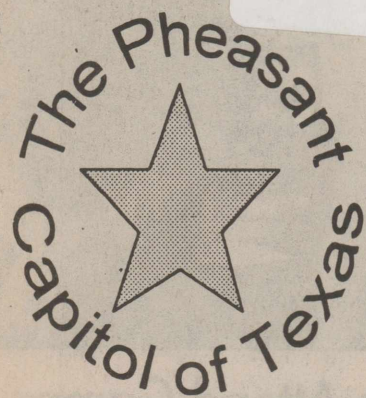


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The 4GIVEN Quartet



4GIVEN Enters National Singing Competition

Stratford's very own 4GIVEN Quartet recently entered a national singing competition sponsored by Daywind Records. The group recorded "The Lord's Prayer" and sent their demo into Nashville, TN where it was critiqued by industry professionals. Last week they received the news that they made it to the regional semi-finals in Denver, CO on July 25th. If they make it into the finals in Nashville, TN, sometime in August, on national television for a one year recording contract with Daywind records. They will also be singing at The Big Texan Steak House on June 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Shown above Members Randy Hunsaker, Brad Thiessen, Mike Cummings and Greg Wright.

Stratford Jamboree To Hold Meeting Friday, June 20

The Stratford Jamboree will hold a meeting at 7:00 a.m. Friday, June 20, 2003 at the Imagination Station. All Chairpersons and anyone else interested in helping please attend.

BiNational Teacher To Be Honored

Come to a reception honoring our BiNational teacher from Mexico, Norma Martinez at the home of BA and LeRayne Donelson at 1219 N. Butler. The event will be held Sunday, June 22 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Norma is part of a reciprocal teaching program set up by the Migrant program at Region XVI Education Service Center in Amarillo. Come and meet Norma and help her to feel a warm Sherman County welcome.

Main Street Art Program

Main Street Art Program at the Imagination Station Monday, June 16th. Program will be on making and creating "Stepping Stones". Cost will be \$5 for each child. Kindergarten thru 3rd grade will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. 4th grade and up will meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m. To register, please call Laurie Spurlock at 366-2772 or Mellouee York at 396-1043.

Brothers Clark Coming To Stratford

Hey young people-who says that nothing fun happens in Stratford? On Wednesday, June 25, the Brothers Clark will be in Stratford to do a youth concert. The Brothers Clark are two brothers and a cousin who make an amazing sound! These guys are strong Christians with a great message and lots of fun to be around. Come to the County Barn to eat at 8:15 and the Brothers Clark will be ready to play soon after. Take our word for it, you don't want to miss out on a great time!

Station Raisin'

August 13, 1996, members of the Stratford Fire Department decided it was time to build a new fire station. Various fund raising activities have been held and through the generosity of the community and organizations we now have the funds. A total of \$80,000 has been raised, combined with \$8,000.00 from the fire department budget and \$12,000 from the Area Foundation construction is now ready.

The fire department's dream of a new fire station was set in motion by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Payne with their donation of the property at 101 N. Pearl.

Some of you may have noticed that the foundation has been completed. Members of the fire department are asking members of the community to help in the construction of the building. A number of people have already volunteered their time and talents to help.

To "kick off" this project, the fire department will be hosting a free will donation hot dog cookout at the new foundation on June 28, 2003 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be hot dogs, chips, drinks and entertainment. Snow cones and games for the young at heart will be available for a small fee. A short program will be included to present the information to the community and "ask" for volunteers to help with the construction.

The fire department is very excited and we hope you are too! Please join us for an evening of food and fun.

The bird of paradise alights only upon the hand that does not grasp.
—John Berry

Cowboy Church Every Wednesday

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



Brittany Hudson

Local Student Attends Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo

San Angelo-attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 40th annual Citizenship Seminar here June 2-6 was Brittany Hudson. Brittany is the daughter of Gregg and Shari Hudson.

Sponsored by the Sherman County Farm Bureau, they were among approximately 350 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to George Bonds, president of the Sherman County Farm Bureau.

"Farm Bureau--Your Host" was presented by Vernie Glasson, Texas Farm Bureau Executive Director, after the students were welcomed to Angelo State University. "Martin Lefevre (TFB Field Representative), and Maria Swearingen (2002 Miss TFB and TFB Speech contest winner), presented "Farm Bureau Scholarship Opportunities."

The students also participated in a program called "Congressional Insights", which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

Other speakers at this years seminar and their subjects were as follows:

David Vernon, Lubbock Christian University, "Basics of Free Enterprise" and Ronald Trowbridge, Hillsdale College, "The Constitution."

In addition, the students participated in a panel discussion led by Ron Trowbridge and David Vernon followed by a question and answer session on "Our Rights, Our Freedom, Our Responsibility".

The students were entertained on Tuesday evening by Neal Jeffrey of Dallas, a humorist and motivational speaker. Damon Whaley, former TFB Talent Find Contest winner, provided special entertainment. Damon is an accomplished musician, comedian and impressionist.

After the presentation of their free enterprise projects on Wednesday evening, the students were treated to cake and ice cream in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Citizenship Seminar.

Clebe McClary, a motivational speaker, challenged the students to "Press on Regardless" at Thursday evening's banquet.



Wells Brings In First Load

Roger Wells brought in the first dryload wheat at Stratford Grain Company on Thursday, June 12, 2003. The wheat came from Roger Wells and Ross Wells Sec. 272. Moisture-12.9 & test weight-59.8.



New Flag Poles Set At Cemetery

Thanks to Scott Buckles and J & L Maintenance for the new flag poles at the Cemetery. Scott donated, painted and set the flag poles and J & L Maintenance provided the crane for lifting and setting the flag poles.

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Imagination Station Technology Center Open For Summer

The Imagination Station Technology Center is open. Please come by and make use of the facilities available. Microsoft Office is loaded on the computers and broadband Internet access is available. Check the schedule for hours of operation.

June 19-2-5 & 7-9
June 20-2-5 & 7-9
June 23-2-5
June 25 2-5 & 7-9
June 26-2-5 & 7-9
June 27 2-5 & 7-9
June 30 2-5.

Countdown To July 4th

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is planning the Fourth of July Celebration in Pendleton Park on Friday, July 4, 2003. Plans include food booths, game booths, entertainment, and fireworks. School classes, clubs, organizations, groups, individuals, or private businesses are invited to participate by providing a food or game booth for the public.

The local non-profit organizations are the target audience for booth spaces. Commercial booths will be permitted and all booths are subject to Chamber review to avoid duplication. A non-profit booth provider will retain 85% of the gross sales with the remaining 15% to be retained by the Chamber. Commercial booths will retain 75% of the gross sales and remaining 25% will be retained by the Chamber. All retained funds will be used to

defray the cost of the fireworks.

