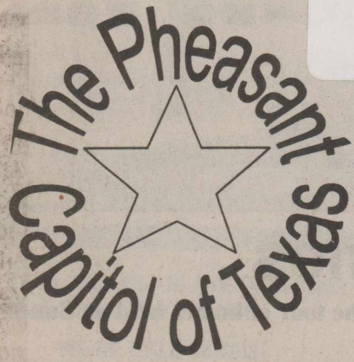


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STUDENT TICKETS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT GAME AT DICK BIVENS ARE \$2 AT SCHOOL AND \$5 AT THE GATE. STUDENT TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT AT EACH CAMPUS OFFICE.

Blood Drive Monday, Nov. 24

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be in Stratford on Monday, November 24th for a blood drive from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the County Barn at 5th and Maple. All donors will receive a T-shirt for donating blood.

To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-658-6178.

The holiday season is upon us and unfortunately this means a lower blood supply. In the past, blood levels struggle through the end of November through January to keep at a safe level. The flu season, traveling, inclement weather and the holidays usually will keep us scrambling to find blood.

We need the help of the Stratford community to ensure that blood levels will be safe for the patients of the Texas panhandle. Please stop by the County Barn on November 24th to donate blood and give hope to those who have been unfortunate enough to be stricken with a blood disorder or in a serious accident.

For more information, contact Danny Cervantes at 358-4563.

Nursing Home Admissions to be addressed

"Financing Options for Nursing Home Admissions" will be addressed by Shannon Taliaferro, President, Stratford Hospital District and Cheryl Ward, Administrator of Coldwater Manor Nursing Home. The meeting will be held Thursday, November 20 in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Stratford at 11:45 a.m.

Hosted by the Sherman County Extension Program Council, accomplishments of Extension programming efforts for the 2003 year will be highlighted. Volunteers who have contributed service to the council and program committees will be recognized also.

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 23, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church. Everyone is welcomed. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Good Luck Elks

Gifted & Talented Program Nominations

The nomination period begins on November the 10th and will end on November the 21st. Referral packets may be obtained from any of the campus G/T Coordinators. Nominations are accepted from parents, teachers, and other staff and community members. Students (grades K-12) who have not been identified for services in the gifted and talented program are eligible for nomination once a year. Contact Information: Mrs. Misti McBryde-SISD G/T Coordinator (366-3322) Mrs. Daina Rouse-Mary Allen G/T Coordinator (366-3340) Mrs. Barbara Haile-Junior High School G/T Coordinator (366-3320) Ms. Jennifer Wells-High School G/T Coordinator (366-3330).

El periodo del nombramiento comienza el 10 de noviembre y terminara el 21 de noviembre. Los paquetes de la remision se pueden obtener de cualesquiera de los coordinadores del campus G/T. Los nombramientos se aceptan de padres, de profesores, y de otros miembros del personal y de la Comunidad. Los estudiantes (grado K-12) que no se han identificado para los servicios en el programa dotado y talentoso son elegibles para el nombramiento una vez al ano. Informacion Del Contacto: Senora Misti McBryde-Coordinador de SISD G/T (366-3322) Senora Daina Rouse-Doordinador De Mary Allen G/T (366-3340) Senora Barbara Haile-Coordinador Secundaria Menor de G/T (366-3320) Senora Jennifer Wells-Coordinador De la Secundaria G/T (366-3330).

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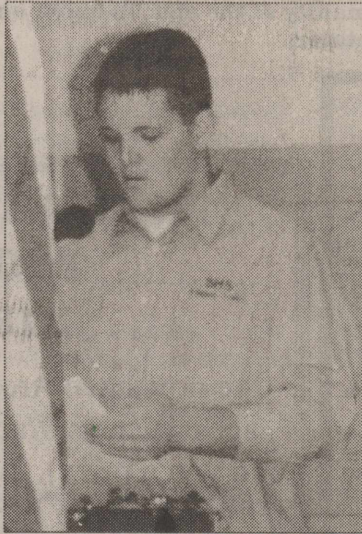
Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

Veterans Day Program Held



Many Veterans were in attendance at the Veteran's Day Program held on November 11, 2003 at the Stratford High School.



The speaker at the Veteran's Day Program was Brad Reed. Brad read a letter from Junior Gomez who was unable to attend due to being called to active duty.



It was a beautiful Saturday for the Christmas in November Marketplace held at the County Barn. Lots of folks were on hand for the big day. There were over 35 exhibitors on hand for the day. Shown above are Dicy Stephenson, Anita DeBord and Mary Jo Cox.

Thanksgiving Dinner

You are invited to the Stratford Schools for turkey & all the trimmings. Join your children, grandchildren, or a friend for lunch.

When: November 21, 2003
Time: 10:30 - 12:45, Check with your child as to what time they are scheduled for lunch.

Dinner will be served at both school cafeterias.

Adults: \$3.00 each and Children: \$1.25 each.

Thank you, Cafeteria Staff

Captain Abdul's Pirate School

The Imagination Station is holding Pirate School weekdays November 12-25. Pirate School is available for grades 2nd-6th. We will tell the story of Captain Abdul, learn navigational and geography. Tours will be approximately an hour long and be available for about 20 kids. Admission is \$1.00 per child. Please call 366-2772 for reservations or questions. Also we are looking for volunteers to help us instruct pirate school during these times. Please call Laurie Spurlock or Gaynelle Riffe if you are willing to help out.

SCOT Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 20

SCOT Thanksgiving Dinner is Thursday, Nov. 20, noon, at the county exhibit building. A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with turkey, dressing, gravy and other dishes prepared by GFWC/Prospectus members. SCOT members are to bring a dish of their choice.

Club members will also furnish a door prize.

Students from Mary Allen Elementary will present the program. Belinda Hamilton is the music director.

The Stratford Elks will be playing Nazareth, Friday, November 21, at 8 p.m. at Dick Bivens Stadium in Amarillo, following the Sunray-Farwell game. See you there.

Stratford Education Foundation News

The Stratford Education Foundation met Thursday, November 13 at the High School Library.

Ricky Reed presided over the meeting and each committee gave reports. Ronna Riffe, Treasurer, reported that the foundation has \$95,450.34 with an additional \$50,860.67 in pledges not yet collected. The public is invited to consider donations to the foundation in forms of honorariums, and memorials with the gift being sent to Ronna Riffe at PO Box 1245, Stratford, TX, or to Stratford ISD Superintendents Office, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX.79084

The committees will meet before the next meeting to go over plans for the coming year and secure dates for upcoming community events. Watch the Stratford Star for details.

If you have questions about the foundation, you may contact any board members for information. Board members are: BA Donelson, Jim Taliaferro, Ricky Reed, Ronna Riffe, Joe Reinart, Don Riffe, MariHoward Engelbrecht, Kathy Riffe, Gayland Vandiver, Joyce McBryde, Jess Willard, Lugenia Carter, Walter Lasley, Wesley Spurlock, Margaret Reed, Steve Johnson and Dianna Hays.



Artist Incubation's Road Show, from Guymon, Oklahoma, comes to Stratford to bring authentic local art. From potters and pottery to paintings, sculpture and charcoals-authentic art comes to First State Bank of Stratford on Thursday and Friday. Creations from the miniature show will be on display-all from local artists during the business hours. The First State Bank of Stratford will be holding their Thanksgiving Open House on Friday, November 21, 2003.

Ports-to-Plains Annual Meeting In Denver

By Gaynelle Riffe

Ports-to-Plains held a Northern Summit conference and Annual Meeting at the Double Tree Hotel in Denver, Colorado, November 12, 2004.

The meeting began with a welcome from Colorado State Senator Mark Hillman, 1st District, followed by an Update on the Corridor Management Plan Study 7 CDOT Rail/Freight Study from CDOT Executive Director, Tom Norton.

A special perspective was given from Ports-To-Plains Founding Chairman, Congressman Randy Neugebauer. A video report explaining the Reauthorization of TEA-21 was presented from Washington D.C. Lobbyist, Jack Schenendorf. After a break reports were heard from the Trace Corridors of the Great Plains: Theodore Roosevelt Expressway, Dr. Brad Bekkedahl, Williston, ND; heartland Express, Jerrod Haberman, Gering, NE; SPIRIT 54, Jack Taylor, Liberal, KS; La Entrada al Pacifico, James Beauchamp, Midland-Odessa, Texas and Ports-to-Plains, Kevin Evans, Lubbock.

