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Russell Signs Letter of Intent

On Friday, April 13, 2007, Stratford senior Rustin Russell signed a letter of intent to compete on Memphis University's rifle team. Rustin is receiving a scholarship to attend Memphis University. Shown with Rustin are his parents Cindy and Lem Russell and sister Sunny. Congratulations Russell!

FIRST STATE BANK TO PROVIDE STRATFORD ISD WITH FINANCIAL TRAINING TOOLS

The First State Bank is providing financial training materials to Stratford ISD for use in both high school and junior high math and accounting classes. These materials will provide students with financial training in basic checking and savings accounts, as well as how to plan a budget and balance a checkbook. Additional training will be done on such things as credit card debit, renting an apartment, and more. First State Bank hopes to help provide basic information to our youth that will play a vital role in their day to day lives following graduation. Shown above Cindy Larance (1st State Bank) and Tami King.



What is Child Abuse Prevention?

Child abuse prevention is stopping child abuse and neglect before it happens. The best way to prevent child abuse and neglect is to support families and provide parents with the skills and resources they need.

Why Does Child Abuse Occur?

Although all causes of child abuse and neglect cannot be summed up, certain issues make people more at risk. For example, stress, relationship problems, substance abuse, money problems, depression, and other mental health problems can all lead to abusive or neglectful behavior. Some parents may have been abused as children and in turn abuse their children. Others have not been taught good parenting skills and are not prepared for the challenge of having children. These concerns and others can result in well-intentioned parents causing their children harm or neglecting their needs.

How Is Child Abuse Prevented?

Prevention efforts build on family strengths. Through prevention activities such as educating parents, visiting homes, and parents support groups, many families are able to find the support they need to stay together and care for their children.

Prevention efforts help parents develop their parenting skills, understand the benefits of nonviolent discipline techniques, and understand and meet their children's emotional, physical, and developmental needs. Prevention programs also can help parents identify other needs they may have and offer assistance in getting that additional support.

Let us all do our part and continue to prevent child abuse. This month is a special month known as Child Abuse Prevention Month, make a child happy and see to it that they are raised up in good and wholesome environment.

Submitted by, Ernie Maiwald, Chairman, Sherman County Child Welfare Board



Mary Allen To Distribute Kits

Did you know that every year in the U.S. over 800,000 children go missing? That's one every 40 seconds. On May 3rd Mary Allen Elementary School will host their safety fair and will be distributing kits from the National Child Identification Program. Each kit includes an inkless fingerprint kit, wallet card, and DNA collection swabs. The kits were given to the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office by the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, The American Football Coaches' Association and the Texas Association of School Administrators. Mary Allen will distribute 250 of the kits, but if you do not receive one, come by the Sheriffs Office and they will be provided to you. Shown with one of the kits is Mary Allen Elementary School Principal Misti McBryde and Sherman Co. Sheriff Jack Haile.

Stratford Area Foundation Annual Meeting April 24

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Stratford Area Foundation and the J.B. Riffe Endowment, Sherman County & Texas County, will hold their annual meeting Tuesday, April 24. The election of new board will be held.

A report of years activities for the Foundation and Endowment and a current financial report will be given.

What have these two funds done for you lately? Come to the annual meeting and find out.

Weather Spotters class presented by National Weather Service Thursday, April 19, 2007 7 p.m. Stratford EMS building Anyone interested is invited to attend

School Board Election

The Texhoma Texas Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on Saturday May 12, 2007 at the Texhoma School (4th & Denver) from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The first day to apply for a place on the ballot is Saturday, February 10, 2007 and will continue through March 12, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's office, 4th and Denver Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Monday, April 30, 2007 and continue through May 8, 2007. Early voting will be conducted at the Superintendent's office from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Board member whose term will expire is Ron Murphey. Holdover members are Jay Blume, Jay Murphey, Yield Freeman, and Cody Cartwright.



Harding Receives Award

George Harding receiving the Distinguished Volunteer Golden Nail award at the Amarillo Civic Center April 13, 2007. The Imagination Station nominated George for his tireless efforts on behalf of The Imagination Station. Also pictured L/R Billy Krause event Chairman, Becky Zenor-Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and Pat Menke, 2006 Distinguished Volunteer.

SHERMAN COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS

Sherman County Crimestoppers needs your help. On the night of March 8, 2007 a person or persons committed the crime of Criminal Mischief by vandalizing the vacant residence at 608 N. Wall, Stratford.

