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Stratford Area Foundation holds Annual Meeting

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Stratford Area Foundation held their Annual Meeting Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

The meeting was called to order by President, Walt Berry. The minutes of last years annual meeting were read and Martha Mitts gave a financial report for the Stratford Area Foundation, having reached the goal of over one half million dollars and the J. B. Riffe Endowment for Sherman Co. and the Texas Co. Oklahoma.

Entertainment was provided by John Wackier, Texhoma followed by reports from the following organizations who received grants this past year. Stratford Area Foundation: Chamber of Commerce for a new computer; Coldwater Manor for a wheelchair accessible van to transport patients to the doctor and the Sherman County Exhibit Building for acoustical panels. The Riffe Endowments: Texhoma Historical Museum for remodeling and painting; Texhoma Iris Club for the landscaping of the Texas roadside park; and a report on another project of the Texhoma City Park; Goodwell Community Center for the repair of the roof. Guymon YMCA also received funds for a defibrillator.

Three new board members were elected; Bill Gillenwaters from Kerrick, Doris Parsons from Stratford, Jack Johnson from

Texhoma to join current members: from Stratford; Alisha Law, Jon Engelbrecht, Danna Hess, Walt Berry; Johnnie Davis, Good well; W. N. Bridwell, Texhoma plus designated members Sherman Co. Judge, City Mayor, SISD School Board, Hospital Dist. And Chamber of Commerce.



Stratford Junior High Top Honors

STRATFORD JUNIOR HIGH IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN FOR THE 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR. THE VALEDICTORIAN IS TYLER WRIGHT, SON OF MR. AND MRS. GREG WRIGHT. TYLER HAS A NUMERICAL GRADE POINT OF 97.714 FOR TWO YEARS OF WORK. TYLER HAS PARTICIPATED IN GLOBE NEWS SPELLING, UIL SPELLING, ORAL READING, MAPS, GRAPHS AND CHARTS, NUMBER SENSE, HONOR ROLL, PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARD, GIFTED AND TALENTED, BAND, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, AND TRACK. TYLER'S OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND DUKE TIP PROGRAM. TYLER TAKES AN ACTIVE PART IN THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH JUNIOR, HIGH YOUTH GROUP AND FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES. WHEN HE'S NOT IN SCHOOL HE ENJOYS VOLUNTEERING AT THE MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM, LIFTING WEIGHTS, LISTENING TO MUSIC AND HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS.

THE SALUTATORIAN IS HEIDI BROOKS, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. RON BROOKS. HEIDI HAS A NUMERICAL GRADE POINT OF 96.238 FOR TWO YEARS OF WORK. HEIDI HAS PARTICIPATED IN BAND, ORAL READING, LISTENING SKILLS, IMPROMPTU SPEAKING, EDITORIAL WRITING, TRACK, HONOR ROLL AND PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARD. HEIDI ENJOYS READING AND IS INVOLVED IN HER YOUTH GROUP AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

THE FACULTY & STAFF OF THE JUNIOR HIGH WISH THE STUDENTS GREAT SUCCESS IN STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL.



The driver with Professional Ambulance Company in Alvarado, Texas is shown presenting the keys to the Stratford Emergency Medical Services new Ambulance to Jimmy Lanning, E.M.S. director, along with Wayne Smith, Stratford Hospital District board president and Kathie Altman, board member.

News from Stratford Hospital District

Stratford Emergency Medical Services just received its New ambulance on April 13. Our old ambulance was 12 years old and had 140 thousand miles on it. The recommended replacement time for an ambulance is 5 to 10 years, depending on usage. Our normal ambulance runs are 68 to 180 miles per trip. This necessitates the replacement on a regular basis. The EMS maintains two ambulances at all times. The last replacement was in 2000 after 10 years of service on that ambulance. The Stratford Hospital District maintains a fund specifically for replacing ambulances as they are aged out. The Hospital District was able to assist the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department by passing the ambulance on to them. Shorter runs in these situations make this feasible for the fire department. It will be used to store and transport the Jaws of life and other emergency equipment as opposed to transporting emergency victims. This arrangement has worked well in the past and allows our fellow volunteers to benefit the county on a continuing basis. WE are all proud of our new ambulance. You will be able to see the ambulance on display Sunday afternoon at Coldwater Manor. You are invited to an appreciation reception Sunday May 6th from 2:00-3:00 at Coldwater Manor for retiring Board President Wayne Smith. This reception will give you an opportunity to greet new Board Member Billy Bell and returning Board member Kathy Altman, along with holdover Board Members Kenton Kimball, Kathy Allen and LeRayne Donelson.



