

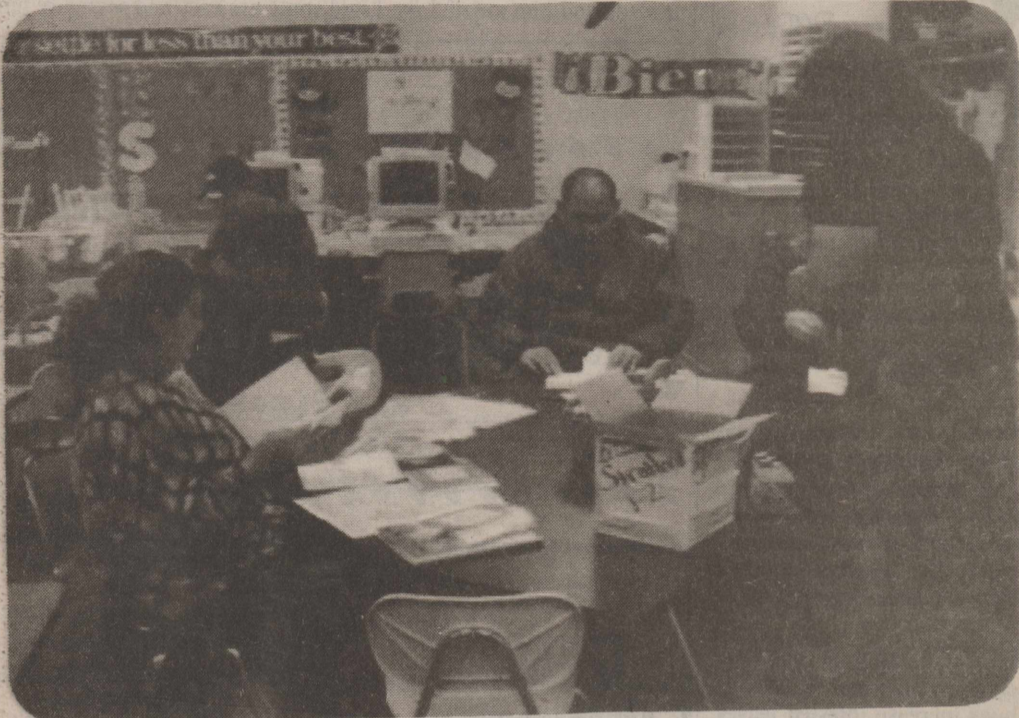
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Pictured above are some of the parents who participated in the First Parent Literacy Training session held February 17th. The next session will be on March 17th.



Elks Fall To Memphis

The Stratford Elks lost to Memphis 71-50 in their Bi-District game held last Tuesday, February 18th. Stratford Elks shown from left waiting to rebound are Chris Ortega, Matthew Taliaferro, Jason Ashley, Tyler Haynes and far right Josh King.

In the midst of the fountain of wit there arises something bitter, which stings in the very flowers.

—Lucretius

City of Stratford To Hold Election

Ex-Student Reunion News

Ex-Student Classes ending in a '3' ('33,'43,'53,'63,'73,'83,'93) will make plans for the Ex-Student Reunion to be held in August. Class representatives are asked to revise mailing list.

Meeting will be Monday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Imagination Station. President Dario Garza, Treasurer - Donita Robertson, and Correspondence Gaynelle Riffe.

Pantry Board To Meet

Pantry Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. on February 27th at XIT Building.

Methodists Men Pancake Supper

The Methodist Mens Annual Pancake supper is Tuesday, March 4, 2003 from 5 to 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

Women's Day of Prayer

Women's Day of Prayer will be Friday, March 7, 2003 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Noon. Please bring a salad and enjoy a salad luncheon and prayer.

Women Invited To Baked Potato Supper At Assembly Of God Church

The Ladies of First Assembly of God Church would like to invite all the ladies of the Community to join us at a Baked Potato Supper. Linda Hunter will be with us to bring something special with God's Word. This will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at 6:30 at First Assembly of God Church. Please RSVP To Margaret Bell at 396-2051 or Dorothy Varner at 396-2042.

Open House is at the school that night. So come by for Prayer and worship after you finish at the school.

Cowboy Church Meets Wednesdays

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed.

City of Stratford will hold an election Saturday, May 3, 2003 to fill three places on the ballot. Those terms expiring are George Harding, Blake Confer, and Joe Zak. Anyone wishing to file for a place on the ballot may sign up at City Hall, 518 N. Third, Stratford, between the hours of 8:00-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Last day to file for a place on the ballot is March 19, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Early voting begins April 16, 2003 between the hours as listed above. For further information contact City Hall at (806) 366-5581.

Trustee Election

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 3, 2003. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may due so from February 17 through March 19, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's Office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

School will be closed for Spring Break March 12 through March 14, 2003, and candidate applications may be filed at The Sherman County Public Library with Sandy Baskin. Hours are as follows: Wednesday-Thursday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Friday-Closed, Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 and continue through April 29, 2003. Early voting will be conducted in the Administrative office Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Board members whose term will expire are Max Christian, Ronna Riffe, and Jared McBryde. Holdover members are Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, Steve Johnson and Ted Allen.

