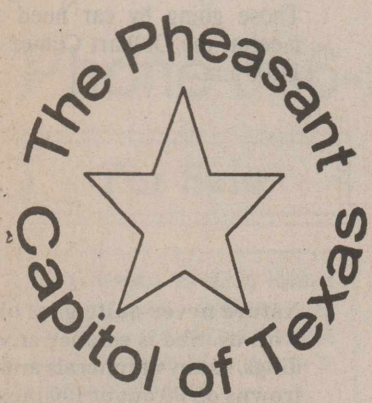


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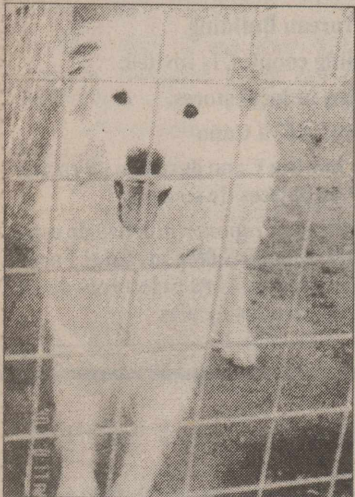
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Pet of The Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter (a "no kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs and puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes and range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered and have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

This is a great program but we sure could use your help in making it better. Donations of food, towels, blankets and/or money are greatly needed and appreciated.

For more information or to mail donations, please contact:

DIANE TRULL
1302 Conlen Ave.
Dalhart, TX 79022
244-3216

Thank you

Middle School Registration

Stratford Middle School registration will begin the week of Monday, August 11, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please call the office at 366-3320 for requirements from Monday, August 11 through Friday, August 15, 2003.

The first day of school is Monday, August 18, 2003. Classes will begin at 8:15 a.m.

Mary Allen Registration For New Students

New students, PreK-4th grade, entering Mary Allen Elementary for the first time need to register sometime during the week of August 11 thru August 18th if you have not already done so. Mary Allen Elementary will be open from 8:30-3:00 beginning Monday, August 11. To enroll a student at Mary Allen Elementary, the student will need a valid birth certificate, current shot record, and social security number. Grand Opening will be Saturday, August 16, from 11 a.m. till 12 noon. "Cecy's Place" will serve breakfast burritos and coffee (beginning at 5:00 a.m.) Fresh mixed fruit, "sub" sandwiches and plans include a daily "plate" special (tamales, enchiladas, etc). Ice cream will be available for the "sweet-tooth"!

Cowboy Church Every Wednesday

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

Fund Set For Cano Family

A special fund has been set up at The First State Bank of Stratford for the Cano family who suffered losses from a fire at their home last Tuesday.

Attention SISD Patrons

August 11, 2003
Dear SISD Patron,

The school year is upon us and with that the subject of budget and taxes. With the uncertainties of the school finance issues, budgets and funding continue to be a real challenge. The Stratford ISD budget is no exception. Funding for our district from the state of Texas has dwindled from \$949,665 in 2000 to \$275,000 for the ensuing school year. That state funding shortage falls on the shoulders of the administration and Board to work up a budget that serves both the students and the tax payers. With that in mind, the budget has been reduced 11% from last year's numbers. Attrition and streamlining have enabled the district to hold the line on costs while allowing the services we offer our students to remain virtually static. The Board of Trustees and Administration has looked at many budgets with the goal being to maintain our educational programs and staffing at optimum levels. We must continue to provide not only the best education product to our students but also the most effective fiscal responsibility to our tax patrons. The tax rate proposed by the district is \$1.37 for Maintenance and Operation with an additional 7.7 cents to cover the bond. The total rate proposed for the 2003-2004 school year is \$1.447 as compared to \$1.41 for the 2002-2003 school year. This reflects a 2.6% increase in the total tax rate. Please keep in mind had the budget not been reduced, our maximum roll back was calculated to be \$1.676. I would ask you to please contact your legislative officials and encourage them to attack the school finance issue. State help to local districts will continue to be an issue until an equitable finance system is attained.

Sincerely,
Jim Taliaferro

New Business Grand Opening

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce invites the community to the Grand Opening of "Cecy's Place" located in the small red brick building on Main Street (across from the post office). The Grand Opening will be Saturday, August 16, from 11 a.m. till 12 noon.

"Cecy's Place" will serve breakfast burritos and coffee (beginning at 5:00 a.m.) Fresh mixed fruit, "sub" sandwiches and plans include a daily "plate" special (tamales, enchiladas, etc). Ice cream will be available for the "sweet-tooth"!

The Drive-up window will make the new business a "quick-stop" on Main Street. Call ahead (366-3635) and have no waiting!

Mark your calendar meet us on main street for samples of this fine food and a visit with your friends.

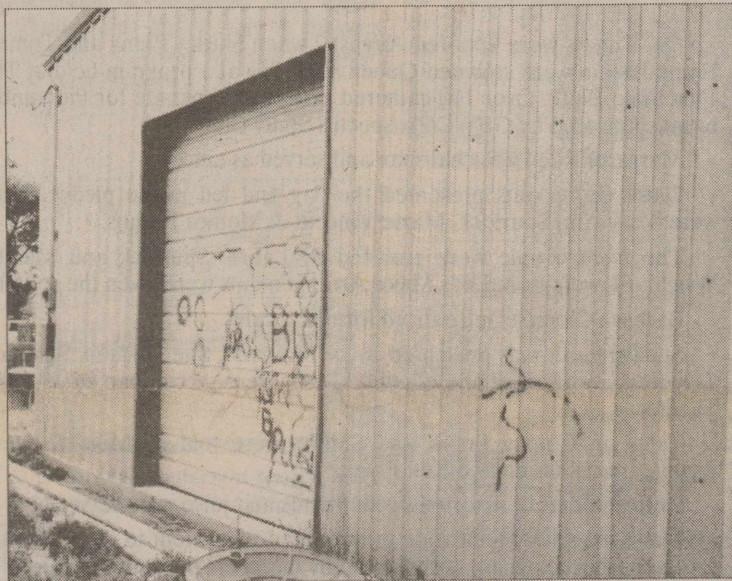
A pint of sweat will save a gallon of blood.

