





# Obit

## Winnie Ruth Dunlap

Amarillo-Winnie Ruth Dunlap, 83, of Amarillo died Wednesday, April 16, 2003.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday April 19, 2003 in Stratford Cemetery in Stratford with the Rev. Mark Metzger, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Stratford, officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2820 Virginia Circle.

Mr. Dunlap was born Oct. 24, 1919, in Dallam County, one of eight children of pioneer family Joe and Judie Taylor. She grew up in Kerrick, graduated from Stratford High School in 1937 and attended college in Goodwell, Okla. She married Kay Dunlap in 1941. They lived in Boise City and operated Dunlap Hardware for many years. After Kay retired, they moved to Truth or Consequences, NM.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and four brothers, Walker Taylor, Jim Taylor, Ray Taylor and Pete Taylor.

Survivors include two daughters, Regina Dixon and husband, Kermit, and Karen Greer and husband, Mark; four grandchildren, Lucinda Nobles, Kermit K. Dixon, Shelli Dixon and Whitney Keeney; two great-grandchildren, Bethany Dixon and Connor Dixon; three sisters, Virgie Mathews, Geneva Wells and Mary Hill; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to Kerrick Community Center, Kerrick, TX 79052.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Readers,

Saturday, May 3 at 8:00 p.m. is clean-up day at the Stratford Cemetery. Trucks will be available to pick up tumble weeds (again) and tree trimmings. I hope personal plots will be inspected with the thought of placing permanent markers in place of temporary metal markers (some of these date to 1983) and remove faded and wind damaged floral arrangements.

Good dirt is available to level grave sites and you might get some help on May 3.

Keep Stratford Cemetery Beautiful starting May 3 to be ready for Memorial Day Celebration May 26.

Gaynelle Riffe

Don't sacrifice your political convictions for the convenience of the hour.

—Edward M. Kennedy

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By Gaynelle Riffe

How will we know where we are going, if we don't know where we have been?

Marilyn Albert Harkins has a love for history and an understanding of the importance history plays in the future.

Marilyn's History began on the farm in Keyes, Oklahoma. She has four children, Norma Talbert, Leonda Fedric, Denton Harryman, Jeffery Harryman and four Albert step children: Sandra (deceased), Lane Albert, Debbie Henry, Michael Albert. Marilyn married George Harkins, May 1999.

Marilyn has always bloomed where she was planted and has been very involved with Stratford. While serving as Sherman County Tax Assessor-Collector, she also helped Richard with their greenhouse business. She was president of the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce in 1975 and developed for the Chamber for a number of years, a very successful Craft Show. She was a partner in the Bumble Bee Floral with daughter Leonda. She was a co-editor of "God, Grass and Grit II".

In 1981, Marilyn became the chief Appraiser for the Sherman County Appraisal District, retiring in 1993. Richard's health prevented him from continuing in the greenhouse business and the winters were kinder in the Hill Country. Marilyn took the position of Executive Director for the statewide Texas Association of Assessing Officers in Austin. Richard passed away in the V.A. Hospital in Temple, Texas 1994. The Texas Association of County Appraisers has named for her a special award the "Marilyn Albert Distinguished service Award". Marilyn returned to Stratford in 1995 and established her own Appraisal business. She was a Board of Director for the Sherman County Economic Development at the time "Duckwalls" was brought to Stratford.

She developed a slide program on "Historical Homes of Stratford"

She married George Harkins in 1999 and they have become a team in the latest history road. They were on the Stratford Centennial Committee as co-workers with Les Dodson to repair and document the Coldwater Cemetery and worked with the Wagon Train and County History Tour. Marilyn was the Editor of the "God, Grass and Grit III". She and George are currently working with the Cemetery Association to develop a Cemetery Directory, making the corrections to the current records.

Marilyn has not only made a special history for her contributions to Sherman County and Stratford, but she has been instrumental in leaving that record for us and those who follow with "God, Grass and Grit II and III"

and the Cemetery Directory. Aren't We Glad She Has!!!

## Sherman County Breast Cancer Survivors Will be "Modeling For The Cure"

"Modeling for the Cure", a breast health education style show will be held Thursday, May 1 at the Dalhart Country Club. Sponsors of the show are Amarillo Area Breast Health Coalition and Dallam, Moore and Sherman Counties offices of Texas Cooperative Extension. The Show is a tribute to Breast Cancer survivors and a celebration of breast health awareness.

Two Sherman County Breast Cancer Survivors will model clothes provided by Kay's Klassics of Dumas while their story is being shared. Models for the event will be Arnita Lane and Zeldia Pickens.

Doctors Paul Zorsky, MD, Hematologist and Oncologist with Amarillo Cancer Center, PA, and Cathy Phillips, PhD, Research and Development Coordinator with Amarillo VA Hospital and professor at Texas Tech University Science Center will dispel myths and answer questions from audience.

Registration will begin at 5:15 p.m. with serving of a light meal provided by First State Bank of Stratford, Dumas, and Dalhart, Dalhart Federal, Frontier Fuel, Flowers, Etc. of Dumas, and Coon Memorial Hospital of Dalhart.

Door prizes to be given away will include a mammogram. If you would like to attend to support these Sherman County Breast Cancer Survivors and to learn more about the importance of breast health and early detection of breast cancer, please RSVP at 806-366-2122.

## F.Y.I.

By Sheriff Jack Haile

In 1988 I had a portable welder stolen. I didn't know how long it had been gone, I didn't know the model, serial number or anything else about it. I did know the make and that it was blue and that one of the leads was kind of burned and that I wanted it back. I reported it to the Sheriff's office and they made a report and that was pretty much the end of it. I was really frustrated. My comment at the time was, "If I saw it I would recognize it." Now that I'm on the receiving end of taking the report and its' even more frustrating. At the time I didn't realize how many blue Miller welders there were and the fact that I knew what it looked like didn't help one bit.

I wish burglaries and thefts did not happen. I wish that I could leave my house unlocked, my car unlocked and that I could trust everyone. Unfortunately this is not the case and it's getting worse not better. But there are some things you can do to help yourself and us when you are the victim of a theft or burglary.

N.C.I.C. (National Crime Information Center) has required fields for us to enter an item as stolen. We must have the make, model and serial number before we can enter it into the computer. If it's a firearm we must have those plus caliber. Any additional information is very helpful for the report, including value. If the item doesn't have a serial number put your driver's license number on the item. You must also put TX DL and then the number. Never use your Social Security number for this purpose. On my saddles I had TX DL and my number stamped way up under the skirts where the number can't rub off. Make a list with all the information you can get on each item and put it in a safe place. I put a list of all my valued possessions on disc and then put the disc in a safe deposit box. Remember to update the list as you add or delete items. Try to help us and yourself. It seems like a lot of trouble but it is almost impossible to recover an item without this information.

## Members Attend Spring Conference

Several Texas Extension Education Association members attended Spring Conference in Dumas April 15. Mary Wayne Spurlock, district presidents, conducted the session.