Crimestoppers pays up to \$1,000.00 in cash for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved. If you have any information on these or any other crimes contact the Crimestoppers answering machine at 366-TIPS (8477) and leave a code name and return phone number or call the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office at 366-5551 or the Stratford Police Dept at 366-3051. All callers will remain anonymous.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Now that the weather is getting better, it's time to do some spring cleaning at the cemetery. If you have old flowers or items on graves at the cemetery left from the winter, please remove them and place them in the dumpster at the cemetery. Please feel free to replace them with new ones. If you have toys or crockery or other items of glass or metal on graves, please remove them as well. This will prevent them from becoming flying objects when the lawnmowers and weed trimmers are in use. The city has completed the weed spraying and the annual clean-up day will be announced soon. Now is the time to start getting your plots cleaned up. Thanks for your cooperation.

Work Day

April 21st 9:00 am

Stratford Country Club

Bring your rakes

Lunch will be served

Volunteer Community Responders CERT training meeting Monday, April 23, 2007 7 p.m. Stratford Fire Station

LAST WEEK TO ORDER TAGS

By Susie Spurlock

4-H members planning on exhibiting steers at 2008 winter shows need to place their order for steer validation tags through the Sherman County Extension Office. Steers that will be exhibited at Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, and Houston must have a state validation tag.

Tags are \$7.00 each and must be pre-paid before ordering. Orders must be received in the Extension Office by 12 Noon on Friday, April 20, 2007.

Please make a note of this information and share with others who may be planning to show a steer in 2008.



Happy State Bank Recently Celebrated Opening of New Bank Building in Dalhart

Happy State Bank recently celebrated the open of a new bank building in Dalhart. The building is located on Highway 87 just south of the Highway 54 intersection. It has the distinctive look of all the Happy State Banks. Everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy the beautifully decorated bank and experience genuine hometown banking.

**Lunch and Learn
to Meet Thursday**
By Susie Spurlock

Lunch and Learn EEA will meet Thursday, April 19 at 12 noon at the County Extension Office. The program will be "Glass from the Past". Marylou McDaniel will be presenting information on Depression Glass. All members are invited and guests are welcome also.

Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Interested participants are asked to call the Extension Office at 366-2122 by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 17th so that adequate preparations can be made.

Educational programs conducted by the Sherman County Office of Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

The imaginary friends I had as a kid dropped me because their friends thought I didn't exist.
—Aaron Machado

How rare and wonderful is that flash of a moment when we realize we have discovered a friend.
—William E. Rothschild

OBITS

LOUISE HOWELL LONG

Hedley — Louise Howell Long, 103, died Saturday, March 31, 2007, in Stratford.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry Brace, pastor of Assembly of God in Texoma, officiating. Burial was in Rowe Cemetery by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Long was born Feb. 13, 1904, in Dublin to L. H. and Rena Jane Howell. She had lived most of her life in Hedley before moving to Stratford eight years ago. She married Cecil Leroy Harris on Nov. 6, 1920, in Hedley. Upon the death of Mr. Harris in 1960, Louise married Johnny Long in December 1962 in Hedley. She had worked for the Clarendon and Memphis hospitals as an LVN prior to her retirement. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Hedley, where she worked with the teenagers and taught Sunday school. She loved singing hymns and would often lead the singing at the nursing home. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both her husbands, Cecil Leroy Harris in 1960 and Johnny Long in 1972; eight brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include three daughters, Anita DeBord of Stratford, Cecilia DeBord of Amarillo and Ruby Comen of Borger; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be to a favorite charity. Sign the online guest register at WWW.ROBERTSONFUNERAL.COM.

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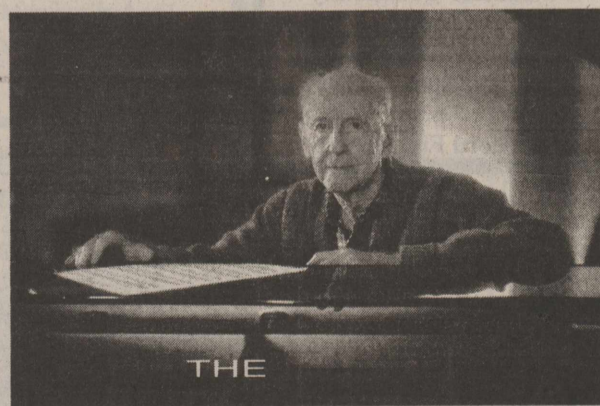
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Dr. Douglas Albracht will be closing his practice and will be relocating to Elizabethton Tennessee,

Dr Brendan Albracht will be relocating his practice to 1901 Medi-Park Suite 103 in Amarillo Texas.