—George Patton



First State Bank-Stratford Donates Money

The First State Bank of Stratford entered a float in the Parade and took first place. They donated their winnings to the Stratford Fire Department. Shown left representing Fire Dept. Dean Hauser and Donita Robertson, Mary Cross, Manager of Stratford Branch and Delinda Olivas, Float Chairman.



Vandalism In Stratford

On Sunday night August 3, 2003 some vandalism happen to some buildings and vehicles. Green Paint was sprayed on vehicles and shown above Kelly's Gymnastics building.

Relief Route Public Meeting, Sept. 23, 2003

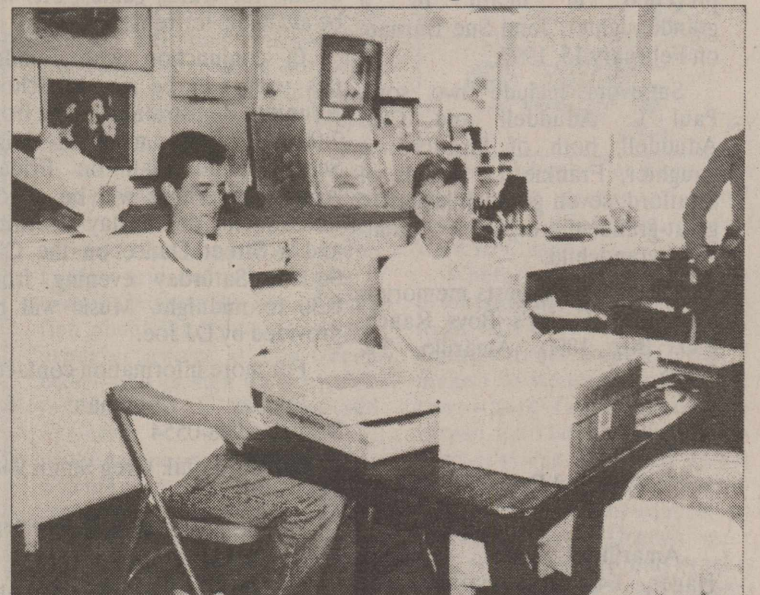
Texas Department of Public Transportation will conduct the second public meeting on the proposed relief route and grade separation to relieve the bottle neck of the four way stop and the train crossing on US. 287 and U.S. 54. The meeting will be held at SCOT Hall (to allow for easier access) on September 23, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. TxDOT is still seeking public comment on the three proposed routes to be found at City Hall, SCOT Hall or Stratford Star. Comments may be mailed to Texas Department of Transportation, Mr. Mark Tomlinson, PE P.O. Box 7368, Amarillo, TX 79114-7368. These public meeting help plan for the future.

Local Firefighter Completes Training

College Station, TX-Local Firemen, Dean Hauser, recently completed training during the 74th Annual Municipal Texas Fire Training School, July 20-25.

Each summer, The Annual School enrolls more than 2,500 fire prevention, suppression, control and safety personnel from municipalities, industries, state and federal agencies and the armed services representing over 775 cities from 25 states and numerous provinces and countries.

The Annual Municipal School delivers five days of rigorous classroom lectures and hands-on field exercises at one of the largest fire training facilities in the world and is sponsored by the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), a member of the Texas A&M University System.



Depot Museum Hosts Visitors

Mr. Herbert Bradley Osborn of Tucson, AZ was a visitor in Sherman County this week. His Grandfather, Macon Bradley was the second County Judge in the county. He served the term from 1890 to 1892. The second post office in the county (Coldwater was the first) was named Bradley post office and was probably located on Section 2, Block 1-C not far from the Coldwater Ranch Headquarters. Mr. Osborn's mother was born in Sherman County (probably in Coldwater) on Nov. 4, 1890. So far, this is the earliest date of birth that is known. (Before that the earliest was a William's baby who was born in 1895.) The new baby girl was named Sabra Claire Bradley. The Bradley's moved from Sherman County in 1893. Sabra Claire's early schooling was in Optima, OK and Fulton, Missouri where she studied at the School for the Deaf. She was not deaf, but taught and worked with deaf and orphan children in Samscon Turkey (early 1920's), Arizona School for the Deaf, and Los Moches, Mexico. While in Los Moches, Sabra met her husband. They were married in Kansas City and moved to Puerto Rico where their son, Herbert was born in 1929. Mr. Osborn accompanied by his grandson, a student at the University of Arizona, filled local historians in on early history in Sherman County. Mr. Herbert Bradley Osborn's mother who was born in 1890 in the county is buried at Dutch Flat, California. She died in 1972.



Kids and Adults had lots of fun at the City Park during the kids' games during Stratfords Jamboree and Ex-Student weekend.

Sherman County 4-H Enrollment Night-Aug. 25

The Sherman County 4-H Enrollment night will be held August 25, 2003 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Lem and Cindy Russell will be providing a Hot Dog Feed. New and former 4-H members will need to fill out enrollment forms for the upcoming 4-H Year. 4-H programs are open to all youth without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, or national origin. Any Sherman County Youth who will be either 9 years old or 8 years old and in the third grade by September 1, 2003 and have not reached their 19th birthday may be a member of 4-H. This year outstanding 4-H members and parent/leaders will be providing a booth demonstrating their favorite 4-H Project to encourage and educate new 4-H members on the numerous activities 4-H has to offer. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Leslie Neve at (806)366-2081. We look forward to seeing you at Enrollment Night!

State Fair of Texas & Tri State Fair Livestock Entries Available

All Sherman County 4-H Members planning on exhibiting a livestock project at either the State Fair of Texas or the Tri-State Fair may pick up their entry forms at the Sherman County Extension Office. Entries for the Tri-State Fair are due to the Extension Office by August 22, 2003. The State Fair will be held October 9-19, 2003 in Dallas. Entries for the Tri-State Fair are due to the Extension Office by August 13, 2003. The Tri-State Fair will be held in Amarillo on September 12-20, 2003. Please contact Leslie Neve at (806)366-2081 for more information.

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

—Winston Churchill

4-H Achievement Banquet August 18th-2003

Sherman County 4-H'ers will be recognized for their accomplishments at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet to be held August 18th at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. A highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the 2003 recipients of the Gold Star Award, the highest honor given to a 4-H member.

The banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m. with covered dish meal. The banquet is being coordinated by adult members, Cindy Russell, Dinah Horsford, and Lynette Kautz. This group of leaders are being assisted by members of the Sherman County 4-H Council.

The planning committee and 4-H Council members will meet on Saturday, August 16 at 9:30 a.m. to decorate for the banquet. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock at the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.

Sunray Lions Club
35th Annual
SUNRAY FUNDAY

Obits

Paul Aduddell

Paul Aduddell, 88, died Monday, Aug. 4, 2003.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, August 8, 2003 in First Christian Church of Stratford with the Rev. Bob Sweeten, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Mr. Aduddell was born Oct. 6, 1914, in Brice. He was engaged in farming and ranching. He was a member of First Christian Church, Stratford, Texas. He was a Stratford resident since 1928. He married Mildred Judd on June 6, 1937 in Stratford, Texas. She preceded him in death on December 14, 1991. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jemi Sue Burnam on February 15, 1997.

Survivors include two sons, Paul L. Aduddell and Cleo Aduddell, both of Stratford; a daughter, Frankie L. Shields of Stratford; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Ronald Duane Hager

Amarillo-Ronald Duane Hager, 64, of Amarillo died Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003.

Memorial services were held at 10 a.m. Monday in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, Ivy Chapel, 2800 Paramount, with the Rev. James Cobb, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial was at the Family Ranch at 4 p.m.

Mr. Hager was born and raised in Texhoma, OK. He lived in Stratford from 1966 to 1984 and owned a service station. He was a former mayor and city councilman.

He was also a volunteer firefighter and certified EMT in Stratford. He served on the board of Stratford Area Foundation and the Canadian River Water Authority board.

He moved to Amarillo in 1984 and owned the Stockyard Service and Garage. He had worked as a parts salesman for A&I, Big A and Parts Plus. For the past six years he had been a driver for Plains Transportation.

He had been a member of the Southwest Football Officials, officiating age groups from Peeewees to College. He was an Elder, Deacon and Sunday school superintendent for First Christian Church in Stratford and was on the area board of First Christian Church.

He married Lela Hampton on Oct. 7, 1961, in Stratford. He had zest for life no matter if pumping gas, playing cards, driving trucks, refereeing a football game or spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by a sister, Opal Siemiller; and three brothers, Harold Hager, Don Hager and Archie Hager.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Renee Coble and husband, Matt of Amarillo, and Tamara Ritchie of Carrolton; a sister, Viola Scott of El Cajon, CA; three brothers, Larry Hager of Paris, France, Herb Hager of Spearman and Bill Hager of Parma, ID; five grandchildren, Ryan Coble, Courtney Coble, Landry Coble, Cyndi Ritchie and Brittany Ritchie; a very dear friend, Hardy Bill and Keava Coffman and their children; Hubbie, Geocovey, Hunter, Keevin and Thea; and many nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

The family suggests memorials be to Stratford Area Foundation, P.O. Box 48, Stratford, TX 79084 or to a favorite charity.

Come join the fun in Sunray, Texas on August 16, 2003 for the 35th annual Sunray Funday Celebration. A parade kicks off the day's events beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Sunray Lions will be serving their famous barbecue cooked by the BEAST, Moore County's longest rural mobile cooker. Serving will begin promptly at 11:26 a.m. and continue until 1:01 p.m. With every barbecue ticket purchased, you will also receive a chance to win a 32" RCA TV donated by Broxson's in Sunray. Ticket prices are \$6.00 in advance and \$7.00 on Funday. "Pokey" the Clown will be here again this year with his Jr. Ranch Rodeo. A stick horse auction will begin immediately after the barbecue followed by a turtle race, the Jr. Ranch Rodeo and other games. A variety of booths for crafts, games, etc. will be available for rental.

In conjunction with Funday this year will be an All-School Reunion. Registration will be from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. in the High School Band Hall on Friday, August 15. There will be a golf tournament on Friday morning and a Street Dance on the City Square Saturday evening from 8:30 to midnight. Music will be provided by DJ Joe.

For more information contact:
Funday Chairman: Sid Whiteley 948-0554
Booth Rental: Greg Smith 948-4111
Parade Entry: H.A. Carter 948-4121
School Reunion: Pam Goolsby 948-5668

Letter To
The Editor

Dear Editor,

School starts and vacation time is coming to a close.

I had a visit almost for my birthday, from daughter Carrie Smith and her children, Jennifer and Jacob. Carrie came into the house on a Tuesday late afternoon and said, "OK, what are the projects for this week?" We were off and running by putting up part of the Jamboree flags on Main Street. Wednesday, was my birthday gift from all the children, of a day at the beauty shop for hair, manicure and pedicure after which we put up the rest of the Jamboree flags and she mowed the yard. Thursday, we cleaned the garage and the car, I ironed and she cleaned my kitchen spice cabinet (took nearly all afternoon to combine or throw out, and wash each container. I love it). Friday, was clean the Imagination Station to get ready for the Drama Camp and to fold and roll all the decoration black plastic in the barn. (the manicure lasted nearly two days). The children's treat was to use the computers at the Imagination Station while we worked and they they played gold. Saturday was sort-of- day of rest and washing clothes to prepare for their return to Pueblo on Sunday. That was a vacation-vacated her house for mine. We discussed cleaning out the barn, but it was just too hot. She decided, that will be a project for a Christmas visit and maybe everyone can have the opportunity to participate. Mom always has a project.

Gaynelle Riffe

Cats seem to go on the principle that it never does any harm to ask for what you want.
—Joseph Wood Krutch



Past Royalty of Old Timers present at bank were from left, Helen Taylor, Ione Kendrick, Maurine Reeder, Mary Riffe, Alfred Pronger, Baskin Brown, Homer Blake. Seated are Wendell Flores, Queen Shirley Plunk, King Tommy Frank Baskin.



Tommy Frank Baskin and Shirley Plunk were crowned Old Timer royalty at the August 2 Celebration. Laurie Spurlock, president GFWC/Prospectus Study Club, left and Marsha Wright did the crowning.

