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Helping to send items "Treat'N Troops are left to right Ann wells, Kay Payne, Betty Carter, Joyce McBryde, Maurine Plunk, Kathie Altman and Janice Sladek. Not pictured Gene Weinette and Sue Hudson.

Good Luck Cross Country Girls We're behind you all the way!!

Stratford Volunteers Attend American Red Cross Disaster Relief Training

Stratford volunteers attending the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Training in Amarillo on September 1, 2005 were Joe and Viola Abeyta, Jesus Mariscal, Zelda Pickens, Eddie Williams and Sandy Williams.

Information on sheltering and mass care was presented the very large group of volunteers from Amarillo and the area.

Sherman County Emergency Management will be kicking off a community drive for volunteers to help with disaster relief operations in Sherman County. Volunteers will be asked to staff shelters and provide food in the event a need arises in our community.

> In accordance with #152.013(b) of the Texas Local Government Code, salaries of Sherman County elected and precinct officers are proposed to include 3% COLA and 2% increase for the 2005-2006 fiscal

Public Hearing to be Held

Stratford Hospital District will have a Public Hearing on September 8, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the EMS Building-regarding the

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

Good Luck Stratford Elks

Cooking for 1 or 2 Class to be Held

Cooking for one is no fun and cooking for two can be a challenge too. To assist individuals and couples who struggle with this issue, Cooking for Spares and pairs, cooking class will be offered in September.

The first session will be held Monday, September 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at SCOT Hall. During the two hour session, participants will gain tips for preparing foods to meet special food needs such as low sodium, low sugar, and high fiber. In addition, participants will learn ways to reduce recipes designed for large groups, new food preparation tools and equipment for ease in food preparation and food safety tips.

A repeat session will be held on Monday, September 19 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at SCOT

Sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension-Sherman County in collaboration with Sherman County Older Texans, the cooking school is open to all persons regardless of age, socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

For more information or to pre-enroll in the class, contact Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 806-366-

Parents Night September 12

Back to school night (Parents Night) for Middle School, Junior High and High School will be Monday, September 12 from 7-8:30 p.m.



Stratford Independent **School District Board of Trustees** Special Session

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, August 30 in the High School library.

August 30, 2005

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

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Steve Hays, Barney Willborn, Brent Spurlock, Patti Vincent, Tim Gilliland, Superintendent.

Board members absent: Gared McBryde, DeWain Trayler. Guests present were Lynette

Kautz and Dinah Horsford. Mr. Gilliland led the

invocation. At 7:03 the board held a public hearing on the 2005-2006 proposed tax rate and

DeWain Trayler arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Gilliland explained the maintenance and operation budget. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to adopt the Maintenance and Operation budget by function as presented in the amount of \$5,719,578.00. Motion carried 6-0. SEE ATTACHMENT #1

Mr. Gilliland explained the tax levy. Steve Hays made the motion to move that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.42. Barney Willborn seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

DeWain Trayler made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to adopt the debt service (interest and sinking) budget by function as presented in the amount of \$235,269.00

SEE ATTACHMENT #2.

Patti Vincent made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to adopt the interest and sinking tax rate of \$.06503 for the debt service budget. Motion carried 6-0. Joe Reinart read an ordinance confirming the tax rate set by the board. SEE ATTACHMENT #3.

Treat'N Troops

Ann Wells, Kay Payne, Betty Carter, Joyce McBryde, Maurine Plunk, Kathie Altman, Janice Sladek, Gene Weinette, and Sue Hudson met recently to send gifts to two local soldiers and their unites. Josh Marshall received gifts for his unit of 15 soldiers. The gifts are all made possible by the donations of family and friends of these young men. THE General Store was one of the local businesses that made it possible for each soldier to receive hand sanitizer. Treat 'N Troops would like to say THANK YOU to all who have donated and made this project a success. With your continued donations, there will be other local soldiers serving in Iraq that will receive a special "box" from Treat/N Troops.