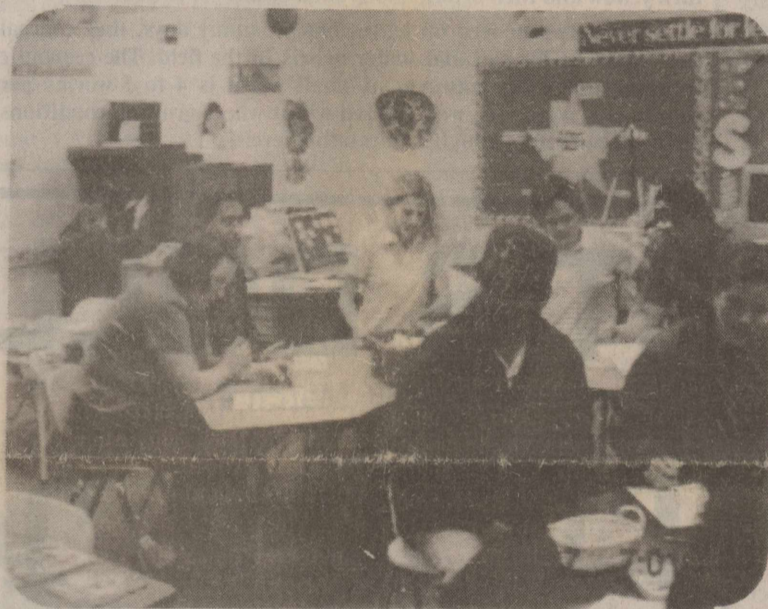
ATTENTION:

8TH GRADE & JUNIOR PARENTS

IT'S PROM TIME AGAIN!!!!

We will begin decorating Monday & Thursday evenings beginning Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. until further notice at the Old Lumberyard Bldg. located at 2nd & N. Pearl.

Please bring box cutter knives, scissors, paintbrushes, pencils and yardsticks.



First Parent Literacy Training session held February 17th.

SFD-Looking For "Few Good Men & Women"

Stratford Volunteer Fire Department is looking for a "few good men and women." Volunteers are needed to serve our community providing fire protection. SFD also provides services such as search and rescue and extrication.

Fire department members are required to attend meetings and training sessions twice monthly. In addition, there are other opportunities for additional training.

Anyone interested in joining may contact any fire department member or Chief Eddie Williams at City Hall 366-5581. Current members of the Stratford Fire Department are: Eddie Williams, Chief, Jack Gore, Asst. Chief, Sandy Williams, Asst. Chief, Ronda Mathews, Chris Hernandez, Donita Robertson, Dean Hauser, Jesus Marsical, Danny Davis, Brian White and Lane Robertson.

Interested applicants may request an application and copy of the Stratford Fire Department By-Laws.

Hospital District To Hold Election

Stratford Hospital District will conduct an election on May 3, 2003 for the purpose of election two directors. The terms of Margaret Reed and Larry Drake will expire this year. Shannon Taliaferro, Ron Brooks, and Ineta Chesher will continue as directors for another year.

Anyone interested in serving as a hospital district director is encouraged to file an application for name to be placed on the ballot at Stratford Hospital District administrative office located at Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX. Applications may be filed from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, from February 17, 2003 through March 19, 2003.

Keep your promises to yourself.

—David Haro

Ground-breaking Set For Stratford Cemetery Directory & Veterans Memorial

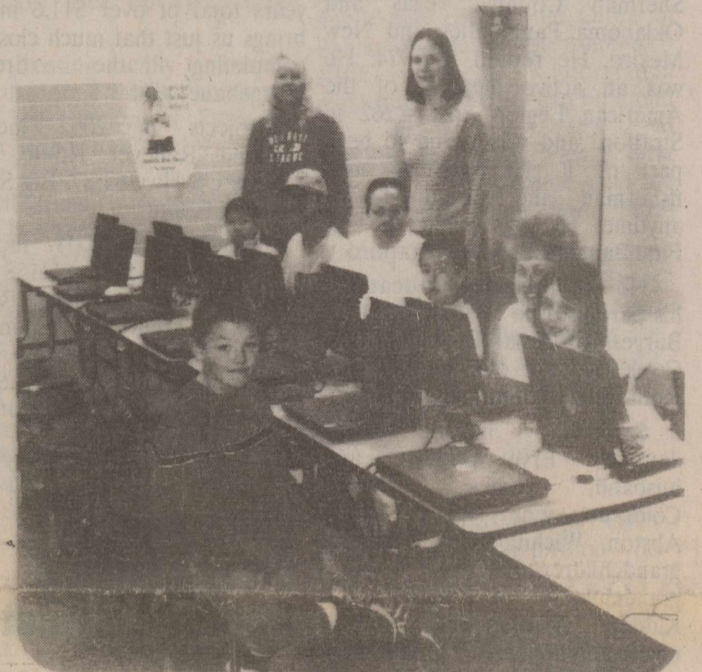
The Stratford Cemetery Board is pleased to announce the ground breaking ceremony for the new Stratford Cemetery Directory and Veterans Memorial is set for Saturday, March 1, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. at the Stratford Cemetery. The public is invited to attend.

The ground breaking is a significant milestone in a project envisioned by the Stratford Cemetery Board almost a year and a half ago. Those manning shovels for the ceremony will be Sherman county Judge, Kim Crippen, Mayor of Stratford, David Brown, Sherman County Sheriff, Jack Haile, and Stratford Cemetery Board President, Wayne Smith.

Members of the Stratford Cemetery Board are Linda Spurlock, Ann Johnson, Becky Asher, George Harding, Joe Zak (City Council Liaison) and Wayne Smith, President. George Harding is filling the unexpired term of the late Jim Johnson. George and Marilyn Harkins have been instrumental in the development of the directory.

Board President, Wayne Smith stated, "This event truly is significant in the life of this project. There are a lot of folks who have a hand in bringing this project to fruition. If I tried to name them all, I'm sure I would miss many of them. We are very fortunate to have some fine people in this community with vision and determination to see a task like this completed. I hope interest in the project will grow as we actually begin construction."

If you would like to contribute to this project you may do so at the Stratford City Hall.



Free computer classes offered at Stratford Schools. Saturday's "Kidpix and Kidspiration" class, Leader's Kathy Hart, Darlene Walker and Jennifer DeAnda. Top, down; Carlos Armendaris, Eddie Armendaris, Daniel and Eva Acosta, DeAnda, Magaly Guererro. Left side, Chance Walker. Watch for more scheduled classes in the Star.

Imagination Station News

Finishing touches are being made on the Reception Areas, computer room and office. Plans are for the Open House on March 30. If you catch someone working now come in and take a peek.