International Activities were presented by Mexico/Coahuila. A Port-to-Plains delegation is planning an international visit in February 2004. And Bill Martin, university of Saskatchewan, made a Canada/Saskatchewan presentation. As with the U.S., Canada's main transportation arteries are East/West and they are in need of North/South entries to U.S. Lunch speakers were State Senator Mark Hillman, and State Representative, Brad young. The afternoon program started with Economic Development in the Corridor with presentations from Laredo Intermodal-Rene Gonzales, Laredo; Ethanol from the Texas Panhandle-Robert

Worley, Dumas; Interport, Lubbock-John McGinley; Elbert County Industrial-John Metli, CO and Transport Denver-Dennis Champine.

John Berge, staff, gave legislative Perspective for Senator Ben Nelson, NE and Michael Jackson, staff for Senator James M. Inhofe, OK. As well as video presentation from Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave, CO.

The program wrapped up with Construction Report from the Department of Transportation of each state.

Colorado-Susan Delshad, Lamar, Plans for relief route and grade separation in Lamar, and Super 2 upgrade on US287 South of Lamar to Springfield. Mark Mueller, Limon, upgrades for each community with 4 lane turning lanes, storm sewer drainage, and sidewalks.

New Mexico-NMMDOT Larry Velasquez, Joe Garcia reported on GRIP (Governor Richardson Transportation Plan) will include projects to begin this year-U.S. 87 four lane divided from Clayton to Raton. (also U.S. 54 upgrade from Tularosa to Santa Rosa)

Oklahoma-ODOT, Robert Ward beginning plans for a relief route in Boise City, OK and some upgrade US 287 north.

Texas-WalterMcCullough, San Angelo District, relief routes in San Angelo, Sonora, upgrades and some 4 lane construction in Midland-Odessa area. Randy Hopmann, Lubbock District-repair and maintenance on I-27, relief route in Lamesa, and Big Spring; Mark Tomlinson, Amarillo Dist.-projects include relief route study in Dumas and a grade separation west on U.S. 87, US 87 4 lane divided from Texline to Dalhart. (no projects in Stratford or Sherman County because they don't want them!).

Obits

Portia Dees

Dalhart-Portia Dees, 87 died Monday, Nov. 10, 2003.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 15, 2003 in Central United Methodist Church with Clifford Dane, minister to senior adults at First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Doby Springs, OK, by Horizon Funeral Home, Inc.

Ms. Dees was born in Rosston, OK. Her teaching career spanned more than a half a century, including teaching English and sponsoring yearbook, newspaper and radio programs in Dalhart.

Survivors include a cousin, Clifton Lynch, of Guymon, OK; special friends Kathy and Larry Brown of Buffalo, OK; and special friends and caregivers, Vickie and Richard Gonzales, and David and Connie Gonzales.

First Ag Credit Commercial Wins Emmy

First Ag Credit is pleased to announce that its television commercial "It Happens", produced and filmed by Red Chair, Inc. Marketing and Design and Phillips Productions was awarded the 2003 Lone Star Emmy for Outstanding commercial Announcement. The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences has long been known for its leadership in improving the quality of television through the coveted Emmy Awards Lone Star Emmy Awards recognize outstanding achievements in television by presenting awards of merit by region.

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Girl Scouts Currently Seeking Nominations

Girl Scouts-Five Star Council is currently seeking nominations for the 2004 Women of distinction Awards to honor women from throughout their five-state jurisdiction. This award was created to help make girls, and the public in general, more aware of the achievements of women who are former Girl Scouts or who have participated in Girl Scouting as adults.

We invite the community to submit the name of a woman who is a positive role model for girls. Local Girl Scouts will notify each of the women selected of her award in January. On March 5, 2004, all recipients will be honored at a banquet in Amarillo.

Girl Scouts-Five Star Council serves girls in five states and 30 counties of the Panhandle. Girl Scouts is a dynamic and contemporary organization that prepares girls to seek and meet the challenges of our ever-changing society. Through an informal educational program, girls, ages 4-17, learn to have fun, gain self-esteem and contribute to their communities.

Nomination forms are available by calling 806-356-0096 and must be received by no later than December 5, 2003.

Sherman County Ag Conference

The second annual Sherman County Ag Conference will be held on December 8, 2003 at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and booths from local businesses will open. Three C.E.U.'s will be offered for pesticide Applicator's and a BBQ Lunch is being sponsored by local businesses. Speaker's for the event will be providing pertinent information for Agriculture Producers. If you need more information regarding this event please contact Leslie Neve, Sherman County Agriculture Extension Agent at (806) 366-2081.

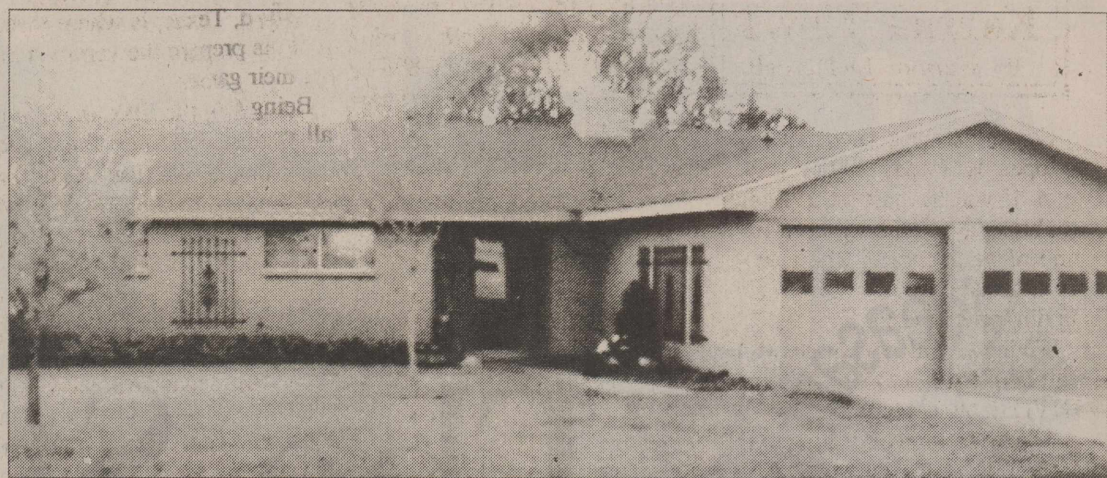
Swine Validation

The Sherman County 4-H will be conducting swine validation on November 19, 2003 beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Livestock Building. All swine exhibitors who plan on exhibiting a swine at the Sherman County or State Livestock Show must have their barrow validated with a state or county validation tag before November 26, 2003. State validation tags will cost \$10.00 and county validation tags will cost \$5.00. State validation requires signatures from parents, 4-H members, and County Extension agent. Please bring your social security numbers with you, as they are required also. Please contact Leslie Neve at (806) 366-2081 for further information regarding validation.

Major Livestock Show Sign-Up Night-Nov. 24

Sherman County 4-H Major Livestock Show sign-up will be held on November 24, 2003 at the Sherman County Extension Office from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Anyone planning on exhibiting an animal at a Major Livestock Show must sign-up by November 24. The entry cards and livestock handbooks will be available for viewing at least one week prior to sign-up. If you will not be able to make it on the 24th, please contact Leslie Neve at (806) 366-2081 prior to this date to make alternative arrangements.

Good Luck Elks



Nu Beta Parade Of Homes

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Phelps home at 1219 N. Division will be on the tour of homes held on Sunday, December 7, 2003. Nu Beta Sorority is sponsoring the tour.

The traveler's-eye view of men and women is not satisfying. A man might spend his life in trains and restaurants and know nothing of humanity at the end. To know, one must be an actor as well as a spectator.

—Aldous Huxley

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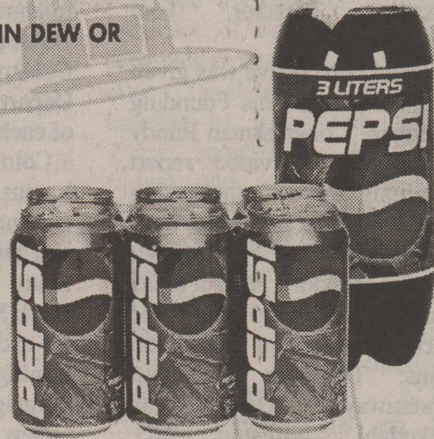


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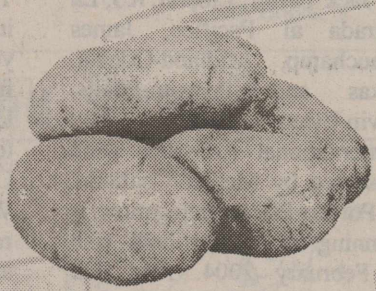
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Wednesday afternoon all who can help clean and decorate are INVITED to come!

A couple of weeks ago four friends went to Branson, MO., for the Christmas show. Going were Jo June McDaniel, Linda Whitson of Clayton, Betty Fry and Joyce Allard of Texhoma.