The meeting had two outstanding speakers—"Knowing and Recording the History of Your Heritage" by Jeanne Archer, Life Journeys, Amarillo and "Laughter Truly is the Best Medicine-Viewing Change as a Positive" by Ronda Mikles.

50 year certificates were awarded Jean Everett and Jimmie Pronger.

The state meeting is slated for Sept. 16-18 at Plano.

Present were 35 delegates, 89 members, 2 state board, 15 extension agents, and 4 guests. Sherman county members attending were Jean Everett, Liz Sanders, Dortha Allen, Marylou McDaniel, Reyna Everett, Dorothy Dewees, DeeDee Dewees.

Shirley McReynolds is district secretary and Jeanell Brock, both of Amarillo, are well known in Stratford.



## Sherman County Child Welfare Board

The month of April draws special attention to Child Abuse Prevention. Shown above are members of the Sherman County Child Welfare Board meeting with Danny Jackson - Program Administrator for Children's Protective Services. Front row: Danny Jackson, Ken Forthman; Back row: Jesse Resendes, Patsy Harland, Kathie Altman, Bob Sweeten. Not shown: Michael Meyer, David Cross.

## Lunch & Learn Holds Meeting

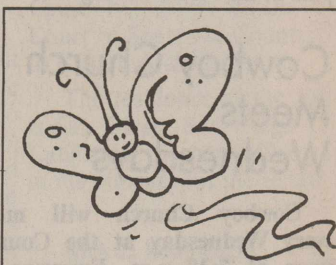
Lunch & Learn EEA Club met Thursday, April 17 at the extension office. The program by Susie Spurlock, agent, was "What's Missing in Your Pantry?"

Liz Sanders gave a report on the District Meeting that was held in Dumas. The next meeting is June 13 Fun Friday.

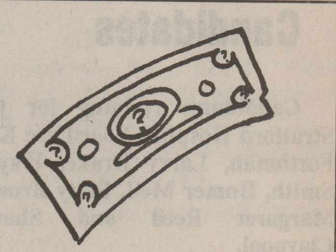
Lunch was served to Kennetha Seawright, Martha Mitts, Paula Nusz, Connie Oquin, Liz Sanders and guest, Renda Wright.

Nature is everything a man is born to, and art is the difference he makes in it.

—John Erskine



The original name for the butterfly is said to have been "flutterby."



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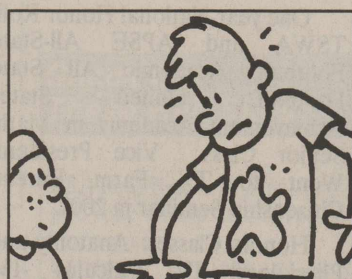
## VOTE POR BETTY J. BROWN

Candidata para

Stratford Hospital Board

Su voto y apollo ser muy agradecido.

Pol. Ad. Pagado Por Betty J. Brown, P.O. BX 7, Stratford, TX 79084



When travelling with children, it's a good idea to pack an extra change of clothes for yourself.

## Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To Report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

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David Cross - 396-2396

Ken Forthman - 366-2586

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Michael Meyer - 827-7453

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### Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Easter dinner was enjoyed by 44. The bountiful buffet had a great variety. The youngsters had an egg hunt after lunch.

Guests included Dayle & Alvin Harris of Pringle, S.D. and daughter-in-law, Rebecca and grandchildren Kaylee & Gabe Harris of Stratford.

Rev. & Mrs. Bob Sweeten, Terry, Gail, Kristi, Teresa, Laurie Wells, Barbara Presley, R.J., Mary & Dudley Hill, John, Terri, Nicholas & Shelby McDaniel, Kenneth & Lynn Wells, all of Stratford.

Jimmy & Kylee Gillenwaters, Amarillo, Jim, Belinda & Jason Roberts, Leo & Elaine Horne of Conlen, Nellie Horne of Dalhart.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Bill & Pat Boren, Jo June McDaniel, Rev. Roy Harris, Jennifer & M'Lynn Wells, Virgie Mathews, Marjory Munden, Dr. Gary Mathews, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Mike & Marylou McDaniel.

The family of Winnie Ruth Dunlap gathered at the Community Center following her gravesite service Saturday morning. There were about 70 family & friends there.

Sympathy is extended to all. Nita Taylor and Buck Weaver had Easter at the Poe Keener's. It was also a birthday celebration for Dylan Ray Keener. He is seven.

Rese Lesli Schoonover was christened Sunday during Easter service at First United Methodist Church. She is the young daughter of Brady & Trisha Schoonover.

There were 16 young people who were baptized or confirmed before the full sanctuary.

Following the christening of little Miss Rese, her grandparents Terry & Barbara Schoonover spent Easter with Barbara's brother, Rex & Anna Danner, and others of the Danner family of Optima, OK.

Brady, Trisha, Reed, Rett, & Rese Schoonover had Easter dinner with the Sandy Tillery family.

Let not thy will roar, when thy power can but whisper.  
—Thomas Fuller

### Scot News

By Jack Gore

Last Week's activities included Bingo and Birthday party. Thanks to Max and Dorothy for running the Bingo during my absence.

This week's activities includes board meeting on Tuesday, Luncheon on Thursday and dance on Saturday.

This week's luncheon will be our annual Easter Bonnet Parade of "Hats". Prizes will be awarded in various categories. So wear your prize winning HAT to the luncheon.

### Guymon's Spring OKAY Horse Show April 26

Guymon's spring OKAY Horse Show will be held Saturday, April 26, 2003 at the Hitch Pioneer Arena. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the show will start at 9:00 a.m. Events include halter, showmanship, hunter under saddle, hunt seat equitation, western pleasure, western horsemanship, western riding, reining and trail. A new event this season is ranch trail. Also the Guymon show will have ride-a-buck after all the judged events.

All around and reserve all-around awards will be given in each of the following age groups: 9 and under, 10-13, 14-18, and 19 over. Contestants do not have to be a member of Okay Horse Show Association to show and receive prizes. The Okay Horse Show Association has about ten shows each year in the Oklahoma Panhandle southwest Kansas and two of these shows are in Guymon.

For information, call LeAnn N on at 580-778-3616 in Turpin. Rene' Bagley at 580-338-0957 ymon.

Art can never exist without a display.  
—William Blake

### Taliaferro To Present Program At Scot Hall

Learn the time saving, back saving method of flowers and herb gardening.

Shannon Taliaferro will present a workshop on container gardening at 5:00 p.m. on April 28 and SCOT Hall.

Bring your own container and plant it yourself or just come and be inspired. Plants and potting soil will be available to buy or bring your own.

Come join in the fun and beautify your life a little.

### Births

Conrad James Odell was born Tuesday, April 15, 2003 at 12:15 p.m. to David and Ginger Odell of Boise City, Oklahoma. He weighed in at 8 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Dwight and Susie Odell of Boise City and Charley Crabtree of Stratford. Denton Crabtree is the proud uncle also of Stratford.