March 10, One Act Play production of "Cinderella" will be performed at the Mary Allen Cafeteria as a fund raiser for the Imagination Station with a Fee Will Donation.

Week of the Young Child Activities are in the planning for April.

The city will host the quarterly Tax Entities Council, May 22, at the Imagination Station.

We have spent all the hard earned money the former board members earned so we are looking for capital to complete the kitchen and replace south windows with a 8 ft. door opening to accommodate the display given to the Imagination Station by the Harrington Discovery Center. If you hit the lottery, look to you Imagination!

ACS "Relay For Life" To be Organized

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is interested in getting a "Relay for Life" event organized for the Stratford area to celebrate cancer survivorship and raise money for the research and programs of the ACS. "Relay For Life" represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated. If you would be interested in helping to get this event started in Stratford, please contact Karen Metzger at 396-2013.

2002 Citizen Of Year Award Nominations

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is now accepting Nominations for the 2002 Citizen of the Year award. The Award will be presented at the annual Chamber Banquet Scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2003.

A few 'rules' to keep in mind as you contemplate your nomination:

Only signed nomination forms will be accepted.

No verbal nominations will be accepted.

The winner will be chosen based on merit, not the number of letters received.

Guidelines for awarding this honor include:

Consistent Community support (length of service)

Number of people served and projects completed

Continued personal growth

Progressive ideas

A positive community attitude.

A nomination form may be obtained at the local Chamber office located in the City Hall Building, or use the form accompanying this article. The deadline is Monday, April 7. The selection committee will choose the winner on Tuesday, April 8. For further information, please contact the office (366-2260).

Form on page 4

Reminder: Windbreak Seedlings

Reminder: Orders for windbreak seedlings from the Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District need to be in to the office no later than February 28, 2003. Orders for larger landscape trees will be due the middle of March. If you have any questions call Terry at 396-5517 ext. 101.

Obits

Travis Justin "Mike" Burgess

Travis Justin "Mike" Burgess, age 95 died February 22, 2003 in Amarillo, Texas.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at Stratford Cemetery with Rev. Brent Farney, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Stratford officiating.

Mr. Burgess was born May 28, 1907 in Ardmore, Oklahoma in Indian Territory to Jesse Barton Burgess and Magdalena B. Rousseau. He was a resident of Sherman County since 1930.

He married Winnie Brooks in June, 1948. She preceded him in death in February, 1999. He worked as a mechanic until 1939 when he joined Bennett Implement where he worked until joining the U.S. Navy in 1942. He served as an electrician 3rd class and was attached to Destroyer Repair Unit (DRU) #1, which refurbished Old destroyers used in WWI and was returned to service in WWII. He was stationed in New Guinea and received his honorable discharge as 1st class electrician in 1945. Upon his return to Stratford, he again worked with Bennett Implement until a partnership with Bob Jacobs was formed in 1952. Together they began the Minneapolis-Moline-AKA-J and B. Implement Company serving Sherman County, Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles and New Mexico. He retired in 1974. He was an active member of the American Legion Post #262 in Stratford and was proud to be a part of it. He was an avid fisherman and would go at anytime. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Stratford.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Jesse B. Burgess of Amarillo, two sisters, Cecile Koontz of Amarillo and Ruth Keenan of Lamar, Colorado.

Survivors include one daughter: Erva Gambrel and husband, James, Ordway, Colorado, one sister: Helen Abston, Wichita Falls, Texas. 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren. Son-in-law: Bill Kidder, Washington, several nieces and nephews, 7 great nieces and nephews, 12 great great nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

"Country Memories"

Remember the softness of a horse's muzzle and the smell of hay in the barns? Or a bath in a #2 washtub? The Carson County Square House Museum is pleased to present Sam Doering's exhibit, "Country Memories" at the Purvins Annex of the Square House at the Museum complex in March and April.

Mrs. Doering took up drawing as a child to entertain herself as a child. This expanded into painting, drafting and design as an adult. She worked a number of years as a draftsman. The last few years, Sam (as she chooses to be called) has studied the techniques of other artists, especially Rembrandt and Norman Rockwell. A member of Amarillo Fine Arts Association and the Panhandle Art Center, she says, "Painting is my passion! I try to express my appreciation of life and God's wonders through my works. Each heart signs its own song and paints its own rainbow, and I am painting mine." Sam grew up in the Texas Panhandle and returned after several years as a military wife. Her paintings reflect the memories of childhood and her travels to other places. The poignancy and discovery of children is one of the strongest features of her paintings.

The public is invited to a reception for Mrs. Doering, Sunday, March 2, 2003 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Come by, see the beautiful art and visit with Sam.

For further information and registration forms, please call (806) 537-3524.



The real name of the painting known as the Mona Lisa is La Gioconda. It is the portrait of a middle-class Florentine woman.

Ports-to-Plains Announces Corridor Funding

The Ports-to-Plains Coalition received another round of good news this week when it learned the Omnibus appropriations bill passed by Congress included some funding for the Corridor.

"This is great news for Ports-to-Plains and all our membership," said Ports-to-Plains Chairman Randy Neugebauer. "Our Congressional delegation is to be commended for all their hard work. We have been working with them and their staff to bring these projects to fruition since last year and it has paid off."

Mr. Neugebauer cited the efforts of Senators Hutchinson and Cornyn of Texas, Allard and Campbell of Colorado, Inhofe of Oklahoma, Dominici and Bingaman of New Mexico as well as Representatives Combest, Thornberry Stenholm, Smith, and Bonilla of Texas, Udall of New Mexico, Lucas of Oklahoma as well as Musgrave and Schaffer of Colorado.

Mr. Neugebauer also stated that the Ports-to-Plains Task Force members, local elected officials from Laredo, Eagle Pass, Del Rio to Limon and Denver Colorado, all played a role in this success. "Without our members and the local support we enjoy from one end of the corridor to the other, we would not be standing here today with this good news. Last year we were able to garner \$9.2 million in project funding along the Corridor. This year's total of over \$11.6 million brings us just that much closer to completing the dream," Neugebauer said.