The pecans are here. The family gathered at Roger & Brandi Wells' Sunday to celebrate Lara Jane's first birthday. Leonard, Peggy and Chandra Hawkins were among those present.

Virgie Mathews is recovering from back surgery. Daughter Marjory Munden has been with her, as has her son, Dr. Gary Mathews.

Pat & Bill Boren have been busy remodeling at their house.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover attended the Ranch Rodeo Saturday and saw their grandsons win in the Junior classes.

Reed and Rett were awarded great, big belt buckles!

The Christmas In November Market Place had lots of very good exhibitors. Sherman County TEEA Council sponsored it.

Holiday Egg Custard
1 pint (16 oz) Milk

6 - 8 egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
dash of nutmeg
Powdered cinnamon

Place egg yolks, nutmeg and sugar in a bowl, beat until thick and creamy.

Warm the milk and then slowly beat into the egg mixture.

Pour milk and egg mixture into a 3 - 4 qt saucepan. Place StirChef™ onto the saucepan and turn on. Cook on medium heat (do not boil) until custard thickens (15-20 minutes). Add Vanilla and stir an additional 1 - 2 minutes.

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Editors Note: These students are in Jennifer Wells Honor English Classes. The following are some more of the articles that were written for her class. Hope you enjoy them!

Patriotic Tribute
By April Kautz

Stratford ISD Student Council will host their annual Veteran's Day Program November 11, 2003. The program will be held at the high School gymnasium, in honor of all veterans.

The members of the Student Council plan this event all year long. Special invitations are sent out to all known veterans in the community. The president of the council contacts a speaker who is usually a veteran or a member of the service.

In conjunction with the speaker's presentation a slide show is shown. Student council members give a presentation on what it means to be in the service. The local boy scouts play a very important part in the ceremony. Members of the scouts present the colors. They also lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The high school band completes the patriotic feel of the ceremony, by playing God Bless America and a few other songs. The climax of the ceremony comes when the band plays a segment of each services song. As the veterans hear their division song they stand. This is a very emotional song for many veterans and their spouses.

The entire student body attends the Veterans Day program. The students learn a little about what it is to be an American. Cindy Russell hopes that the program will "give students a better understanding of the veterans".

At the conclusion of the ceremony the veterans are invited to the cafeteria for homemade cookies and punch. This is a small thank you for all they have given up for our country.

So come join the student body to help give thanks to the many veterans of our community.

Practice "Dummies" Get No Credit
By Josh King

Four days out of the week the Stratford Elks Junior Varsity football team takes a beating from the Elks Varsity squad. The practice field, located on

the street of north Chestnut in Stratford, Texas, is where these JV kids prepare the varsity kids for their games.

Being 6-0, the Elks are taking all credits. The only thing bad about that is that they're not the only ones working hard. Case Crabtree said, "We prepare them every week, our team goes hard to get them ready to take on their opponents on Friday." Even though they too have a game on Thursday, they run plays of the other team's game plan. So, not only are they working hard to make themselves better, they also do this to make varsity an enhanced team. With this should come honor and respect, given by not only the varsity players, but the fans and coaches too. "Those guys kill us out there, they are so good, and I especially would love to get some credit whenever they win it all!" Said Walter Spurlock after a long hot day of workout.

The Stratford Elks are moving strongly so far, their team has excellent talent and may have a chance to go deep in the playoffs. As a player on the Stratford Elks football team, I ask everyone in town whenever they see these guys, to tell them thank you and keep up the good work. The Junior Varsity team plays on Thursday nights around 7:15 p.m. Try your best to get out and watch them play, because that's about all the respect and credit that they get.

There are several people in life that moan and groan about not getting enough respect in the tasks and jobs they do. The JV, on the other hand, is totally opposite to these people. I and others have never heard them complain about working hard in football practice to create not only a better team for them, but to help the varsity also.

The Pride of the Other Friday Night Lights
By Craig Reinart

Every Friday night during football season the players, cheerleaders, fans, and the band go to the games to cheer on the team in hopes for another victory. We all do our part and hope to come out on top at the end of the night.

Under the leadership of our band director, Randy Hunsaker, the Stratford Big Blue Band plays in the stands and marches during halftime. "The first few weeks are a wreck getting back

in the routine, but after a couple Fridays we are getting pretty good," said senior drum major Ashlee Glock. We all do our part in making the night a success on the field and in the stands.

When we all arrive at, the band hall or travel to the game, it's always at least an hour before kick off. Every night takes a great deal of preparation from all the band members. Loading crew unloads all the uniforms, horns, and the percussion instruments. They carry all the percussion instruments and everything else needed to the stands.

Both of the band directors, Mr. Hunsaker and Mr. Witcher, and the two senior drum majors, Stephanie Washburn and Ashlee Glock, help the students get their uniforms and their instruments ready. After loading crew is completely through unloading and loading things back, they get their own uniforms on quickly and get prepared to march to the stands. The whole band then marches up to the stands by the sound of the drummer's cadences.

All the band gets up to the stands and sits down. The first half of the game is extremely quick. Halftime comes in just a small amount of time it always seems. Towards the end of the second quarter the band goes from the stands to a clear area to warm up and get prepared to march at halftime.

The Stratford Big Blue Band marches out to the track and stands in a straight line, still, and silent waiting for the clock to run out. The away team's band traditionally marches first. The traveling band marches on to the field and gets lined up to perform the show they have worked on in preparation for the annual marching contest held in October. As the away band marches the Stratford Band waits silently on the track under the other Friday night lights. After the other band is completely off the field the drum majors give four whistles and the drummers start the

cadences again to go on to the field.

We all line up and the drum major calls the band to attention and we go through the show. Trying hard not to mess up and make the entire band look bad, the students march in lines around the field making patterns designed by Mr. Hunsaker. Towards the end of the show the drummers do the cadences one more time. The marchers do their assignments and at the end of the marching the band forms a giant "S" on the field. Everytime we form the "S" the crowd stands up and screams in excitement as we play the Stratford Fight Song. The Stratford Band gets in lines forming a tunnel by the field the game. At the end of the game the band as well as the fans and team, pack up and go home celebrating the nights victory. Football is a huge tradition in Stratford and the pride-of the Friday night lights seems to create that urge for High School Football. "The feeling of the -lights shining down over you is amazing," senior trombone Adam Witcher says, "I've played football before, but the other pride of the other Friday night lights is just as good."

Speech Team Competes At Canyon

The Stratford Speech team participated at the Guy Yates Invitational Speech Tournament at WTAMU in Canyon on Nov. 14-15. The team consisted of Rhea Everett, Shadley Hawkins, Candi Bell, Evan Haile, Yessenia Jacquez, Sandra Barraza, Mariam Saenz, Jordan Taylor, Nora Gomez, Staci Hays, Ashton Robinson and Tiffany Drake. The students competing in duet acting were Shadley, Rhea, Candi, Evan, Sandra and Yessenia. The students competing in prose were Evan, Nora, and Mariam Jordan Taylor made it to quarter finals in Novice LD debate and got an award. Ashton competed in Novice Extemp and got a trophy for 2nd place. This is a huge tournament with 35 schools competing from all over the state. Congratulations to Jordan and Ashton for the awards they received.

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Chamber News

Written by Patty Tims

Pheasant hunt

The annual chamber of Commerce Pheasant hunt is coming up. There are still 32 permits available for opening weekend, if anyone would like to participate. Call (366-2260) or come by the office for a contract. The Pheasant Hunt is one of the chambers most productive fundraisers and is a major boost to the local economy. The Lion's Club will be providing breakfast opening day, Saturday December 13th, 6:00 a.m. at the County barn. Rendons Headquarters will have daily specials posted on the door, during the entire weekend. The First Christian Church, men's Fellowship, will have a Calf Fry, Sunday, December 14th at 12:00 noon in the FCC Fellowship hall. If there are any other groups, organizations or churches planning a meal, contact me at the Chamber office so I can add it to the hunter's packet. Please support this event because it benefit's the entire community. The Chamber has a new place to call home:

The Chamber office will be moving to 305 N. Main Street. It was previously the law4yers office located across the street from the bank. The office is north of Duckwall's and south of West Texas Gas. We will be moved in by December 1st. Come by and see us when we are moved in, or you can even come and help us move. All help will be appreciated.

The Christmas Parade

The Christmas Parade will be held on December 3rd, and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Entries will meet in the High School parking lot at 5:30 p.m. The theme for the parade this year will be "Melodies of the Season". Everyone is welcome to enter in the parade. If you, your group or organization

would like to enter, come by the office. Or contact Terri Teig, chairman of the parade, you can even show up in the high school parking lot at the designated day and time to enter. However you decide, all are welcome. Dave Browne, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will be the announcer and Santa Clause will be our special guest. Santa will be brining with him, his lovely bride, Mrs. Clause, so come on out and have a good time. Hope to see everyone there.