Words has been received that Bill Walker, who was our first Treat'N Troops soldier to receive the gifts, will be returning home very soon. Let us all remember our troops with prayers for a safe return home.

Homecoming story and Pics will be in next week's edition due to early deadline

DeWain Trayler made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to adopt the food service budget by function as presented in the amount of \$270,500.00. Motion carried 6-0. SEE ATTACHMENT #4.

Lynette Kautz explained the amendments to the 2004-2005 budget. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to adopt the amendments as presented. Motion carried 6-0. SEE ATTACHMENT #5.

A proposal was received from Dallam-Hartley Counties Hospital District for Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy services. No proposal was received from Moore District. Hospital County DeWain Trayler made the motion Barney Willborn seconded to approve the proposal as presented. Motion carried 6-0. ATTACHMENT #6.

The board took a short recess at 7:25.

Gared McBryde arrived at 7:26 p.m. •

At 7:40 p.m., the board held a discussion on renovations plans. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Pronger Brothers Ranch 1904

Can you pick out which ones are Fred Pronger and Perc Pronger from these five Pronger Brothers who came to the United States from England in 1886. The Pronger Brothers of Stratford came from a family of 5 boys and 2 girls. They were very young when they left England. This photograph was made in 1905, April. Fred married Ivie Pinkerton in August that year. Be sure and stop by the Sherman County Depot Museum and see the display on the Prongers. It will be worth your time. Hours 8 a.m. till 12 noon and 2-4 p.m.

Elks Win **Homecoming**

over Panhandle.

touchdowns followed by Gustavo and Scott Hudson. Rosales with 84 yards on 14 Elks. Case Crabtree finished the Defensive Back. night with 12 yards on 1

Licon led the Elks defense with p.m. Let's Go Elks! Get a Lynx!

10 tackles each followed by Jeffrey Frizzell with 7 tackles and Craig Kautz with 6 tackles. Craig Kautz, Jonathan Licon, The Stratford Elks celebrated Brady Bell, Martin Beltran, and Homecoming with a 24-13 win Gilbert Reta each finished the night with a quarterback sack. Josh Lanning completed 2 of Also contributing to the Elks 4 passes for 22 yards. Brady Bell defense were Steven Rueda, led the Elks in rushing with 116 Hunter Buckles, Josh Lanning, yards on 11 carries and two Case Crabtree, Rudolfo Portillo,

Players of the Week for the carries and Josh Lanning carried game performance were Harrison the ball for 77 yards on 9 carries Walden - Offensive Lineman; and one touchdown. Lanning Brady Bell - Offensive Back; also intercepted the ball and Martin Beltran - Defensive scored another touchdown for the Lineman; and Jonathan Licon -

The Elks will travel to Spearman on Friday, September Brady Bell and Jonathan 9th with kick-off time at 7:30

Consumers Inc. Shareholders Approve Proposal

On Tuesday, August 30th, a meeting of Consumers, Inc. Shareholders was held. The group voted to approve a proposal presented by the Sherman County Development committee. The proposal gives the SCDC authorization to verify all financials and tax status, and also to seek agreements with creditors and collect all Acct. Receivables. Over the next few weeks, Kathy Allen, Director for SCDC said she and the SCDC Board will be cleaning up the property, counting inventory on the remaining products, tanks, vehicles, etc. An auction will be held later to liquidate the inventory with vehicles being sold by private treaty. All sales will be final subject to Shareholders' approval. For more details you can call the SCDC office at 806/366-2897 or 806-753-6897.

SEPT. 8TH CONSUMERS, **INC SHAREHOLDERS** MEETING POSTPONED

Action taken by the Shareholders at the Consumers, Inc. August 30th meeting, has given cause to postpone the meeting scheduled for September 8th

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Life Insurance Awareness Month

Forty-four percent of U.S. households (48 Million) ay they need more life insurance coverage, according to LIMRA International's 2005 Life Insurance Ownership Study of household financial decision makers.

Perhaps the biggest barrier to people getting the coverage they say they need-78 percent of Americans say they don't have a personal life insurance agent.