All purchases will be made with tickets, which will be sold by the Chamber of Commerce at a centrally located booth. The tickets will be priced at \$.50 each, so the prices should be established in \$.50 increments (\$.50, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, etc.). Containers to collect the tickets will be provided by the Chamber for each booth.

Booth registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. The final date for participants to reserve a space will be JUNE 30. Send applications to: Stratford Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 570, fax to 366-3021, email stratford@xit.net or return to the Chamber office at City Hall.

If you need additional information or have questions, please call the Chamber at 366-2260. We look forward to you joining the Fourth of July Celebration in 2003!

Praising what is lost makes the remembrance dear.

—William Shakespeare,
All's Well That Ends Well

Texas Farm Service Agency Announces Sign-Up For Crop Disaster Program

Stratford-June 16, 2003-Texas producers can expect to receive financial assistance for crop losses through the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), launched by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Friday, June 6, 2003. According to Rebecca Hemphill, County Executive Director for the Sherman County Farm Service Agency (FSA), CDP is available to producers with qualifying crop losses for the 2001-2002 crop years.

"We (Farm Service Agency) recognize the hardships caused by the drought and believe this program will allow farmers and ranchers to regain some of their lost income," said Hemphill.

Crop disaster payments for 2001 and 2002 production and quality losses will be calculated similar to the 2000 CDP. Eligible producers with greater than 35 percent loss will receive payment at 50 percent of the established price if the crop was covered by crop insurance or the noninsured crop disaster assistance program

(NAP) or if coverage was not available. Payments will be based on 45 percent of the established price for crops that could have been insured or covered by NAP, but were not.

"CDP payments will be limited to \$80,000 per producer and/or entity, but funding for the program is unlimited," said Hemphill. "Although no sign-up deadline has been announced, we are striving to implement this program in a timely fashion in order to effectively benefit the producer."

Hemphill encourages producers to begin organizing relevant crop loss documentation and contact the Sherman County FSA Office to schedule an appointment to discuss program eligibility and the application process.

For more information regarding CDP and other disaster assistance, contact the Sherman County FSA office at 806-396-2211 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov> and <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Walk Across Texas Health Break

Most people know they should increase their activity level by walking or aerobics classes. In fact, many of you probably made a New Year's resolution this year to start on January 1 and have already given up. Is there hope?

The answer is yes. Changing any habit requires several tries and a great deal of effort for most people. Increasing your activity level can have a great impact on your health both now and later in life.

A recent article in the *Archives of Internal Medicine* reported on a study where 100 middle-aged women were encouraged to walk for exercise while another 100 were not encouraged to walk. Ten years later, women in the walking group had significantly less health problems than the non-walking group of women. The women in the walking group were walking seven miles more each week than those in the other group. Only 2% of the walking group were diagnosed with heart disease, whereas almost 13% of the non-walkers had a diagnosis of heart disease. Walkers also had fewer hospitalizations, surgeries and falls. Participating in the short-term walking program ten years earlier was the main difference between these two groups.

So, trying again is important. Studies have shown that walking with others and engaging in a program long enough to make walking a habit promote success. Walk Across Texas is a free, fun, group physical activity program. Getting started is the hard part, but starting and keeping going is much easier with the support of others!

Exhibitor Space Selling Fast at First-Ever High Plains Ag Expo

Dumas, TX-The High Plains Ag Expo, which promises to offer farmers and ranchers a unique opportunity to see the latest equipment and processes prior to harvest, has already sold 160 of its 230 available exhibition spaces. The show is scheduled for August 5-7.

With over 100 outdoor lots measuring 50 ft. x 50 ft. and indoor 10 ft. x 10 ft. booth space taking up the remaining available spots, the show will include equipment demonstrations, product comparisons including seed plots, and the opportunity to meet and discuss the latest advances with company representatives.

"We are excited that this much of the exhibitor space has booked up already," says Jeff Bistodeau, President of Premier Events, the company organizing the Expo. "That means the attendees will have more opportunity to see the latest advances in equipment from a wide variety of vendors...For a first-time event, the response has been phenomenal."

Outdoor demonstrations will include chemical applicators tillage, hay, livestock equipment, and more. Scheduling the show in early August gives farmers one last chance to see the demonstrations and new products before the harvest begins.

Major exhibitor categories for the show include Tractors, Livestock Equipment, Application Equipment, Tillage Equipment, Hay Equipment, Irrigation Equipment, Seed and Chemical and Trailers.

Some of the national suppliers and manufacturers who will be represented in these categories include American Equipment & Trailer, inc., BASF Corp., RHS Inc. Bigham Brothers Inc., DuPont, John Deere, Blu-Jet Tillage, Oglesby International, and Omni-Ag. Local Distributors attending include Wilson Trailers, Garst Seed, Outback Guidance, Bestway Sprayers, Pioneer Seed, Hansford Implement co., Hock Farm Supply, Case I.H., and Nitro Sprayers.

The High Plains Ag Expo will be the first-ever event of its kind to be held in Dumas, TX. The Expo will attract farmers and ranchers from 56 counties in 5 states, including growers of corn, sorghum, wheat, cotton, and soybeans as well as livestock producers. Dumas is in the center of the High Plains region, with over 9,000 farms that have 1000+acres.



Imagination Station Volunteer Orientation

Imagination Station Volunteer Orientation for the Computer Lab. L/R Linda Young, director; Ann Wells; George Harding; Chris Riffe, Technician; Karla Edmond; Charlene Oquin also Tiffany Confer, Keeley Chumley, Yvonne Pittman, Gaynelle Riffe. (we always need volunteers, especially Jr. Hi Computer Whizzes. The Monday night Investment Class has been canceled for lack of students, therefore: Monday Night will be Class Night from 7:00 to 9:00. Monday June 23 will be Housekeeping-Sweep your computer of old files, cookies and those hidden dust bunnies taking up space. Linda Young, Instructor. watch paper and front door for following class night subjects. www.stratfordnet.net

Stratford Summer Blood Drive

On Monday, June 23, 2003, Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be in Stratford, at the County Barn from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m., for the annual summer blood drive. T-shirts and hot dogs will be provided for all those who share the gift of life and donate blood.

This summer is starting out rough and on the short end of the blood levels. We now need 600 units of blood every week to service the 23 hospitals in the Texas panhandle. The national statistics have risen from 1 out of every 4 people to 1 out of every 3 people will need blood or blood products in their life time. The demand on blood is nation wide. Typically the summer months are very difficult to maintain a safe blood level. The way things are going now, that will hold true for this summer in the Texas panhandle. It is still early enough in the summer for the community of Stratford to help us out by donating blood and catching up on the summer blood levels. So before you go away on your summer vacation take a little time to drop by the blood center in Amarillo or come to the Stratford summer Blood Drive at the County Barn on Monday, June 23 from 2 p.m.-7 p.m.