Projects in 2002 include, Midland Reliever Route, New Mexico US Hwy 64/87, Big Spring Reliever Route.

Projects for 2003 include: Sterling county, TX. SH158 to 4 lane, Lamesa Reliever Route, West Laredo Multimodal Corridor, Wiley Junction, CO Improvements to US 287, U.S. 287 Corridor in Oklahoma, Corridor Management Plan.

2003 Annual Stewardship & Awards Banquet

The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation Districts announces its Annual Stewardship and Awards Banquet has been set for March 25, 2003. The meal is set for noon at the Sherman County Barn. We will have a catered meal consisting of Bar-B-Q with all the trimmings.

Awards will be given to the student from Stratford schools that placed in our Coloring, Poster, and Essay Contests. This year's first place essay winner will also be awarded a \$200 Scholarship.

Wes Robbins, a former Natural Resource Conservation Service Agronomist will be the guest speaker. His topic will be the improvements in farm technology over the past 50 years, and the benefits of residue management.

We hope to see you, your family and friends at the Banquet. Remember - there is not charge for this great time. Please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 with your reservations. Reservations need to be made by March 21, 2003.

You avoid duty, you avoid action.
The world demands results.
—George W. Goethals

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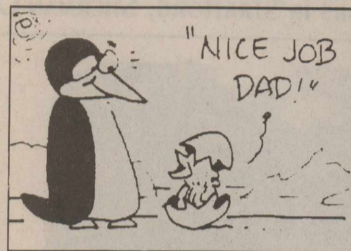
By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- March 5-6 Broadway Series "South Pacific" Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- March 7 "Cinderella" One-Act Play Dinner Theatre 7:00 p.m. Mary Allen Elementary Cafeteria
- March 6-16 "The Importance of Being Earnest" Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- March 10 "Cinderella" One-Act Play 7:00 p.m. Mary Allen Elementary Cafeteria Free Will to benefit Imagination Station
- March 14 "Rigoletto" Amarillo Opera Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- March 27-30 "Peter Pan" Guymon Community Theatre
- March 29 Amarillo Symphony Sharon Robinson, cello Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3094
- April 2-3 Broadway Series "The Music Man" Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096

Annual Staff To Be Selling "The Elk 2003"

The Stratford Annual Staff is still asking you to save your empty printer cartridges. We appreciate so much you taking the time to do this and would like to report that we have received close to \$500 for the empty cartridges we have sent in! Keep on saving and thanks for your help!



Among emperor penguins, it is the male bird which hatches the eggs.

AgriPartner Report

Insect and mite pest problems have been virtually nonexistent in the 2002-2003 wheat crop. Only an occasional greenbug, army cutworm and bird cherry-oat aphid have been reported. However we are at the time of year when greenbug can rapidly increase and army cutworm become more obvious. Heavy greenbug infestations often occur in March which is also the time army cutworm can reach their maximum size of 1 to 1 1/4 inches.

Check the underside of lower leaves for developing greenbug populations. Damage symptoms develop as off-color, yellow or reddish spots within a field. As greenbugs increase infested leaves turn yellow and then brown and gradually die.

Army cutworm feed on leaves but on sunny days, they conceal themselves in the soil and under debris in the field. The economic threshold for army cutworm in small wheat is 4 to 5 worms per square foot. Vigorous, well tillered wheat where growing conditions are good can tolerate higher infestation levels.

F.Y.I.
By Sheriff Jack Haile

More information from the Executive Office of the President. One of the great myths about marijuana use is that it is harmless. Here are some of the facts. Smoked marijuana contains three to five times more tar and carbon monoxide than comparable amounts of tobacco. Marijuana use as a cause for emergency room visits has risen 176% since 1994, and now surpasses heroin. Smoking marijuana leads to changes in the brain similar to those caused by cocaine and heroin. Marijuana affects alertness, concentration, perception, coordination, and reaction time-many of the skills required for safe driving. A roadside check of reckless drivers not impaired by alcohol showed that 45% tested positive for marijuana. If you get hit by an impaired driver are you really concerned whether it was alcohol or marijuana?

Some arrest are easy and some are hard. Several years ago I was called out at about 3:00 a.m. about a person walking on 287 with car following. When I got there it was exactly as the caller described. I got the car stopped but the man just kept walking. The driver told me the man walking was her boyfriend but they had an argument and he wouldn't get in the car. I caught up with the man asked what the problem was. He replied no problem.. I then advised he would need to do a sobriety test. He replied that he was to drunk to do any test. I told him he was under arrest for public intoxication and that he was going to jail. He promptly fell over the hood of my car and put his hands behind his back. I put the cuffs on him and transported him to jail. Like I said some are easy and some are hard.

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Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

**Technology Showcase
At Open House**

There were 45 enjoying Sunday dinner Feb. 16 at the Community Center. Hosts were the Ralph Hampton family.

Ethel Hampton Tennyson, Ralph Hampton's mother was buried Feb. 17 in Stratford. Her obituary was in last week's Stratford Star. Community sympathy is extended to all her family.

Ted & Joyce Irlbeck attended funeral services for his sister and a brother in a week's time. Roberta Artho died Feb. 10 and John Anthony Irlbeck died Feb. 15. All of Ted's brothers and sisters had enjoyed a big reunion in Hereford last summer. Community sympathy is given to their families.

Marylou McDaniel and Clifford Abbott attended the Feb. 16 matinee of Amarillo Little Theater production of "Chicago". Friday night Jo June McDaniel and Marylou saw the movie in Dalhart.

Marylou attended the Red Hat Society meeting in Dumas with Thelma Smith.

Jon Hart and Mike McDaniel recently went to Lake Havasu, Arizona, where they visited with Jon's uncle, Howard and Lynn Hart. They saw the London Bridge. They went to Las Vegas where they saw Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones in concert.