To follow, without halt, one aim: There's the secret of success.  
—Anna Pavlova



### Mary Lovett Celebrates "80"

On Saturday, April 13th, the children of Mary and George Lovett gave Mary a party celebrating her 80th birthday April 16th. Attending were Stephanie and Gary Folley, Tommy Lovett, Michelle Lovett and friend, Bruce Breen, the one with the red convertible! Michael couldn't attend for he is still in China and his birthday also is April 16th. Shown above from left, Tommy Lovett, Michelle Lovett, Mary Lovett, Stephanie Folley, and George Lovett.



The month of April gets its name from the Latin aperire, meaning "to open," as do the flower buds that month.

**VOTE FOR**  
**◆◆KEN FORTHMAN◆◆**  
**Candidate For**  
**Stratford Hospital Board**  
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Keep America Beautiful at [www.kab.org](http://www.kab.org).  
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### To All Friends & Neighbors,

On Sunday, April 13th, Junior Ireland got sick and had to be taken to the hospital. Sometime between Sunday morning and Tuesday the 15th someone took his lawn mower and trailer from his house at 620 South Fulton and Highway 15. It is a black Murray Riding Mower on a 10' white trailer that has a tilt bed and a dove tail welded on the end of it that is not painted. You may have seen Junior pulling it behind his black Ford Ranger pickup last Fall. It has been setting by his barn beside house. If anyone saw someone take it, please call Stratford Police or Gale & Larry Sims 396-2354 or Dale Ireland 935-4607 or Tommy Ireland 935-7586.

Thank you!

### VOTE FOR

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Candidate for  
Stratford Hospital Board

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On May 3, 2003

Pd. Pol. Ad Pd. For By Homer Meil, P.O. BX 340, Cactus, TX 79013

### First Assembly of God

Terry Callis, Pastor

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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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### Church of Christ

Larry Evans

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Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

### Calvary Baptist

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Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

### First Baptist

Brent Farney

702 N. 3rd  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
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Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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### The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

### God's Moral Law

Many adults and young people are confused today. Really confused! They have questions about what's right and what's wrong. Others have added to the confusion by saying, "If it feels good, do it. As long as it doesn't hurt anyone else, it's all right because there is no absolute right or wrong." But, really there is an absolute standard of right and wrong. That standard is summarized by God's Ten Commandments. And those who want to truly show their love for God seek to keep these Ten Commandments. Long ago Moses said to the Israelites, "See, I have taught you statutes and judgments just as the Lord My God commanded me... So keep and do them, for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the people who will hear all these statutes and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people'" (Deuteronomy 4:5-6). You see, to follow the principles taught in the Ten Commandments brings wisdom and understanding. If you follow the Ten Commandments you know what is right and what is wrong. It's a rejection of the Ten Commandments, which has really spread a fog of confusion in the minds of so many. This is why the New Testament of the Bible says, "The Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good" (Romans 7:12). And, "Do we nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law" (Romans 3:31). And Jesus Himself says, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" (John 14:15). So here is the bottom line. God has an absolute standard for right and wrong. And if you reject that standard, you reject the one who gave it. You reject God.

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## School Board Minutes

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR SESSION  
April 15, 2003

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, April 15, 2003 in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Board members present:

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Joe Reinart           | Ronna Riffe                    |
| Ricky Reed            | Max Christian                  |
| Gared McBryde         | Ted Allen 7:15 PM              |
| Steve Johnson 7:08 PM | Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent |

Guests present were: Dinah Horsford, Mary Pat Williams, Steve Haynes, Mike Fitzwater, Coy Barton, Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock, and Tim Gilliland.

Mr. Haynes led the invocation.

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

- The district One Act Play competition was held on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The following students received honors: **Tiffany Duke** - All Star Cast, **Alicia Renzelman** - Honorable Mention All Star cast and **Matthew Taliaferro** received a certificate for being selected the best stage manager.
- The Sherman County Spelling Bee was held on Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup>. Eleven students from Stratford competed in the Bee. **Sunny Russell** was the Junior Champion and **Eric Burton** was the Junior Runner-Up. **Lisa Walls** won the Senior competition and **Juliana Taliaferro** was the runner-up. **Valda Burkhalter** is their sponsor.
- The ESL DEC visit is complete. **Marilyn Clark** and **Jennifer DeAnda** are to be commended for their hard work getting everything ready for the visit.
- The High School competed in the District UIL Academic Meet at Amarillo College and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. The individual placing were as follows:  

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| <b>Katie York</b> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Editorial Writing, 5 <sup>th</sup> - Accounting, <b>Ashton Robinson</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Informative Speaking, <b>Staci Hays</b> - 5 <sup>th</sup> - Informative Speaking, <b>Tyler Haynes</b> - 5 <sup>th</sup> - News Writing, <b>Ashlee Glock</b> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Lincoln-Douglas Debate, <b>Jordan Taylor</b> - 5 <sup>th</sup> - Lincoln Douglas Debate, <b>Allison Baskin</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prose Interpretation, <b>Tiffany Duke</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> - Prose Interpretation, <b>Alicia Renzelman</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Poetry Interpretation, <b>Briah McClellan</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Spelling, <b>Matthew Taliaferro</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> - math, 1 <sup>st</sup> - Number Sense, 4 <sup>th</sup> - Spelling, <b>Brandon Davis</b> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Number Sense, <b>Craig Reinart</b> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Current Issues, <b>Amie Witcher</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ready Writing, <b>Gina Mattocks</b> - 5 <sup>th</sup> - Computer Applications, <b>Kayla Willard</b> - 5 <sup>th</sup> - Computer Applications. <b>Spelling Team</b> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Team Members: <b>Briah McClellan</b> , <b>Matthew Taliaferro</b> , <b>Amber Larence</b> , <b>Heather Seiler</b> , <b>Number Sense Team</b> placed 1 <sup>st</sup> - Team members: <b>Matthew Taliaferro</b> , <b>Brandon Davis</b> , <b>Tyler Haynes</b> , <b>Thomas Griffin</b> , <b>Math Team</b> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Team Members - <b>Matthew Taliaferro</b> , <b>Dylan Everett</b> , <b>Alicia Adams</b> , <b>Amie Witcher</b> . The following students will advance to the Regional Meet in |
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Levelland on April 11: **Matthew Taliaferro**, **Brandon Davis**, **Tyler Haynes**, **Thomas Griffin**, **Amie Witcher**, **Briah McClellan**.