Study Club Sponsoring FUN IN THE SUN Beach Volleyball

GFWC/TFWC Prospectus Study Club is Sponsoring some FUN IN THE SUN Beach Volleyball at this year's 4th of July Celebration. Teams of 4 can participate. Cost is \$40 per team. AGE DIVISIONS ARE INCOMING 7 AND 8TH GRADERS, INCOMING FRESHMEN-SENIORS, AND THE OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION. Teams may be all male, all female, or mixed. Games will last 20 minutes with the team ahead at 20 minutes winning. Sign up is at Vincent Insurance at 411 4th Street. Proceeds go toward scholarships and community projects. For questions call 366-2427 or 396-2456.

Steer Validation On June 24th

The Sherman County 4-H and Stratford I.S.D. will be conducting their steer validation for the 2003-2004 livestock show season on June 24, 2003 at the Stratford Animal Hospital starting at 5:00 p.m. If you will be unable to attend this validation please notify the extension office at (806) 366-2081 before the validation date so alternative arrangements can be made.

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Honor Rolls

Oklahoma Panhandle State University recently announced the students on their President and Deans list Honor Roll for the 2003 Spring Semester. To Qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll a student must carry at least 12 credit hours of University courses, have no "F's" or incomplete courses and a 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale. To qualify for President's Honor Roll a student must carry at least 12 credit hours of university courses, have no "F's" or incomplete courses and 4.0 GPA for the semester.

Qualifying from Stratford were Keri Walden and Kristi Walden. From Texhoma. Cynthia Hughes and Brenda Lafrebre.

On The Dean's Honor Roll 2003 Spring Semester qualifying were Marie Sladek, Laci Unruh, Lashawna Young all of Stratford. From Texhoma were Amber Adams, Benny Brace, Chance Keasler and Amy Mattocks.

Honor Rolls

Lubbock-Spring Commencement at Texas Tech University saw more than 1,900 students awarded degrees. Commencement ceremonies took place May 17 in the United Spirit Arena on campus.

About 5,000 Texas Tech University students made either the President's List or the Dean's List for the Spring 2003 semester. To be on the Presidents List or the Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the semester and maintained either a 4.0 or a 3.5-3.9 grade point average, respectively.

From Stratford on the Dean's list were Katherine Lynz Browning, daughter of Kathy & Bill Riffe who is a senior-Exercise & Sport Sciences and Mandi Nicole Haynes, daughter of Billy and Jeanne Bell, her husband Chris Haynes. She is a senior-Accounting.

Friendship that flows from the heart cannot be frozen by adversity, as the water that flows from the spring cannot congeal in winter.

—James Fenimore Cooper

Too often, the opportunity knocks, but by the time you push back the chain, push back the bolt, unhook the two locks and shut off the burglar alarm, it's too late.

—Rita Coolidge

Forty Years From Drought To Drought

Editors Note: This article was taken from "The Sales Spotlight", a Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Publication, Jenny Martin, Editor, published May 9, 2003.

Joe Pete Flores always was a cowboy. If he couldn't do it on horseback, he didn't want to do it. Forty years ago when there was a drought in west Texas, there wasn't much work for a cowboy to do. He needed a job, but nobody needed a cowboy. The local Farm Bureau Insurance office needed a salesman, but Joe didn't even like insurance salesmen. He decided he would sell insurance through the summer, and when the drought was over he'd go back to being a cowboy. That was forty years ago, and Joe is still selling insurance, and still doing a good job of it.

Joe says there is no comparison between insurance services bring offered now and services offered forty years ago. He started out selling life insurance from a 3" x 6" x 1" rate book. It was from this he sold his first life policy for \$5,000 to a water hauler.

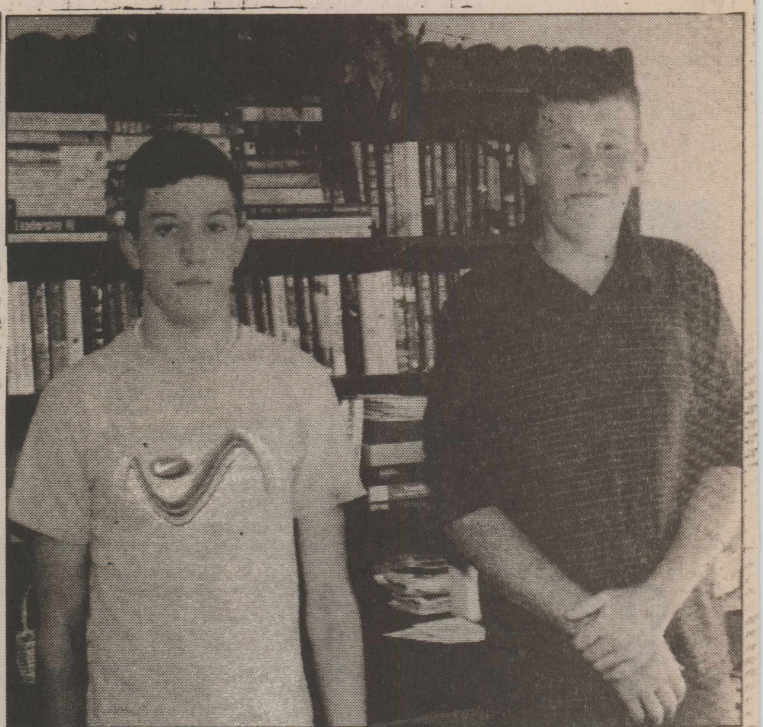
What was the worst time in his career? "Now," he explains, because so much technology seems to him to actually create more work for an agent who wants to be in front of people as much as he does. Of course, he also mentions that life underwriting and the mold controversy make things much more difficult now, as well, not only for the agent but for the client also.

What has been the best time in his career? "Now," Joe ways with a glint in his voice, "I'm still here." Everything that is happening now is what's most important to Joe. Flores gets much satisfaction from delivering death claim checks. He is honored that people trust him enough with their money, and is fulfilled in knowing that he has helped a person provide for their loved ones upon their passing.

One change Joe has noticed the most during his tenure is in the people he and his agency serve. He says most of the young people have left their small town to go to jobs in larger cities. They have been replaced with others who are willing to do the work that is available for them. A strong percentage of these are non-English speaking clients. Joe is happy to provide through his office someone who is bilingual and can help these people in many different ways. Joe feels strongly that the computer can never replace human contact as far as client satisfaction. "In such a little town, these people are more interested in talking to someone when they need something."