September marks the secondannual observance of Life Insurance Awareness Month, an opportunity to raise awareness and educate consumers about the importance of life insurance coverage and the professional financial services

representatives trained to help them get the adequate financial protection they feel they need.

Led by the Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education, more than 100 life insurance organizations and their representatives, including local Modern Woodmen of America agent Walt A. Berry will mark the occasion by providing information regarding the role of life insurance in a sound financial plan.

"Life Insurance Awareness Month is a great time for people to evaluate their personal situation," says Berry. "There's a big gap between the coverage people have and what they feel they need. That's where an adviser's role comes in-to help people who have these concerns but aren't sure where to turn to determine their needs or how to meet those needs."

Modern Woodmen members and others can find life insurance information and

online financial planning calculators at

Or, they can contact Berry at 806-366-7684 about a free life insurance analysis.

Modern Woodmen representatives help more than 750,000 members meet quality-of-life needs for their families and communities through financial advice and products, and fraternal programs.

Founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society, Modern Woodmen of American offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families thought-out the United States.

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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.

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Toothbrush

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Hand sanitizer (travel size)
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& playing cards

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Sunflower seeds, peanuts, etc. Gum

Snack foods
Band Aids
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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

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During the preschool years, children begin to develop an understanding of themselves and an awareness of the world around them. It's the perfect time to nurture those new interests and skills that will continue to grow. Lollipop's program for preschool age children target school readiness and the development of critical skills through the newly adopted Texas Education Agency curriculum.

All the children at Lollipop experience daily opportunities to grow in four key areas: social, physical, emotional and intellectual.

Birthdays celebrated during June included Ty and Walker McBryde; July were Remie Seward, Luis Molina and Julie Ortega; August were Slate and Lashala Anderton and Cheryl Jones and September is James DeAnda. Happy Birthday everyone.

Next month's article will explore the possibilities and opportunities for the toddlers at Lollipop Junction.

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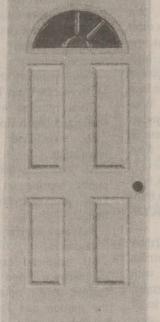
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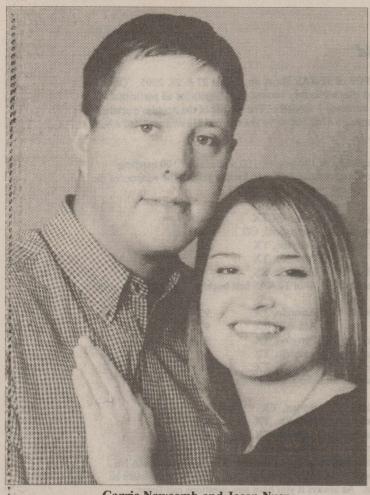


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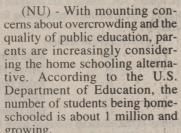
Carrie Newcomb and Jason Nusz

Engagement Announced

Sandy Newcomb and Lorree Nusz are happy to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children Carrie and Jason. Carrie is also the daughter of the late David Newcomb. Both will be graduating from Panhandle State University in May of 2006. Carrie will receive a BA in Business Administration/Finance, and Jason will receive a BS in Ag Business. The nuptials will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2005 at the First Christian Church of Stratford. A cake and punch reception will follow the ceremony.

EDUCATION

Tips on Effective **Home Schooling**



While there are many philosophies and approaches to home schooling, all parents want to see their children reach their full potential. Here are some tips from SFK Media Specially for Kids Corp., the company that developed the Read-Ent at-home learning program.

· Learn about your local regulations governing home schooling. Education laws vary by state and town.

• Involve your child in the curriculum. Let your child choose some of the workbooks for each subject, but steer him or her to the appropriate grade level. The more your child is involved in the process, the more excited he or she will be about the subject matter.

Designate a separate area of your home to serve as the "classroom." It should be someplace that is comfortable and free of distractions.