Knowledge keeps us Strong

Once again, I am turning to my schooling, this time my Business Law Class. We have been learning about contracts. The three main areas of a contract that need to be considered are offer, acceptance, and consideration. Therefore, if you are considering venturing into a contract in the near future, this should be of benefit to you.

Webster's defines offer as: to present for acceptance or rejection; to present for sale. To have a bona fide offer it must include these three factors: 1) Show clear intent to enter into a contract. This means, one must distinguish between offers that are true or if someone is just blowing off steam. (as my instructor would say) 2) Be definite in all respects. Described as a set of facts to be offered. 3) Be communicated to the offered or to his or her agent. Translated to, it all has to be specific terms, price, condition, stipulators, and anything else involving the transaction given in detail to the purchaser. Now you know the definition of an offer.

The next term is acceptance. This is defined by Business Law, Principles and Cases in the Legal Environment, Seventh Edition, written by Davidson, Knowles & Forsythe, as The Mirror-Image Rule. The authors write, under common law rules, an acceptance must not only be clear but also unconditional. This means that the acceptance must match term by term, the provisions in the offer. Any

deviation from these terms, whether by alteration, addition, or omission, makes the acceptance invalid and equivalent to a rejection or the offer originally made. Never, never, sign a contract that is blank.

The last area is consideration in a contract. Again my law book's definition is: one of the most common states that consideration is a waiver, or promised waiver, of rights bargained for in exchange for a promise. Consideration always consists of either a benefit to the promisor or a detriment to the promise, bargained for and given in exchange for a promise. Consideration usually takes the form of money, but it may consist of an intangible, no economic benefit or anything of value. If it's in written form there is consideration for the agreement. Consideration usually takes the form of money, but it may consist of an intangible, no economic benefit or anything of value. If it's in written form there is consideration for the agreement.

You now know what is involved in creating a contract; Offer, acceptance and consideration. For a contract to be valid, it must be of mutual assent, each party must be competent, and the contract must be legal.

America's #1 After-Dinner Mint Is Now A Baking Chip

(NAPS)—Dessert lovers now have a new way to indulge. America's favorite after-dinner mint is now available as a baking chip—enhancing any dessert with a delectable flavor combination of mint and chocolate.

Andes Crème de Menthe Baking Chips are made from the famous three-layer pieces giving desserts the same look and taste as the traditional mints. The chips are available at major retailers, with a suggested retail price of \$2.49 for a 10-ounce bag.

The new baking chip can be used to add a taste of mint to a variety of desserts, including Marbled Andes Brownies.



MARBLED ANDES BROWNIES

- 1 package (19.8 to 23.7 oz.) brownie mix
- 2 cups Andes Baking Chips or 2 packages (4.67 oz. each) Andes Crème De Menthe Thins
- 1. Grease bottom only of 13x9 inch baking pan. Prepare brownie mix as directed on package. Spread into pan.
- 2. Bake as directed. Immediately place Andes Candies on surface of hot brownies. Allow to stand 2 to 3 minutes or until candies are melted.
- 3. Using knife or metal spatula, gently swirl topper melted candies to cover entire surface or brownies. Cool 2 hours or until slightly set. Cut into bars. Makes 2 doz.

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.tootsie.com.

Primo's Timpano Lasagna

- 12 sheets Barilla oven ready lasagna
- 1 24-ounce jar Barilla Italian baking sauce (or 800 g of fresh ripe tomatoes)
- 1/2 onion
- 18 oz. eggplant
- 4 cups béchamel
- 8 ounces mozzarella
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- fresh basil leaves
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 tbs extra virgin olive oil

Preparation:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°.
- 2. Cut onion and eggplant into thin slices. In a pan with extra virgin olive oil, sauté onions and eggplant. When tender, add to tomato. Add the fresh leaves of basil. Set aside.
- 3. Cut mozzarella into cubes and set aside.
- 4. Prepare béchamel. (Béchamel preparation: melt 2 oz. of butter, add 2 of flour. Add 4 cup of hot milk and whisk. Salt and pepper.) Set aside.

To layer lasagna

- In a 9x13x2 inch deep baking dish add:
- 1 cup béchamel
- 4 sheets lasagna

STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 2, 2003

Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors met in a Special meeting, Tuesday, September 2, 2003, at 12:00 noon. These officers and directors were present:

Shannon Taliaferro, President
Ronnie Brooks, Vice-President
Wayne Smith, Director, Betty Brown, Director, Ineta Chesher, Secretary-Treasurer - absent

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by President Shannon Taliaferro. Also present were Dr. Gary Mathews, Judy Griffith, representing Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Jimmy Lanning, representing Stratford Emergency Medical Services, and Cheryl Ward, Administrator for Coldwater Manor.

Lunch was served. Immediately following discussion convened with Dr. Mathews. He stated his terms for employment at the Clinic.

Ronnie Brooks made a motion that we accept Dr. Mathews as the new Physician for Stratford Hospital District. Betty Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 11, 2003

Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors met in the regularly scheduled monthly meeting, Thursday, September 11, 2003, at 7:05 pm. These officers and directors were present:

Shannon Taliaferro, President
Ronnie Brooks, Vice-President
Ineta Chesher, Secretary-Treasurer
Wayne Smith, Director, Betty Brown, Director

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Shannon Taliaferro. Also present were Judy Griffith, representing Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Jimmy Lanning, representing Stratford Emergency Medical Services, Cheryl Ward, Administrator for Coldwater Manor, and Linda West, secretary for Stratford Hospital District.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved, as read, from the September 2, meeting.

The first few minutes of the meeting was set aside to entertain anyone wanting to be heard concerning the Proposed Tax Rate. No one attended for the Hearing.

Cheryl Ward presented the financial information for Stratford Hospital District and Coldwater Manor. Wayne Smith made a motion to pay Coldwater bills as presented, Ineta Chesher seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0. Ronnie Brooks made the motion that Stratford Hospital District bills be paid as presented, Wayne Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Jimmy Lanning presented the financial information for Stratford Emergency Medical Services. There were 20 ambulance runs recorded in the month of August. Ronnie Brooks made a motion that the Stratford Emergency Medical Services bills be paid as presented, Ineta Chesher seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Judy Griffith presented the financial information for Stratford Family Medical Clinic. In addition she informed the Board that the Veteran's Administration would be reimbursing the Clinic, on the new contract, at the rate of \$450.00 per patient instead of the current \$425.00. There are approximately 425 active VA patients. Ineta Chesher moved that the Clinic bills be paid as presented, Betty Brown seconded the motion and it carried 5/0.

All checks were signed. The board went into executive session at 8:10 pm. Executive Session ended at 9:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 15, 2003

Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors met in the Specially scheduled meeting, Monday, September 15, 2003, at 7:00 pm. These officers and directors were present:

Shannon Taliaferro, President
Ronnie Brooks, Vice-President
Wayne Smith, Director
Betty Brown, Director
Ineta Chesher, Secretary-Treasurer (Absent)

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Shannon Taliaferro. Cheryl Ward, Administrator for Coldwater Manor, and Linda West, secretary for Stratford Hospital District were present.

Having advertised the proposed tax rate and providing time at the September 11, meeting for any persons wishing to be heard, the Board adopted the tax rate of .17727 per \$100.00 evaluation. Ronnie Brooks made the motion and it was seconded by Wayne Smith. The motion carried 4/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 9, 2003

Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors met in the regularly scheduled monthly meeting, Thursday October 9, 2003, at 7:00 pm. These officers and directors were present:

Shannon Taliaferro, President
Ronnie Brooks, Vice-President
Wayne Smith, Director
Betty Brown, Director
Ineta Chesher, Secretary-Treasurer

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Shannon Taliaferro. Also present were Judy Griffith, representing Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Jimmy Lanning, representing Stratford Emergency Medical Services, Cheryl Ward, Administrator for Coldwater Manor, and Linda West, secretary.

Bob Withers made a presentation for Pacific Life Insurance, our current carrier, in an effort to bring our Employee Health and Life Insurance back to a reasonable premium. In addition to the traditional plan, we now have, he suggested a "Self Insured" plan which would have ultimately been more expensive.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved, as read, from the October 9, meeting.

Cheryl Ward presented the

NEWS

Cheers To Your Health: Heart-Healthy News

by David K. Rehr, Ph.D.

(NAPS)—Feeling guilty about that second helping that you washed down with your favorite beer? Well cheer up; at least part of your meal may have been good for you. Medical research continues to show that moderate beer consumption may actually be beneficial to your health.