- The District Track Meet was held on April 1 & 2 at Randall High School. The following will advance to the Area Meet on April 15. Varsity Girls - 400M Relay - 4<sup>th</sup> place, 800M Relay - 4<sup>th</sup> place, 1600M Relay - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, **Deidre Tarver** - 1<sup>st</sup> place - discus, **Allison Baskin** - 4<sup>th</sup> place - High Jump. Other girls competing in the meet were: **Jamie Valenzuela** - 6<sup>th</sup> 800M run, **Brittany Hudson** - 6<sup>th</sup> 400 M dash, and **Amie Witcher** - 5<sup>th</sup> - 200m Dash. Varsity boys advancing to the Area meet are: 400 M relay - 3<sup>rd</sup> place, **Jason Roberts** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 110 Hurdles, 800 M relay, **Jason Ashley** - 1<sup>st</sup> place - 300 M Hurdles, **Carson Buckles** - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 300 M Hurdles, 1600 M relay - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, **Dylan Everett** - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Discus, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - shot put. Other boys competing in the meet were: **Gustavo Rosales** - 6<sup>th</sup> place - 100M dash, **Jason Roberts** - 6<sup>th</sup> place - 300M Hurdles. The Junior Varsity boys that competed at the district meet were: 400 M relay - 1<sup>st</sup> place, **Josh Lanning** - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 110M Hurdles, 800 M Relay - 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Josh Lanning** - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 300 M Hurdles, **Ryan McDaniel** - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 200 M dash, **Trenton Boyd** - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Shot Put, 8<sup>th</sup> - Discus, **Cory Rendon** - 4<sup>th</sup> - Long Jump. Congratulations to all these athletes.
- Junior High Cheerleader tryouts were held on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The following girls were elected: **Rachel Martinez**, **Becky Rosales**, **Deborah Molina**, **Sierra Valenzuela**, **Chelsea Garza**, **Amanda Watts**, **Jordan Confer**, **Darcy Rosales**, **Ivy Valenzuela**, and **Kelsie Stein**.
- The High School cheerleader tryouts were held on April 3. The following girls were elected: Junior Varsity - **Allison Baskin**, **Chelsi Thiessen**, **Cassie Garza**, **Larissa Luna**, **Merilee McDaniel**. Varsity - **Heather Seiler**, **Amber Larence**, **Lindsey Stein**, **Jamie Valenzuela**, **Yadira Ortega**, and **Kayla Robertson**.
- The Varsity Boys Golf team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the district meet and will advance to the Regional meet. Team Members are: **Tyler Haynes**, **Matthew Taliaferro**, **Josh King**, **Jason Ashley**, and **Robert Seawright**. Their coach is Tim Gilliland.
- The Junior High band received all I's in concert at the UIL Concert/Sightreading contest on April 8.
- The **Big Blue Band** competed in the UIL Concert/Sightreading contest on April 9. They received all I's and a sweepstakes for the year.
- Jennifer DeAnda** has just returned from a week in Mexico studying the school system there. She was with the Bi-National teacher program through the ESC.
- Jennifer DeAnda** and **Lorree Nusz** have been chosen to participate on a DEC visit team. They are currently visiting Sands ISD.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls were District champs at the District Track meet in Sunray.
- Tiffany Duke** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Poetry Interpretation at the Regional UIL Academic Meet and will advance to the State UIL Academic meet in Austin on May 2. **Alicia Renzelman** placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the same event.
- The district's teachers were the guest of honor at the Chamber of Commerce banquet on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The chamber honored the district for receiving and exemplary rating.

Mrs. Williams gave the Elementary report. She passed out the weekly bulletin. The Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will go to the Imagination Station to see a program presented by a group from Amarillo. The students are preparing for the TAKS tests at the end of April.

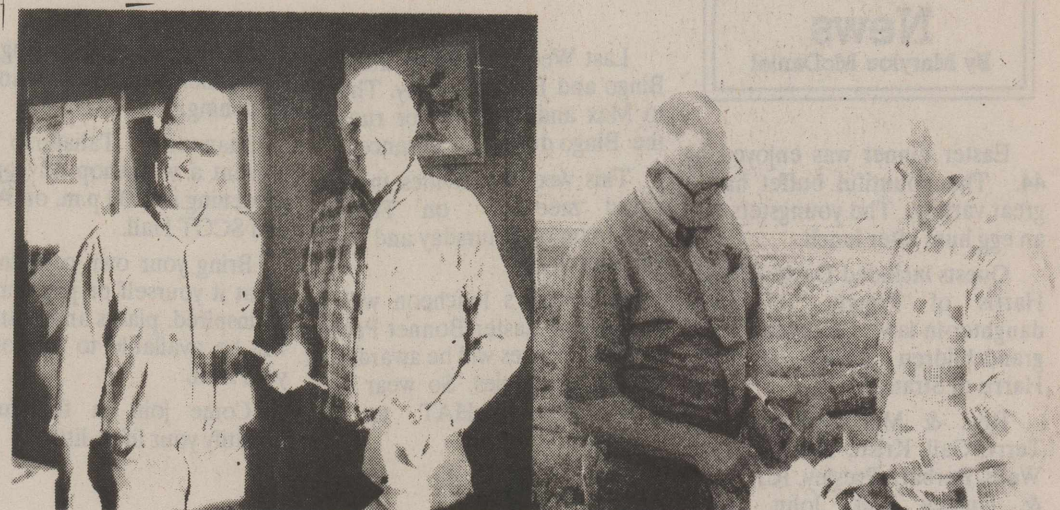
Steve Johnson arrived at 7:08 PM.

Mr. Fitzwater gave the Middle School report. He passed out the weekly bulletin. The middle school students are preparing for the TAKS tests. They will participate in the March of Dimes fundraiser by paying \$1.00 to wear a cap and the teachers will pay \$10.00 to wear jeans.

Mr. Haynes gave the High School report. The high school baccalaureate will be on May 18 at the First Christian Church. Thirteen students participated in the Regional UIL Academic meet in Levelland. **Tiffany Duke** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Poetry Interpretation and will advance to the State meet in Austin on May 2-3. The boys golf team will advance to the Regional golf meet in Levelland. The band received its 32<sup>nd</sup> sweepstakes at the UIL Sightreading contest last week. Pre-registration for next year will begin on Wednesday, April 16. The TAKS tests will be given on April 29, 30 and May 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The high school is participating in a fundraiser to benefit March of Dimes. Students can pay \$1.00 to wear a cap and teacher can pay \$10.00 to wear jeans. **Matthew Taliaferro** was named the 2003 Valedictorian. **Dylan Everett** was named the 2003 Salutatorian. Forty-six students have qualified for the scholastic banquet to be held on May 16.

Ted Allen arrived at 7:15 PM.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the superintendents report. The cost of transportation for the month was .30 cents per mile. Discussion was held on the bus replacement schedule. Monthly expenditures are at 60.40% and revenue collected at 85.27%. Tax collections are at 96.51%. He gave the investment report. SEE ATTACHMENT. Mr. Joe Reinart read a thank you note to Barney Wilborn from the board of trustees for his donation of fertilizer for the football field. The board signed the thank you note. District enrollment is currently at 612 compared to 619 last month. The ESL DEC visit was March 26-28. The district was cited on two indicators and both have been corrected. **Jennifer DeAnda** and **Marilyn Clark** were commended on the job they did preparing for the visit. Mr. Taliaferro read a letter concerning the compensatory audit. The board signed up for duties at the scholastic banquet. **Patti Vincent** will replace **Max Christian** as the board's representative on the appraisal district board. Mr. Taliaferro passed out a list of upcoming events. President Joe Reinart notified all board members of the number of training hours each had received and/or deficient.