A Diaper Shower was given for Reese Schoonover and her mother Trisha on Feb. 15. Hostesses at Katie York, Alicia Adams, Mimi Ruiz, Stephanie Washburn, or call Tami King at 366-3335. Payment is due upon ordering your book.

Enjoying the afternoon were Sue Hudson, Joyce McBryde, Susie & Cricket Asher, Jo June McDaniel, Donna Gillenwaters, Nita Taylor, Doris Parsons, Doris Dyess, Lula Grice, Kay Howell, Janie & Hannah Sims, Linda & Brianna Srader, Ellen Tillery, Jodi Roberts, Kendra, Kaylee & Madison Mungia, Tiffany Hudson.

**Sherman County
Livestock Show
Buyers' Appreciation
Banquet**

The Sherman County Livestock Show Buyers' Appreciation Banquet will be held February 27, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. The banquet provides 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors a chance to recognize and show their appreciation to the individuals and businesses that purchased their livestock projects. All donors to the livestock show are welcome to attend and be recognized. There will be a pot luck supper provided. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Neve at (806)366-2081.

**Six 4-H Members
Participate In Show**

Six Sherman County 4-H members participated in the Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show held in Ft. Worth, TX on January 27-31, 2003. Kaleb Horsford took home the biggest prizes by placing both his animal projects in the sale. He placed eighth place with his Shorthorn steer and tenth with his Chester barrow. Jordan Johnson also made the sale with his Shorthorn steer placing tenth place. Clayton Johnson, Case Crabtree, and Kristen Crabtree all exhibited steer projects, while Kyle Horsford exhibited a barrow.

Seven 4-H members exhibited in the San Antonio Livestock Show on February 10-14, 2003. Clayton Johnson was the big winner as his Maine steer was named Breed Champion and earned a position in the sale. Stephanie Bell, Megan Crabtree, Morgan Crabtree, Katharina Pendergrace, Jennie Spurlock, and Chance Walker exhibited barrows in the Jr. Show.

Stratford High School is hosting a Technology Night in conjunction with the annual Open House on March 4, 2003 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Students will be at work on projects demonstrating the use of technology in the high school classroom. Teachers will be available to discuss student progress as well as technology integration. The school would like to invite everyone in the community, parents, grandparents, and patrons to come by and see all the exciting and innovative ways technology is being used.

Teachers will be in their classrooms demonstrating, with the help of their students, best practices in technology integration. Coach Ashley, with a student volunteer, will demonstrate how teachers are able to translate English text, tests, and worksheets into Spanish so that ESL students do not get behind in their studies. Paula Everett, science teacher, and student volunteers will be working with the software application *Inspiration*. *Inspiration*, a graphical organizer, helps students

learn to organize ideas and concepts either pictorially or in an outline. Rissie Heglin, math teacher and Norma Parra, Spanish teacher, along with students will be demonstrating software used in their respective disciplines. Ms. Heglin's students will utilize *Geometer's SketchPad* while Mrs. Parra's students will employ *MS PowerPoint* and *FrontPage*.

Other areas to observe will include Mr. Dan Hembree's classroom. The Cisco Networking Academy can be found here. In addition students will be working on PowerPoint presentations. Mrs. Judy Stoy can be found in the English classroom with students working on and showing off many of the technology integration here.

If you haven't made it out to the Art Department by now, please check out Mrs. Cindy Russell and the Digital Graphics and Animation classes. These students, under the diligent tutelage of Mrs. Russell, produce fine work using the industry standard software, *PhotoShop*. Everyone has something to share with you, so please come to the annual Open House and see what is happening at SHS. March 4. We will be looking for you.

Lollies Lines
By Lorelyn Powers

How is the world treating you this cold morning? Well I decided that the things we have are really good the fax sure did help out today for I had information going all over the panhandle in less than 45 minutes and did not have to leave the warmth of the house.

Yesterday was a beautiful day with our weather changing from snow to sunshine. On a drive in the country the country side is green and the cattle look great. We want to thank Randy Aro and Mabel Thompson for letting us be a part of their celebration of Mabel's birthday at El Rancho where her families got together to celebrate her birthday.

We want everyone everywhere to take care of each other and to be kind to one another.

**Annual Staff
Still Needs
Your Help**

The Stratford Annual Staff will be selling "The Elk 2003" beginning Monday, February 17, for \$35 each. Beginning March 1st, the books will be \$40. You can also personalize your book for \$5 more. Book sales will end March 11. NO EXCEPTIONS! Be sure to place your order with Katie York, Alicia Adams, Mimi Ruiz, Stephanie Washburn, or call Tami King at 366-3335. Payment is due upon ordering your book.

**Lunch & Learn
Holds Meeting**

Lunch & Learn TEEA Club met Feb. 20 at the extension office for a lunch prepared by Susie Spurlock, agent. She also gave the group information about upcoming events.

This club meets on even numbered months, Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., Dec.

There will be a Fun Friday program and lunch on June 13 for members and guests.

Council hosts October Coldwater Manor Birthday. Lunch & Learn will help with this event.

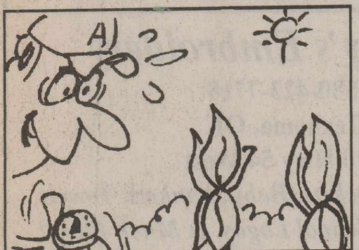
As announced last year was the last Christmas in November turkey dinner. However there will be a craft show Nov. 8 with council renting booth space and allowing another organization the opportunity to provide the concession. A task force will be meeting in March to gather information on hosting this.

District Spring TEEA Conference will be hosted in Dumas by Sherman, Moore, Hartley and Dallam Counties. The date is April 15. Sherman County will be coordinating the decorations and plans to have a workday on March 11 at the Extension Office.

District fund raiser is a \$350 WalMart Gift Certificate. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Proceeds are used for district organization administrative expenses and 4-H support.