Several years ago, medical research made headlines with studies showing positive health benefits for those who consume wine in moderation. And with just cause: the story of the French Paradox—that the French people can at the same time have one of the world's most high-fat diets, and lowest rates of coronary heart disease, presumably because of the amount of red wine that they drink—was good news to red wine drinkers everywhere.

But there's more to this story. Further medical research confirms that it is not just red wine, but many forms of alcohol that can produce positive health effects. Beer, in particular, has emerged as a possible source of health protection when consumed in moderation. Besides heart disease and stroke, medical studies have linked moderate beer consumption to a reduction in the risk of dementia and type 2 diabetes.

Numerous studies show that beer offers possible protection against heart attack, stroke, hypertension and dementia. New evidence now suggests that beer

financial report for Stratford Hospital District and Coldwater Manor. Ineta Chesher made a motion to pay Coldwater bills as presented, Betty Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0. Wayne Smith made the motion that Stratford Hospital District bills be paid as presented, Ineta Chesher seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Jimmy Lanning presented the financial report for Stratford Emergency Medical Services. There were 20 ambulance runs recorded in the month of August. Ineta Chesher made a motion that the Stratford Emergency Medical Services bills be paid as presented, Ronnie Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Jimmy Lanning informed the Board that 6 employees presently working for EMS are certified and additional weekend help is

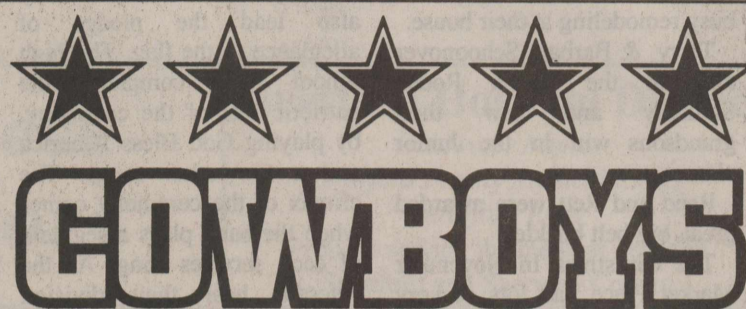
desperately needed. The cost would be for 24 hour coverage: \$1.00 hr. for back up call Paramedics \$70.00 24 hr. plus \$10 per hr. on a run Basics \$50.00 for 24 hrs. plus \$6.00 hr. per run \$100 per day for outside Medics

The vote was called for to approve the EMS Weekend Contract Labor. Ronnie Brooks made the motion to accept and Wayne Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

Health Insurance issues were discussed. The fact that perhaps younger employees would have less need for insurance may be one way to lower premiums. Offering employees the premium necessary to place them on their husbands insurance could be another avenue of savings.

Having completed all current business the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

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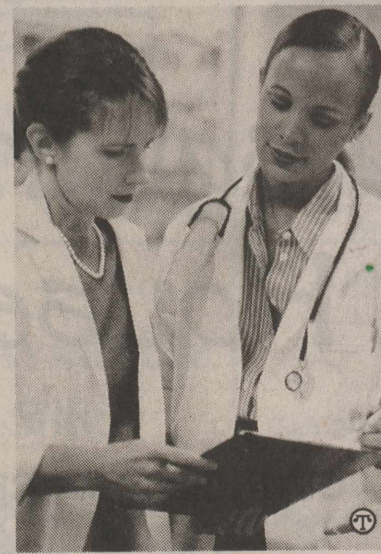
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OF NUTRITION



Medical research is finding that moderate beer consumption may be good for you.

may also help increase bone density and decrease risk of fracture.

There are several potential biological mechanisms that beer offers to help protect against diseases, but they are not all clearly understood. Beer consumption has been shown to raise HDL cholesterol—the "good" cholesterol—by 10- to 20 percent. Beer has also been found to decrease arterial stiffness, improve clotting factors and provide antioxidants that help protect blood vessels. The B-vitamins in beer may also play a role in controlling the risk of heart disease. These same benefits to the heart and blood vessels are thought by some scientists to help prevent diseases that afflict the

mind later in life, such as Alzheimer's and general dementia.

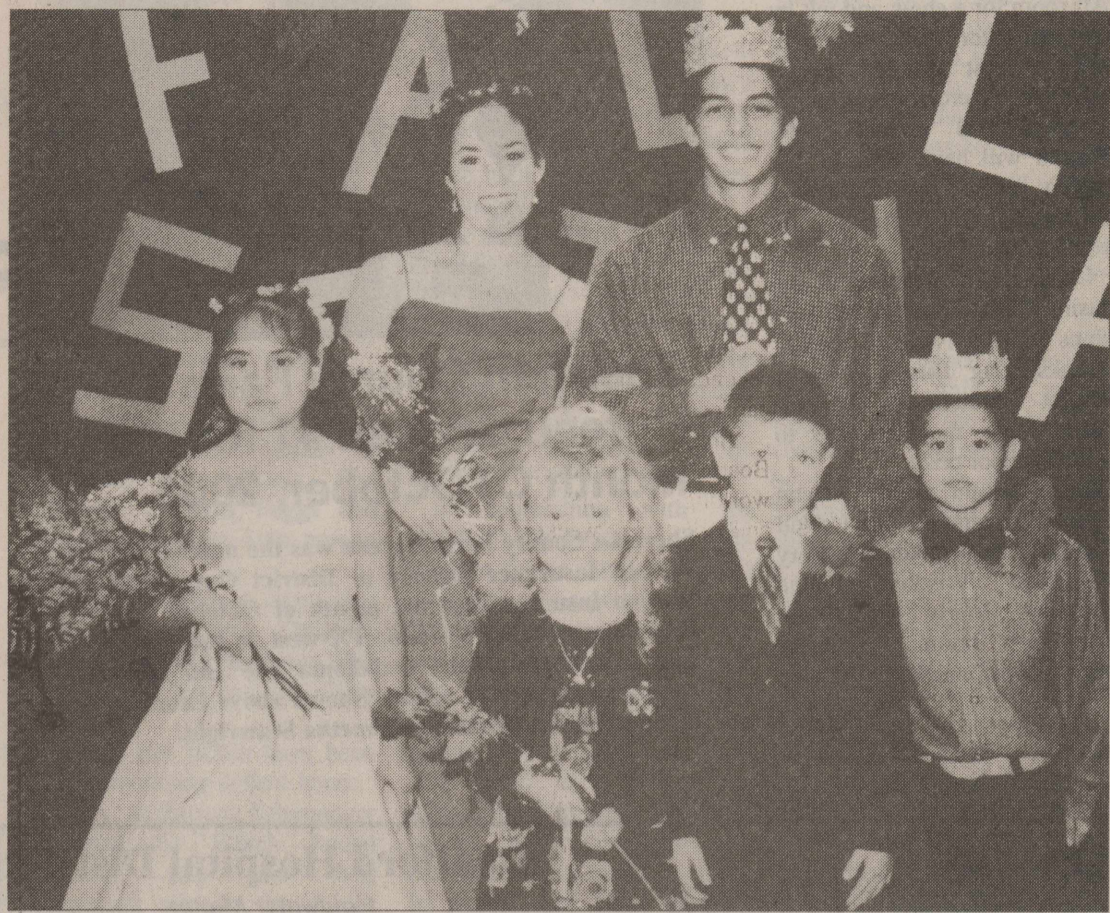
Reviews of more than 30 major medical studies that examine alcohol intake and disease risk factors confirm that alcohol offers protection against several of the top 10 major causes of death including heart disease, stroke and diabetes. Among men and women who drink moderately, type 2 diabetes is reduced by one-third to one-half, compared to non-drinkers. Alcohol's preventive effects for diabetes may be due to increasing insulin sensitivity and helping to control body weight.

Now, does this research suggest that you consume a six-pack a night to stay heart-healthy? Of course not. The key to all of this is moderate consumption by adults of legal drinking age. In fact, these same studies show that people who drink to excess are actually increasing their risk of certain diseases. This is a point that cannot be overstressed as more positive news about moderate beer consumption is confirmed.

But, adults who enjoy an ice-cold Pilsner or savor the chocolate taste of Stout should know the good news that your favorite beverage may also be good for you. Before making dietary changes concerning beer or other alcohol seek the advice of a physician or registered dietician.

David K. Rehr, Ph.D. is President of the National Beer Wholesalers Association, an organization representing more than 2,200 independent beer wholesalers before government and the public.

2003 Fall Festival Royalty



2003 Fall Festival King and Queen, Prince and Princess and Crown bearers were (in back), crowned King and Queen from the Senior Class were Queen Ashley Glock and King Brian Kimbrough. In front, from left, Princess Noemi Ruedas - 2nd grade, Crown bearers from the kindergarten class, Whitney Stone and Alex Farney, and Prince Jiovani Romera - 2nd grade.