Connect with other homeschooling families through community groups or online. Such groups often organize field trips, discuss approaches to home schooling and share stories and

· Keep your child active. It is important that home-schooled

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Home schooling is becoming more commonplace today.

children socialize with others. Encourage your child to become active in sports, music or clubs, just as any child attending school.

• Look for "teaching mo-

ments." For example, if you bake cookies at home, ask your child how many you baked. If you take a walk in the park, turn it into a lesson in science and nature.

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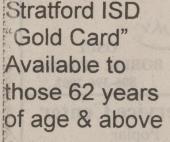
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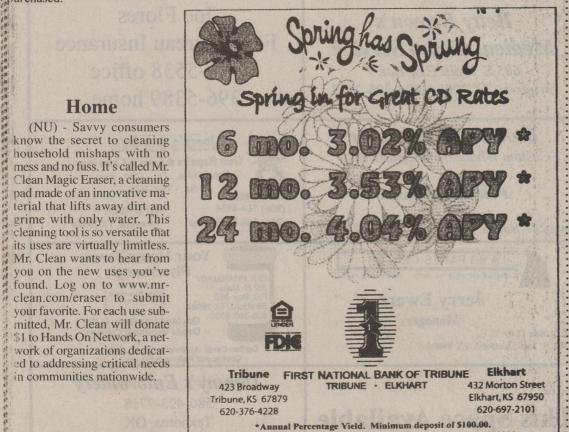
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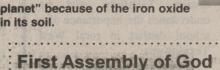
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40th Annual Museum Day and Barbecue

The Carson County Square House Museum is certainly "MOVING FORWARD" and would like to invite you to come along and celebrate with us on September 10th, 2005. This year is the fortieth anniversary of the Museum Day Barbecue that was started to raise funds to build a Museum to preserve the material items of the area's history. After being approved by the Commissioner's Court, the County Historical Society began the task of raising funds.

Graduates of years ending with "05 or "00 are gathering to remember at the High School on the morning of the 10th. The Barbecue begins serving at 11:00 a.m. and continues until 1:30 p.m. in the county Ag Building. A Country Store will offer homemade items including food, crafts and fellowship. Items may be dropped off at 8:30 a.m. A County memorial and Recognition program will be held on the Museum grounds in the Conway Church to recognize those friends who have left us in the past year and to recognize the ones who have made special efforts to better life in the County. A street dance, open to the public will be held on the 5th block of Main, between the Museum and the Courthouse. This will be an excellent time to reconnect with special friends from other classes.

Exhibits in the two Museum galleries will feature the Scot-Free Model Railroaders in the Hazelwood Gallery and "Route 66" in the Purvines Gallery of the Square House. The artists will be on hand to talk to visitors about their art, their talents and their philosophies.

Students from Panhandle Junior High History classes will be presenting the Museum's trunks" (Native "school American. Ranching and Pioneer) to remind people of the Panhandles colorful dramatic past.

"Move Forward" and put September 10th on your calendar and join your friends in Panhandle, Carson County, Texas for a day of food, fun and memories.

For more information, please call 806-537-3524.

Spina Bifida Awareness

(NAPS)-You can help reduce the risk of spina bifida. More than 250,000 Americans have been touched by this birth defect in which the spine doesn't close properly. It is the most common permanently disabling birth defect in the U.S. Every day, an average of eight babies are affected by spina bifida or a similar birth defect of the brain and spine.



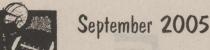
Up to 90 percent of children with the worst form of spina bifida have fluid on their brains and must have surgery to insert a "shunt" that helps drain the fluid. The effects last a lifetime. It can cause paralysis, bladder and bowel control problems, learning disabilities and depression.

