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Miss Texhoma Pageant Held

Congratulations to the winners of the Miss Texhoma Pageant held on Saturday, September 25, 2005 at the Texhoma High School Auditorium. "Support Our Troops" was the theme for this year's pageant which is hosted every year by the Gamma Theta Sorority and the Texhoma Chamber of Commerce to promote character, self-esteem and self-confidence for high school girls. The pageant also offers awards, prizes and scholarships.

Whitney Loosemore was crowned Miss Texhoma 2005 and also received the Miss Congeniality Award. Whitney is the daughter of Ray and Dee Loosemore.

First Runner-up was Chantel Gomez granddaughter of Hayde Gomez and Second Runner-up was Tyra Clark. Tyra is the daughter of Taylor and Stephannie Clark.

Edith Quinonez was crowned Miss Princess. Edith is the freshman daughter of Leopoldo and Maria Quinonez.

Both winners received a scholarship: \$150 for Miss Princess and \$250 for Miss Texhoma in addition to a bouquet, sash, plaque and tiara provided by First National Bank, Murphy Farms and Texhoma Wheat Growers. Photo by Joe Taylor.



Shown at left is - Rustin Russell. Rustin's primary 4-H project is Shooting Sports. Rustin has been a member of the Sherman County Rifle Team that has won district competition and placed at the State Rifle Contest. One of his project highlights was winning the Senior High Point individual award at the 2005 District Contest.

Calli Hamilton, shown below- Managing a registered Hereford cattle herd is Calli's primary 4-H project area. Her hard work has garnered her Showmanship awards at Area Fairs and Exhibits. Her beef cattle project has complimented project work in veterinary science and agronomy.



MAKING THE 4-H CONNECTION

4-H across America is celebrating National 4-H Week October 3 through 8th. Sherman County 4-H members are joining the celebration theme, "Making the 4-H Connection" by joining with Stratford High School Student Council in sponsoring "You Can Wear A Hat Day" at Stratford Schools on Wednesday, October 5th. Students can buy a permit to wear a hat on that day for a \$1.00 donation. All money collected will be given to the American Red Cross to assist Hurricane Katrina and Rita victims.

4-H Council members have a window exhibit at Stratford Grain Company on Main Street that exhibits the 8 most popular projects in the county.

In following the theme, "Make the 4-H Connection", Sherman County 4-H would like to introduce to readers the 2005 Gold Star Award Recipients, Rustin Russell and Calli Hamilton. Rustin and Calli will be honored at the Panhandle District 4-H Gold Star Banquet scheduled for November 5 at the Alumni Dining Hall located on the campus of West Texas A&M University.

Calli Hamilton is the 18 year old daughter of Glenn and Belinda Hamilton of Texhoma. Calli is active in the 4-H Beef project with emphasis on the cow/calf

segment. She provides primary management of a registered herd of Hereford cattle. Her favorite activity in this project is showing her heifer calves she has raised. This project has been complimented by her veterinary science and agronomy projects.

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Taylor Named Commended Student

The principal, Steve Haynes, of Stratford High School announced that Jordan Taylor has been named a Commended Student in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2006 competition for Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 2006 competition by taking the 2004 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). A spokesperson for the National Merit Program commented, "It is important to acknowledge the attainments of academically talented students and to credit schools for the key role they play in their development. We hope the recognition received by these able young men and women who are commended in this rigorous, nationwide competition will encourage them to take advantage of opportunities for higher education and to diligently pursue their professional goals."

TEXHOMA ELEMENTARY SAFETY FAIR OCTOBER 13

By Susie Spurlock

Texhoma Elementary students grade K-6 will be participating in the Safety Fair on Thursday, October 13th on the Texhoma, Texas School campus. Students will learn about fire safety in the home, water safety, safety at railroad crossings, safety with electricity, weather safety, and poison prevention.

The Sherman County Family Living Committee of the Sherman County Extension Program Council is coordinating the educational event in cooperation with Texhoma Elementary Principal, Kathy Yates. Cooperative agencies participating are Texhoma Fire Department, Texhoma EMS, Tri-County Electric, Union Pacific Railroad, National Park Service, Texas Panhandle Poison Center, and the Sherman County office of Texas Cooperative Extension.

The fair objectives are to help elementary students become more aware of home safety hazards, students will learn proper safety procedures in the event of an emergency, and they will become familiar with community emergency response equipment and personnel.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. Volunteers assisting with the fair will include Texhoma community leaders.

HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS BAZAAR

Eta Alpha's 22nd Annual Arts & Crafts Bazaar is Saturday, October 29, 2005 in Boise City, Oklahoma at the Community Bldg. on North Main Street. Shopping from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Do your Christmas shopping early. Jewelry, Baked goods, Old wooden creations, Jams & jellies, Angel pins, Silver smithing, Origin of names, Roasted nuts, Homemade lotions & aroma therapy products, Christmas decorations, hand embroidery & crocheted items and many numerous all hand crafted gift items for the holidays. Again, this year Commercial booths accepted in Arena Area. Lunch will be available. Spend the day with us. At 4:00 p.m. we will draw for three (3) certificates good for \$100 each worth of gas. You can be in on this for a \$1 donation with all the proceeds going to local philanthropic projects. In addition there will be a silent auction going on all day with the bidding closing at 3:00 p.m.

Any individual or business interested in obtaining a Booth Space, call Jan Terry immediately at 580 544 2293.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar, Saturday, October 29, 2005 in Boise City, OK. at the Community Bldg. on North Main Street - 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPATES IN 2005 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

TEMPLE, TEXAS, September 27, 2005—USDA A Rural Development will host an informational booth at the 2005 State Fair of Texas September 30th - October 23rd at historic Fair Park in Dallas. Information will be available regarding the housing, community and business programs offered by the agency from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The booth will be located in the Texas Department of Agriculture's Food and Fiber Pavilion, centrally located within easy walking distance of the Midway, Auto Show, Chevy

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Prospectus Study Club Fundraiser for Scholarships and Community Projects



The SHS Chrome Vehicle Emblem

The Prospectus Study Club will be selling SHS Chrome Emblems. These emblems are just like the ones that colleges sell to go on the back of your car or truck. The emblems cost \$20.00 and you can get yours pre-ordered now by contacting Marsha Wright of D'Lynn Reed.....or any Prospectus Study Club Member. These will make great gifts for any student of SHS and will also make a great Christmas Gift.

Red Hat To Meet

Red Hat will meet on Thursday, October 6th at 6:30 at Elk Junction.

Annual Brown Bag Book Sale

Come buy books by the bag at the Sherman County Public Library's "Annual Brown Bag Book Sale" on Friday, October 7th at 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 8th, 9:00 am.-12:00 p.m. Smart shoppers will want to check this out, for a donation of just \$1.00, you can sneak a peak and get a jump on the bargains Thursday evening, October 6th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please bring your own sacks. For more information call 366-2200.

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

Obits



Dora Lee Womble

Dora Lee Womble, 90, died Friday, Sept. 30th, 2005, in Spearman, Texas. Services were held at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, October 4th, with the Rev. Winfred Walker officiating. Burial was in Leib Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Womble was born in Hutchinson County December 2, 1914 to Louis Grant and Hattie Andrews and lived in the area for her entire life. She married Roscoe Carson "Man" Womble on Dec. 15th 1929, in Spearman, Texas. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Morse for many years where she was an active, faithful member, taught Sunday school, and always ready to serve her Lord. She was a charter member of Morse P.T.A., a Cub Scout leader, member of the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center, and Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, and two very special grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons, Jerry Womble and wife Jackie, Bob Womble and wife Suzie, both of Morse, Ron Womble and wife Deana, of Canyon. One daughter, Jeanie Bennett and husband Hal of Stratford. One sister, Lola Newcomb and husband Charles of Spearman. Nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Our mother had a wonderful sense of humor, was so sweet, and truly a lovely Christian Lady.

Family suggests memorials to your favorite charity.

Carl H. Luther, Sr

Carl H. Luther, Sr., age 69 died Wednesday, September 28, 2005 in Dumas, Texas. Graveside services were held at the Stratford Cemetery on Saturday, October 1, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. with Steve Baskin, family friend, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery.

Mr. Luther was born August 26, 1936. He had lived in Dumas for the past ten years after having lived in Stratford for most of his life.

He married Centa Neumayr May 5, 1973 in Clayton, NM. He was a member of the First Baptist church in Stratford. For 42 years he was owner/operator of Sunray Locker in Sunray, TX.

He was preceded in death by a sister Mary Lee Cox and 2 sons Robert Emerson and Tyson Emerson.