Susie gave the program on Memory.

In attendance were Barbara Diller, Margaret Graham, Dorothy Haile, Marylou McDaniel, Kennetha Seawright, Kim Crippen, LaRenda Wright, Doris Parsons, Paula Nusz, Connie Oquin, Sharon Perkins, Liz Sanders.



The compass plant is so-called because its leaves tend to line up in a north-south direction.



Lauran Fulton Corson

**Amarillo Opera
"Rigoletto" March 14**

Verdi's "Rigoletto" is presented by the Amarillo Opera on Friday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

A father's love and a fool's revenge set the stage for the ultimate tragedy etched in music. One of Verdi's best loved operas, "Rigoletto," is filled with famous moments.

The Opera is performed by a professional cast that features Dennis Jesse from New York as "Rigoletto" and Lauran Fulton Corson also from New York areas as "Gilda," "Rigoletto's daughter. Corson is the daughter of H.R. and Thelma Fulton of Canyon.

The Amarillo Opera crew is building the "hard pieces" for the production, and the drops are being rented from Stivenello Company in New York and were painted in Italy.

A complimentary lecture and commentary of "Rigoletto" will be presented in the foyer of the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium at 6:30 prior to the performance.

Tickets are available from Panhandle Ticketing 806-378-3096.



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**Deans Honor
Roll Named**

The following local residents were named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the fall 2002 semester.

David Speer from Dalhart and Amelia Smith from Stratford.

To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or better for the semester.

Located about 150 miles west of the Dallas/Fort Worth area, ACU is a national leader in Christian higher education with an enrollment of approximately 4,700 students from 50 states and 60 nations.

**First Assembly of God
Terry Callis, 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. Bob Sweeten
5th & Main**

Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

**First United Methodist
Rev. Mark Metzger
520 N. Main**

Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00

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6th & Pearl**

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m.
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Church of Christ
Larry Evans
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 Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

**First Baptist
Brent Farney
702 N. 3rd**

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m..
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

**La Mision Bautista
Mision Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376**

Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am
Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
Susninos Durante El Servicio.



New Faces-New Places

A new face and a new place in a historic space. Tiffany Jackson Hudson has opened a new hair salon "THE RED DOOR" 217 N. Main. Tiffany was born in Scottsdale, Arizona. She attended school in Stratford, Sunray and graduated from Dumas High School. Tiffany attended Exposito School in Amarillo and has been a hairdresser at Toni & Guy Salon in Amarillo. Tiffany married Tim Hudson (declining to have his picture taken) in August of 2001 and moved to the Spurlock Community. They attend the First United Methodist church and she is a member of Nu Beta Sorority. The historic space for THE RED DOOR, was built in the late 20's or early 30's and has been occupied by Martin Hardware, Ross Bros. Dry Goods, Robbie's Gift Shop, a children's shop and pre-school.

**Check Out
These Web Sites:**

- Ford Motor Company at www.ford.com.
- Wolverine Boots and Shoes at www.wolverinebootsandshoes.com.
- Amstel Light at www.amstel-light.com.
- Innovations in American Government (IAG) Awards at www.excelgov.com.

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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
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Honor Roll

Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll for 4th Six Weeks for 3rd and 4th Grade is as follows:

3rd Grade: Ryan Burton, Marcos Garza, Ransom Lermon, Haden Long, Tori McGinnis, Justin Mungia, Brantley Palmer, Perla Reta, Jared Saloga, Layne Sims, Chance Walker, Autumn Witcher, Julie York

4th Grade: Heidi Brooks, Matthew Chaffee, Trevor Christian, Lindsy Confer, Matthew Correll, Megan Crabtree, Bryce Cummings, Christopher Hart, Kyle Horsford, Kimberly Melton, Miranda Olivas, Michael Ortega, and Tyler Wright.

Stratford Junior High "A" Honor Roll for 4th Six Weeks is as follows:

5th Grade - Eric Burton, Kelsi Dennis, Jonathan Knight, Janeth Reyes, Sunny Russell, Thomas Serna, Lyndsi Thiessen, Jennie Witcher, Channing Ziemann.

6th Grade - Brooke Barnard, Stephanie Bell, Anne Brooks, Sinead Everett, Chandra Hawkins, Clayton Johnson, Deborah Molina, Margarita Rocha, Becky Rosales, Jon Seawright, Jenny Spurlock.

7th Grade - Jordan Confer, Kristen Crabtree, Michael Frizzell, Samantha Hart, Hailey Long, Michael Reinart, Kelsey Stein.

8th Grade - Candie Bell, Brant Cummings, Tiffni Drake, Rhia Everett, Ryan Ewers, Evan Haile, Shadley Hawkins, Daniel Hays, Alex Marquez, Merilee McDaniel, Crystal Peregrino, Krista Reta, Rustin Russell, Juliana Taliaferro, Harrison Walden, and Lisa Walls.

Vogel Elected To Board of Directors

On Thursday, February 13, 2003 the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, Investigator's Section, elected Terry J. Vogel to its Board of Directors. Mr. Vogel is the Criminal Investigator for the 69th Judicial District Attorney's Office, serving the citizens of Moore, Sherman, Hartley and Dallam counties of the Texas Panhandle.

The Texas District and County Attorneys Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving Texas prosecutors and attorneys in government representation. TDCAA serves the people who work in the district and county attorneys offices around the state by:

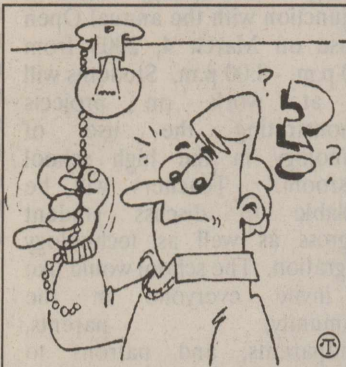
1. producing comprehensive continuing legal education courses for prosecutors, their investigators and key personnel;

2. providing technical assistance to the prosecution community and related criminal justice agencies; and

3. serving as a liaison between prosecutor and other organizations in the day to day administration of criminal justice.