Patient's medical records will be located at Dr. Brendan Albracht's new office location in Amarillo.

Dr. Doug and Dr. Brendan feel they have been blessed over the past several years and attribute that to their loyal patients. It has been a pleasure to serve Dumas and the upper Panhandle area.

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Mike McDaniel flew to Dallas April 9 where he met Richard Black of Houston and Deborah Miller of near Beaumont. The three were classmates. They went to Shreveport for three days. Mike's cousin Ron Hutchison of Longview met them there and treated them to a fancy dinner!

Marylou & Mike McDaniel attended the Golden Spread All-Star Boys and Girls Basketball Games Saturday at Canyon. Merilee McDaniel and Brant Cummings, both of Stratford played in the event. Shadley Hawkins, Amarillo High, formerly of Stratford, played on the East Team that won over the North team that Merilee played on. Merilee made 10 points in Friday's game and scored 11 in Saturday's game.

Lauren Urban, Gruver, Whitney Lang, Dalhart and Merilee had played in AAU games in early years. They played on the North team.

Donna Gillenwaters spent the night of April 12 with Kylee and Kaiden, grandchildren, in Amarillo. Friday Kylee won a special "Most improved" and she's already in a special class.

Donna came home to a lightning struck home-no water, no heat, no computer, fax machine. Some were permanently "injured". Leonard Hawkins had suffered some damage from the lightning.

Tom & Debbie James were visited by Bill & Pat Boren Sunday night.

As of Monday, Peggy Hawkins' mother, Maylene Rish, was in the hospital at Tupelo, Mississippi with heart problems.

Chandra Hawkins was a server at the recent Jr.-Sr. Prom at Stratford.

Jo June McDaniel, Presiding

Judge of Precinct No. 5, has received the following notice.

"YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED: Precinct 5 has been consolidated with Precinct 9, for the purpose of voting in the Special Election. Please call the County Clerk or the County Judge if you have any questions:

Polling Place: Dalhart Youth Center, 402 Denver Ave., Dalhart, TX between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the 12th day of May, 2007 For the purpose of: Adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitutional Amendment. As submitted by the 80th legislature, Regular Session of the State of Texas. Signed, David D. Field, Dallam County Judge.

Pat Boren and Jo June McDaniel attended a Red Hats event in Guymon Thursday.

Visiting at the recent Rockies baseball game were Andrea (Dettle) Schoppet and her husband Mark, Patti & Marylou McDaniel. Had to wait until got Andrea's last name! They live at Edwards, CO

Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly.
—Unknown

Change, like sunshine, can be a friend or a foe, a blessing or a curse, a dawn or a dusk.
—William Arthur Ward

Birthday Party for Delta Kappa Gamma

By Rebecca Amyx

Gamma Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met March 24, 2007 at the Sand's Restaurant.

Members present were Rebecca Amyx, Shirley Hendricks, Sandra Kelso, and Cynthia Zielke from Dalhart; Kathie Altman from Stratford; Joanie Hightower from Sunray.

Sandra Kelso called the meeting to order. The members answered the roll call "Spring brings...". Shirley Hendricks gave the treasurer's report. We had a committee report from Ceremonials/Necrology by Kathie Altman.

We took another part of the Women's Survey that we are participating in and discussed the Alpha State Convention that is being held in Amarillo this year, June 14-16. We have several who will be going and Mary Jo Ondracek will be a presenter. Our chapter is helping with hosting the convention.

To end our meeting Mary Jo put together a Gamma Xi Trivia Game. We decided we needed to go back and study a little more about our society.