Old Timers Honored

Old Timers were honored August 2 when Shirley Plunk and Tommy Frank Baskin were crowned Queen and King at a program held at the First State Bank. Over 100 gathered prior to the parade for the annual event sponsored by GFWC/Prospectus Study Club.

Margaret Reed was chairman and served as emcee. Daisy Girl Scouts presented the flag and led in the pledge. They were Mary Ann Spurlock, Mazie Vincent & Monica Ramos.

The royal couple were crowned by Laurie Spurlock and Marsha Wright. Flowers from Let's Make Arrangements were given to the couple. Barbara Chumley introduced former royalty.

Special music was presented Joyce McBryde, Sue Hudson, Shannon Taliaferro, and Barbara Dettle. They were accompanied by Jim Taliaferro.

Tales of Tommy Frank and Shirley were told by Mike & Steve Baskin, Lucy Gerken and Ken Plunk.

Refreshments of assorted sweet breads and juice were served.

The King and Queen rode in the parade and went to the City Park for the barbecue. Chairs were set up by members of Student Council in front of bank.

Committees were Registration: Oline Caraway & Dorothy Haile; Crowns, Laurie Spurlock & Marsha Wright; Refreshments: Liz Sanders, D'Lynn Reed, LaVell Haggard, Sonja Kendrick, Yvonne Pittman, Linda Swain, Becky Adams, Ann Johnson; Napkins & Cups, Linda Haynes; Publicity & Photos, Marylou McDaniel; Entertainment, Patti Vincent & Barbara Chumley; Parade, Lauryc Ellis, Michelle Lutes, Pat Hartman; Flowers, Marty Bain; Programs & name tags, Shorty Albert & Margaret Reed.

If you want to succeed in the world you must make your own opportunities as you go on. The man who waits for some seventh wave to toss him on dry land will find that the seventh wave is a long time coming.
—John B. Gough

SCOT To Be
Guests At Dalhart

SCOT Members will be guests of Dalhart Senior Citizens for lunch and a tour of their center on Tuesday, August 19th. The bus will leave SCOT hall at 10:15 a.m. Those going by car need to meet at the Dalhart Center at 11:00 a.m.

Nature never quite goes along with us. She is somber at weddings, sunny at funerals and she frowns on 99 out of 100 picnics.
—Alexander Smith

Shower for "Cowboy" and Eva Cano
The fire at the Cano home destroyed the kitchen as well as many items in the home. Friends are hosting a shower to help replace these things.
Saturday, August 23, 2003, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
At Farm Bureau Building.
Everyone, including couples, is invited.
Gift selections at local stores.
Abra un evento para "Cowboy" y Eva Cano
El incendio en la casa de la familia Cano destruyo su cocina como tambien muchos objetos de su casa.
Sus amigos tendran un evento para reponer muchas de estas cosas, el sabado 23 de Agosto de las 6:00-8:00 p.m. En el Farm Bureau Building. Todos estan invitados. Abra Selecciones de 10 que necesitan en las tiendas locales

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Stratford Independent School District has announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch program and or School Breakfast Program. The cafeteria has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED
1	\$11,674	\$16,613	\$973	\$1385	\$225	\$320
2	15,756	22,422	1,313	1,869	303	432
3	19,838	28,231	1,654	2,353	382	543
4	23,920	34,040	1,994	2,837	460	655
5	28,002	39,849	2,334	3,321	539	767
6	32,084	45,658	2,674	3,805	617	879
7	36,166	51,467	3,014	4,289	696	990
8	40,248	57,276	3,354	4,773	774	1,102
9	44,330	63,085	3,695	5,258	853	1,214
10	48,412	68,894	4,036	5,743	932	1,326
11	52,494	74,703	4,377	6,228	1,011	1,438
12	56,576	80,512	4,718	6,713	1,090	1,550
For each additional family member add:						
	-\$4,082	+\$5,809	+\$341	-\$485	+\$79	-\$112

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of the free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "NONE". An adult household member must sign the application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, The Business Manager will review application and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084 Phone (806) 366-3303.

Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

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Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board
To Report Suspected Child Abuse, Call
Kathie Altman - 366-5611
David Cross - 396-2396
Ken Forthman - 366-2586
Patsy Harland - 827-7568
Michal Meyer - 827-7453
Jesse Resendes - 769-4454
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Kerrick News
by Marylou McDaniel

Pat Boren was surprised Sunday night with a birthday party at the home of Vicki & Jack Gore in Stratford. Her daughter Kerry and family, Kelly, Kevin and Kole of Ropesville joined others for a total of 19.

She received five telephone calls from The Irish Tenors chatroom friends from all over the USA.

Refreshments of cake, lemonade, dip, finger sandwiches, pinwheels were served. The cake had a picture of Pat with Ronan Tynan, one of the Irish Tenors.

Others present were Tom & Debbie James, Jack & Sisty Vincent, Leo & Elaine Horne, Nita Taylor, Buck Weaver, Marylou McDaniel, Bill Boren, Karen Pulliam. From Dalhart were Laura baker & Dorinda Dashnaw.

Nita Taylor and Linda Srader & Lynda Gilmore of Dalhart recently visited Cripple Creek, CO.

Mike McDaniel and Jon Hart were guests of Susie Clay and family for Willie Nelson concert at Albuquerque Saturday night.

The Crabtree Reunion held Sunday at the Kerrick Community Center had people from Illinois, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, totaling 65. Hosts were Lynn Wells and the Hampton family.

A surprise visitor was Betty Ruth Hillburn Jones of Oklahoma City.

Patti McDaniel, Denver, was home for the weekend. Saturday she and her mother Marylou attended a cookout celebration for Wes Avent's college graduation. It was held on the front lawn of Boots & Rene's home near Stinnett.

Musical "Rent" Sunday, Nov. 30

Civic Amarillo presents a special engagement the musical "Rent" for two performances on Sunday, November 30, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Broadway Spotlight Series Season Ticket Holders will have an opportunity to purchase tickets in advance at a 10% discount from August 4 to Sept. 3. General public may purchase tickets after Sept. 3-806-378-3096.

"Rent" is an emotionally stirring story about a community of young artist's struggling to live and celebrate life. It is set in New York City's East Village. It's Hit songs incorporate dance, pop, salsa, R&B and Rock n'Roll. "Rent" is a story that addresses adult themes and controversial issues. Parental guidance is suggested.