**Pony Express Rides!** At left, Jack Swain handing off snake bite serum Saturday, April 19 to Riffe who in turn handed off to Carl Unlaub, Dumas who made a dash to Four Way to doctor one of the mules traveling with Shriner, Bob Gacke on his cross country trip from Port Lavaca to Montana to raise money for Shriners Hospitals of North America. The mule is doing fine and will rejoin the trip after several days rest.

Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust.  
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

Let our advance worrying become advance thinking and planning.  
—Sir Winston Churchill

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Wow! What an exciting evening! The Stratford Chamber Banquet was held on Monday, April 14, 2003, at the County Exhibit Building. The catered meal was prepared by Bar-H of Dalhart. Eric Werner acted as the Master of Ceremonies. Dean Hauser led the invocation, and Tim Hudson led the group in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. The entertainment was performed by the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Cowboy Poetry team. Team members included the program director, Tim Jobe; and students: Robin Brown and Lyndon Imhoff. Their poetry was a great hit. An invitation to students and adults to attend their cowboy gathering in June was extended. Brochures for this program may be obtained at the Chamber office.

Dave Browne, Chamber President, presented the 2002 year in Review report. Connie Werner presented the Women's Division report also for 2002. The Women's Division did a great job decorating with items borrowed from the Stratford ISD Teachers!

The theme for this banquet was "Salute to Stratford Independent School System, an exemplary school". Superintendent, Jim Taliaferro took several minutes to educate the audience about why Stratford schools are so great. Mr. Taliaferro credited the achievement to the quality of the teachers, staff and school board. Several programs in our school system have received both national and state recognition! Mr.

Taliaferro stressed that the school belongs to the community; and the correlation between the school and the community for mutual support. B.A. Donelson also spoke about the new Stratford Education Foundation.

Mary Hill, 2001 Citizen of the year, led the group in a "Guess Who" with a narrative of the 2002 winner. The Stratford Chamber was proud to have selected Marilyn Albert Harkins. Congratulations to Marilyn. Pearly Wyrick, Representative from David Swinford's office, presented a flag to Marilyn on behalf of Rep. Swinford.

Special guest included Joy & Steven Foskick, Rhonda Crawford, Rod & Penny McKee, Darryl Wolf, Jack & Georgette Taylor, all of Liberal; Pearlie and Bob Wyrick of Dumas, Paul and Donna Henderson of Dalhart, K.C. Rothschof, Chris Perkins and Si Perkins all of Guymon. Other guest included: Duffy Hinkle (Ports-to-Plains), Lewis Britt (Re. Mac Thornberry), Mayor and Mrs. David Brown, and Sherman County Judge-Kim Crippen.

Ms. Hinkle brought an update for the Ports-to-Plains (Highway 287) coalition. Mr. Taylor also presented new of the S.P.I.R.I.T. (Highway 54) coalition. Mr. Britt brought greetings from Rep. Thornberry's office.

The silent auction culminated the evening. Many thanks to the businesses and individuals for their generous donations.

Ricky Reed made the motion and Ronna Riffe seconded to approve the consent agenda. Discussion was held and a correction will be made to page 3, paragraph 9 to read; "Discussion was held on Mary Allen teacher contracts." Motion carried 7-0.

Coy Barton of Keeney and Hembree presented the Leaver/Dropout Audit to the board. He explained that there is a possibility that the audit was a one time audit. The report found the district to be in compliance. Ted Allen made the motion and Gared McBryde seconded to accept the Leaver/Dropout Agreed Upon Procedures Audit as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro discussed the revisions to CNB (Local) after the receipt of a letter from the TASB legal division. Discussion was held. Steve Johnson made the motion and Max Christian seconded to revise the current policy by adding: "In granting approval, the Superintendent or designee shall not make decisions based on viewpoints expressed by the requestors" to the end of paragraph 2. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on TASB Update 69. EK (Local) was discussed. Ricky Reed made the motion and Ronna Riffe seconded to adopt Update 69 with the exception of EK (Local). Motion carried 7-0.

Joe Reinart read a letter of resignation from Mike Fitzwater. Joe Reinart made the motion and Ronna Riffe seconded to accept the resignation with regrets. Motion carried 7-0.

Joe Reinart read the certification of unopposed candidates. Gared McBryde made the motion and Steve Johnson seconded to accept the certification of unopposed candidates. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve Johnson made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to issue the order to cancel the trustee election. Motion carried 7-0.

Ronna Riffe made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to accept the 2003-2006 Stratford Independent School District Technology plan. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on the 2004 Sherman County Appraisal District budget. There is an overall increase of .0277. Ted Allen made the motion and Steve Johnson seconded to approve the 2004 budget. Motion carried 6-1.

Mr. Taliaferro went over the budget amendments with the board. SEE ATTACHMENTS Ricky Reed made the motion and Max Christian seconded to amend the 2002-2003 local budget as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

One proposal was received for acoustical tile for the gym. It was as follows:

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| Perdue Acoustics |            |
| Level I          | \$12017.94 |
| Level II         | \$16303.32 |
| Level III        | \$20525.34 |

Discussion was held about the importance of the tile if the gym is going to continue to be used as an auditorium. Steve Johnson made the motion Ricky Reed seconded to accept the proposal from Perdue Acoustics in the amount of \$20525.34. Motion carried 7-0.

At 8:40 PM, the board adjourned into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074. The board reconvened into open session at 10:12 PM.

Steve Johnson made the motion and Gared McBryde seconded to hire Tim Gilliland as Middle School Principal. Motion carried 7-0.

The board looked at a school board evaluation to be conducted in July. The board held discussion concerning finance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 PM.

## In The Garden

### New Black Beauty

(NAPS)—Discussion is flowing among gardeners and horticulturalists about Black Beauty, a new ornamental Elder with leaves was introduced by Engle East Malling Research Station, world-renowned for hybrid new plants.



**Black Beauty breaks ground with its dark-b foliage.**

The plant is the first of its kind to possess dark-black foliage and sport pink-colored flowers. Engle gardeners have been growing Black Beauty for two years; this marks the first time it was available in the U.S.

Bold 12-inch diameter blooms jump out against the dark foliage in early summer, followed by a display of dark purple buds that can be made into jelly wine. Black Beauty grows in any soil type but requires full sun to show its darkest leaf color.

It can be grown as a shrub or as a bold perennial by cutting back each year. It is available at better garden centers. To learn more, visit [www.ColorCharmPlants.com](http://www.ColorCharmPlants.com).



# AUCTION OF HERD BULL PROSPECT

Thursday, May 1, 2003 at 1:00 P. M.,  
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### STRATFORD BASEBALL ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION AND RELEASE FORM 2003 SEASON

I would like for my son or daughter to participate in the 2003 Stratford Baseball Program. I hereby release Stratford Baseball Association, officers and coaches from all liability for any injuries, accidents, thefts, etc. during the course of the baseball season.

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX FOR YOUR CHILD AND FILL OUT ONE FORM FOR EACH CHILD.