He is survived by his wife of the home: 5 sons-Carl Henry Luther, Jr. of Amarillo, Russell C. Luther and wife Cheryl of Amarillo, Dennis J. Luther of Beaumont, James Luther of Dumas and Steven Luther of Dumas; 2 daughters Pat Emerson of Amarillo and Chris Jones and husband Guy of New Braunfels; one sister Emma Jean Goodwin of Amarillo; One brother John Luther of Texline; 7 grandchildren David, Wes, John, Johnny, Kacie, Centa, & Paslee and 3 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Coldwater Manor P.O. Box 1189, Stratford, TX 79084, Memorial Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 302 E. 2nd, Dumas, TX 79029 or Memorial Hospice 224 E. 2nd, Dumas, TX 79029.

Lollipop Small Talk

Selecting a childcare facility is one of the most important and most difficult decisions you can make. You want to feel good knowing your child is receiving caring attention and that they're enjoying a fun, stimulating environment that supports their development.

For toddlers, each morning is the dawn of another amazing adventure. At Lollipop, we direct their natural energy and excitement toward growth of their minds, bodies and personalities. We believe that each child has unique and individual talents and interests. Our teachers honor these differences with attention and activities to help each child learn and grow at their own pace.

Children learn through active exploration. At this age children want to explore, experiment, and discover new things through a wide variety of projects and materials. Children are encouraged to use their imaginations and reasoning skills through problem solving. This is important in the development of your toddler.

As toddlers begin to master language and mobility, they discover a whole new world. They begin to interact in a more complex way with peers, parents, and teachers and with their physical environment as well. At Lollipop, we encourage toddlers to use their new-found skills to solve problems, make choices, and practice self-help skills. These early foundations empower them with independence and self-reliance to build self-esteem.

The teachers at Lollipop have lessons geared to your child's developmental level, fun activities to boost language and communication skills, and a foundation to build on for success in school and in life. At Lollipop, we're dedicated to giving your toddler the opportunity to learn and grow in a rich and developmentally appropriate environment. Your child has the opportunity to develop in four key areas: social, physical, emotional, and intellectual.

A celebration is in order for those having birthdays this month at Lollipop. Those children are: Alex Fierro, Kenlee McBryde and Alex Swart.

Next month we will tell you how you can give your little one a big advantage.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Readers,

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is seeking a manager. The importance of the Chamber of Commerce to the community is an information source. The Chamber is seeking a person who has an interest in the welfare of the community and will keep a pulse on the activities and the contact persons for information. Out of town persons needing information about Stratford will call the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber should have some contact response. Nothing is more frustrating than needing information and talking to an answering machine and waiting for a call back. People like to talk to real life persons who will respond in a helpful way. The Chamber has some funding restraints and is not able to pay the salary and offer perks that other businesses offer; therefore sometimes the resort is part time, volunteer help and a loss of that personal contact. The Chamber is a business and must be run like a business with proper bookkeeping and reporting and must have a board that understands the importance of the Chamber Business. The Chamber must have the

financial support of the public and in a small community that means each person not just Commercial Business. (Wal-Mart does not support the Stratford Chamber of Commerce).

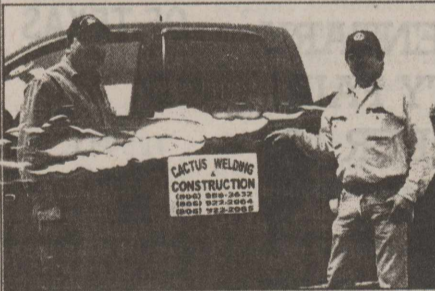
Stratford is my home and I want my home to put its best foot forward. My thought is how does this look to visitors? There is only one chance to make a first good impression.

Please consider the importance of the Chamber of Commerce with your support of time and finances.

Gaynelle Riffe

Good Luck Elks

"Everytime we go to the bank, we come out with a big smile. We're always happy." - Horacio Loya



Horacio Loya and Francisco Alarcon have been in business five years, building and repairing items for folks all over the Panhandle region. Cactus Welding has been a growing enterprise for this pair of Moore County residents.

In addition to Alarcon and Loya, Cactus Welding employs six full-time employees and averages about 15 part-timers. Truckers, packing houses and feedlots in the area keep everyone at Cactus Welding plenty busy. They even had employees working at a facility in Georgia this September.

But it wasn't always that way. Like most businesses, Alarcon and Loya's venture started small, occupying a small shop in Cactus. But they took what they had and focused their energies on providing quality welding and machinery maintenance.