Mary Allen Elementary Fall Festival Royalty: From left, 1st grade - Selena Conroy and Trae Burns, 3rd Grade - Reed Schoonover and not pictured Samantha Aldavaz, 4th Grade - Monica King and Braden Hudson.



Stratford High School Fall Festival Royalty: From left, Junior Class - Shawnda Jenkins and Asbell Gomez, Sophomore Class - Allison Baskin and Robert Seawright, Freshman Class - Cristina Fierro and Gilbert Reta.



Stratford Middle School Fall Festival Royalty: From left, 5th grade - Kimberly Ricks and Vince Rueda, 6th Grade - Kelsi Dennis and Elias Terrazas, 7th Grade - Sierra Valenzuela and Nelson Rodriguez, 8th Grade - Ivy Valenzuela and Pablo Acevedo.

35 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS 2003

Great American Smokeout Campaign Underway

Austin, TX - On November 20, the American Cancer Society, the nation's leading voluntary health agency, will host the 27th Great American Smokeout and help millions of smokers kick the habit, and help youth understand the importance of never starting to smoke.

The Great American Smokeout promotion is the American Cancer Society's annual, nationally recognized day when we ask smokers to put down their cigarettes, cigars, spit tobacco, or any tobacco product because they all have the potential to cause cancer. Because we know that approximately 32 million smokers (out of 46 million current smokers) want to quit smoking completely, we will continue to offer support and education to the public. The promise of an addiction-free life has encouraged many smokers to join in and prove to themselves that they can live a day without cigarettes, and that they can therefore live the rest of their lives without them.

Approximately 1,900 Texas will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2003 and of those, 9,900 will die. Nationwide, 171,900 will be diagnosed and 157,200 will die. The American Cancer Society is sending a message this year with a poster stating "It's Never Too Late to Quit," proclaiming that quitting smoking significantly reduces your risk of cancer, not only of the lung, but also mouth, nasal

cavities, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, stomach, pancreas, and other organs.

Smokers who are ready to kick the habit can find help through the American Cancer Society's Quitline by calling toll-free, 1-877-YES-QUIT. The Quitline, funded by the Texas Department of health using Tobacco Settlement funds, offers free telephone counseling services, advice and cessation materials to smokers, age 13 and older.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's "Cigarette Smoking Among Adults-United States, 2001" report shows a slow but continued decline in adult smoking rates from 25 percent in 1993 to 22.8 percent in 2001.

Current or former smokers may enroll in a National Lung Screening Trial (NLST), a cancer screening trial funded by the national Cancer Institute that will take place at 30 study sites throughout the United States, including the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. The trial, slated to last eight years, will examine the risks and benefits of spiral CT scans compared to chest X-rays. NLST will enroll 50,000 participants nationwide. To learn more about the screening trial, call: 713-792-5340 or visit www.mdanderson.org/nlst.

The Great American Smokeout is not just about adult smokers and cessation. As the times change and our understanding of the addictive cycle of nicotine increases, we're working to prevent children from ever becoming smokers. More than 88% of current adult smokers started before they were 18 years old. That's why the Great American Smokeout is also focusing on promotions that will communicate to our children the social disadvantages of smoking, and provide them with the tools to recognize and avoid negative social influences.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

For information about cancer, call toll-free anytime 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the American Cancer Society Web site at

www.cancer.org.

You can observe a lot just by watching.

—Yogi Berra

New Christmas Ballet to be presented

Area residents and visitors to the Panhandle will have an opportunity to see an exciting new Christmas show this holiday season.

What is described by its producer as a dazzling, magical and colorful Christmas Ballet will be presented December 19, 20, and 21 at the newly refurbished Tascosa Auditorium.

Borger and Dumas will be hosting "special highlight" performances. These special nights are scheduled at Borger High School Auditorium on December 6th at 8:00 p.m. The performance at Dumas High School Auditorium will be on December 13th at 8:00 p.m. Ticket prices for the "special highlight" performances are as follows Adults \$8.00 and Children \$5.00.

The music and dance fantasy is "Christmas in Oz" an original family Christmas spectacular. The Ballet centers on a young girl Dorothy who because of a kindness rendered on Christmas Eve, celebrates Christmas in a glorious and magical way.

Texas Dance Theatre directed by Neil and Camille Hess, will present this original "Holiday Special" in conjunction with Center for Texas Culture, Frank Phillips College and the Texas Dance Theatre Guild. The Borger performance is also sponsored by Sonic.

Singers and dances of all ages will participate in the December

fantasy.

Dr. Robert Hansen is the music Director for the show. The music is instrumental and vocal. The songs are composed by Mr. Hess with arrangements by Dr. Hansen and Tim Money.

"Christmas in Oz" is a traditional Christmas celebration. The ballet utilizes a large cast and multiple stage

settings. Jerry Vizenza, Alan Chilcote, and Krissy Chilcote are production assistants. Choreographers include Mr. Hess, Jerry Vizenza, Lisa Jones, Jillana Webb, Tarrell Ervin, Erica Corral, and Alexia Sheehan.

Kathy McAfee is Director of properties and costumes. Marco Avila is Prop Master and is also helping Randy Bills with Stage managers duties. Elaine Seaton and Diane Martinez are Costumers for the Holiday Spectacular.

Mrs. Hess is Instructor for the large cast of children in the production.

Tickets prices for the full performance at Tascosa High School Auditorium will be offered as follows "Ruby", Emerald" seats are \$25.00 and General Admission \$16.00. Coupons will be available for a half price child's ticket with the purchase of a General admission ticket.

For more information, call Center for Texas Culture office at 274-9050.

District 16 TRTA Held Fall Conference Oct. 16

The District 16 Texas Retired Teachers Association held their fall conference October 16, 2003 in Amarillo.

The meeting began with a welcome, pledges, and invocation. All district officers, chairpersons, and local unit presidents were recognized.

Seth Davidson presented the day's program, "Plains Trail". Following the program and a short break, members attended mini-sessions. After lunch, the following persons addressed the group: Trish Conrad, Executive Director of TRTA, JoAnne Holshouser, TRS representative, and Dr. Kenneth Laycock, Foundation Update.

At 2:30, the business meeting was called to order. The meeting included the last meeting's minutes, a financial report and budget consideration, and reports from standing committees. Officers for 2004-2005 were elected, and unfinished and new business was covered. The day ended with announcements and door prize drawings, and the meeting was adjourned. Attending the meeting from the local unit was: Awanda Morris, president, Mary Jo Ondrack, Nelda Askey, Scott Hand, and Portia Dees.

Where judgment has wit to express it, there's the best actor.

—William Penn

Honor Rolls

Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll 2nd six weeks 3rd grade:

Victor Acevedo, Meghan Brooks, Alex Chavoya, Grayson Gonzalez, Tera Imier-Harris, Elizabeth Reyes, Zakary Sims, Simsy Valdez, M'Lynn Wells, Kaylee Harris, Karen Lozoya, Haydee Rojas, Itzel Salcido, Reed Schoonover, Alex Asher, Zachary Farney, Stephanie Jacquez, Nicolas Lafuente, Corey Sims, Israel Sanchez, Christian Confer, Monica Ramos.

4th grade-Ranson Leron, Braiden Palmer, Tori Rouse, Jared Saloga, Chance Walker, Autumn Witcher, Marcos Garza, Braden Krob, Justin Mungia, Perla Reta, Gabriel Tarango, Jesus Vasquez.

Stratford Middle School
2nd Six Weeks
"A" Honor Roll

5th grade

Catheryn Arisano, Heidi Brooks, Matthew Chaffee, Lindsy Confer, Matthew Correll, Megan Crabtree, Christopher Hart, Kyle Horsford, Kimberly Melton, Mauricio Quintanilla, Tyler Wright

6th grade

Eric Burton, Kelsi Dennis, Luke Haile, Janeth Reyes, Anthony Ruiz, Sunny Russell, Lyndsi Thiessen, Jennie Witcher, Channing Ziemann

7th grade

Brooke Barnard, Stephanie Bell, Manuel Chavoya, Sinead Everett, Chandra Hawkins, Clayton Johnson, Deborah Molina, Margarita Rocha

8th grade

Jordan Confer, Kristen Crabtree, Ashley Dushl, Michael Frizzell, Samantha Hart, Alex Martinez, April Peregrino, Michael Reinart, Yadira Rojas, Kelsey Stein

TRTA Meeting Report

David Foote, superintendent of Dalhart schools, was the principal speaker at the October meeting of the Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, Moore unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association on Thursday, October 23.