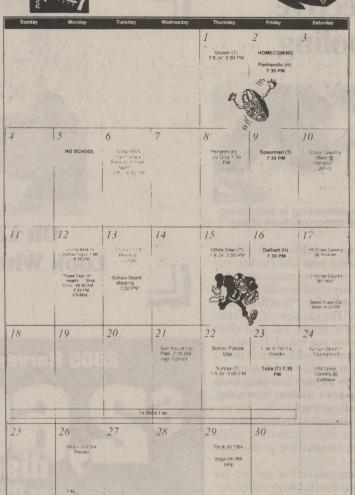
Over 60 million women of childbearing age are now at risk for having a pregnancy affected by spina bifida. To reduce their risk, women can take a vitamin with folic acid every day, even when not for nearly 20 years in a variety planning a pregnancy. Taking folic of acid at the same time you do another every day activity—such as reading the newspaper—can help you remember.

To learn more, call the Spina Bifida Association at 1-800-621-3141 or visit www.sbaa.org.

Beat Perryton

Beat Spearman





Good Luck Cross Country Girls

Editors Note: Marty Bain In addition to Stratford ISD, he brought this article in and taught in Kansas and at Gruver wanted to share it with our ISD, also in the Panhandle. readers.

New Slaton superintendent likes town's approach to education

By John Reynolds Slaton-to the untrained eye, the differences between rural towns in the Panhandle and the South Plains might not seem obvious.

Jim Taliaferro, the new Independent School District, "especially picked up quickly, though, on one major difference between left behind in Stratford.

"We've got a Sonic...and a Pizza Hut," he said.

What really attracted the educator to the farming town of more parents," he said. 6,000 southeast of Lubbock, however, was what he saw in the school district itself.

and liked the people," he said. "From what I've seen, it's a strong teacher group with a strong emphasis on every

local school board struck districts to thrive under current Taliaferro with their "deep school funding mechanisms. interest in the children," he said.

who himself adheres to a philosophy of strong interaction standards need to between the school and the incorporate other areas of community, the strong alignment of priorities between educators and trustees sold the are the reputation of the districtdistrict on Taliaferro.

Harris, who left to take the assessed students with a sense superintendent's position at of common sense. Royse City ISD, located northeast of Dallas.

Harris was named

Superintendent of the Year last year, making Slaton ISD the smallest school district to ever produce the state's top school administrator.

Although Taliaferro working on a doctorate from Texas Tech, he was not necessarily eager to leave Stratford, where he had worked posts, including superintendent.

The job needed to be the right job," he said. "It just so happened everything fell into

Born in Borger, Taliaferro's family moved to Kansas when he was young. He attended Wichita State University, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in music education.

He later added a master's degree in education from West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M) in Canyon.

He is married with a collegeage son and high school-age daughter.

He credits his past experience as a band director for his school administrator, saying that extracurricular instructors in general are "born organizers."

Coming from a smaller district, Taliaferro said he understands the importance of a school district in rural West Texas towns.

"Communities are known by superintendent at Slaton their school district," he said, communicates."

He acknowledged that taking his new home and the home he the reins of a district two or three times larger than his old district will pose a challenge.

"There are two to three times as many kids and that many

Even more challenging is the enrollment crunch on the South "I came down, interviewed Plains. Several districts in the Lubbock area, including Slaton ISD, aggressively market themselves to bring in more students, he said.

Without growing enrollment Similarly, the members of the figures, it's difficult for school

With a background in a non-For a school administrator core curriculum area, Taliaferro school accountability said learning like the fine arts.

"These accountability ratings period," he said. "I'd like to see Taliaferro takes over for Mike a system of accountability that

> "The children we educate aren't cookie-cutter children, state but we're giving them a cookiecutter test.

Travel

(NU) - Getting the family together for a road trip can be quite an exercise. And between heavy traffic, bored or restless kids and driver fatigue, the process of getting there can test anyone's patience. But some diligent planning will make the experience enjoyable rather than frustrating. AAA offers the following advice for families planning their next road trip: Get point-to-point driving directions at www.aaamaps.com; calculate your gas costs at www.fuelcostcalculator.com; and have your vehicle inspected by a certified auto technician. To find a AAA Approved Auto Repair facility in your area or for more tips, visit www.aaa.com.