We are all sculptors and painters, and our material is our own flesh and blood and bones. Any nobleness begins at once to refine a man's features, and any meanness or sensuality to imbrute them. —Henry David Thoreau

Respectable men and women content with the good and easy living are missing some of the most important things in life. Unless you give yourself to some great cause you haven't even begun to live. —William P. Merrill, D.D.

Morality is character and conduct such as is required by the circle or community in which the man's life happens to be placed. It shows how much good men require of us. —Henry Ward Beecher

Ideas are the mightiest influence on earth. One great thought breathed into a man may regenerate him. —William Ellery Channing



Ulrich-Stacy Wedding

Caren Ulrich of Sugar Land, Texas and Wayne Stacy of Stratford, Texas were married Saturday, June 28, 2003 in an outdoor wedding in Estes Park, Colorado. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Bill Huth.

The bride is the daughter of Beth and Otto Ulrich of Sugar Land, Texas. The parents of the groom are Neida and Wendell Stacy of Memphis, Texas. Amy Dawson of Houston, Texas served as the matron of honor and Wayne's father, Wendell Stacy was the best man. Darren Pittman of Stratford served as the usher. Danielle Corrieri Newcomer of Sugar Land, Texas and Carrie Cavalier of Houston, Texas were readers. As part of the ceremony, Carrie Cavalier also released butterflies.

Special guests in attendance were the grooms sisters, LaRonda Stacy of Borger, TX and Debbie Stone of Amarillo, TX; the groom's nephew Cory Stone of Amarillo, TX; the bride's aunts, Theresa Hughes of Memphis, TN and Eiler Harrelson of Baytown, TX; and the bride's cousins Jennie Hughes of Memphis, TN, Kristina Hughes of Memphis, TN and Cynthia Harrelson of Baytown, TX. Unable to attend, but there in spirit, were the bride's grandparents, Olivia and Otto Ulrich of La Grange, TX Aunt Gladys Karm of College Station, TX and uncle Marvin and his wife Dianna Ulrich of La Grange, TX.

The reception was held at the historic Stanley Hotel in Estes Park, CO. Reception attendants included Liz Meyer of St. Louis, MO, Tammy Patterson of Dallas, TX and Dusti Plunkett of Arlington, VA.

The bride is a graduate of Kempner High School. She graduated in 1996 with a degree in Journalism from the University of Houston. She is the Director of Professional Development and Training for Arnold & Porter, a 700-attorney law firm based out of Washington, DC. The groom is a graduate of Stratford High School. He received a Bachelor of Science, cum laude, in Computer Engineering from Southern Methodist University. He graduated in 1998 with a J.D., high honors, from the George Washington School of Law. He is an Intellectual Property and Litigation attorney at Cooley Godward, a law firm based out of San Francisco, CA. He is also an adjunct professor of law at both the University of Colorado School of Law and the University of Denver School of Law. As an adjunct professor, he teaches courses on patent enforcement and general patent law.

The couple honeymooned in Switzerland. They reside in Boulder, CO.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- June 6 "Texas" Aug. 16 Palo Duro State Park 806-655-2181
- June 10- Aug. 26 Starlight Theater Tuesday Concert Series 7:00 p.m. Sam Houston Park on Western St. Amarillo
- June 11 "Lone Star Rising" Lake Meredith Aug. 17 Borger Chamber of Commerce 806-274-9050
- Aug. 21-31 Buddy- The Buddy Holly Story Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 www.amarillolittletheatre.org
- Aug. 26 Ringo Starr Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Sept. 4,5,6 "Always Patsy Cline" (farewell performance) Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Sept. 18-21 "Aaron Slick of Punkin Crick" Guymon Community Theatre
- Sept. 20 Amarillo Opera "The Merry Widow" Mary Jane Johnson Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-SING
- Sept. 18-28** "Proof" Adult Drama Amarillo Little Theatre/Adventure Space 806-355-9991 www.amarillolittletheatre.org

4-H Bake Show August 25

The annual 4-H Better Bake Show will be Monday, August 25, 2003. A loaf of whole wheat bread made from scratch will be the competition baked good this year. Products should be entered no later than 9:30 a.m. Monday at the County Extension Office located in the annex of the Sherman County Courthouse in Stratford.

The awards program will be held at 7:00 p.m. during the 4-H Enrollment Night activities. The top three winners will be announced along with recognition of the first year participants. The first place winner will represent Sherman County at the District I Bake Show to be held during the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo.

Sponsors of the Sherman County 4-H Bake Show are Stratford Grain Company, Sunray Coop, Texhoma Wheatgrowers, Collingwood Grain - Stratford/Texhoma, West Texas Gas Company, and Texas Cooperative Extension.

Youth ages 9 or 8 years old and in the third grade through age 19 are encouraged to participate. Rules are available at the Sherman County Extension Office according to Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

To enjoy and give enjoyment, without injury to yourself or others; this is true morality. —Nicolas Chamfort



Vows Exchanged

Aleasha Ray Hamilton and Jarrett Russel Ricketson were united in marriage June 5, 2003 in Las Vegas, Nevada. They were married in the Flamingo Gardens of the Flamingo Hotel.

Matron of Honor was Angela Taylor of Noble, Oklahoma-lifelong friend of the bride.

Sean Johnson, Hartley, Texas was best man. He is close friend of the groom.

Aleasha is a graduate of Noble High School, Noble, OK, Oklahoma State University and is working on her Master's Degree at West Texas A&M University.

Jarrett is a graduate of Stratford High School, Stratford, TX and is a student at West Texas A&M at Canyon.

Aleasha is the daughter of Robert and Terri Hamilton of Lexington, OK. Grandmother-Betty Jean Ray-Noble, OK & L.V. Ray, Noble, OK.

Jarrett is the son of Allan and Cheryl Ricketson of Dalhart, TX and the grandson of Mrs. E.G. (Geraldine) Carter and the late E.G. Carte and the late Homer and Norma Ricketson.