What's his advice to other agents? "Stay out of the wire." That's cowboy talk he says anyone who's ever been tangled up in wire on horseback should be able to understand and apply to his or her own job. His other advice... "If you tell the truth all the time, even if it hurts, you don't have to remember what you said all those times before."

Although Joe has no plans to ever retire from selling insurance, (he plans to sell insurance until someone has to deliver his own death claim for him), and although he never really intended to stay, his life's love has been "cowboyin' ". "To tell the truth," Joe says, "I'm still part time. My career has been from drought to drought." "I'm still a cowboy." When we ended our telephone conversation, Joe was headed to the Old West Antique Show in Abilene to so some "spur tradin'."



FFA Students Attend Camp

Two Stratford FFA students attended electric camp sponsored by Excel Energy Corp. Walter Spurlock, son of Wesley and Susie Spurlock and Nick McDaniel, son of Teri and John McDaniel attended the electric camp June 9-11 at Frank Phillips College in Borger. The students studied rural and city safety practices dealing with electricity. Students attended 3 days of classes on basic electrical wiring of plugs, lights, and various switches. They also learned about electric motors and constructed an electric motor during class.

Bouldin Graduates

Kimberly Kay Bouldin graduated from Texas Tech University, Spring 2003 with a Doctor of Philosophy-Physics. She is the daughter of Ted and Judy Bouldin of Stratford.

The cause of freedom is identified with the destinies of humanity, and in whatever part of the world it gains ground by and by, it will be a common gain to all those who desire it.
—Louis Kossuth

Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.
—Lao-Tse

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- June 6 "Texas" Palo Duro State Park
- Aug. 16
- June 24 AC's "June Jazz" on the steps 7:30 Amarillo College, Washington St. Campus
- June 10- Starlight Theater Tuesday Concert Series 7:00 p.m. Aug. 28 Sam Houston Park on Western St. Amarillo
- June 11 "Lone Star Rising" Lake Meredith Borger Chamber of Commerce 806-274-9050
- Aug. 17
- July 10-12 "Les Mis' erables" Panhandle Students Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-3096
- Aug 7,8,9 "Dreadful Do'n's at Cider Mill" Melodrama Dalhart LaRita Community Theatre
- Aug. 21-31 Buddy- The Buddy Holly Story Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 www.amarillolittletheatre.org

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Summer Computer Classes at the Imagination Station

These classes are for you. Please call 366-3336, 366-7673 or 753-4484 to pre-register. You may also register online at www.stratfordnet.net.

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The Imagination Station will be open on Monday nights, June 16, 23, and 30 as well as July 7 and 21 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. During that time free computer classes will be available to the public. In June the classes will cover basic computer operations and maintenance. On July 7, MS

Genius is the quality of the special spirit, whether in poetry or politics or science, which raises a man above a single locality or nation to influence the people of the world.
—Cornelis W. De Kiewiet

Publisher will be taught. On July 21 basic MS Access will be taught. If you are new to computing or just want to brush up on your skills

Failure is, in a sense, the highway to success, inasmuch as every discovery of what is false leads us to seek earnestly after what is true.
—John Keats

King Honored With Bridal Shower

Jennifer King, bride-elect of Ben Hangartner was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Brenda Brownlee on Saturday, June 14, 2003. Shown seated from left, Julie Hangartner, Jennifer King, Tami King holding Shaylee Audrain, Jessica Audrain holding Reagan. Standing from left, Marlese Methvin, Julianne King, Chelsea Kelly, Candi Kelly, and Carol Rhoton.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

The birthday party that was reported last week knocked the party off the news! At 4:15 p.m. it was darker than midnight! The wind and hail hit west picture windows so hard that I thought they were goners. Broken tree branches, not twigs, went flying by that one expected to see the red witch of the west go by on a broom! The hail wiped out several fields.

An Ice Cream Supper is this day night, June 20th at the Community Center. Hosts are Ed & Joyce Irlbeck, Kenneth & Lynn Wells. Crank up the freezer, heat the oven for cake or cookies.

Nita Mae Taylor returned earlier in time to help Buck ever celebrate his birthday. Marylou, Poe & Linda Keener had to be to Eulless for Amy Taylor's high school graduation from West Trinity. There were about 100 seniors. Amy is a daughter of Ed & Sandy Taylor. Doug & Pam Lor came after Nita for a visit to Vaco.

Marylou McDaniel and Gladys Bold attended Eastern Star Installation in Dalhart Saturday night.

Ralph Hampton is glad to be home and has enjoyed the visits from his cards.

Annette and Ralph James Hampton attended the 50th Anniversary celebration of Don & Martha Ellison on June 7.

If you drive by Sam Asher's at Oklahoma line, look for two used cattle with long horns and blue eyes!

Bill Boren spent Father's Day with the Kelly Carlisle family. He and Kevin play baseball and all had dinner for the holiday.

Barbara Schoonover had knee surgery Thursday.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Barbara Thrash & Lorene Oyer had a good dinner at Eklund Hotel in Dalhart Saturday night.

Accidentally, Bill & Donna celebrated their 49th anniversary, Saturday.

FETTUCINE CARAVELLA
1 lb. fettuccine
1/2 Oz. butter
1/2 Oz. boiled ham
1/2 Oz. chopped fresh parsley
1/2 Oz. cream
1/2 Oz. Caravella Limoncello
1/2 Oz. freshly grated Parmesan cheese
Salt to taste

While cooking the fettuccine until "al dente," brown in a shallow pan butter, boiled ham and chopped parsley. Transfer ingredients to a shallow bowl. Drain the fettuccine and add to the bowl. Add cream, Caravella Limoncello and Parmesan. Stir well; add salt to taste. Serve immediately. Serves 6.

ORANGECELLO FRUIT SALAD

Pour Caravella Orangecello over fruit salad and add a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Fun Friday Held Friday-13th

Those attending Fun Friday the 13th had an opportunity of making a dozen different crafts and a great lunch featuring food wraps.

Bobbie Strong had ideas and samples for plastic Canvas Flags and Angels, a 4th of July Pot, Bunny Bags, St. Pat's pins, Baby shower favors of booties, bottles, sacks, Halloween Turkey candy dish.

She also had chocolate "mice" and "ladybug" appetizers that were enjoyed by all.

Susie Spurlock, Extension agent, made seven wraps, spinach rollups, beef & cheese wraps, turkey-spinach rollups, chicken-cranberry wraps, Asian chicken black bean wraps, smoked turkey wraps.

A salad by Reyna Everett and dessert by Jean Everett made the meal really great for the 20 attending.