TOP of TEXAS Shoot Held

Stratford Gun Club held its 11th Annual TOP of TEXAS Shoot on August 27 & 28, 2005. On Saturday they had a doubles marathon and afterwards they cooked hamburgers for all participants. It was a perfect day to shoot but we only attracted 7 shooters. The winner of the doubles marathon was David Brogdin from Pampa, TX. He shot a 476X500 to be the champ. He was awarded a belt buckle for his excellent shooting.

On Sunday SGC hosted a full program consisting of 100 singles, 100 doubles and 100 handicap targets. Thirty shooters representing four states came to Stratford for this shoot. The winners of the

SINGLES (30 entries)

	AA	Mike Kencali	Amarilio, 1X	100	
	A	Darwin Hansen	Springfield, CO	99	
	В	Ralph Depew	Perryton, TX	99	
	C	Rick Hill	Amarillo, TX	96	
	D	Bob Dowell	Hugoton, KS	92	
Winners in	the handicap rec	eived some handsome	TOP of TEXAS belt	buckles. They we	re:
HA	NDICAP (28 en	tries)			
	Champion	Justin Chapman	Amarillo, TX	97	
	Short Yard	Rick Hill	Amarillo, TX	97	
	Mid Yard	Ralph Depew	Perryton, TX	94	
	Long Yard	Mike Kendall	Amarillo, TX	96	
	Vet	Darrell Benjamin	Amarillo, TX	86	
Winners in	the doubles rece	ived shotgun shells. D	Doubles winners were:		
DO	UBLES (17 entr	ries)			
	AA	Jimmy Borum	Borger, TX	94	
	A	Mike Kendall	Amarillo, TX	95	
	В	Justin Chapman	Amarillo, TX	90	
	C	Tyson Adams	Johnson, KS	88	

Stratford Gun Club wishes to thank all those who came out to shoot and also a big thanks to Nu Beta for the frito pies. There will be no more registered shoots until next year. We appreciate all those who came out to support us this year. As always if you have any questions call Brent Spurlock (366-2772).

Good Luck Stratford Elks

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Garage Sale: September 9th 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sept. 10th 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. 108 N. 3rd.

Yard Sale: Sat. Sept. 10 9 a.m. till?-607 N. Fulton. "Little bit of Everything"

Study Club Selling Elk Banners

Prospectus Study Club is selling Elk Banners this fall. is fund raiser for the Scholarship Fund. This fund gives scholarships annually to graduating seniors. Prospectus has been providing Stratford seniors with college scholarships since

Prospectus member, or you can and the eyes will take care of contact D'Lynn Reed or Patti themselves.

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For Rent

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Beat Perryton

The banners will cost \$30.00 It is a golden maxim to cultiand are available from any vate the garden for the nose,

-Robert Louis Stevenson

Houses for Sale

House for Sale: 802 N. Fulton, Carport, CH/A Heat Pump system. Call 396-5-12-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.

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 366-5-5-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 922-7-14-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-

REDUCED: 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-

Sherman Co. Child **Welfare Board**

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Notices

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\$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

Land for Sale

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

Beat Spearman

Legal

NOTICE OF SALE October 4th, 2005 Location of sale: C&D Body Shop 814 East Texas Ave. Stratford, Texas Sale will begin at 10 a.m. You do not have to be a Texas resident for this sale. The Sherman County Sheriff's

office will sell the following

1991 Chev Pick up 1984 Chev Pick up Diesel

vehicles

Sheriff Jack Haile Sherman County, Texas

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Legal Notice: City of Stratford, Texas Budget Hearing

In accordance with the State of Texas statutes and provisions of the City of Stratford Charter, notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on the 2005-2006 Proposed Budget for the City of Stratford, Texas on September 21, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in the City Council Meeting Room of Stratford city Hall. At the conclusion of the said Public hearing and after consideration of all comments from municipal taxpayers, the City Council will take action on the Proposed Budget. Final action on the Proposed Budget and the vote on the new tax rate will be held on September 21, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Meeting Room of Stratford City Hall.