First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. 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

St. Joseph Catholic

Father William A. Gorman
6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-8th Grade, Wed. afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Larry Evans
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Brent Farney
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m..
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376
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Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am
Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
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Faith & Saving Faith

There are many different kinds of faith. For example, we believe if we only have enough faith everything will turn out all right. This is faith in faith. Then there is faith in ourselves. Some believe, falsely to be sure; yet he has the kind of life which will earn them a place in heaven. "But we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works" (Romans 3:28). The Bible is very clear on this. I'll mention the place of works in a moment. There is also a faith to work miracles. But this kind of faith is no guarantee of heaven. Jesus sent Judas Iscariot out to preach and work miracles but Judas was the arch reprobate. There is a temporary faith. It looks like real saving faith. Jesus describes this kind of faith in the parable of the soils. This is the man who hears the Word, and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction comes because of the word, immediately he falls away" (Matthew 13:20-21). What about faith that claims the heavenly reward? Three things can be said about this faith. First, it is a gift of God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God" not as a result of works that no one should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). Second, it is faith in a person, Jesus Christ. "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved" (Acts 16:31). Third, it is faith that displays itself through actions. "I will show you my faith by my works" (James 2:18). Works are never the basis of salvation. But good deeds are a manifestation of the presence of faith.

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Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
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Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
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Baby Shower Held

A baby shower was held for Karen Metzger on August 3, 2003 in the home of Ronna Riffe. Shown from left, Sue Metzger, Karen Metzger, Linda Babcock, and Kim Babcock.



Circle of Friends Meeting

Shown above, planning meetings were held at Pat Johnson's home recently for Circle of Friends. Shown from left, Duane Pittman, E.R. Bell, Joan Bell and Barbara Chumley.

Shown at right at Circle of Friends meeting from left, Misti McBryde, Kaci McBryde, Tiffany Hudson and Brad McBryde.

Friendship is a word the very sight of which in print can make the heart warm.
—Augustine Birrell

We can often do more for other men by correcting our own faults than by trying to correct theirs.
—Francois Fenelon

The basic test of freedom is perhaps less in what we are free to do than in what we are free not to do.
—Eric Hoffer



Shower Held

A baby shower was held for Sherri Sladek, in the First United Methodist Fellowship Hall, on Thursday, July 31, 2003. Shown from left, May Ellen Turpen, Janice Sladek, Sharon Osborn, Shelly Turner and daughter Sydney Turner, Sheryl Allen, Sherri Sladek, and Carol Martin.

The important thing in life is not the victory but the contest; the essential thing is not to have won but to have fought well.
—Baron Pierre de Coubertin



The gannet is a large, white sea bird that helps fishermen because it follows schools of herring and other fish, thus showing where the fish are.

EDUCATION News & Notes

Learning Disabilities

(NAPS)—To make the most of available help, parents and teachers should look out for learning disabilities when kids start school and all through the year. Ninety percent of kids who get help by first grade can achieve normal reading ability.



The experts at the Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities suggest you watch for these early warning signs:

Preschool: Late talking; pronunciation problems; slow vocabulary growth; difficulty finding the right word; difficulty making rhymes; trouble learning numbers, alphabet, days of the week, colors and shapes; extremely restless and easily distracted; trouble interacting with peers; poor ability to follow directions or routine.

Grades K-4: Slow to learn the connection between letters and sound; confuses basic words (run, eat, want); consistent reading and spelling errors; difficulty learning basic math concepts and signs; slow to recall facts; slow to learn new skills; impulsive, lack of planning; unstable pencil grip; trouble learning about time; poor coordination.

To learn more about learning disabilities, how to spot them and what to do about them, visit www.focusonlearning.org.

COLLEGE LIFE

Must-Haves For The Home Away From Home

(NAPS)—Gift registries are no longer just for weddings and baby arrivals. Now college students looking to outfit their dorm rooms can set up a registry—with such items as bedding, bath towels, butterfly chairs, bed rests and bubble crates—to help make their home away from home more comfortable, stylish and personal.

Linens 'n Things, which created the gift registry for college students, offers these suggestions for furnishing and decorating the small, often shared space that's used for sleeping, studying and socializing:

Slumber: As the largest piece of dorm furniture, the bed is the room's focal point, incorporating function and fashion. Since it's used for sleeping and seating, choose bedding to reflect your personality and your sense of style, but make sure it's durable and washable. Today's popular bedding styles reflect casual, ready-to-wear apparel trends including Hawaiian surf/skate, utilitarian and preppy. Most dorm beds are five inches longer than standard twin size, so consider purchasing two sets of extra-long sheets. For comfort, add a mattress pad and two standard pillows.

Study: Equip your room with the basics so that the library isn't the only place conducive to reading and writing. Floor and table lamps ease the harsh effects of dorm room fluorescents. Desk sets keep writing utensils and materials organized and a bed rest and lap desk are great for studying while stretched out on your bed.

Sort and store: Take advantage of items that can serve a dual purpose. For example, storage



A "wish list" can help a college student make the most of his/her dorm space.

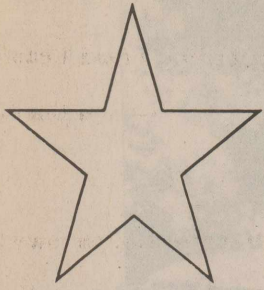
bins and bubble crates are great for holding books, clothing or decorative items and they make terrific bedside tables. Add underbed storage space with 6" bed risers or double your closet space with a double-hung rod.

Socialize: Dorm life is dominated by impromptu get-togethers. Butterfly chairs, soft beanbag cubes (as seats, tables or footrests) and small stacking stools serve as invitations to come in and sit down.

Snacking: Supplement your school's meal plan with your favorite snacks, made conveniently in your own room. Consider a dorm-size refrigerator, combination toaster oven/microwave and dual mug coffeemaker.

To create your own dorm room wish list or to view a friend's, visit any Linens 'n Things store (call 866-568-7378 for the store nearest you) or visit the Web site at www.LNT.com.