That focus and their Panhandle-style work ethic produced a reputation that kept customers coming back. It also earned them referral business. They soon expanded the type of work they would take on, tackling concrete, woodwork and insulation jobs.

Success and growing a business is a good thing, but it creates new challenges. With the growth of Cactus Welding, Loya and Alarcon had soon outgrown their small shop and needed to either expand or relocate.

They found a suitable location, but acquiring the building was going to require some help. They turned to their bank - Happy State Bank loaned them the money for the larger facility they presently occupy, allowing Cactus Welding to keep on growing.

That kind of ready assistance is just one reason Cactus Welding is a Happy customer. Cactus Welding is better able to accomplish their goals with Happy State Bank behind them.

"They're fast," Loya says. "If we need documents, they get them for us. They get on it right away."

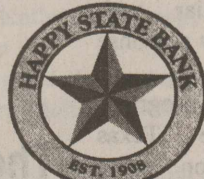
But big-city speed doesn't translate into big-city attitude. Friendliness is another factor that keeps Cactus Welding in a Happy State.

"We like the way they treat us," Alarcon says. "Everybody is real nice - they treat us well." Loya adds that, "Everytime I go, all the employees are always helpful."

So just how happy are Loya and Alarcon about their relationship with Happy State Bank?

"We aren't getting out of there unless they throw us out," Loya says. "Any excuse we can get to go to the bank, we go up there."

People who have plans to grow a better, brighter future - people like Horacio Loya and Francisco Alarcon of Cactus Welding. People like the folks at your hometown, Happy bank.



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Homebound person is one who would require considerable and taxing effort (frequent falls, difficulty walking, breathing problems, generalized weakness (after hospitalization), poor endurance, significant pain, requires supportive devices, or assistance from another person (does not include a live-in family member nor Mend). You would be disqualified when you resume your regular activities of daily living (ADLs) such as coffee shop visits, shopping, etc.

*Time frame is about 11:15 a.m., give or take five to ten minutes either direction, plus the delivery time by the Volunteer. When a Volunteer does not show up, then a staff member from Coldwater Manor will deliver.

*The rate of charge will be whatever Coldwater Manor charges for their meals.

*Coldwater Manor serves the regularly scheduled lunch meal, no substitutions.

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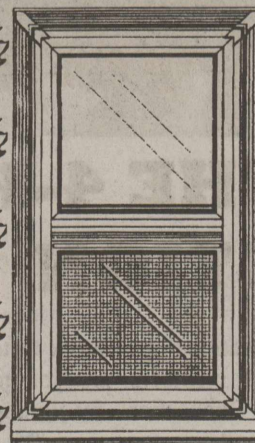
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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters went to the Chicken House last week with the Open Door Class of the Methodist Church. Bill was recently at Freedom, OK to help son Duane get cattle ready for

Reed & Rett Schoonover's football team won big over Dumas Saturday, Grandparents Terry & Barbara went on to Amarillo for a birthday party for three year old Britten Brooks. He is the son of Shawn & Brandi Brooks,

Jo June McDaniel has really good news! Grandson Travis flew in to Amarillo Sunday from the Azores. All the family was there to meet him. He had some time in Iraq. He'll be on leave for 45 days, and then sent back to the Azores.

Joe Bill Boren Rio Rancho, N. M., spent Thursday - Sunday with his parents Bill & Pat. He got an antelope Saturday.

Marylou McDaniel and Cliff Abbott, Lubbock, were in Denver for the last couple of Rockies games. They won one and lost one. They were guests of her daughter Patti. Then they met her son Mike at Fred's Spread where they winterized the cabin. The colors were pretty but not at the peak until this week.

It was a small group that met for the recent community supper, but they said the food was great!

We need some rain!

Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll 1st Six Weeks

Daniel Acosta
Aurelio Lozano
Delia Rosales
Jacqueline Gonzalez
Ellie Daniels
Hunter Everett
Brooklynn Palmer
Tiffany Jimenez-Torres
Janette Daniels
Sterling Audrain
Ricky Garay
Mazie Vincent
Erin Huggins
Mary Ann Spurlock
Elena Rueda
Victor Manuel Castro
Alexa Peregrino
Madeline Drake
Marisol Zamudio
Carlos Trejo
Ben Gilliland
Boston Hudson
Nathan Bennett-Farris
Suzette Palma
Vanessa Pinon
Jacie Seward
Colton Summers
Desinya Garza
Joshua Pollack
Madison Mungia
Magaly Guerrero
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September 3, 2005

Sherman County Emergency Management will be hosting a community meeting October 10, 2005 at the Stratford Fire Station. Volunteers can participate in activities that support first responders, disaster relief groups and community organizations. Please watch the newspaper for date, time and location of the community meeting. Volunteers are needed to coordinate, direct and staff shelters, prepare food, support dispensing centers, medical centers, transportation, heavy equipment operators and registration of victims and record keeping. **There is a job for anyone who is willing to help.**

Churches and community service organizations will be asked to assist with operations such as shelter and food, providing personal items for victims and emotional support. We have included a survey to identify facilities and equipment available in Stratford and Texhoma. Please complete the survey and return to: Sherman County Emergency Management, P.O. Box 45, Stratford, Texas 79084 or call 753-7330 or 366-5330 and someone will pickup form or fax to 366-2168.

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE & FAX #S: _____
CONTACT PERSON(S): _____

FACILITY INFORMATION:

CAPACITY: _____
SANITARY FACILITIES: _____ SLEEPING FACILITIES: _____
FOOD PREPARATION FACILITIES/CAPACITY: _____
CAN PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PERSONS: _____
TRANSPORTATION (VAN/BUS): _____
COUNSELING: _____

INDIVIDUALS/BUSINESSES:

SPECIAL SKILLS AVAILABLE: _____
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PORTABLE GENERATORS: _____

Elks in Action

Elks in Action is a basketball program for children in Kindergarten to 6th grade. It is designed to teach our young basketball players self-discipline and fundamental basketball skills. We will start with a clinic presented by Stratford High School's Coach Johnny Hudson and Coach Lance Horsford. After that, practices will be run by volunteers and led by Stacy Metcalf, Jessica Wheeler, and Nita Hudson. Participants will be required to be obedient and respectful to these volunteers at all times.

The children will not play competitive games, but after many weeks of practice and preparation, the kids will perform between games or during half-time of Elks and Lady Elks games. (Please note that regular admission will be charged to all parents and family members who plan to attend these games. Only the Elks in Action participants will be allowed to get into the games for free.)

All participants will be charged a fee of \$20 to participate. This fee will include a basketball and an Elks in Action t-shirt. Attendance will be mandatory for every practice with only one unexcused absence allowed to each participant. Practices are scheduled for Monday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 starting with our clinic on October 10, 2005. A parent/guardian must attend the clinic with his/her child. After football season, practices will most likely change to Thursday nights. However, we will notify you of the exact practice and performance dates at a later time. We look forward to working with your children.

Please return the bottom half of this form to school with \$20 no later than Oct. 3. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Participant's First and Last Name _____

Grade in School for 2005-06 _____

Parent or Guardian's Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

Circle a T-Shirt Size	Youth	Small	Medium	Large
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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 ninos incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificacion, y colocacion de ninos 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.

Good Luck Elks

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, Chl Rho 5 p.m.,
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette

520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:40 am

Morning Worship 10:50 am

Junior High UMY 5:00 pm

Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic

Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master

6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass or by appt.

Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon

Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Ernie Maiwald

N. 3rd & Chestnut

Sunday School 9:30 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

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Sunday School - 10 a.m.

Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

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Early Service 9:00 a.m.

Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.

Late Service 11:00 a.m.

Growth Groups Nightly 7:00 p.m.

Wed. - Youth Group Teen Kids 7:00 p.m./Adult Choir 7:00

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Domingo-(Sunday)

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Miercoles (Wednesday)

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Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm

Servicio De Adoration 6:00 pm

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Good Luck Elks

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4th grade Students Make US Flags

Several 4th grade students made US flags using various textures and materials. The children were very creative and learned about the importance of our nation's flag, along with the responsibility of being citizens of the United States. Mettie Judd is the 4th grade Social Studies teacher.



ELK TALES By Lynda Hauser

The fourth grade has completed their Family Flag Project. Each student made an American flag out of various materials of their choice. All parents and community members are welcome to come and view the displayed flags at Mary Allen Elementary.

Mrs. Ricks says Ethan McGinnis helped Taylor Wright find a book in the library. Thanks, Ethan.