Awanda Morris called the business meeting to order after an invocation by Pastor Jerry Davis of the People's Church and the pledges. Lois Gossett gave the treasurer's report, and Mrs. Morris reported on the district meeting. Mary Jo Ondracek discussed the programs by which school patrons may give gifts of books to schools.

Mr. Foote discussed changes in schools during the past three decades pay for administrators, teachers and auxiliary personnel has increased. There are more duties for each of these groups, more paper work, more regulations made by the state. Teachers have always given tests to measure student progress and the need for reteaching a unit or a concept for a class or for individual students. Today there is much more emphasis on testing, and it changes the way teachers teach and, to some extent, how students learn.

The use of computers in the classroom is another major change. They were introduced

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Cindy Russell shows some of her pottery to GFWC/Prospectus Study Club at the Nov. 5 meeting. Mrs. Russell is High School Art Instructor.



A squirrel apartment receiving the finishing touches by builder Joe Zak. Take a look at this new dwelling on South chestnut.

Ewers Chosen To Work In Washington, D.C.

College Station-Marca Ewers, a graduate of Stratford High School and an agricultural development major at Texas A&M university, was recently selected to spend the spring 2004 semester as an intern in Washington, D.C. Ewers will spend the semester as an integral part of U.S. Representative Lamar Smith's legislative team.

Ewers is one of seventeen students selected for a congressional internship through the Agricultural and natural Resources Policy internship program at Texas A&M University. Ewers duties include monitoring legislation, attending committee hearings and briefings, preparing reports, and researching and responding to constituent requests. Ewers is the daughter of John and Lauri Ewers of Stratford.

"This internship is a win-win experience for both our students and our legislators. ANRP interns provide valuable

assistance to their employers, specifically on agricultural and natural resource issues. In addition, the leadership skills and work experience interns gain is invaluable when searching for a job after graduation, explains Dr. Ed Hiler, Vice Chancellor and Dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M university.

The program is in its 13th years of sending students to Washington, D.C. to work in Texas congressional offices and committees. Since its inception in 1990, more than 375 Aggies have worked on Capitol Hill through the program. Each student receives course credit for their internship as well as a \$2,500 scholarship. Private donors and commodity organizations, including Texas Farm Bureau, Plains Cotton

Growers, Inc. and the South Texas Cotton and Grain Association provide scholarships.

GOOD LUCK ELKS BEAT NAZARETH

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- Nov. 21-23 "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" Drama Amarillo Little Theatre/Adventure Space www.amarillolittletheatre.org 806-355-9991
- Nov. 21-23 Amarillo College Children's Theatre "How to eat like a Child" Fri., Sat. 7:30 Sun. 2:30 Amarillo College Ordway Auditorium 806-371-5353
- Nov. 22 Amarillo Symphony- Andrew Appel, Harpsichord 8:00 p.m. Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Nov. 25, 26 "Bear In The Big Blue House" Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096 www.panhandletickets.com
- Nov. 28 Rodney Carrington, Comedian 8:00 p.m. Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Nov. 30 "Rent" Musical Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Dec. 4-21 "Man of La Mancha" Musical Amarillo Little Theatre 806-555-9991
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Study Club Holds Meeting

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club met at the High School Art room for a show and tell by the instructor, Cindy Russell. On exhibit were pencil sketches, watercolors, computer graphics and pottery. Mrs. Russell will have some of her pottery at the Craft Show this Saturday. Linda Haynes is club art coordinator.

Linda Swain presided at the business session that included plans for the Nov. 20, SCOT Thanksgiving Dinner. Marsha Wright is chairman for the event. Club members are to furnish a door prize.

Others present were D'Lynn Reed, Margaret Reed, LaVell Haggard, Becky Adams, Mary Woodford Wisdom, Oline Caraway, Marty Bain, Pat Hartman, Jimmie Pronger, Marylou McDaniel.



Sherman County Farm Bureau Chosen #1 for the Month Of October, 2003

Sherman County Farm Bureau was the number one Farm Bureau Insurance Agency in District One Texas Farm Bureau Insurance for the month of October 2003. This District runs from Vernon, TX west to the New Mexico line and North to the Oklahoma line and includes 34 counties and over 60 agents. Shown above Leonda Fedric, Gracie Fierro and seated Kennetha Seawright.

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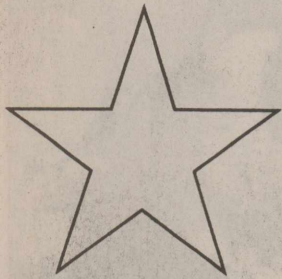
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Dec. 21-Open Sunday Afternoon-1:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m.
12-11-c

There are only 36 decorating days until Christmas so stop by THE General Store soon.
11-17-tfn

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Cooking Corner

A Quick-Fix Flavorful Healthy Meal In Minutes

(NAPS)—Many people prefer to enjoy the health benefits of olive oil in its natural packaging—tasty olives.

Full of healthy monounsaturated fat, California Black Ripe Olives have only six calories in each large olive and are rich in flavor.

Looking for a quick way to include olives in meals? For a fast and festive meal, try Balsamic Glazed Chicken Stir Fry. Family and guests will appreciate the mouthwatering appeal of this quick-fix dish and don't have to know how healthy it is.

The dish has only 230 calories per serving and calories from fat are 33.4 percent.

Balsamic Glazed Chicken Stir Fry

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 (8 ounce) red bell pepper, cut diagonally into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 (4 ounce) zucchini, halved and sliced diagonally 1/4-inch thick
- 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup low sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup California Ripe Olives, halved
- 1/2 cup chopped basil
- 2 tablespoons toasted pine nuts (optional)



This fast and festive dish can be made in minutes and no one has to know how healthy it is.

Heat 1 1/2 teaspoons olive oil in a large sauté pan or wok over high heat. Add red bell peppers, zucchini and garlic, season with 1/4 teaspoon salt and pepper flakes and cook for 3-4 minutes until just tender. Transfer to a clean plate. Set aside.

Pour remaining olive oil in pan and heat over high. Add chicken, season with remaining salt and cook for 1-2 minutes, stirring occasionally until browned. Turn heat down to medium, add balsamic vinegar and chicken broth and cook for 2-4 more minutes until slightly thickened and syrupy.

Return pepper mixture to pan and toss in California Ripe Olives and basil. Garnish with pine nuts before serving, if desired. Serves 4.

Serving suggestion: Serve over white rice.

For more recipes or information, visit www.CalOlive.org.

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Cards of Thanks

as a very special teaching aid; today they are incorporated into almost every subject. They're used for computation, research, reviews, and are a major learning tool.

Mr. Foote believes the greatest change is in family structure and with a very large percentage of mothers working outside the home, children must learn to adapt to multiple caregivers.

The group enjoyed the singing of the home schooled children who were directed by Mrs. Sharon Kahn. They sang the official songs of the armed services. The children will present a similar program on Veteran's Day, and the public can enjoy their singing. Children in the group were Timothy and Patrick Fleming, Josef and Kaleb Haaland, Will and David Weld, Emma and Katie Krahn, Lee, William and Jeffrey Thetford, and Kenanah Snyder.

Hostesses were: Lois Gossett, Nancy Woods, Merle and Tommy Sherrill, Barbara Beaver, and Charles Ray.

The Pee Wee Jr. Ranch Rodeo team and the Junior Jr. Ranch Rodeo team wish to thank the following people for their help in us winning our World Championships. Thank You to Greg Wright, Mike Brownlee and Howard Naugle for your water skis. Thank You Russell Ashley for your stopwatch. Thank You Sandy Tillery for the use of the sawhorse. Thank You Steve Pemberton for drawing the cow and the steer. We also want to thank all of our great fans that came and supported us in Amarillo and a special Thank You to our Mom and Dads.

The Pee Wee World Champion Jr. Rodeo Team
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When work is pleasure, life is joy! When work is duty, life is slavery.

—Maxim Gorky

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The chains of habit are too weak to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.

—Samuel Johnson

Slang is a language which takes off its coat, spits on its hands and goes to work.

—Carl Sandburg

HOLIDAY HINTS

A Twist On Tradition

(NAPS)—Holidays mean spending time together with family and friends, as well as following wonderful family traditions like getting dressed up in your holiday best for family portraits. Fortunately, no matter whether you're going for a classic, glamorous, comfortable or fun look, it's possible to be picture-perfect without your budget disappearing in a flash.



Current trends offer a twist on traditional holiday fashions.