- ( ) T-BALL: CHILD(BOY OR GIRL) Must be 6 before 9/01/03 and not 8 by 9/01/03. Circle shirt size: Youth S M L  
( ) MACHINE PITCH - BOYS: Must be 8 before 9/01/03 and not 10 by 9/01/03. Circle shirt size: Youth M L Adult S M  
( ) MACHINE PITCH - GIRLS: Must be 8 before 9/01/03 and not 11 by 9/01/03. Circle shirt size: Youth M L Adult S M  
( ) LITTLE LEAGUE - BOYS: Must be 10 before 9/01/03 and not 13 by 9/01/03. Circle shirt size: Adult S M L XL  
Circle pant size: Youth M L Adult S M L  
( ) LITTLE LEAGUE - GIRLS: Must be 11 before 9/01/03 and not 13 by 9/01/03. Circle shirt size: Adult S M L XL  
Circle pant size: Youth M L Adult S M L

If 2 or more children from the same family will be playing in the same division, you must specify on each child's form if you want them to play on the same team within that division. Please make a note under the box checked. **Absolutely NO changes will be made after the draft.**

PARENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO HELP IN THE CONCESSION STAND! Each team will be responsible for running the concession stand at least one night.

In addition, help is needed in the following areas. Please check one:

- ( ) Coach Division \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Umpire \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Official Score Keeper \_\_\_\_\_

THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH CHILD IS \$20.00 FOR T-BALL AND MACHINE PITCH AND \$25.00 FOR LITTLE LEAGUE. THIS FORM MUST BE TURNED IN TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE/PLACES NO LATER THAN 3:30 PM ON Friday, May 2, 2003.

MARY ALLEN ELEMENTARY OFFICE  
MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE  
LANCE HORSFORD

FORMS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE FORM. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS.

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (STREET AND BOX #) \_\_\_\_\_

This year, the fee is \$20.00 for T-Ball and Machine Pitch and \$25.00 for Little League and must be turned in with the form by 3:30 PM on Friday, May 2. However, if the season kick-off night or your child's first practice, he/she will receive 10 raffle tickets for 1/2 beef to be sold for \$1.00 each. If your child sells all 10 tickets for a total of \$10.00, that money is yours to keep. The drawing for the 1/2 beef will be on the first game night - Tuesday, May 27, 2003.



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### Preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome

#### The facts about Shaken Baby Syndrome

- Shaking an infant can cause brain damage, blindness, mental retardation, and even death.
- Head trauma is the leading cause of disability and death among abused infants and children. Violent shaking is involved in many of these cases.
- Although professionals have been calling for a campaign to alert parents for decades, less than half of all Americans know that shaking a baby can lead to brain damage and death.

#### Never, ever shake a baby!

Shaken Baby Syndrome most often occurs when parents or caregivers become angry or frustrated with a child, especially one that is crying. Instead of shaking your child, try one of these safer ways:

- Check first to see if the baby is hungry, wet, or uncomfortable.
- Try giving the baby a pacifier or teething ring.
- Take the baby for a walk or ride in the car.
- Try hugging, rocking, or carrying the child gently.

If you find yourself getting upset, or angry, ask someone trustworthy to watch the baby while you take a break.

If all else fails, leave the baby in a safe place, such as a crib, and step out of the room or outside until you feel more in control.

#### Play Safely!

Occasionally a parent or caregiver causes unintentional harm by playing too roughly, throwing a small child into the air too vigorously, or hitting an infant too hard on the back. Although parents should not be afraid to handle their children or let others play with them, they should remember to be gentle.

- Always take care when handling a child younger than two. A young child's head and neck are especially vulnerable.
- Make sure that anyone who cares for your child—grandparents, your boyfriend or girlfriend, babysitters, or other relatives—knows that children should never be shaken for any reason.



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### Cómo prevenir el síndrome del bebé sacudido

#### Las verdades sobre el síndrome del bebé sacudido

- Sacudir a un niño puede causar daño cerebral, ceguera, retraso mental y hasta la muerte.
- El traumatismo cerebral es la causa principal de la discapacidad y la muerte de niños y bebés maltratados. En muchos de estos casos, se ve que hubo una sacudida violenta.
- Aunque por décadas los profesionales han estado insistiendo en hacer una campaña para informar a los padres, menos de la mitad de todos los estadounidenses saben que sacudir a un bebé puede causar daño cerebral y la muerte.

#### ¡Nunca, jamás sacuda a un bebé!

La mayoría del tiempo, el síndrome del bebé sacudido sucede cuando los padres o los cuidadores se enojan o se frustran con un niño, especialmente con uno que está llorando. En lugar de sacudir al niño, intente una de las siguientes cosas más seguras:

- Primero, asegúrese de que el bebé no tenga hambre ni esté mojado o incómodo.
- Trate de darle al niño un chupón o un anillo para la dentición.
- Lleve al niño a caminar o a pasear en el carro.
- Léve un abrazo, mézalo o cínguelo con cuidado.

Si nota que usted se está molestando o enojando, pídale a alguien en quien confíe que cuide al niño mientras que usted descansa.

Si nada le da resultado, deje al niño en un lugar seguro, como en la cuna, y salga del cuarto o afuera hasta que recupere el control.

#### ¡Juegue con cuidado!

De vez en cuando, uno de los padres o el cuidador lastima sin querer al niño al jugar muy bruscamente con él o al tirar con mucha fuerza al aire a un bebé pequeño, o al pegarle muy fuerte en la espalda. Aunque los padres no deben tener miedo de cargar a sus hijos ni de que otras personas jueguen con ellos, deben recordar que hay que tener cuidado.

- Tenga cuidado siempre que cargue a un bebé menor de 2 años. La cabeza y el cuello de un pequeño bebé son especialmente vulnerables.
- Asegúrese de que cualquier persona que cuide a su hijo (abuelo, amigo, niñera u otro pariente) sepa que por ninguna razón se debe sacudir a un niño.

## Cooking Ideas

(NAPS)—Along with a main dish and tasty sides, fruit is a must on any menu. The USDA recommends three to five servings of fruit daily and, thanks to the wonders of modern canning, a variety of delicious fruit is available any time of year, including succulent Pacific Northwest canned pears. Pears come halved or sliced and make a flavorful, low-calorie addition to a variety of recipes. For delicious pear recipes such as Pear Cherry Crepes, visit [www.eatcannedpears.com](http://www.eatcannedpears.com).



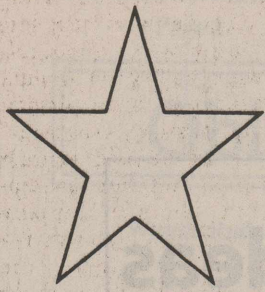
Perhaps no snack food is more American than the potato chip, and 2003 marks the 150th birthday of this unique treat, say experts at the Snack Food Association and the United States Potato Board. The first potato chips were made by George Crum

at Moon's Lake House, a resort in Saratoga Springs, New York in 1853. When a patron complained that his potatoes were too thick, Crum sliced a new batch of potatoes paper-thin, fried them to a crisp, salted them and sent them back out. The fussy patron loved the "crunch potato slices" and snack history was made.