Our Stratford High School Student Council and Sherman County 4-H will be joining forces to help Hurricane Katrina & Rita victims on Wednesday, October 5. "You Can Wear a Hat Day" will be the theme of the community service project. The students may purchase a permit for \$1.00 to wear a cap in school on that day. All money collected from the hat permits will be donated to the American Red Cross.

Wednesday, Oct. 5 is also an early release day. School is dismissed at 12:35. Teachers will have a half-day in-service.

There will be a financial aid meeting for parents of juniors and seniors at 6:30 p.m. in the library on Thursday, October 6. The 7th, 8th, and JV football teams will play Gruver here at 5:00 p.m.

Our Varsity will play Gruver there at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. The Pep Rally is the Blue/White Pep Rally. The Junior High students will wear a white t-shirt--they will be cheering with the "White" cheerleaders. Mary Allen will be wearing blue and cheering with the "Blue" cheerleaders. The Pep Rally will begin at 3:15. This is our first District game of the season.

Our Cross Country team will run at WTAMU at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

The fifth graders are now learning to type. They are using the AlphaSmart computers and a self-pacing program. Give us a few months and we will be proficient!! Mrs. Nita Hudson, Mrs. Tiffany Confer, and Mrs. Brenda Brownlee take turns teaching the Keyboarding class.

As of last Thursday, Coach Keener says the 7th and 8th grade football teams are yet to be scored on, and both teams are still undefeated. Way to go, guys!

In third grade math, the Space Jammers won the "Battle for a Blizzard". The contest starts over each six weeks so the kids are hard at work trying to win points for their team. The kids earn points by making 100's. Each time they make a 100, they get to try to make a basket with Mrs. Garza's basketball goal hanging in her room. If they make it, they get 100 points for their team. They also get to play "Zonk" on Fridays for points. If you see a third grader ask them how that game works. They also receive

points for doing homework and various other activities. We work hard in math but we also try to have a little fun along the way!

Mrs. Stoy's sophomore classes have been utilizing the Computer Lab on Fridays. They chose a topic, and then they have to search two websites on that topic and compare the two websites by using a list of questions she provided. Her freshman classes are using the internet to find definitions and sentence usage for vocabulary words.

The Seniors taking the Concurrent English course from Frank Phillips College have been busy writing papers. They choose a topic from the teacher's list, and then they compose an essay that has to be between 500 and 700 words. Of course, they just love it!

Mrs. Carthel's ESL classes are starting an exciting project. The high school classes will interview our Elk Mascot, Jordan Confer, and the junior high classes will interview their principal, Mr. Seward. They plan to publish their results in the Stratford Star.

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3. The Historian: A Novel by Elizabeth Kostova
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5. Point Blank by Catherine Coulter
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7. Slow Burn by Julie Garwood
9. Without Mercy by Jack Higgins
10. Lifeguard by James Patterson
11. The Mermaid Chair by Sue Monk Kidd
12. Sweetwater Creek by Ann Rivers Siddons
13. The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
14. Vanish by Tess Gerritsen
15. True Believer by Nicholas Sparks
16. Angels and Demons by Dan Brown
17. No Country for Old Men by Cormac McCarthy
18. Miracle by Danielle Steel

Non-Fiction

1. The World is Flat by Thomas Friedman
2. 1776 by David McCullough
3. 1491 by Charles C. Mann
4. Collapse by Jared Diamond
5. The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren
6. Who Moved My Cheese by Spencer Johnson
7. Captivating by John and Stasi Eldredge

Real Estate

(NU) - Sales of second homes have ratcheted up dramatically as vacationers and investors look to snap up these properties amid the lure of low mortgage rates and rapidly increasing home values. ERA Real Estate has been an industry leader in this area with its established Resort Properties International program. The program features a team of trained resort experts who can instantly access key resources from around the world and provide specialized information on second-home properties across all price levels and comfort needs. ERA Real Estate also recently launched a Web site designed specifically to meet the needs of second-home buyers. For more information, visit <http://resorts.era.com>.

Preparation for Disasters Presented to GFWC Top of Texas Meeting Oct. 1st

A program on preparation for disasters, weapons of mass destruction, chemical emergencies was presented to members of General Federation District meeting Saturday October 1. The meeting was held at the First Assembly of God Church with GFWC/Prospectus Study Club as hostess.

Those attending came from clubs of Borger, Dumas, Dalhart, and Amarillo. The great luncheon was prepared by the ladies of the church.