During the week of February 10 through 14, 2003 the Association held its 26th annual Investigator's Conference and School, in Arlington, Texas. The school provides specialized training for investigators in a variety of subjects from internet and computer crimes to search and seizure issues. Over 350 District Attorney's and County Attorney's Investigators from all across Texas attended. Mr. Vogel was elected by the general membership to a position on the Board of Directors, and at the first meeting of the new board, was then elected by other board members to the position of Board Secretary.

Did You Know?



(NAPS)—An increasing number of families find togetherness by running away from home, together. Many get a jump on the vacation season by taking a break in the springtime to visit somewhere warm and welcoming. Research shows that Orlando is the number one family spring break destination in the country. In fact, each year many families gather in Orlando to experience a celebration of re-connecting called Family Spring Break. For vacation package information, call 1-888-ORL-4FUN or log on to orlandoinfo.com/springbreak.

Legal problems may be a lot easier—and less expensive—to solve for many people now that lawyers are getting technological help to do more in less time. One such aid is a new Web site for legal professionals featuring simple graphics and industry-specific content. It delivers information about products and services for the legal industry, such as what are called extranets, or secure Web sites. They let lawyers post documents and other data online and selectively share information with

clients, co-counsel, and so forth. More information is at www.hp.com/go/legal and www.hp.com/sbs/services/netdocuments.html.

When planning a second wedding, make sure you have every bride's best accessory—luminous skin. One product that improves skin's healthy appearance is Olay Total Effects Visible Anti-Aging Vitamin Complex with Vitamin C. It gently exfoliates and moisturizes skin, evening-out tone. For brides reciting their vows outside, this product is also available with SPF 15 UV Protection to help protect skin from sun damage.

Dinner Theater-Friday, March 7th

The Stratford High School drama department will have a dinner theater on Friday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. It will be at the Mary Allen Cafeteria. The tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students. The meal will be ham, potato casserole, green beans, salad, rolls and strawberry shortcake.

The play to be performed is "Cinderella in Loreland". The cast is Cinderella: Jayme Wilhelm, Prince: Brian Booth, King: Dylan Everett, Queen: Maira Argomaniz, Jester: Chance Lowery, Ashes the Cat: Cheyenne Ziemann, Stepmother: Alicia Renzleman, Tillebell: Heather

Robertson, Gladiola: Tiffany Duke and Princess Gold: Allison Baskin. The crew are Matthew Taliaferro, Corey Rendon, Katchyn Reed, and April Kautz. The understudies are Stephanie Washburn, Nora Gomez, Jesse Daniels, and Stacy Hays. Terri Teig will direct the play. Proceeds from the dinner will go for scholarships for high school students to attend area theater and drama camps.

For tickets see a cast or crew member. Tickets will also be available at the business office. For more information call 366-3330.



All bodies of water are subject to the tide-producing forces of the sun and moon, but only where oceans and continents meet are tides great enough to be noticed.

CRAFTY IDEAS

National Craft Month

(NAPS)—Since crafting is such a well-liked pastime, the Hobby Industry Association (HIA) has dedicated the entire month of March to celebrating all that it has to offer. All month long, craft retailers around the country will offer special classes, demonstrations, tips and projects to get customers involved.

That's good news for the estimated 58 percent of U.S. households that participate in crafts and hobbies. These activities help reduce stress, build children's self-esteem and learning skills, are emotionally pleasing and—most importantly—fun.

National Craft Month will culminate on Saturday, March 29 with a one-day happening entitled *Look! I Made It Myself...A Kids' Craft Day*. Craft and hobby retailers will offer a variety of fun-filled craft activities to introduce families and kids to the joys of crafting.

To find out what is going on during National Craft Month, call your local craft store or visit www.i-craft.com. The Web site also sponsors a weekly contest; four winners will be awarded a \$100 gift certificate for their favorite craft store.

Check Out These Web Sites:

The Geological Institute of America at www.gia.edu. For information about grants to finance a special education career, visit www.special-ed-careers.net or call 1-800-641-7824. The USA Freedom Corps Volunteer Network at www.usafreedomcorps.gov. To learn about protecting yourself from identity theft, visit the Postal Inspection Service Web site at www.usps.com/postalinspectors.

NOMINATION FORM STRATFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2002 AWARDS

CITIZEN

Nominee:

(First) (Middle) (Last)

Family Information:

Qualifications/Accomplishments:

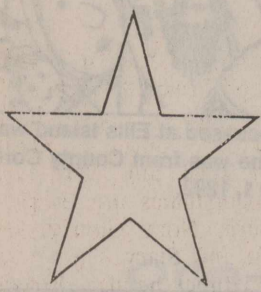
Community Involvement:

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Type of first brief explanation: Additional information may be submitted as an attachment.

Deadline: April 7, 2003

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NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION TPDES Registration No. WQ0003455-000

APPLICATION, VANCE BLOM MORRIS, SR, 8075 County Road Y, Gruver, Texas 79040 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for amendment of TPDES Registration No. WQ0003455-000 to authorize the applicant to expand an existing beef cattle facility from 6500 head to a maximum of 9500 head in Hansford and Sherman Counties, Texas. The application was received by TCEQ on April 22, 2002. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this registration except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The existing facility is located approximately 2.5 miles northeast of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1060 and Farm to Market Road 1573 in Hansford and Sherman Counties. The facility is located in the drainage area of an unnamed segment in Segment No. 0100 of the Canadian River Basin.

The application is available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main St., Spearman, Texas and Sherman County Library, 719 N. Main St., Stratford, Texas.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has prepared a draft registration which, if approved, would establish the parameters

and limitations within which the facility must operate.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the registration process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Please note that the 77th legislature changed the agency's name from Texas

Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Both names are interchangeable for a short period of time, until the phase-in is completed.