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Hope and patience are two sovereign remedies for all, the surest repositals, the softest cushions to lean on in adversity.  
—Robert Burton  
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For Sale: 2001 Ford Explore Sport - 2 door, automatic, A/C, all power. Call 396-2047 or 679-0692.  
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For Sale: Travel trailer Tilt Bed Trailer, Five good hot fence chargers 120 volt. 14 ft. boat with trailer and 2 motors, 1 walk behind lawn mower, rotatiller and lawn edger. Call 396-2572, or see at 402 S. Maple, J.D. Smith.  
4-10-3xc

24 Acres, Guonset Barns, well, septic, electricity, propane. \$45,000. 806-681-7636 or 806-679-8694.  
4-24-3xp

For sale: King size mattress & box springs. Very good condition. Call 366-2153.  
4-24-1xc

## Help Wanted

Sherman County Justice of the Peace will accept applications for part time clerk from April 17 thru May 9. Applications may be picked up in the Justice of the Peace office, room 102 of the Courthouse.  
4-17-4xc

Now taking applications for Deputy Clerk at the Sherman County Courthouse. Applications can be picked up at the Clerk's office until April 20th. For more information, call 366-2371.  
4-24-2xc

## Garage Sale

Garage Sale: Saturday, April 26th, 9 a.m. - 12 noon, 514 N. Fulton in the Back Alley Garage. Lots of Clothes and stuff - CHEAP!!  
4-24-1xc

## Services

Is your House or Foundation Settling? Cracks in brick or walls? Doors won't close?...Call Childers Brothers Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling. 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo, TX.  
1-4-1ypd

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**BABER SUPPLY**  
Dish Network Sales & Service  
1-800-292-4023 1-580-423-7255

## For Rent

For Rent: 2 or 3 bedroom, 1 bath, new paint. Call 806-355-6396.  
4-17-1fn

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

## Land for Sale

For Sale: Half Section - 320 acres of native grassland. One windmill and other water available. Six miles South on F.M. 119, highway frontage. No minerals AB102 Sec. 129 1C-GH&HS/2. Sealed bids accepted 4-15 thru 4-30. Send bids to: P.O. Box 237, Texhoma, OK 73949. Minimum bid \$250.00 a acre.  
4-17-2xp

DALLAM CO. - 320 acres located on pavement with sprinkler, ir. well, and guonset barn.

OCEAN OF WATER - 2,400 acres in two units one mile apart (2 sections & 1 3/4 sections), 14 sprinklers, large wells, minimal depletion/year, raise peanuts, potatoes, corn, milo, wheat, cotton, seed production and permanent pasture, each quarter fenced separately, steel pens. cover working area & hyd. chute on each unit, 2580' elev., 22.5' rainfall, major hwy.

SHERMAN CO., TEXAS - 640 acres of good land with 1/2 miler nozzled at 3000 GPM, pavement.

ETER, TEXAS - 937 and 640 acres across the highway from each other - choice irrigated land - well improved - buy one or both!

MOORE - HUTCHINSON CO. - 640 acres on pavement in good water area with two irrigation wells and U.G. pipe. Priced for further ir. development!!

MOORE CO., TEXAS - 1388 acres with two - 1/2 milers, new barbed wire & steel post fencing. 3 mi. hwy frontage.

EAST OF DUMAS - 1 1/2 section irrigated farm with history of seed maize production, on pavement near large feedyard.

WE NEED listings on irrigated, dry, C.R.P. or native grassland anywhere in the northern Panhandle or Oklahoma Panhandle.

www.scottlandcompany.com  
Shawn Gillespie 806/922-5532  
Ben G. Scott - Broker 800/933-9698 day/eve.

## Houses for Sale

House for Sale: Great Location, beautiful corner lot, 2 large bedrooms, 1 large bath, garage, central heat/AC. 806-659-2345.  
8-2-1fn

3,600 sq. ft. 3,000 living, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas w/double fireplaces, covered/lighted patio, 2 car garage, corner lot, near both schools, 1220 N. Chestnut. For more info. call 1-903-732-5402 or 396-2498.  
1-3-1fn

For Sale: 3 Bdrm, 2 bath brick home, double car garage, located in backyard, across from City Park, 702 N. 7th. Call 396-2425, 396-2845, 396-5841, or 396-1050 for more information.  
1-16-1fn

House for Sale: 602 N. Maple, 2 bedroom, 3 baths, 2 car garage with storage, 2378 sq. ft. living. Immediate possession, \$80,000 call 396-5946.  
4-17-1fn

For Sale: Beautiful home on 1 acre - 519 S. Spruce, 2100 Sq. ft, 4 yr. old, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, double car garage. Open floor plan large kitchen. Call 1-559-947-3272.  
4-17-1fn

For Sale: 3 Bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, 2 living areas, 2 car garage plus carport, wood & carpet floors, ceiling fans throughout, gas fireplace, large tree lot plus extra lot, 1 year home warranty w/AHS. 320 N. Wall. Call 366-3743.  
4-17-2xp

2 Bdrm, large backyard, 414 N. Fulton, \$25,000. Call 727-4646.  
4-17-2xc

## Cards of Thanks

A big Thank You to the following businesses for their support: XIT Communications, Dairy Queen, Brook's Motor Company, Stratford Grain Company, Ellie's Gifts, Happy First State Bank, A & I Parts Center, Let's Make Arrangements, Brooks Video, Vincent Insurance, Allen-Tarver Insurance, Bobby Edmond Trailers Sales, Lute's Body Shop, Stratford Feedyard, Stratford Star, The General Store, Elk Pharmacy, Western Organics and to the public for coming out to our Open House & Hot Dog Feed.

Recycling Dept.  
City of Stratford

I would like to thank the Stratford community for all their support to CASA. A special thanks to Mary Allen Elementary and Mayor David Brown. We could not do this without all the generous support of the community.

Thank you  
Duane Pittman  
CASA

The Junior Class would like to thank all of the parents who helped with prom. The prom was a success and all of your hard work is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Sincerely,  
The Junior Class

It is with a great deal of appreciation that I thank each of you for giving me the honor of being named Citizen of the Year, with a special thanks to those who nominated me. Stratford has so much to offer, with many non-profit organizations benefiting the community in so many ways. It has been to my benefit to be a part of that.

Marilyn Albert Harkins

Thank you to all those that supported and helped our Calf Fry/Fish Fry/BBQ and Bake Sale be such a success. A special Thanks to Bill and James Gillenwaters, Gary Pool, Mike Boyd, those who donated goodies for the Bake Sale and everyone that helped cook and serve.