Garza and Crabtree State Bound

State-Bound in track from left, Kristen Crabtree 2nd place in the 1600 M Run at Abilene this past weekend and Whitney Garza 1st place in the High Jump. Sinead Everett did not qualify for State but placed 3rd in the 300 M Hurdles - great job Sinead! Congratulations to these young ladies and Good Luck at STATE on May 12, 2007.

WALK ACROSS TEXAS UPDATE

Fifty-six Sherman County residents are participating in the Walk Across Texas program. The program began on March 25 in the county.

1685 miles have been logged by the teams after Week 3 reports. The team, Before and Afters are leading the walk.

Walk Across Texas is a physical fitness program sponsored by the Sherman County Family Living Committee and Texas Cooperative Extension.

For more information about health and wellness educational programs, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 366-2122.

Exemption Information Available From Appraisal Office

Sherman County Appraisal District offers property owners a pamphlet called "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities". Published by the State Comptroller's Office in Austin, The "Remedies" pamphlet explains how the Texas property tax system works, and offers ways for possible tax savings. The pamphlet also describes exemptions available such as those for disabled veterans, other disabled persons or senior citizens. The pamphlet and all exemption forms are available at the Appraisal District office, 402 N. 3rd in Stratford or by calling (806) 366-5566.

Homeowners may file for various property tax exemptions Offered by taxing units on residence homesteads. In Texas, a homestead is generally the house and yard used as the owner's

principal residence. The pamphlet explains each exemption and how to apply for it. Homeowners do not need to reapply for the exemption this year if they received the exemption last year.

For example, all homeowners may file for a \$15,000 general exemption from their principal home's value for school taxes. In addition, certain disabled homeowners and those aged 65 or older may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their home.

Productivity appraisal is another type of tax relief available to agricultural landowners.

Appraisal District staff can offer more information about special land appraisal, tax rendition and exemptions. We urge all property owners to read the pamphlet and learn about all possible property tax relief. Remember, taxpayers must file an exemption application with the Appraisal District office.

Editors Note: I would like to apologize to Dean and Joli Hauser. I put the wrong name on their picture last week on the Weather Spotters Training Picture.

Lions Club Broom Sale

The Lions Club Broom Sale will be this Friday, May 4, 2007 starting at 8 a.m. and continuing to mid afternoon. It will be held on the First State Bank Parking Lot.

TAX DEFERRAL AVAILABLE FOR ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS

Texans aged 65 or older can postpone paying delinquent and current taxes on their homes. They can take advantage of a tax option called "over-65 deferral" by signing an affidavit at the Sherman County Appraisal District office.

If the affidavit is on file, an older homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes. Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home. The tax deferral only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the home; it does not cancel them.

The form and more information are available at the Appraisal District office, 402 N. 3rd Street in Stratford or call (806) 366-5566.

ATTENTION CITIZENS:

This is a reminder that the green dumpsters in the alley are for yard waste only. Do not dispose of tree limbs, bushes, trash, etc. in these containers. If non-compliance continues, the containers will be relocated.

Cactus Relief Fund First State Bank
302 N. Main
Stratford, Texas
Will be accepting donations on behalf of the Cactus Community.

NOTICE

Angie Lora, the receptionist at the Stratford Family Medical Clinic lost her home and nearly all of her and her family's belongings in the Cactus tornado last weekend. The family has shelter with Angie's relatives in Cactus. However, they lost nearly everything. The Lora Family is in need of children's clothes sizes 7-8. They also need toys of any kind, household items, including furniture and personal items as well. As you might imagine they are also in need of cash. If you feel you can help the Lora Family in any way, please bring your donations to the Stratford Family Medical Clinic. We know Angie and her family would be grateful for any donations you could make. Obviously, your prayers are especially needed at this time. If you have any questions, please call the clinic. Any of the staff will be happy to answer your questions and receive any donations. Thank you.

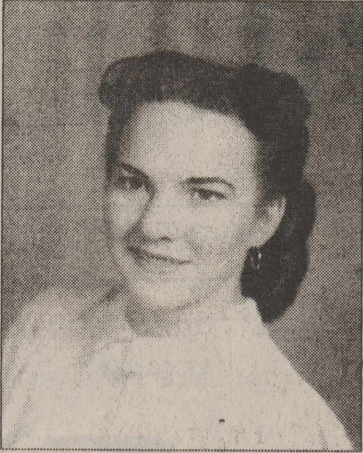
Stratford Hospital District, Stratford Family Medical Clinic Stratford Emergency Medical Service and Coldwater Manor Nursing Home



The Stratford Chamber of Commerce would like to announce the Grand Opening of The Poppy Shop located inside Let's Make Arrangements. They offer coffee, tea, and lemonade in a relaxing environment. Open Monday-Friday from 10-5, this will be a great place to "sit N sip" while you are downtown.