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7-10-tfn

For Sale: Used go-cart, excellent cond., runs REALLY good. 366-2571.
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For Sale: Clarinet. Call 384-2058
8-14-c

For Sale: Glass top end table - \$20.00, Rectangle Trampoline (needs new mat) \$40.00, Desk w/hutch - \$100.00, 3 drawer chest w/hutch/bookcase - \$75.00. Call 366-5398.
8-14-tfn

Garage Sale

Garage Sale: Hwy 54 East, Saturday, August 16th. 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
8-14-1xc

Storage Sale: Furniture, Kids Clothes, Shoes, Knick Knacks. Street behind General Store. Friday, August 15. 9 a.m. - ?
8-14-1xp

Garage Sale - 604 S. Fulton, 9 a.m. - ? Saturday, August 16th. Clothes, Furniture and lots of good stuff!
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1-28-tfn

Small house for rent: 619 N. Wall Call 753-4490 or 676-2931.
8-7-tfn

Help Wanted

The Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office is now taking applications for Dispatcher/Jailer. Applications may be picked up at the Sheriff's Office, Sherman Co. Courthouse, 701 N. 3rd, Stratford, Texas. Dispatcher/Jailers are responsible for running the radio, law enforcement computer, and handling inmates. Shift work. All training is provided, computer skills a must. EOE.
7-31-3xc

Harvest Help Wanted at a Grain Elevator. Experience preferred. Sunray Co-op - Call 384-2164 or 384-2085.
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There is no medicine like hope,
no incentive so great, no tonic
so powerful as expectation of
something tomorrow.
—Orison S. Marden

Cards of Thanks

Thank you Stratford for making our Parking Lot and Bake Sale a huge success. With your generous donations of goods and money we raised approximately \$800.00 Thank you everyone.
Mary Allen Elementary Staff

We would like to thank the Stratford Chamber, Bill Gillenwaters, Ted Allen, Sandy Tillery, Tommy Asher, Paula Nusz, Daniel Nusz, LaRinda Wright, Kim McCracken, David Duran, Tammy Helmut and all of those who donated to the Stratford Ranch Rodeo. The rodeo was a huge success and without the help of those people and everyone who came to watch or participate we could not have done so well. Thanks again to all those involved.
Jimmy Gillenwaters & Jimmy Helmut
Stratford Ranch Rodeo Committee

The 4-Given Quartet would like to thank all who generously supported us with your thoughts, prayers and gifts as we made the trip to Denver, CO, on July 25, to participate as one of the 25 group finalists in our region at the 2003 National Christian Artist Talent Search. It was a special blessing to be selected as one of four 1st runner-up groups in the national search that was sponsored by Daywind Soundtracks, Family Christian Bookstores, Trinity Broadcasting Network and the Salem Radio Network. We also thank you for your support throughout our spring and summer concert traveling. We especially appreciate our wives, children, parents and families; our churches: 1st Baptist of Stratford & Paramount Baptist of Amarillo; our Pastors; and 1st State Bank of Stratford for our equipment trailer; our "send off" friends and neighbors; Marty & Shari AND all of you who made us proud to represent Stratford, Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle!

Brad Thiessen
Randy Hunsaker
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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-tfn

House for Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 bath-brick home. Extra Large yard. Close to school. Metal storage shed, Totally remodeled. 907 N. Maple. 396-2498 after 5 p.m.
7-7-tfn

Trailer House For Sale: 2 bedroom, 2 lots, 305 S. Wall \$10,000. Call 935-6702.
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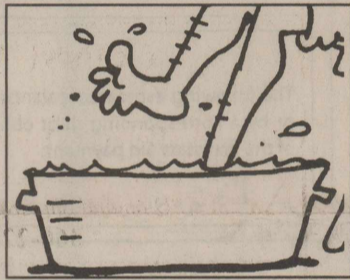
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Thomas Jefferson took a cold foot bath every morning for 60 years.

Education

(NU) - Each year, college athletes around the country dream of winning the Heisman Trophy. Now, high school students can get a sense of how it feels to earn that honor with the opportunity to win a Heisman award of their own. Since 1994, Wendy's International has presented the Wendy's High School Heisman Award to two high school students each year, recognizing their exemplary achievements in sports, community service and academics. For more information about the program, log on to www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com.

Consumer

(NU) - There may be a coffee shop on every corner, but more and more people are brewing their coffee at home. According to the National Coffee Drinking Trends 2002 Report from the National Coffee Association of the USA, 81 percent of daily coffee drinkers drink it at home, an increase from prior years. Retailers report increasing consumer sales for burr grinders — professional-style grinders that offer greater precision and consistency than blade grinders. For more information about burr grinders, visit www.capes.com.

Trends

(NU) - Americans are more courteous and thoughtful than ever, according to a recent survey that tracks trends in etiquette and gift giving. In fact, the third annual Gift Giving and Etiquette Survey conducted by Lenox, "The Gift Company," discovered that six out of every 10 people believe others have good to excellent manners, a 65 percent increase since 2001. The survey found that this trend toward sensibility translates into how people express thoughtfulness through gift giving. To request a free brochure on modern etiquette, call 1-800-63-LENOX.

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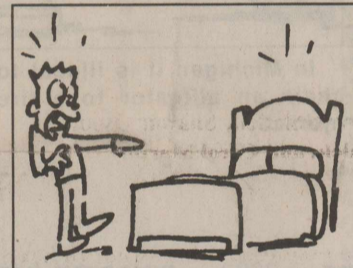
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8-7-tfn



Clinophobia is the fear of beds.

Cooking Ideas

(NAPS)—The Greenbrier, the legendary resort that hosts an equally legendary cooking school, is attracting young chefs in record numbers for children's cooking classes. The resort first offered children's cooking classes in 1997, and interest has grown every year. Classes introduce youngsters to the basics of cooking and teach them, step by step, how to prepare a meal on their own. After preparing a meal, the children sit down to eat and enjoy the fruits and vegetables of their labor. Children's cooking classes are offered Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, June 17 through August 30. For information about family vacations and other getaways at The Greenbrier—and to sign up your child for classes—call toll-free 866-534-4463.

When entertaining during the warmer months many people choose not to waste the beautiful weather by overdoing things in the kitchen. Rather than heating up the kitchen or firing up the grill, cooks can take the pressure off by picking up a few buckets of freshly-prepared chicken such as KFC's Original Recipe as the main dish. You can make planning even easier by including ready-to-eat side dishes such as coleslaw, BBQ baked beans or



corn-on-the-cob. For more information on picnic or family reunion planning, visit www.KFC.com.

