that the contents in storage Unit #203, currently leased to Jo Ann Cobos of Dumas are now seized. Anyone interested in bidding on the contents should contact Henry Harrison at the phone numbers listed below. All bids will be confidential. Bids will be finalized by 10:00 a.m. August 20th of this year.

Phone #'s 806-366-5381 or 753-6481.
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, August 11, 2005 and Thursday, August 18, 2005.

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.

Knowledge can be communicated, but wisdom cannot. A man can find it, he can live it, he can be filled and sustained by it, but he cannot utter or teach it.
---Hermann Hesse

More Parade & Jamboree Shots

Stratford Jamboree "Pokey" the Clown Jr. Ranch Rodeo

We did not have many teams this year for our Jr. Rodeo, but we made up for the quantity by the quality of teams! We had great teams and will represent Stratford well in the World Championship Jr. Ranch Rodeo November 12, 2005. If you have never been to one of these events mark it on your calendar and try to attend, you will not be sorry! It is a fun event to watch! If you have been before I know you won't want to miss this year!

We auctioned off 2 horses to raise money for the Stratford Patriots and the Imagination Station. Thank you to Allen Shields and Ted Embry for purchasing some great horses for a great cause!

1st Place in the Jr. Division
The Cowboys (2003 World Champions, 2nd in the World in 2004)
Preston Burr
Rett Schoonover
Ethen Shields
Boston Hudson
Coach- Ed Burr

Tied for 1st in the Sr. Division
Painted "L" (3rd in the World in 2004)
Rowdy Lerman
Ransom Lerman
Brent Reed
Craig Kautz
Coach - Ray Lerman

Texans (2003 & 2004 World Champions)
Chance Walker
Braden Hudson
Justin Mungia
Reed Schoonover
Coach - Chad Walker

As you can tell by the list of awards these teams will represent Stratford well! A big THANK YOU goes out to

r Sponsors with out them we would not have a Jr. Ranch Rodeo!

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Cards of Thanks

I would like to say Thanks to the Prospectus Study Club for selecting me as the Old Timer's King for 2005. My family and I had a fun day.

J.E. Brannan

Thank you to the following businesses for sponsoring me in the THSCA All-Star Football game in San Antonio. I appreciate getting to represent Stratford in this football game. It was a great experience and I had a great time! Thanks again to Let's Make Arrangements, Bain Tire, Happy State Bank, First State Bank, Stratford Grain, Elk Pharmacy and Westway.

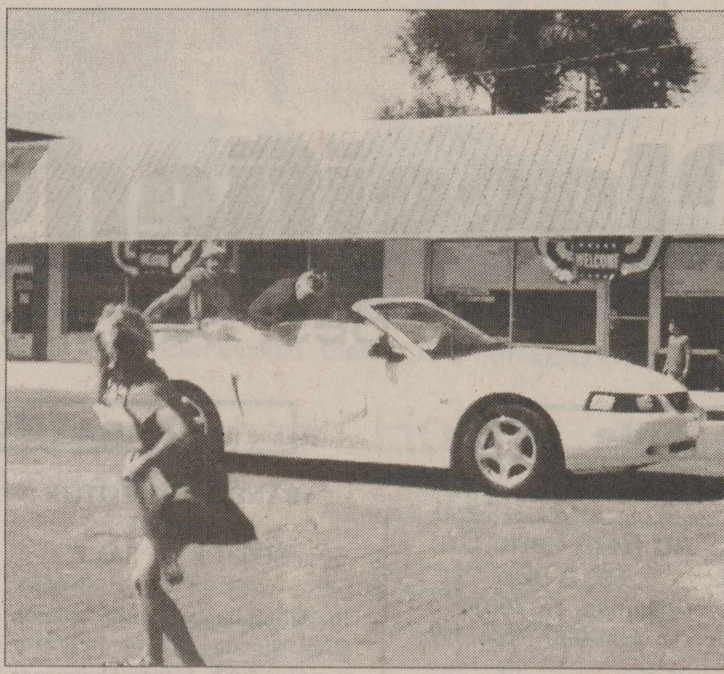
Josh King

A big thanks to the Stratford Police Dept. and some observant citizens, I was fortunate to get my things that were stolen from my personal property. Although damaged, these people did their job. Thanks again.