Stratford 4-H Playday

Stratford 4-H Playday is being sponsored by Horse Club will be held June 28 and July 12 and July 19.

Books open at 10:11 a.m. and start time is 10:30. There will be a \$5.00 charge for each event.

Pay Back for 1st-2nd-3rd in each event. All-around prizes will be given at the final playday July 19. **Must be at 3 playdays to qualify for all-around!!**

AGES 0-7 No lead ins Barrels, Poles, Flag race and Goat decorating (TIE A ribbon on tail)

AGES 8-10 No lead ins Barrels, Poles, Flag Race, Goat Tying & Steer Daubing.

There will be a concession stand.

Golf is so popular simply because it is the best game in the world at which to be bad.
—A.A. Milne

One of the nicest things about gardening is that if you put it off long enough it's eventually too late.
—Bill Vaughn

Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

The month of June is half-way gone, but there are still some dates for SCOT members to remember.

I'm sure the rock painting class will have gone well on Tuesday. A lot of people have been interested in it. We will want to see the results.

A date to remember is this Thursday, June 19, at 2 p.m., which is SCOT birthday party time. Then 7:00 that evening is Bingo time.

On June 22, SCOT will sponsor the garden tour. The group will meet at Roxy Park at 2 p.m. and go from there. Tickets will be \$5.00, and this is open to anyone who would like to tour Stratford's beautiful yards and gardens.

Other events to remember are the board meeting at 10 a.m. on June 24, and the luncheon at noon on June 26.

SCOT dance will be at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 28.

We welcome visitors as well as members.


That about takes care of June, but July promises for us the SCOT musical on July 12th at 7 p.m. We will be keeping in touch about this. This is always good!

We better mark our calendars and try to remember these things.

Web Site Design Class To Be Offered

The class, *Web Site Design*, will be offered on Saturday, June 21, in the computer lab of the High School Library. *Web Site Design* will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a one hour break at lunch, concluding at 4:30 p.m. If you would like to design a personal web site or a business web site, attend this free class. At the end of the day, every student should have completed a web site. This class is provided through the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund-CN3 community networking grant. Please call (806)366-3336, (806)366-7673 or (806)753-4484 to pre-register for this class. The class will be taught by Linda Young.

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Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Held

Norma's Precious Moments located at 218 N. Main held their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, June 12th. Shown from left, Chamber Manager Paula Nusz, Karen Perrin, Carol Zimmer, Norma Torres, Pat Hartman, and George Harding. Also on hand were children seated on bench (names unavailable).

Texline Community Day

Texline Volunteer Fire and Rescue will be having Texline Community Day activities on June 21, 2003. This year marks the "25th" year to have these festivities. Community Day is held to raise money to help purchase equipment and provide training for the members. Today the Service has 24 volunteer members. The activities are held at the Texline Fire & Rescue Station. During the day from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m., the events include a bicycle parade at 10:00, sack races at 11:30, bucket brigade contest at 2:00, along with educational, craft and food booths. There will be free blood pressure readings and blood sugar testing also. Door prizes are given throughout the day that are donated by area businesses. The evening activities include a Bar-B-Que with all the trimmings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. followed by a dance from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Exciting new events are coming to Texline this year. The Amarillo Gorillas Blacktop Hockey Clinic will be from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Children will be given two hours of instruction on playing hockey and will receive a Gorilla program, and a surprise. Stomp the Gorilla mascot will be present along with a 25 ft. blow up Gorilla. Texline business owners are sponsoring this event. The Amarillo Police Department will be sending Jim Harris and a 1971 Chevy Chevelle Drag car to be on display. Helping to make drivers aware of Safety at Railroad Crossings, Burlington Northern will be on hand with their Operation Life Saver Program. The Clayton Fire Department will be holding a Fatal Vision Clinic that includes a go-cart with a driving course set up. Individuals will be able to "try" and drive wearing different goggles that show the effects of different levels of alcohol which alter driving abilities.

Business owners in Texline have donated top prizes for a benefit drawing to be held. The top prize is a trip for 2 to Red River or \$500.00 cash. Other prizes included are a \$100.00 gift certificate, 2-\$100.00 cash prizes and a \$50.00 gift certificate. Tickets are available from any department member or at Burns Lumber in Texline. For information please call the following numbers: 806-362-4536, 362-4364 or 362-4643.

Please come join us in a day full of fun for all ages and help support the efforts of the Texline Volunteer Fire and Rescue Departments emergency services.

What a pleasure life would be to live if everybody would try to do only half of what he expects others to do.
—William J.H. Boetcker

We succeed in enterprises which demand the positive qualities we possess, but we excel in those which can also make use of our defects.
—Alexis de Tocqueville

Stratford Cemetery Directory & Veterans Memorial Project Nears Completion

The Stratford Cemetery Board and the City Council is pleased to announce that the Stratford Cemetery Directory and Veterans Memorial project is nearing completion.

A dedication ceremony is tentatively scheduled for July 4, 2003 at the Stratford Cemetery. The dedication of this directory and memorial brings to completion a project envisioned by the Stratford Cemetery Board almost two years ago. At that time the directory project was in limbo with no plans or funds and with no direction to complete the project. After consultation with the cemetery board and the City Council, it was decided to combine these two items together into one project. The cemetery board decided to take the lead in managing the project with the blessing of the city council.

The cemetery board consists of Becky Asher, Linda Spurlock, Ann Johnson, the late Jim Johnson, George Harding and Wayne Smith, President. Joe Zak has served as liaison between the city council and the board and elected to carry on in this capacity after his resignation from the council. Wayland Brown, in his capacity as City Manager, has also provided absolutely wonderful advice and cooperation during the construction phase of the project.

Many individuals donated time, labor, and materials to this project and many donated their advice and expertise in the construction. The cemetery board would like to extend a very special thank you to all of these very special folks. Joe Zak coordinated the construction phases. Joe, Corey Rendon, Terry Davis, George Harding, Wayne Smith, and Reuben Rendon provided construction labor. Joe Mungia provided the brick work. David Davis did all of the concrete work, and Scott Buckles donated, painted, and set the flag poles. J & L Maintenance provided the crane for the lifting and setting of the flag poles and set the support beams on the directory building. Texas Electric (Charles Harbour) provided the electrical work. Wallace Monument Company, Clarendon was responsible for making and setting the veterans stone and engraving. They also built and set the concrete benches at the memorial. WD Architects, Inc., Amarillo were the architects for the project.

A very special thanks to George and Marilyn Harkins for their hard work in the organization and preparation of the directory cards and cemetery directory map. George and Marilyn traveled many miles and toured many cemetery's throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico obtaining ideas and information for the directory project. Their contribution to the community in this effort has been enormous and they deserve a very special thank you.