Clint & Dylan

House For Sale or Lease: Recently remodelled 2500 sq. ft house. 3 bdrm, 2 baths. Call for more information. 244-2155 or 333-7120.  
8-8-1fn

REDUCED for Sale: 604 S. Fulton, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1716 living, brick/steel siding, central heat/air, a/c new vinyl windows, fireplace, large fenced backyard, new ceramic cook-top, built-in oven and microwave, dishwasher, pantry, ice maker hook-up, utility room, carpet, new vinyl flooring, attic storage w/stairs, covered patio, 2 storage sheds, 2 car garage, electric door openers. Phone: 254-772-7927.  
1-10-1fn

**Ad Rem Land Co.**  
MLS Office  
801 S. Bliss #107, Dumas  
806-935-7364  
Fax 806-935-7687 or call  
Arnita Lane 366-5853  
Super Nice home with all new floor coverings and paint. Walk-in closets, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, carport. Low price of \$38,000.  
Nice 3 B/R brick home with central heat & air - heat pump. New carpet, paint inside & out. Very nice storage/shop. \$35,000.  
CLOSE TO SCHOOLS! Very nice 3 br, 1 3/4 baths, single garage, large living area, covered patio \$68,000.  
Wonderful Nice Large Home! 2 story home with 2 or 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with living, dining, den/living, gameroom, fireplace. \$79,500.  
Lovely 2 Story on Corner Lot with 4 BR, 2 baths, detached 2 car garage, freshly painted interior, spacious living area. Kitchen, hall and main bath with parquet flooring. Central H & A, den, office, basement, metal roof. Must See. Priced at \$86,500.  
Nice Brick Home! 3 br, 2 bath, single garage. Nice kitchen cabinets. Ready at \$54,000.  
Fireplace! 3 br, 1 3/4 baths, living room, dining room and gameroom all for \$38,500.  
Huge Closets! 3 br, 1 3/4 baths, single garage. Central heat and air. Nice yard and storage building \$52,000.

Bids should be mailed to the County Judge at P.O. Box 165, Stratford and will be received up to 9:30 a.m., May 12, 2003, at which time they will be opened and considered. Sherman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

David Hass  
Commissioner Pct. #3  
Sherman County, Texas.

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Thinking is a momentary dismissal of irrelevancies.  
—R. Buckminster Fuller

Check Out These Web Sites:

ERA Real Estate at ERA.com.  
goCyber Camp™ at http://gocycbercamp.org.  
Princess Cruises at www.princess.com.  
Zoe's Dance Moves at www.sesameworkshop.org.  
World Vision at www.worldvision.org.  
For information on why you need title insurance, visit www.alt.a.org.  
For more information on fresh fruits from Chile, visit www.cffausa.org. For information about 5 A Day and The Color Way Guide to the Health Benefits of Colorful Fruits and Vegetables, visit the Web site www.5aday.com and www.aboutproduce.com.

If only men could be induced to laugh more they might hate less, and find more serenity here on Earth.  
—Malcolm Muggeridge

You never realize what a good memory you have until you try to forget something.  
—Franklin P. Jones

## Legal Notices

### ORDER OF CANCELLATION

The Stratford Independent School District hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 3, 2003 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows: Candidate-Gared McBryde, Brent Spurlock, and Patti Vincent. Office sought-Trustee.

### ORDEN DE CANCELACION

El Stratford Independent School District por la presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el May 4, 2003 de conformidad, con la Seccion 2.053(a) delCodigo de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como canidattos unicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se halla indicado a continuacion: Candidato-Gared McBryde, Brent Spurlock and Patti Vincent. Caro al que presenta candidatura-Trustee.

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Sherman County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) wheeled front-end loader with hydraulic snow plow for precinct #3. Bids should be sealed and have "Bid Request" written on the outside of the envelope. Specifications may be picked up at the Sherman County Judge's Office located in the Sherman County Courthouse, 366-2021 or those interested may contact David Hass at 580-423-7623.

Bids should be mailed to the County Judge at P.O. Box 165, Stratford and will be received up to 9:30 a.m., May 12, 2003, at which time they will be opened and considered. Sherman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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### Easy Pie Perfection

(NAPS)—Spring brings flowers and warmer weather, and is a time when friends and families entertain. Serving homemade-tasting desserts doesn't have to mean hours of preparation. Make a bake-and-serve pie your own with easy toppings.

**Maple Glaze**  
1 Mrs. Smith's baked Deep Dish Apple Pie  
1 1/2 cups maple syrup  
1 cup water  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
3 tablespoons pecans  
Bake pie according to package directions. Mix syrup, water and cornstarch. Cook

## C & M CATTLE STOCKER CALVES FOR SALE

136 Steers - Avg. weight 418 at \$99.75  
139 Steers - Avg. weight 469 at \$94.25  
148 Steers - Avg. weight 335 at \$110.25  
17 Steers - Avg. weight 294 at \$101.00  
48 Steers - Avg. weight 380 at \$102.25  
143 Steers - Avg. weight 339 at \$111.50  
103 Steers - Avg. weight 511 at \$89.50  
42 Heifers - Avg. weight 324 at \$98.75  
Plus Feed & Processing for all of the above!  
Many More To Choose From!

**NEW ARRIVALS WEEKLY**  
For Processing & Pre-condition Contact  
Chuck & Margie Murdock  
580-544-2603 - Boise City, OK

### LEGAL NOTICE

ESTATE OF CLEVA GARRISON, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CLEVA GARRISON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the estate of Cleva Garrison were issued on March 11, 2003, in Cause No. 2063, in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to Russell Artis Garrison.

The residence of the Executor is San Diego, San Diego County, California; the post office address of the attorney for the Estate is:

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

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

DATED this 16th day of April, 2003.

Moore, Lewis & Russwurm, P.C.  
713 Bliss, P.O. Box 718  
Dumas, TX 79029-0718  
Phone: (\*06) 935-9272  
Fax: (806)935-9354

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

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over low to medium heat. Stir constantly until thickened. Add pecans. Pour over slices of warm apple pie.

### Citrus Glazed Peach Pie

1 Mrs. Smith's baked Old-Fashioned Peach Pie  
3/4 cup orange marmalade  
3 tablespoons frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed  
1 1/2 tablespoons corn starch  
2 teaspoons lemon juice  
In a small saucepan, combine all ingredients. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Pour over pie slices, chill and serve.

For more recipes and entertaining ideas visit www.mrsmsmiths.com.

Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes and having fun.  
—Mary Lou Cook

## Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Parents who want their children to use the Internet safely—and to learn while having fun—may want to pitch their tent at goCyberCamp™, a new Web site that lets kids "camp out" all year long. goCyberCamp—funded by the AT&T Family Care Development Fund and developed at the Center for 4-H Youth Development, part of the University of Minnesota Extension Service—is an online learning environment that provides children with a window to the outdoors and camp culture in educational but game-like settings. Campers and care providers can sign up to join goCyberCamp free of charge at http://gocycbercamp.org.

Princess Cruises offers all-inclusive wedding/romantic honeymoon packages aboard its Caribbean fleet. Many of the ships feature an onboard chapel where the ship's captain can marry couples while the ship is at sea—Princess is the only cruise line that offers non-going nuptials. The company offers packages that can include live



music, bouquets, cake, souvenir champagne glasses and formal portraits, as well as catering by the ship's renowned chefs. Couples can even have their ceremony captured by the ship's exclusive "Wed Cam" so friends and family not onboard can virtually attend the nuptials by viewing them online from home. For more information log on to www.princess.com or call 1-800-PRINCESS.