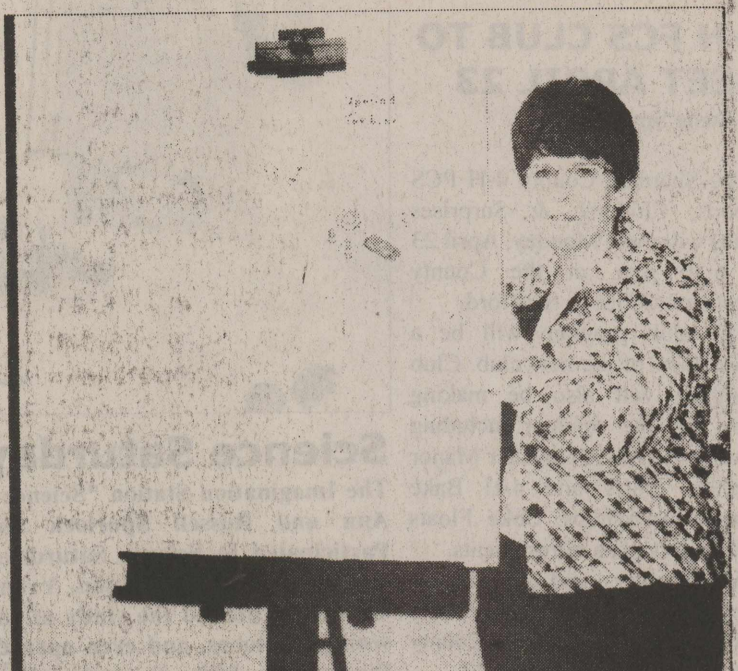
We enjoyed birthday cake supplied by the ladies from Dalhart.

The next meeting will be April 28, 2007 at the Music Room at Dalhart Elementary School in Dalhart. We will be initiating our new member, Cynthia Zielke. All members are to wear RED. The officers will be in charge of refreshments.

Panhandle Residents Invited to Attend Water Wise Gardening and Drip Irrigation Class

Have you ever stood and looked at the beautiful blooming plants at the nursery greenhouse and wondered which ones would really survive and stay beautiful through our long hot summers? Have you ever looked at all of the trees available at the nursery and wondered which one would be best suited to the conditions in your own yard? If so, the free Water Wise Gardening and Drip Irrigation class offered by North Plains Water District is for you. On Saturday, April 21, from 9:00 AM-12:00 noon, you can learn all about plants and trees that are adapted to our dry climate and that will offer low maintenance beauty all summer long. The class, taught by experienced Master Gardeners, will teach class participants how to select plants that are best adapted to our climate, along with how to install a home drip irrigation system to conserve water and give plants moisture precisely where it is needed. The class is free, and participants will receive educational materials free of charge. To register for the class, call Rhonda Artho at 806-935-6401.

Friendship is an order of nobility; from its revelations we come more worthily into nature.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson



Judge Carter Gives Program

Sherman County Judge Terri Carter gave a program on wind farms coming to Sherman County to SCOT. Watch SCOT for more informative community programs.

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DUNCAN CHEVROLET STUDENT OF THE WEEK

LUCERO ORTEGA

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For more details see www.duncanchevrolet.com

- 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. Walter Reed
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m., CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.
- First United Methodist**
Rev. Gene Weinette
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
- St. Joseph Catholic**
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6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 9:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
Service - Wed. Thurs. Fri.—6 p.m. Sat. 5 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass, or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Church of Christ**
Ernie Maiwald
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.
- Heritage Bible Baptist**
Pastor Rick Carter
302 S. Main - For More Info—call 396-2212
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.
- First Baptist**
Pastor Billy Chambers
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Sun.—Coffee - 8:30 Sunday School - 9:30
Worship Service - 10:30
Wed. -Children—6:00, youth—7:00
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And experience a snowball toss!
When wintertime sparkles,
Snowmen seem to thrive
With a big, orange carrot for a nose
And two, tiny pieces of coal for eyes.
Dance with the swirling snowflakes -
Winter has finally arrived.
Get out the sled and do some zooming
And give thanks you're alive!

Linda C. Grazulis

Then we, Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; through all ages we will declare Your praise.
Psalm 79:13

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ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

Lucero Ortega and Daniel Hays are students of the week at Stratford High School. Starting Tuesday, the only major thing going on in school this week is TAKS!!

We had a little excitement last Friday at school when a bird nest in one of the rooftop heating/ac units started to burn. The junior high and high school were evacuated until the problem was solved. Big thanks to our Stratford Fire Department for being on the scene in record time. We're glad it was a minor fire, but it was sure comforting to see those fire trucks arrive so fast. Thanks, guys!