David Brown, Mayor City of Stratford, Texas

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HEALTH

Cold and Flu Help From a Candy

NewsUSA

(NU) - Every year about this time, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention begins to sing a familiar song—it's about the upcoming cold and flu sea-

Since both colds and flu are virus based, no known medicine will work against them. So just what can you do when you start to feel those aches and pains that indicate you have a cold or the

Here are some tips to get you started, provided by Mosaic Nutraceuticals, a Dallas-based natural supplement company.

• Get a flu shot. · Wash your hands regularly to prevent the spread of germs. • Use a tissue when covering

sneezes and coughs. · Drink plenty of fluids, especially water, to stay healthy. · Get fresh air to escape dry

indoor environments where cold and flu viruses survive. • Exercise regularly for overall health.

• Take vitamin C. It can help boost your immune system, too. A recent study conducted at Addenbrooke's Hospital, the University of Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine, has demonstrated that vitamin C can help



may help reduce the time you are sick with a cold.

protect against both respiratory infections and cardiovascular So what's the best way to get

that extra boost of vitamin C?

One of the handiest methods today is the individually wrapped, soft candy chews available from Mosaic Nutraceuticals. These orange-flavored supplements are loaded with the vitamin C that has been shown to reduce the time you are sick with a cold. Learn more about the benefits of vitamin C in candy at www.mosaictoday.com or call (214) 866-0045 or (888) 7-MOSAIC.

The Mosaic Web site also contains scientific information about the company's line of nutritional products as well as links to other health-related information.

Cards of Thanks

for all everyone your prayers, hugs, words of comfort, flowers, phone calls, visits and wonderful food. We could not have made it through this difficult time without the support that we have received from all of Carole you. truly blessed with many good friends.

The Family of Carole Gibson Don Donita, Kayla, Heather Soren, Aubrey, Jeremy, Jana, Stephanie, Annjela

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 vou 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

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.

Business

(NU) - Despite growth of the Internet over the past seven years, the use of toll-free phone numbers in television advertising continues to grow, indicating that the telephone remains a prevalent response tool, according to a recent study. In particular, the 2005 Toll-free Numbers in Television Advertising study, commissioned by 800response, concluded that "vanity" 800 phone numbers — meaning they spell out a word or company name - are increasingly prevalent in today's television ads, up approximately 6 percent from 1998. However, available toll-free numbers are increasingly hard to find, particularly 800 vanity numbers. Visit www.800response.com for more information.

Don't wear perfume in the garden-unless you want to be pollinated by bees.

-Anne Raver

Weather means more when you have a garden. There's nothing like listening to a shower and thinking how it is soaking in around your green beans.

-Marcelene Cox

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More About Family: by JA Lasley

Remember that I wrote Derrek was here, on Vacation time and before his designated time he was called back to immediately fly out?!

Four weeks, ago he called his Mom and to Gran Lynn. He had returned to Baltimore with something very wrong with his left eye. He was being sent to Eye Specialist in Baltimore, but only one good eye and his driving and traffic horrendous he called wanting Lynn to come there. Of course with Kenneth recent surgery she couldn't go. Then he wanted his Mom to come and there was no way. "Maybe G.G." I told him with me under the wheel not only his eye-but much much more. So he flew into Amarillo and in the two weeks plus and visits to Amarillo Eye Specialist the eye was much better. And he returned. He called me this Past Monday and he was going to fly out to Germany. Also he would be flying to Egypt, a place he'd not been to and the eye 99%

*and you recall early on I had written about Jolina, the stay at home Mom, Well! And e-mail and a returned phone call to the Principal of Park High School South, she became a hired Technology Specialist (this occurred while she was here in Stratford) in July). When she arrived back in Kansas City, MO she met with the principal and signed a contract. So what does a Technology Specialist title include? She helps the teachers, students, staff and administration with Computer

problems-such as software, emails, etc. Early on, before school began she was on the job. They had major problems

with the Network kinks! However by the time school began, all was up and going.

Jolina found a good clean Daycare ctr. Mom is at work by 7 a.m. so Jason, the Dad takes Jackson to the Day Care Ctr and Jacob to his school.