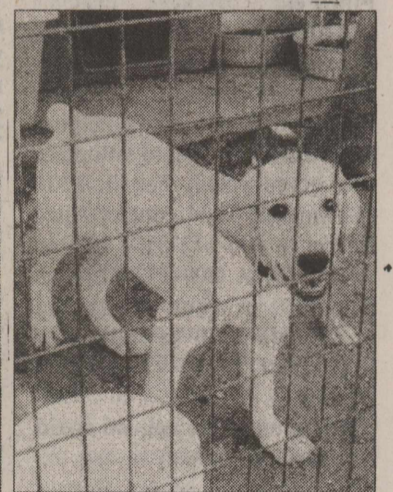
The Children's Place brightens holiday fashions this year with lots of glitter and shimmer, charming embroideries and delicate lace, as well as an array of time-tested classics to illuminate your season. Styles include:

- Red-based tartan plaids, infused with gold lurex.
- Nordic printed sherpa pull-overs in classic red, black and white.
- Cable-stitched sweaters in colorful, oversized rugby stripes, fully accessorized with hats, gloves, scarves and bags, as well as matching blankets, booties and plush toys for newborns.
- Glitter denim with tonal flocking, and lustrous stretch sateen jeans in winter light colors.
- Smocked and embroidered velour dresses for girls and club-classic rugby stripe polos for boys.
- Dressy outerwear, such as the Holiday Rose Coat, which comes in black faux shearing, plush fur lining and beautifully appliquéd red roses.

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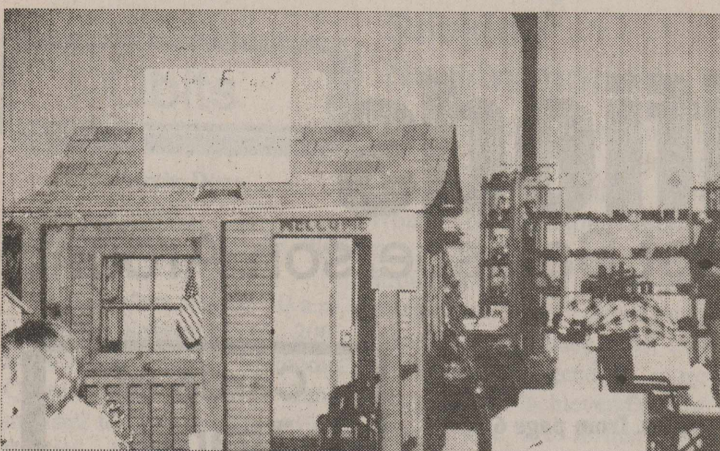
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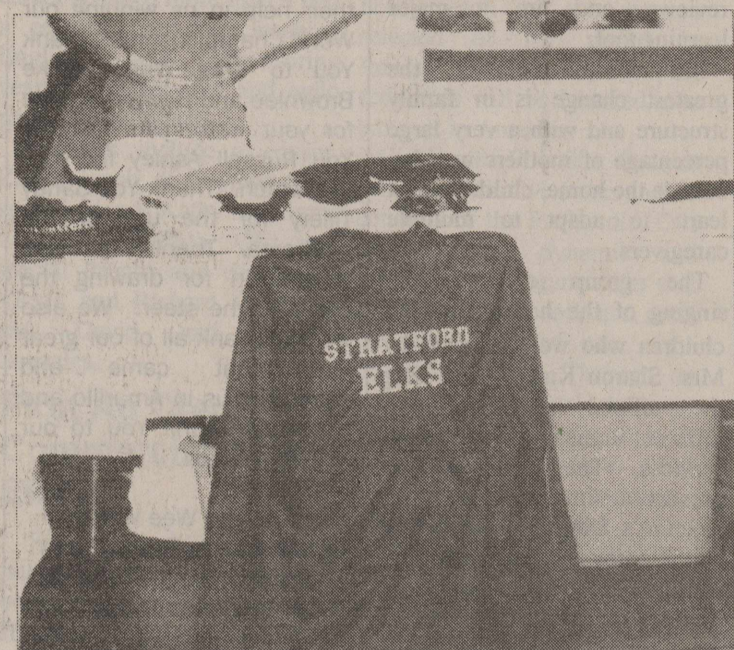
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Shown above is just one of the items available Saturday and Christmas In November Marketplace held at the County Barn. Hope everyone got his or her Christmas shopping done.

AARP Recruiting Volunteers To Work as Income Tax Counselors!

The American Association of Retired Persons is seeking volunteers to provide free income tax counseling for low and moderate-income persons/families.

This free tax assistance service is sponsored by the AARP and IRS to provide tax preparation help to all persons regardless of age who reside in Amarillo or the 11 surrounding counties.

Training for all Counselors will be provided by IRS and AARP personnel at the San Jacinto Methodist Church at 6th and Tennessee in Amarillo. The five-day training program will begin Jan 12, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and end on Jan 16, 2004. Subjects include: Earned income Credit, Credit for Elderly, taxes on Social Security, Educational Credits, Forms 1040 and 1040A completion, and Electronic Filing etc...

AARP Tax-Aid excels as a dynamic presence in this community-people helping people-so if you enjoy helping people and are able to volunteer four hours weekly Feb. 1, 2004 to April 15, 2004 contact Alice Barber at 806-622-0102 or Roe Ann Hill at 806-372-7104 in Amarillo; or Anna Ruppner at 806-244-2000 in Dalhart or Ruth West at 806-935-7952 in Dumas.

If you are bilingual, we could sure use your help.

Every calling is great when greatly pursued.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

2003 Annual Christmas Pageant Continues as a Family Holiday Tradition

Amarillo, Texas- The Annual Christmas Pageant presented by Paramount Terrace Christian Church at the Civic Center Auditorium has established itself as one of the premiere family-oriented holiday traditions in the entire tri-state area.

The Christmas pageant portrays the true meaning of Christmas by telling the life story of Jesus Christ with the spectacular use of music and drama. Dramatic lighting and special effects enhance the audience's experience, but it is the simple message of the love, forgiveness and acceptance that Christ brought to this world that touches their hearts and soul. The Pageant takes the audience back 2,000 years to experience the life of Christ.

Featuring new music and a completely new script every year, the Pageant always remains fresh and exciting. This year the Pageant is entitled "Absence of Darkness" and is presented from the viewpoint of three individuals brought together by a blinding West Texas snowstorm. As they endure the circumstance, a dramatic life-change takes place for one of them with a very unusual twist in the end.

The dates for this year's presentations are Friday, December 19th, through Monday, December 22nd. Evening presentations are at 7:30 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday afternoon matinees at 3:00 p.m.

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Presiding at English Tea Table for the "Woman In Black" performance at the LaRita Community Theatre in Dalhart, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 2 were L/R Gaynelle Riffe, Marilyn Like, Pat Ewing, Tammy Schniederjan and Mary Jo Onderacek.



Yadira Ortega was given a send-off on Thursday, November 13th when she left for the State Cross Country Meet in Round Rock. Yadira ran on Saturday, November 15th and placed 44th with a time of 13:20. CONGRATULATIONS YADIRA!

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Tickets are free and can be obtained from the Music Ministry office located at entrance number 2 of the church at 4000 Mays Ave beginning Monday, December 1st. For more information, call the Music Ministry office at (806) 353-6615.

To get to know a country, you must have direct contact with the earth. It's futile to gaze at the world through a car window.

—Albert Einstein

If all difficulties were known at the outset of a long journey, most of us would never start out at all.

—William F. Buckley



"I've Got Good News!"— Len Slesick

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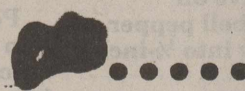
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Craig Smith

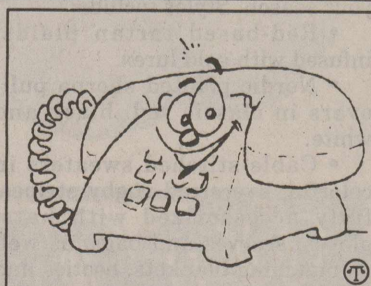


Caleb Donley

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Efforts are under way to adopt or enforce laws in all 50 states to ensure that retailers, consumers and companies are protected from monopolistic practices in cigarette sales. Retailers could continue to enter into merchandising contracts with manufacturers but manufacturers could no longer limit the size of retailers' space directly or indirectly. Many Americans, retailers and their customers, are asking state legislators where they stand on this issue of retail rights. Anyone who wants to join in or learn more can visit www.retailrights.org.

Black cats became associated with Halloween because of their reputation as "familiars," the supernatural spirit agents of a witch or sorcerer. Interestingly, despite the fact that Americans consider black cats bad luck, much of the rest of the world views the creatures as bringers of



good fortune. Now people can find a feline to scare the good and bad alike with Fraidy Cat from Spencer Gifts. With every Halloween passerby, this motion-activated kitty roars to life as it arches its back, swivels its head and stares out with gleaming eyes. The World's Headquarters for Halloween also offers a selection of costumes, masks and makeup to help prepare for the ultimate fright night. To learn more, visit www.spencergifts.com or call 1-866-469-2259.