The Varsity and JV Cheerleaders sold Top of Texas Football Magazine Ads. We appreciate everyone's support. The JV Cheerleaders will be selling candles starting Monday.

Mrs. Gilliland's 6th grade students are learning about food webs. We have created several food webs as well as illustrated our results. We have also been analyzing TV commercials to test for stimulus and responses.

Mrs. Griffin had her annual breakfast cram session Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. for Juniors taking the Math TAKS test. Breakfast burritos, orange juice, and milk were available as well as any last minute questions/concerns answered.

Several of the seniors have been working hard on completing scholarship applications. Those students taking concurrent English through Phillips College are finishing their research papers this week. Some of our juniors are involved in the last weeks of their online History class.

Seven high school students participated in the Regional UIL Academic Meet in Abilene this past weekend. Evan Haile placed fifth in the poetry competition and Brooke Barnard placed sixth in Computer Applications. Congratulations to all who competed and represented our school in this endeavor.

Students are now selling band calendars, so be ready to support this fine fund raiser. Sorry this is so short. After TAKS is finished, maybe there will be more news.

Quote of the week: "Some people think they are concentrating when they're merely worrying." - Bobby Jones

Youngsters of the age of two and three are endowed with extraordinary strength. They can lift a dog twice their own weight and dump him into the bathtub.
-Erma Bombeck

Trustee Election May 12, 2007

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a trustee election May 12, 2007 at the County Court House to fill two positions.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin Monday, April 30, 2007 and will continue through Tuesday May 8, 2007. Early voting will be conducted at the County Court House in the District Clerks Office, 701 N 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas 79084 - Hours: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

Board members whose terms will expire are Steve Hays and DeWain Traylor. Holdover members are Joe Reinart, Barney Willborn, Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock and Greg Wright.

Candidates are Blake Confer, DeWain Traylor, Chet Everett and Steve Hays.

Election de Fideicomisario 12 de mayo de 2007

El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Stratford tendra una election de fideicomisario el 12 de mayo de 2007 para llenar tres posiciones.

Votacion temprana por aparicion en persona comenzara el miercoles 30 de abril de 2007 y terminara el martes 8 de mayo de 2007.

Votacion temprana se llevara a cabo en el la Casa de Justicia del Condado con la Oficinista del Distrito, 701 N 3rd Street, Stratford, Tx 79084 - Entre las horas 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM y 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM , de lunes a viernes.

Miembros de la mesa cuyo termino expirara son Steve Hays and DeWain Traylor. Miembros remanentes son Joe Reinart, Barney Willborn, Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock, y Greg Wright.

Los candidatos son Blake Confer, DeWain Traylor, Chet Everett, y Steve Hays.

TEEA Holds Meeting

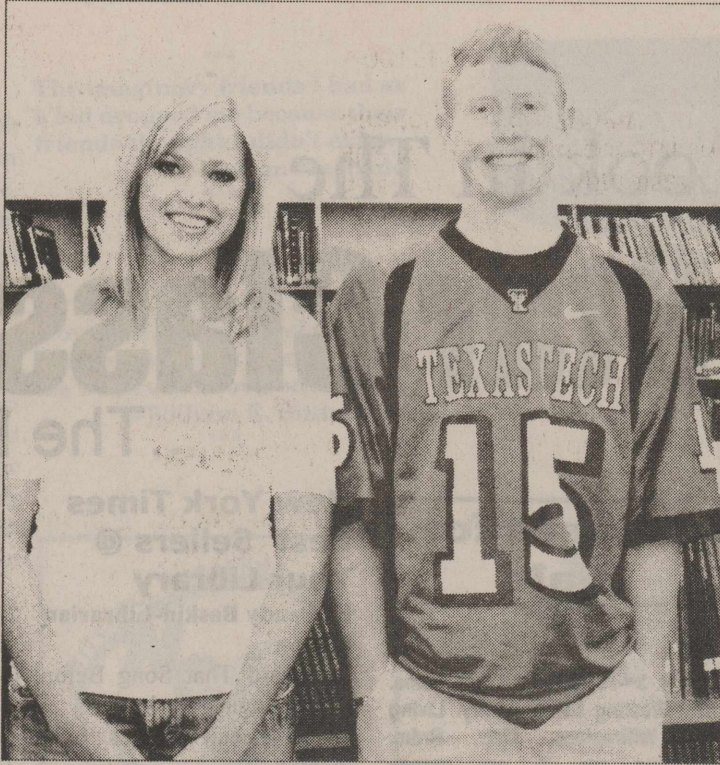
Texas Extension Educational Association members met Thursday, April 12 in Dalhart. Going from Sherman County were Jean Everett, Reyna Everett, Dortha Nell Allen, Marylou McDaniel. At the table with them was Jeanelle Brock, Jean's sister of Amarillo. Jeanelle had made a Quilt hat raised \$1635.00

Speaker was Judge Ron Enns, 69th District.