Shown above Jeanie Bennett and Barbara Schoonover

OBITS



Laura Anne Berry

Laura Anne Berry, 80, of Texhoma, TX died Friday, April 27, 2007, in Texhoma. Services were held Monday, April 30, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in Texhoma United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve Roach of Stillwater, OK. Officiating, assisted by Rev. Tomisene Ingram, pastor of Texhoma United Methodist Church. Burial was followed in Texhoma Cemetery. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Mrs. Berry was born July 22, 1926 in Shattuck, OK. To Brannock and Isa Dodson. She attended Oklahoma Christian Women's College and Panhandle A&M. She loved reading, traveling and painting, but most of all she cherished spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. One of her passions was the Garden Flower club. She was a member of the Texhoma United Methodist church for over 50 years.

Survivors include: her husband of 58 years, Ted A. Berry of the home; two sons, Ted Andrew Berry II "Andy" and wife, Lenora of Texhoma and Joe Brannock Berry and wife Mary Oralia of San Antonio; one daughter, Barbara Anne Berry of Albuquerque, NM; three grandchildren. Andrew Lee Berry and wife, Amanda, Levi Austin Berry and wife, Jesse and Ace Taggart Berry and wife, Amy, all of Texhoma; six great-grandchildren, Kelton, Olin, Daisy, Emily, Jane and Jacqueline; cousin, C.B. Dodson and other family members and friends.

The family suggest memorials be to the Texhoma Public Library, Texhoma, OK 73949 or the Texhoma United Methodist Church, Texhoma, OK 73949.

4-H Fishin' and Fun Camp News
By Susie Spurlock

4-H Fishin' and Fun Overnight Camp and Fishing Tournament will be held at Greenbelt Lake on June 11 & 12, 2007, starting with registration at 1:00 p.m. June 11th.

The goal of the program is to introduce kids to the life long sport of fishing. Those registered will be involved in basic fishing classes on boat and water safety, knot tying, and casting, skin cancer, and outdoor animal dangers. In addition, participants may enter the fishing tournament.

This fun activity is for the beginning and the expert angler. Registration fee is \$20.00 per person. Each participant is asked to bring their own tents and necessities. Meals, snacks, and program supplies will be provided.

For more information, contact the Sherman County Extension office for specific tournament rules and registration materials. Pre-registration is due on line via 4-H Connect no later than May 25th. For information, forms, and access to 4-H Connect go to: <http://amarillo.tamu.edu/programs/4h>

SAFETY FAIR THURSDAY, MAY 3
By Susie Spurlock

Mary Allen Elementary students grade K-4 will be participating in the Safety Fair on Thursday, May 3rd at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford. Students will learn about fire safety in the home, water safety, safety around strangers, bicycle safety, safety with electricity, and safety with small animals.

Students in grades Kindergarten and First Grade will attend the fair from 9:45 am until 11:30 am. Second and Third graders will be attending the fair from 12:45 p.m. until 2:25 p.m. Fourth grade students will be attending three sessions of the fair beginning at 1:30 p.m. Parents of elementary students are invited to attend the fair with their child.

Cooperative agencies participating include Stratford Fire Department, Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative, Texas Department of Public Safety, National Park Service, Modern Woodman - Stratford Camp, Dr. John Killian, and Texas Cooperative Extension - Sherman County.

The Sherman County Family Living Committee of the Sherman County Extension Program Council is coordinating the educational event in cooperation with Mary Allen Elementary Principal, Misti McBryde. Members of the Stratford High School National Honor Society will be assisting with the fair as group chaperones. Laurie Spurlock has also assisted with the planning of the educational event.

The fair objectives are to help elementary students become more aware of home safety hazards, students will learn proper safety procedures in the event of an emergency, and they will become familiar with community emergency response equipment and personnel.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. For more information about the Safety Fair, contact Texas Cooperative Extension - Sherman County at 366-2122.

Sherman County 4-H to Compete at Rifle Contest
By Susie Spurlock

Twenty-five Sherman County 4-H members will be competing in the Panhandle District 4-H Rifle Match Saturday, May 5th at the Amarillo Rifle and Pistol Club's indoor range.

4-H members who will be competing are Seniors: Rustin Russell, Nathan White, Sunny Russell, Kaleb Horsford, Eric Burton, Zachary White, Tyler Gilliland and Luke Haile.