Billy Elliott

Every man who observes vigilantly and resolves steadfastly, grows unconsciously into genius.

—Edward Bulwer-Lytton



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Create a Beautiful Wedding on a Budget

NewsUSA

(NU) - Few people realize that having a beautiful wedding does not require spending their entire savings.

If you're planning a wedding, learning where to cut costs and how to budget will leave you with money to spare.

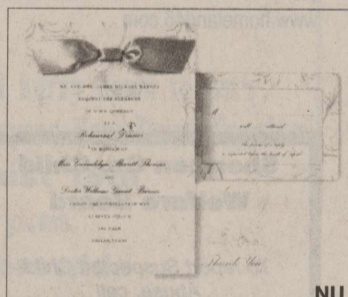
"There are many ways to have the wedding of your dreams without the nightmare of huge bills," said Anna Griffin, wedding industry expert and designer of the Wedding Studio line of wedding products. "You just have to be resourceful."

Here are some tips from Griffin on how to create a designer wedding on a budget.

• **For something old, wear a vintage wedding dress.** You can save hundreds on a wedding gown by shopping in consignment or vintage shops, in newspaper classifieds and on the Internet. You also can update your mother's, grandmother's or aunt's wedding dress with a new neckline or hemline, beading or lace.

• **Print your own invitations.** There are many wedding accessories that can be made instead of bought — the veil, the centerpieces and even the invitations. Do-it-yourself kits are available to help you create designer looks without the designer price tags.

The Wedding Studio, for example, is an entire line of paper-related wedding accessories — from invitations to menu cards to guest books and photo albums — designed for brides who want original and elegant paper goods. The invitation kit comes in four styles in three color options and includes envelopes, reply cards and printing instructions.



Create unique wedding accessories — and save money — with a do-it-yourself kit.

• **Use an antique or classic car instead of a limousine.** Contact a local antique or classic car club to rent a luxury vehicle, such as a 1939 Rolls-Royce or a 1952 Cadillac DeVille. Most of the owners will be thrilled to loan out their cars and you'll have more than enough room for the married couple at a much lower price. And, whereas a limousine is rented for a couple of hours, you have the benefit of keeping the antique vehicle for 24 hours or longer.

• **Keep the flowers simple.** Instead of hiring a florist, contact a floral-design school and hire students to provide you with flower arrangements. You also can create your own flower arrangements. Buy one color of flower in bulk. It creates a visual impact while saving money. Contact a wholesale florist; many will sell flowers directly to the consumer.

The Wedding Studio line can be found at Michaels, the arts and crafts store. For more information and do-it-yourself wedding tips, visit www.annagriffin.com or www.michaels.com/invitations.



Debbie Crawford, Jere Gilley, Pam Stephens, Jean Brandes, Natalie Engelbrecht, Kim Cotney, Dickie Hamilton, Pam Webb, Gloria Pleyer. Attending but not pictured: Mike Flores, Shelly Lasley, Caroll Sadler, and Carol McLaughlin.

Ex-Student Reunion Class of 1975

CLASS OF 75 ENJOYS REUNION

The SHS Class of 1975 gathered in Stratford to attend the recent reunion. Pictures were taken at the dinner held Saturday, July 30, 2005 at the Imagination Station. A good time was had by all reminiscing about old times. The group was especially entertained with stories from Dwayne Miller and Scott Buckles about their boyhood escapades. We all learned a lot that night!!



Front row: Doug Everett, Dwayne Miller, Mike Galla, Denny Martin. Back row: Wes Spurlock, Bob Zimmer, Miles Smith, Philip Walden and Scott Buckles.