Jolina leaves the school at 3 p.m. and retrieves both sons and home. She says it is early hours but she does have time in the afternoon with Jacob and homework and to nurture an 18 mo. Old!

After months and a letter requesting the article * had written and sent along with photos regarding the Big Blue Marching Band, I requested that the article and photos be returned. Later I called the Amarillo Globe News and spoke with a lady regarding my request. This lady assured me she handled all of the mail and didn't remember the Lg. envelope within large letter indicating Photos Enclosed. She would search out the article with the photos. Still no story and no returned photos.

But since I read the Amarillo paper each morning-the weather forecast, then the Sports Section, early this past week "Tidbits by Clarkson" caught my eye-Low and behold a 2" x 2" spot read "Elk Pride". I almost missed it and maybe you did to. It read:

'The Best small town band in the land comes from Stratford. These kids are good. They play with a big sound and sharp marching and put on an entertaining show that would shame many of their big-city counterparts. Randy Hunsaker is an institution in Stratford. The Elk band has won 34

straight first divisions (equivalent to a district title) a University Interscholastic League marching competition

dating to 1971 including the past 26 under Hunsaker. If you get a chance to see them, do so. They are worth it"-

The article that I sent was the same the Stratford Star printed, Early history and band directors that have been a part of this band-has been missed.

Still haven't gotten the article back and the photos, my next visit to Amarillo, will be to stop in at the Amarillo Globe News.

Quiche in Pepper Pots 2 servings

2 medium (about 4 oz. each) green, yellow or sweet red peppers

1/2 cup (about 8 oz.) frozen vegetable blend, thawed 2 eggs

1/4 cup skim or low-fat milk 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder 1/4 teaspoon Italian

seasoning, crushed

Cut tops off peppers and remove seeds. Sawtooth or scallop pepper edges, if desired. Stand peppers upright in custard cups or muffin-pan cups. Spoon 1/4 cup of the vegetables into each pepper. In small bowl, beat together eggs, milk and seasonings until well blended. Pour about 1/3 cup of the egg mixture over vegetables in each pepper.

over vegetables in each pepper.

Bake in preheated 325° F oven until knife inserted near center comes out clean, about 60 to 70 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Nutrition information per serving of 1/2 recipe using green and yellow peppers; broccoli, sweet red pepper, mushroom and onion vegetable blend; and skim milk: 119 calories, 5 gm total fat, 213 mg cholesterol, 89 mg sodium, 283 mg potassium, 10 gm carbohydrate, 9 gm protein and 10% or more of the RDI for vitamins A, B₁₂ and C, riboflavin, phosphorus

Big Blue Band
You are sounding terrific and
looking good
Keep up the good work

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Sherman County Commissioners' Court conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of Sherman County from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5 percent on September 12, 2005 and September 16, 2005.

The Sherman County Commissioners'
Court is scheduled to vote on the tax
rate that will result in that tax increase at
a public meeting to be held on September
20, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. in the Sherman
County Commissioners' Courtroom.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last year, the <u>Stratford Hospital District</u> property tax rate was \$.0.27 . That rate raised \$ 856,707.60 , a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

Medical Service, Maintenance, and Operations for:

Coldwater Manor

Stratford Emergency Medical Service

Stratford Family Medical Clinic.

This year, Stratford Hospital District is proposing a property tax rate of \$ 0.26000 . That rate would raise \$ 904,887.59 , which is \$ 48,179.99 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on 9-8-05 at 7:00 p.m. at Stratford Emergency Medical Service Bldg. The second hearing will be held on 9-12-05 at 7:00 p.m. at Stratford Emergency Medical Service Bldg.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Stratford Hospital District

conducted public hearings on a proposal
to increase the total tax revenues of the

Stratford Hospital District

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding
year by 5.29 percent

on September 8, 2005 7:00 p.m.

September 12, 2005 7:00 p.m.

The Stratford Hospital District

is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that
will result in that tax increase at a public

Meeting to be held
on September 15, 2005 7:00 p.m.

Stratford Emergency Medical Service Bldg.