Whether you're eating indoors or outside around the campfire, kids will enjoy S'mores That Crunch from Nestlé USA. To make this wonderful sweet treat the whole family can enjoy, place one marshmallow on top with a Nestlé Crunch square and remaining graham cracker. If you're cooking them indoors, place four graham cracker squares on a microwave-safe plate and microwave on high for 10 to 15 seconds. Top each marshmallow with chocolate square and remaining cracker. For more fun tips for kids, visit www.VeryBestKids.com.

Acquisitions...

CLOSING FOR BUYING AND RESTOCKING!

We will be closed August 18th - August 28th to buy and restock the store for fall. We will reopen Friday, August 29th at 10:00 a.m. full of new furniture, iron, glassware, jewelry, candles, lamps, and a new addition — fabrics and trim.

Stop by and see what's new at the corner of Hwys 54 & 287 in Stratford, Texas

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

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Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
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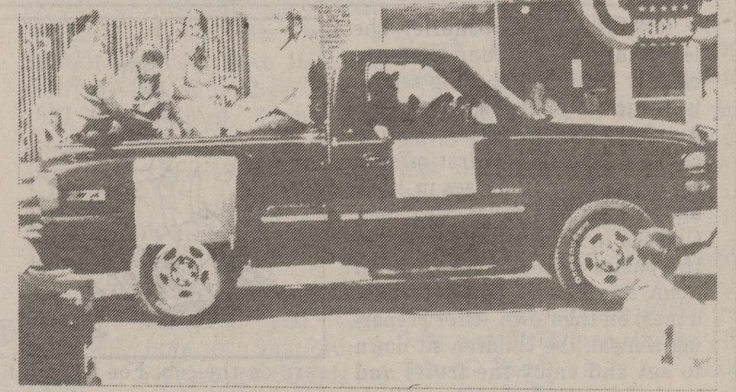
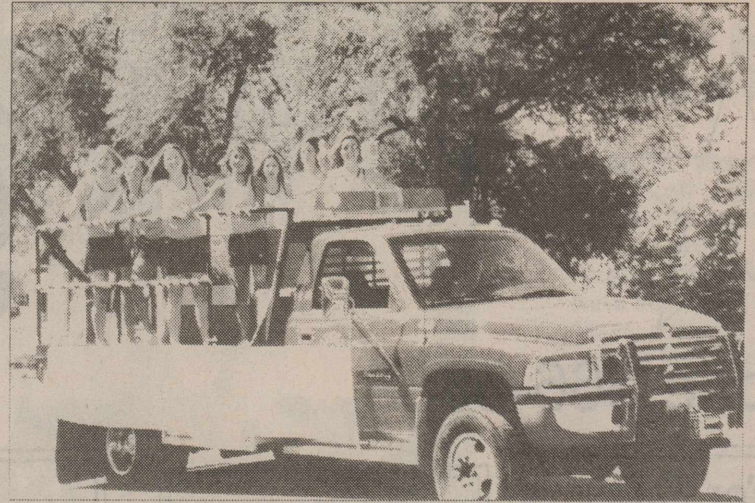
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SHOTS!



In Michigan it is illegal to chain an alligator to a fire hydrant.

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Property Tax Rates

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for listed entities. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties listed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	City/Stratford	City/Texhoma	Hospital/Stratford	Hospital/Texhoma
Last year's tax rate:				
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 374,708	\$ 24,025	\$ 486,335	\$ 9,165
+ Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
= Last year's total taxes	\$ 374,708	\$ 24,025	\$ 486,335	\$ 9,165
÷ Last year's tax base	\$ 44,083,253	\$ 7,049,195	\$ 307,417,983	\$ 107,068,875
= Last year's total tax rate	\$.85 /\$100	\$.34082 /\$100	\$.15820 /\$100	\$.00856 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:				
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 374,622	\$ 24,025	\$ 486,311	\$ 9,164
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 45,226,865	\$ 7,595,865	\$ 296,259,433	\$ 90,159,265
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.82831 /\$100	\$.31629 /\$100	\$.16415 /\$100	\$.01016 /\$100
× 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.85315 /\$100	\$.32577 /\$100	\$.16907 /\$100	\$.01046 /\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:				
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÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 45,226,865	\$ 7,595,865	\$ 296,259,433	\$ 90,159,265
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.82831 /\$100	\$.31629 /\$100	\$.16415 /\$100	\$.01016 /\$100
× 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.89457 /\$100	\$.34159 /\$100	\$.17728 /\$100	\$.01097 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$.89457 /\$100	\$.34159 /\$100	\$.17728 /\$100	\$.01097 /\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE				
If the listed unit adopts a tax rate equal to the effective rate of	\$.82831	\$.31629	\$.16415	\$.01016
per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to taxes by	\$ 3,895.17	\$ 498.55	\$ 842.04	\$ 21.13

SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES				
Maintenance and Operation	0	16,047.63	200,000	359,983.04
Interest and Sinking	0	0	0	0

SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE				
Description of Debt	None	None	None	None

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Appraisal District Office, 402 N. Third, Stratford, Texas

Name of Person Preparing this Notice Teresa Edmond
Title Chief Appraiser Date 8-8-2003

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Trade agreements, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement—NAFTA—can affect more than trade. One appendix to the treaty set out a new "Treaty National" visa program for Mexican and Canadian professional workers. Under this treaty provision, Mexicans and Canadians possessing a baccalaureate degree or an appropriate license in one of 67 listed professions were given the right to work in the United States, say experts at the Washington, D.C.-based Manufacturing Policy Project. The 67 professions on the NAFTA list include some of the best paying jobs that America offers—at a time when the number of native-born Americans with jobs fell by almost one million in the last two years.



The U.S. Postal Service has to provide service to the public at a competitive rate while being constrained by outdated regulations created over 30 years ago. Many say it is time for the Postal Service to be free of an outdated business model that no longer meets the needs of its customers. The majority of mail routes do not have a sufficient volume of mail to cover the cost of delivery, but the Post Office is obligated to provide delivery to every community as a public service. How do you fund mail delivery to every community at a uniform rate in the face of declining mail volume? A Presidential Commission has been appointed to look at what changes are needed in the current law to improve the business model under which the Postal Service operates.