Special thanks to all the city employees who helped in various capacities during the project. We cannot begin to name all of them in fear of missing someone, but you all know who you are.

After the dedication, landscaping the area will be a priority and will be accomplished during the summer and fall. In the future, the cemetery board will be working with the local historical board in an effort to designate the cemetery a "Texas Historical Cemetery".

Lone Star Rising Cast Slates Special Events

The cast, staff and crew of Lone Star Rising, the colorful Texas-style outdoor musical staged at the Fritch Fortress Amphitheater at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, will present its Stars Over Texas Revue on Monday nights at the Ambassador Hotel on I-40 West during the Summer of 2003.

The Monday night show will feature a variety of music, dance, comedy, and specialty arts for hotel guests, tourists and area residents.

Songs for the show include traditional and contemporary western and Hispanic selections and dance productions will celebrate the history, heritage and culture of the Lone Star State.

On Tuesday nights, the Fritch Fortress Amphitheater will come alive with guest artists from throughout the Panhandle. The Tuesday shows are under the auspices of the Lone Star Rising Guild and will be produced under the title, "Lake Fest"

Lone Star Rising, the celebrated and popular historical musical drama that opened to enthusiastic audiences in the summer of 2001, opened at the lakeshore theater for its 3rd season on June 11. A Chuckwagon supper will be available at 6:30 p.m. on Lone Star Rising nights. A professional cast of singers, dancers and actors will perform the show Wednesdays through Sundays.

The National Park Service has made extensive upgrades in the Fritch Fortress Amphitheater to prepare for the 2003 season. Audiences will enjoy an improved seating arena, and handicapped theater-goers will have more comfortable accommodations.

The superintendent of the Lake Meredith facilities is Karren Brown. Superintendent Brown has overseen the renovation of the amphitheater and has been instrumental in the development of the unique tourist attraction on the edge of the Panhandle's largest waterway.

Stars Over Texas will perform at the Ambassador Hotel on Monday nights starting June 16 through August 11. A buffet dinner will be available each evening before the show.

Lake Fest will run Tuesday nights at the Fritch Fortress Amphitheater starting on June 17 through August 12.

Season tickets are now available for Lone Star Rising. For further information regarding Stars Over Texas, Lake Fest or Lone Star Rising please call (806) 274-9050 or visit our website at www.lonestarrising.com.



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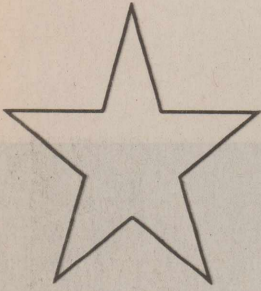
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Legal Notice

Legal Notice

The Stratford Sales Tax Corporation will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 25, 2003 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the Stratford City Hall. The hearing will address the commitment made by the Stratford Sales Tax Board to participate in the Lone Star Acquisition LLC Project in the form of a loan and a grant made by the Stratford Sales Tax Corporation to Lone Star Acquisition LLC. Comments will be heard in person at the public hearing June 25, or by mail to the Stratford Sales Tax Corporation Board of Directors, P.O. Box 188, Stratford, Texas 79084, no later than July 18, 2003, 12:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF DRAFT FEDERAL

OPERATING PERMIT

DRAFT PERMIT NO.: 0-02491

APPLICATION AND DRAFT PERMIT. Duke Energy Field Services, LP., 370 17th Street, Suite 900, Denver, Colorado 80202, a crude petroleum and natural gas facility has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Initial Issuance of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) Application No. 4163 to authorize operation of the Norton Booster. The site addressed by the application is located 3.5 miles south and IS miles east of Stratford on PM 119 Stratford, Sherman County, Texas. This application was received by the TCEQ on February 13, 2002.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The permit will not authorize new construction or authorize the areas to increase emissions. The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the areas must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis and draft permit is available for

viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. E, First Floor, Austin, Texas, the TCEQ Amarillo Regional Office, 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas, and the Sherman County Library, 719 North Main, Stratford, Texas. At the central and regional office, you may also review and copy all relevant supporting materials for the draft permits, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ Central Office file room at (512) 239-1540.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public

notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING. You may submit written public comments or request a notice and comment hearing on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness and appropriateness of the permit actions may cause a change to be made to the draft permits.

A person who may be affected by the emission of all pollutants from these areas may request a notice and comment hearing. The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on these applications if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The purpose of a notice and comment hearing is to provide an opportunity to submit comments on

the draft permits. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time and location for the hearing.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permits, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permits. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with its applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

Written public comments and requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.3087 within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800(87)4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our Web site at www.tmrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Duke Energy Field Services, LP. at the address in the first paragraph or by calling Mr. Dirk Wold at 720-944-9220.

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AVISO PARA UN PERMISO FEDERAL PARA OPERAR PRELIMINAR

PERMISO PRELIMINAR
NUMERO: 0-02491

SOLICITUD Y PERMISO PRELIMINAR. Duke Energy Field Services, LP., 370 17th Street, Suite 900, Denver, CO 80202. una planta de Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas ha solicitado de la Comision de Calidad Ambiental de Tejas (TCEQ. por sus siglas en ingles) la Solicitud Inicial del Permiso Federal de Operar (aqui dentro aludido como permiso) Solicitud Numero 4163 para la operacion de Norton Booster ubicada en el 3.5 miles south and 15 miles east of Stratford on FM 199 en la ciudad

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Thank you for all of your prayers, visits, flowers, cards and food while I was in the hospital and after my return home. A big thank you to the Lem Russell family for the use of their travel trailer and to Larry & Verlie Norris for the use of their generator. May God Bless you in a special way.

Ralph Hampton & Family

Cooking Ideas

(NAPS)—The exact genesis of the meringue-encrusted ice cream surprise is a matter of debate, but there's no doubt that when a New York City restaurateur served up his version of Baked Alaska in 1876 to celebrate the American acquisition of the vast territory, the name stuck. Today, this sweet ending is making a comeback at trendy eateries across the country, and who better to offer a recipe for this classic dessert than the culinary experts at Princess, the leader in Alaska cruise tour vacations. To plan an Alaska land/sea vacation, visit www.princess.com, or call 1-800-PRINCESS.