Speakers were Emily Nolte David Dickerson and Carl Unlaub, all of Dumas. Among the information given out were developing your family disaster supply kit and how to protect your Identity from being stolen.

Eric Riffe and Jack McBryde of Boy Scout Troop 238 presented the United States Flag and led in the pledge. The welcome was given by Prospectus Study Club president, D'Lynn Reed with the business conducted by Top of Texas District President Betty Unlaub of Dumas.

Gina Jones was awarded a gift for being a first timer to the district meeting. Ten local members attended.



A very timely program on Preparation for Disasters was presented to GFWC Top of Texas meeting Oct. 1. Giving the program were from left, Carl Unlaub, Emily Nolte and David Dickerson, all of Dumas.

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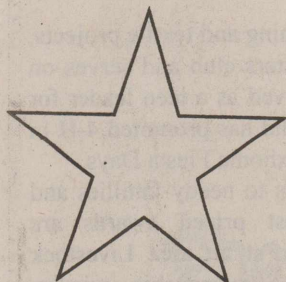
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10-6-p

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9-29-tfn

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10-13-p

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To Whom It May Concern

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10-6-c

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Garage Sales

Carport Sale: Sat. October 8th, 401 N. Fulton-9 a.m. till 2 p.m. Yes we do have the Kitchen sink. "No early Birds"
10-6-c

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Found: White Cat. Please call 366-3151.
10-6-p

Houses for Sale

House for Sale: 802 N. Fulton, Carport, CH/A Heat Pump system. Call 396-2007.
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.
3-31-tfn

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For Sale: 605 N. 3rd, 2 bedroom, laundry room, CH/A, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$20,000. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613.
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House for Sale: 3 bdrm, 1 1/4 bath, brick, great location by elementary school. Call 366-3485. 1317 N. Division.
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For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath- 2 1/4 bath, CH/A detached garage, Big back yard with storage building, close to school. Call 266-2401.
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Secretary Johanns to Hold Farm Bill Forum In Lubbock

(College Station, Texas) — September 30, 2005- John Fusion, State Executive Director for USDA's Texas Farm Service Agency announced today that Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns will host a Farm Bill Forum Wednesday, October 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Helen DeVitt Jones Auditorium located on Indiana Avenue between 4* Street and Brownfield Highway on the Texas Tech University Campus In Lubbock.

"The Farm Bill! Forums provide an opportunity for USDA to hear directly from America's producers and other stakeholders who have tremendous insight to offer," said Johanns. "I'm approaching these listening Sessions with an open mind, knowing the feedback we receive will be useful and help to set the course for a new Farm Bill." The listening session is open to the public and seating is on a first come basis. Speakers are not required to register, and will have two minutes to make their comment. Written comments may be submitted to USDA at the listening session or via the website at www.usda.gov/farmbill. Select "Comment on the 2007 Farm Bill", which is the last item located in the middle section, to send your message. When participating in the forums, the public is invited to respond to

one or more of the following six questions. The format of the forum will allow an open comment period for general Farm Bill comments.

1. How should farm policy address any unintended consequences and ensure that such consequences do not discourage new farmers and the next generation of farmers from entering Production agriculture?
2. How should farm policy be designed to maximize U.S. competitiveness and our country's ability to effectively compete in global markets?
3. How should farm policy be designed to effectively and fairly distribute assistance to producers?
4. How can farm policy best achieve conservation and environmental goals?

Cards of Thanks

Sometimes it's hard to express one's appreciation as words don't always come easy...the care and loving compassion shown our mother from Coldwater Manor, Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Stratford Ambulance Service, and Dumas Memorial Hospice, especially in the last couple of weeks when she was in such ill health was incredible. Cards the family has received, memorials in Ina's name, food, flowers, and just hugs has been overwhelming. Stratford is lucky to have such nice facilities, enabling families to keep their loved ones close to home. They give 100% and more. We are very appreciative to all the people who came in contact with Ina, giving her such wonderful, compassionate care.

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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 free 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.

5. How can Federal rural and farm programs provide effective assistance in rural areas?
6. How should agricultural product development, marketing and research-related issues be addressed in the next Farm Bill?
7. This is a tremendous opportunity for Texas farmers, ranchers and agricultural organizations to comment on Farm Bill policy," said Fusion. "On behalf of all USDA agencies including FSA's sister agencies, Rural Development and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, I encourage those impacted by USDA policy to attend the forum and lend their voice to the development of the 2007 Farm Bill."

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