Issued Feb. 20, 2003.

LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Published in The Stratford Star Thursday, February 27, 2003.

Card of Thanks

We appreciated so much the fast, friendly service the Stratford EMT's provided recently for Dicy Stephenson. Thank you so much for taking time to render aid to one in need.

Fred and Irene Hughes

We would like to express our appreciation to the community for the comforting words, memorials, food, plants, and the many comforting cards we have received since the loss of my brother, Kelly Wynn. You have covered us with your prayers and prayer is what allows us to go. We have been blessed by all of you.

Steve, Linda & Tyler Haynes

The existence of virtue depends entirely upon its use.

—Cicero

LEGAL NOTICE

On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges".

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges. If customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee.

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$0.99 for residential customers and \$1.98 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a la Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con sietecientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de la Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporarios no son ultimadamente aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporales, indicados por la Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporarios. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 14 de Abril 2003, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con la Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

Basketball



Stratford Elk Josh King

Elks Finish Season

The Stratford Elks lost 71-50 in their Bi-District game against Memphis on Tuesday, February 18th. Leading scorers for the Elks were Tyler Haynes and Jason Ashley with 15 points each, Josh King 8 points and Matthew Taliaferro 6 points.

The Stratford Elks finished as District Champions with a 16-11 record, Stratford Tournament Champions, 3rd Place in Canadian Tournament and Jason Ashley All-Tournament at Lake Meredith Classic and MVP of Stratford Tournament and Josh King All-Tournament at Canadian.

Named Boys Basketball All-District were as follows: District

MVP - Jason Ashley, 1st Team All-District - Chris Ortega, 2nd Team Josh King, 2nd Team Tyler Haynes and Honorable Mention Matthew Taliaferro.

Academic All-District Basketball: Alicia Adams, Erin Ashley, Allison Baskin, Tiffany Duke, Amber Larance, Yadira Ortega, Alisha Sladek, Lindsay Stein, Amie Witcher; Boys - Dylan Everett, Tyler Haynes, Josh King, and Matthew Taliaferro. Pictures of All-District named above will be in next edition. Girls All-District not released yet.

Congratulations on a great season Elks!!

Know first who you are; and then adorn yourself accordingly.
—Epictetus



The homeland of the first immigrant processed at Ellis Island was Ireland. Her name was Annie Moore and she was from County Cork. She passed through Ellis Island on January 1, 1892.

Change is the only evidence of life.

—Evelyn Waugh



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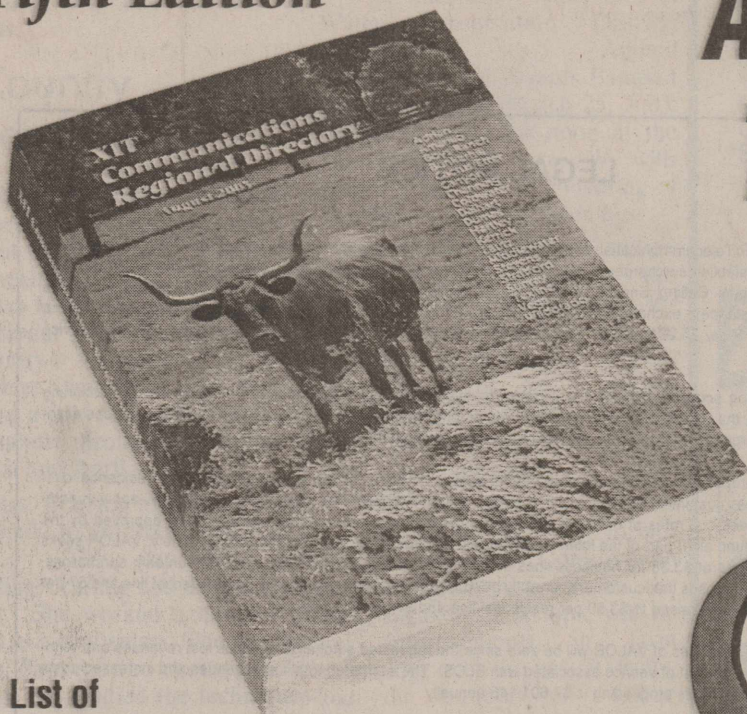
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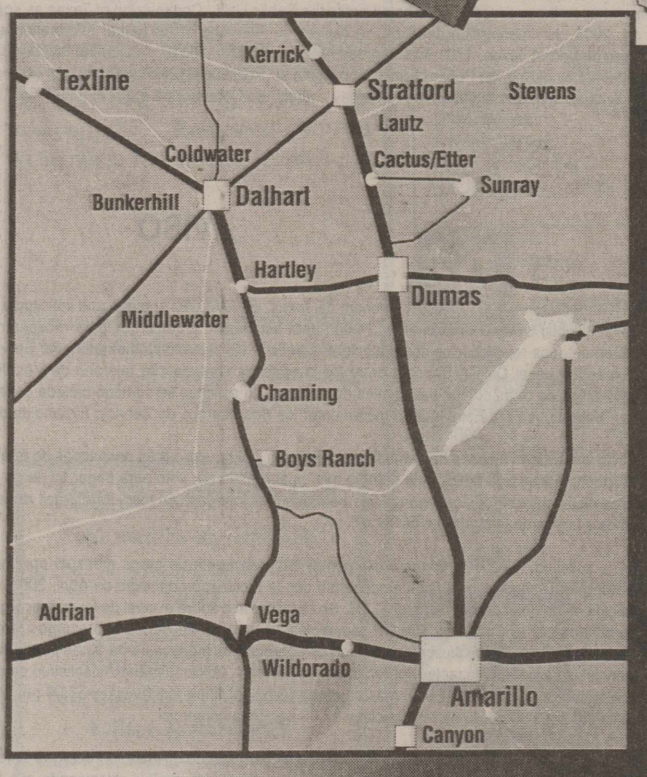


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