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For Sale: 2 Story House, 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths, easy clean storm windows, lots of closet space, lg. back yard with large fences, side corner lot. 615 N. Fulton, 806-396-2860. 6-19-8xc

House for Sale: Brick home, 1309 N. Division, excellent location. Large fenced yard, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, storage bldg. Shown by appt. only 1-928-213-9868 or call 396-2593. 6-19-4xp

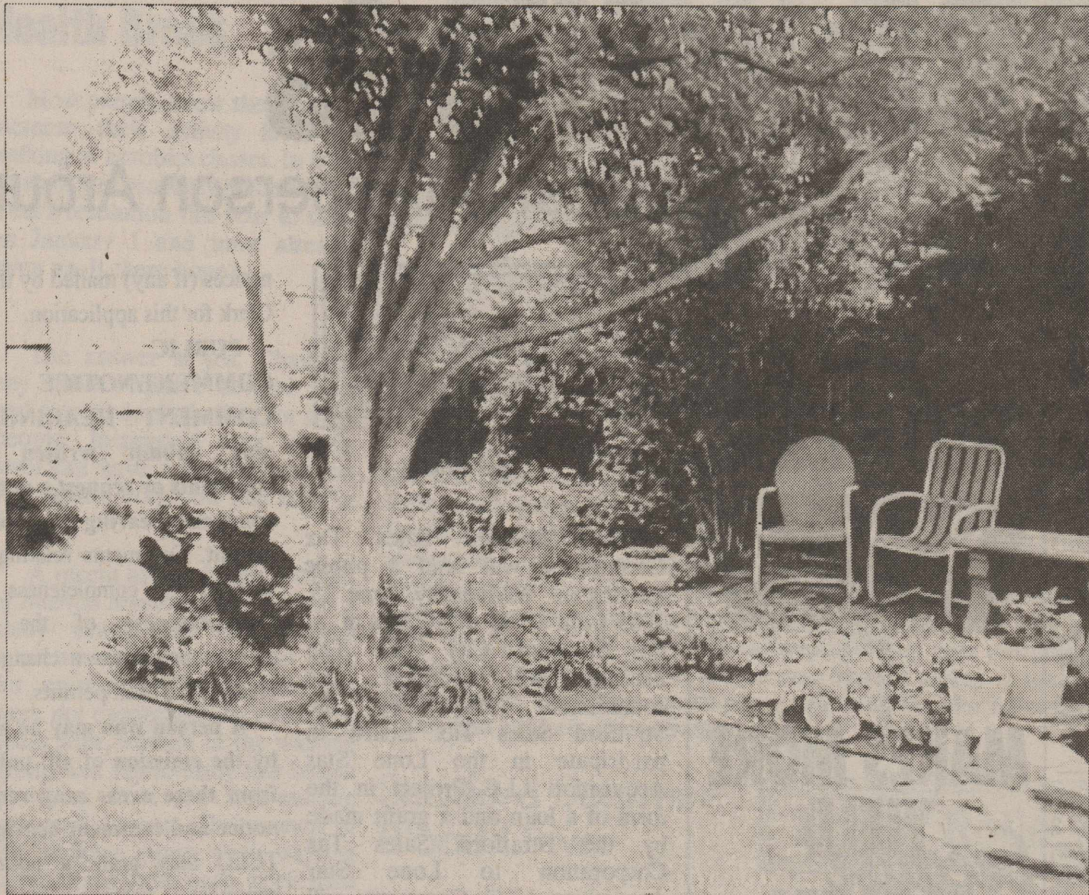
A political war is one in which everyone shoots from the lip.
—Raymond Morely

Acquisitions...

NEW SUMMER HOURS!
WE WILL BE OPEN EVERY MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY FROM 9:00 a.m. TO 5:00 p.m.
Bring a friend and browse through our treasures to find a special gift or a bit of creative inspiration for your own home.
Stop by and see what's new at the corner of Hwys 54 & 287 in Stratford, Texas

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Scot To Sponsor 2nd Annual Garden Tour



B.A. and LeRayne Donelson's yard is on the SCOT Annual Garden tour this Saturday at 2:00 p.m.



Also, on the tour is the yard of Jimmy & Ineta Chesher.



The garden tour will also include the yard of Rex & Bernice Christian.

TDH Receives Funding For Children's Oral Health Education

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) has received a \$4,880 grant from the American Dental Association Health Foundation to conduct a children's oral health education project in 10 Panhandle-South Plains Counties.

TDH is working with local programs and agencies in Castro, Crosby, Dallam, Dickens, Hale, Hockley, Hemphill, Moore, Oldham and Sherman to implement "Team Up For Children's Oral Health."

The project includes distribution of tooth decay prevention materials including baby bottles and sippy cups imprinted with oral health messages.

In 2000-2002, TDH staff screened elementary school children in eight of the 10 counties and found tooth decay in half of them. Oldham and Sherman counties were not included in the survey.

In 2000, an average of only 24 percent of Medicaid children in these counties received at least one Texas Health Steps dental checkup, in contrast to 41 percent statewide.

Texas Health Steps provides preventive health care services, including dental services, to Medicaid clients under 21.

Tricia Vowels, TDH Program Specialist, Lubbock, said the oral health education project will focus on helping parents of babies and young children understand how to prevent tooth decay.

Vowels said early childhood tooth decay can destroy baby teeth. She explained that tooth decay is caused by plaque, a sticky film of bacteria that forms on teeth. Plaque bacteria use sugars and starches from food and drink to produce acids that attack tooth enamel.

Early childhood caries, or cavities, (sometimes called baby bottle tooth decay) is due to frequent and prolonged exposure of a baby's teeth to liquids containing sugar. These liquids include milk, formula, fruit juice, and soda.

Vowels said giving babies a bottle at naptime or bedtime and too-frequent use of milk, formula or juice as pacifiers of a fussy baby can increase the chances of cavities.

She said infants should finish their bedtime and naptime bottles before going to bed. Putting sugar drinks in sippy cups that are used constantly throughout the day—rather than restricting them to meals and snack times—also can promote tooth decay.

The American Dental Association and the Texas Department of Health Texas Health Steps program recommend a visit to the dentist within six months of the eruption of the first tooth, and no later than the child's first birthday.

"By starting dental visits early, parents can help their children build a lifetime of good dental habits," Vowels said.

More information about oral health care is available online from TDH at www.tdh.state.tx.us/thsteps/thsteps_dent.htm and from the American Dental Association at www.ada.org.

For more information about the "Team Up for Children's Oral Health", contact Tricia Vowels, TDH regional office, Lubbock, at (806) 767-0414.

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de Stratford, Condado de Sherman, Tejas. Esta solicitud fue entregada a la TNRC el February 13 de 2002.