Susie Spurlock, Sherman County agent, gave session on "Cooking for Pairs & Spares that attracted a large crowd."

The other session was on "Issues in Rural Health".

Fall Training Meeting is at Pampa, Nov. 29, 2007. 2008 Spring TEEA Meeting is April 8 or 10 in Dumas.



McDaniel & Cummings Compete in Golden Spread All-Star Game

Merilee McDaniel and Brant Cummings competed this past Thursday - Saturday in the Golden Spread All-Star games and were both on the North teams. In the championship games on Saturday, Merilee finished with 11 points in their loss to the East 67-52 and Brant scored a game high 18 points in their Championship win over the South 88-85. Congratulations!

Girls Golf Advances to Regionals

The Varsity girls and J.V. and Varsity boys traveled to Borger on April 2 and 9, 2007 for the District 1AA Golf meet. The Varsity girls won 1st with a score of 857. Individual results were Merilee McDaniel - 3rd place medalist. Merilee shot 103 in Round 1 and 101 in Round 2 for a score of 204 followed by Whitney Garza who placed 4th and shot 100-111 for a two-day total of 211. Jordan Confer shot 106-110 for 216 and Kelsey Stein followed with 113-113-226. The girls will advance to the Regional golf meet in Baird, TX on April 23 and 24th.

The J.V. boys placed 7th with 870 points. Roy Allen shot 99-105-204; Brant Cummings 102-102-204; Adrian Vargas 116-114-230; Tyler Gilliland 116-116-232 and Jake Lawrence 128-116-244.

The Varsity boys placed 4th with 715 points. Scott Hudson shot 85-82-167; Landan Luna 83-89-172; Eric Riffe 95-86-181; Harrison Walden 96-99-195 and Cody Carter 97-99-196.

Think where man's glory most begins and ends, And say my glory was I had such friends.
-William Butler Yeats

Early Indications Show Wheat Escaped Freeze Injury

By Kay Ledbetter

AMARILLO - The High Plains wheat crop appears to have escaped injury from temperatures that dipped into the low 20s F for an extended period, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

After scouting several regions and visiting with concerned producers, Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist, said he thinks the wheat denseness and the soil temperature may have insulated the crop from the cold.

Using the weather station data from the Texas High Plains Evapotranspiration Network, Bean determined that the southwest corner of the Panhandle, in the Bovina-Muleshoe-Dimmit area, was the most likely area for damage.

"That's where it was the coldest for the longest, and more than likely, if there was any injury, it should have been seen there," he said on Thursday after scouting that region. "It is a little early, but preliminary observations indicate the wheat came out of the cold conditions in surprisingly good shape."

The reason, Bean said, is the wheat has a good canopy and soil temperatures were warming prior to the cold front moving into the area. That tended to insulate the

wheat against the air temperatures.

Some temperatures dropped to 24 F in that region, he said,

staying below 26 F for more than 30 hours.

"Those are temperatures where we certainly can get freeze damage," Bean said. "We've seen a little bit of leaf burn, but surprisingly not even much of that."

And leaf burn does not indicate a loss of production. Producers should recheck their fields next week, after possible freeze injury symptoms have had more time to show up, Bean said.

Freeze damage has to be analyzed by splitting the tiller and looking at the immature head, he said. If it is green, it is OK. He said because temperatures have been fairly cool since the freeze, it is possible that once it heats up, some injury might start to show up.

"But right now, it looks very promising," Bean said.

Blood Drive To Be Held April 30

There will be a Stratford Community Blood Drive on Monday, April 30th from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at County Barn 5th and Maple.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Sherman County Appraisal District Budget

The Sherman County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2008 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Friday, May 18, 2007 at 7:00 a.m. at the Sherman County Appraisal District Office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$316,158
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 24,352
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	<u>4</u> (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	<u>4</u> (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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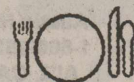
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