El proposito del permiso preliminar es mejorar el acatamiento general de las reglas que gobiernan el control de la contaminación atmosférica, claramente definiendo todos los requisitos aplicables como estan definidos en el Titular 30 del Código Administrativo de Tejas § 122.10 (30 T AC § 122.10, por sus siglas en ingles). El permiso preliminar no autoriza construcciones nuevas, ni tampoco el aumento de emisiones del sitio. El TNRC director ejecutivo ha concluido el analisis tecnico de la aplicación y ha preparado un permiso preliminar para la revisión y comentarios del publico. El permiso preliminar, si es aprobado, establecera lag condiciones debajo de las cuales el sitio debiera operar. El director ejecutivo recomienda que se otorgue este permiso preliminar. La aplicación completa

y el permiso preliminar estan disponibles para ser revisados y copiados en la Oficina Central de la TCEQ, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg E, First Floor, Austin, Texas, y en la Amarillo Regional Office, 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas y en la Sherman County Library, 719 Main Street, Stratford, Texas. En la oficina central y oficina regional tambien se podra revisal y copiar lodes 10s demas documentos pertinentes al permiso preliminar. Asi como 108 permiso para la Revisión de Fuentes Nuevas que han sido incorporados par

referenda. Personas que tengan dificultades obteniendo estos materiales debido a restricciones para viajar pueden comunicarse con la oficina central at telefono (512)-239-1540.

LISTA PARA ENVIO DE CORREO. Usted puede solicitar ser incluido en una lista para envio de correo para recibir información adicional con respecto a esta solicitud. Para Set incluido en una Usta para envio de correo, envio su petición ala Oficina del Secretario Principal (Office of Chief Clerk) a la dirección que se encuentra a continuación en el parrafo titulado "Infonnación."

COMENTARIOS/NOTIFICACION PUBLICA Y AUDIENCIA. Usted puede presentar comentarios publicos y/o solicitar una audiencia de notificación y comentarios sobre esta solicitud. El proposito de la audiencia de notificación y comentarios es el proveer la oportunidad de hacer comentarios de parte del publico y hacer preguntas sobre esta solicitud.

Cualquier persona afectada por la emision de contaminantes atmosfericos de este sitio puede solicitar una audiencia de notificación y comentarios. La TNRC puede otorgar una audiencia de notificación y comentarios con respecto a esta aplicación si una petición por escrito es presentada dentro de los treinta dias despues de la publicación de este anuncio. El propósito de la audiencia de notificación y comentarios es proveer la oportunidad para someter comentarios orales o por

escrito acerca del permiso preliminar. Si se concede una audiencia de notificación y comentarios, todas las personas que presentaron comentarios por escrito o peticiones para audiencia recibirán confirmación por escrito de la audiencia. Esta confirmación indicara la fecha, hora y lugar de la audiencia.

Una noticia de la accion final, incluyendo respuestas a 108 comentarios publicos y denotando cambios hechos al permiso preliminar, sera remitida a todas las personas que hayan presentado comentarios publicos, solicitudes para audiencia o que hayan solicitado ser incluidas en la lists de correo. Esta noticia tambien proveera instrucciones para hacer peticiones public as a la Agenda Para la Protección del Medio Ambiente (EP A) solicitando la reconsideración de la accion final prophets por el director ejecutivo. Al recibir una petición, la agenda EP A solamente podra objetarse a la promulgacion de permisos que no se acaten a 108 requisitos de BUS reglamentos o alas requisitos de 30 TAC Capitulo 122.

Comentarios publicos por escrito y peticiones para audiencia de notificación y comentarios deben ser presentados a la Oficina del Secretario Principal (Office of Chief Clerk), MC105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 dentro de treinta dias despues de la publicación en el periódico del anuncio del permiso preliminar.

INFORMACION. Para mas

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Healthy, Easy Snacks

Snacks are usually associated with high-fat, high-calorie treats that provide little or no nutritional value. But you can provide your children with what nutritional experts Judith Levine, RD, MS, and Linda Bine call "Smart Snacks". In their book *Helping Your Child Lose Weight the Healthy Way: A Family Approach to Weight Control*, they define Smart Snacks as those that are low-fat, time properly (not too close to a meal), provide good nutrition and may include some strategically placed protein for staying power.

Here are some of their ideas for Smart Snacks your child might enjoy:

1. Raw vegetables with low-fat dip
2. Popcorn, microwave light or air-popped
3. Pretzels
4. Low-fat crackers with low-fat cheese

información, usted puede llamar ala Oficina de Asistencia Publica (Office of Public Assistance), sin cargo, a el 1-800-687-4040. Informacion general concierne ala TNRC puede encontrarse via internet en www.tnrc.state.tx.us.

Mas informacion puede see obtenida de Duke Energy Field Services, L.P. en la dirección en el primer parrafo 0 llamando a Dirk Wold a el telefono 720-944-9220.

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5. Trail mix made from dry cereal, pretzels and dried fruit
6. Celery sticks spread thin with peanut butter
7. Baked tortilla chips with salsa or low-fat bean dip
8. Chicken noodle or lent soup
9. Fresh fruit
10. Bagel with fat-free cream cheese
11. English muffin topped with pizza sauce and melted low-fat mozzarella cheese
12. Graham crackers, ginger snaps or animal crackers with a glass of low-fat milk
13. Frozen waffle topped with sliced fruit or jam
14. Instant pudding made with non-fat milk

According to Levine and Bine, snacks for children need to be "smart" because as many as one-third of a child's daily calories may come from snacks. For this reason, snacks should be planned so there aren't too many or too few snacks in a day.

WIC is a well respected, federally funded program that gives children a healthy start by encouraging optimal nutrition during the critical stages of development, including the prenatal period. WIC participants have access to vouchers for healthy foods, nutritional assessments, ongoing nutrition education classes, meal planning assistance, Immunizations and

breast-feeding instruction and support. These free services are available to middle-to-low income women who are pregnant, breast-feeding, postpartum or have an infant and/or children younger than five years of age.

Each month Outreach Health Services offers WIC services to more than 34,500 clients in 57 Texas Counties. Income and residency requirements may apply. For information on WIC services, contact the WIC clinic in your community or visit www.outreachhealth.com.

WIC is an equal opportunity program that does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

Welcome Home The Troops Online

(NAPS)—Even people who live hundreds of miles from the nearest military base, can still welcome home American servicemen and women by posting a personal message of gratitude at a new Web site.

It will display your message of thanks to any soldier, sailor, airman, marine, coast guardsman or reservist who wants to see it.

Rick Christ wanted a way to express his gratitude to the hundreds of thousands of young men and women who serve our country all over the world. Together with his wife, he created ThankaGI.com.

"These young people performed their jobs with quiet confidence, discipline, courage and compassion that evokes memories of the greatest heroes of WW2, Korea, and Vietnam," Christ said. "Now most of them just want to quietly return to their families. We owe them a great deal."

It's easy to post your own message at ThankaGI.com. GIs will be able to view messages according to their state. They'll also be able to post responses at the site.