Intermediate contestants are Rowdy Lermon, Ransom Lermon, Natalie White, Cathryn Griffin, Rhyann Burton, Garrett Ely, Brooklyn Palmer, and Hunter Everett. Kavan Killian and Tyler Seward will also be competing.

Junior age contestants are Branson Palmer, Nathan Bennett, Ben Gilliland, Mary Ann Spurlock, Ty Hess, A. J. Riffe, and Monica White.

Coaches for the Sherman County 4-H teams are Lem Russell, David White, Sherwin Burton, Steve Myers, and Scott Buckles.

Good luck to all participants.



When the lapwing's nest is threatened, it limps and pretends to be hurt, and lures its enemies away.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Marty,

This is about Lillian Stiles, mother of Shirlyn (Christian) Smith's friends of Marilyn Shoemaker.

Their family was in Thanksgiving 2005. They all left that weekend for their homes. The mother got on her lawnmower, the dad was watching the football game on TV. Six pit bull/rottweiler, mixed breed dogs came into her yard, mauled her and killed her.

The door bell rang, the dad went to the door, a man was standing there, wanting him to come out to identify the lady in the yard. The only way he could recognize her was by her clothes.

He said later, "No spouse should ever have to see their loved one in that shape".

Lillian Stiles, the Non-profit organization, Texas Families against Dangerous Dogs, XFADD was created by her family and friends to change the laws in Texas so that dog owners can be held accountable for serious injuries or deaths cause by their dogs.

Lillian's family and friends were surprised to find that the laws in Texas do not, in many cases, hold the dog's owner responsible for injuries-even deaths-caused by their dogs. In general, dogs are allowed a "first bite" or free bit in Texas-even in the bite causes serious injury or death! For the safety of the citizens of Texas, this must be changed.

As of last week, a bill was voted unanimously in the House and sent over to the Senate last Thursday.

Those who are interested, can contact Kel Seliger, our Senator, and request he totally supports House Bill 1355.

Kel Seliger
Amarillo Office 806-374-8994
or Austin Office 512-463-131.

Thank you
Bernice Christian

PS We have lots of folks in Stratford who walk and work in their yards.

Dear Editor,

I've got another secret. Do you read the legal notices in the Star? You should.

In the April 19 issue a notice of the special election for the proposed Constitutional Amendment and on the ballot for Sherman County, Stratford/Texhoma "To Legalize the sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages in Sherman County". Please take notice of this community changing election. The petition was signed by 231 persons which is on file at the clerk's office. Is this progress? I don't think so.

The election day is May 12. Early voting begins Monday April 30 through Tuesday May 8. It is your choice VOTE.

Gaynelle Riffe

Sunday Afternoon May 6, 2007

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Coldwater Manor Board Room

Stratford Hospital District

Board of Directors

Invites you to a reception

Honoring Retiring Board

President

WAYNE SMITH

For his years of service.

We look forward to seeing you there to help us show our Appreciation.

You will be able to view your new ambulance as well.

Need a place to sit and visit with your friends that is off the beaten path, private and smoke-free? Check out the Poppy Shop located inside Let's Make Arrangements. There is lots of room, fresh coffee, tea and lemonade daily. Now featuring Bedre' Chocolates and popcorn. Stop in and try a bite-stay and enjoy the atmosphere!

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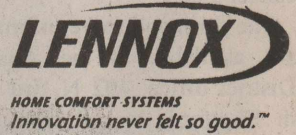
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Spurlock Receives Award

Laurie Spurlock received the Distinguished Service Award from the Amarillo Area Women's Forum April 21, 2007. Others receiving the award: Judy Flanders, Borger; Puff Niegos and Beverly Plank, Canyon; Olla Carter Johnson, Myrna Raffkin, Kathy Sheldon, Amarillo. The Luncheon program "Women Who Have Made History" was presented by Wanda Brice, Executive Director of the Women's Museum in Dallas. Twenty-four family and friends attended sharing this honor with Laurie.

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 Come have a burger before Opening Ceremonies for Stratford Youth Baseball at 5:30 p.m.
 Hamburger, Drink and Chips for \$5.00
 Your support of this fundraiser is appreciated

Kerrick News

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By Marylou McDaniel

There will be a Mother's Day dinner (May 13) at the Community Center. Hosts for the 1 p.m. event will be ?????? Bring a favorite dish or two and the family.



Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own.
 —Robert Heinlein

Cornelius Van de Steeg of Perry, Iowa, was a practicing lawyer until the age of 101.

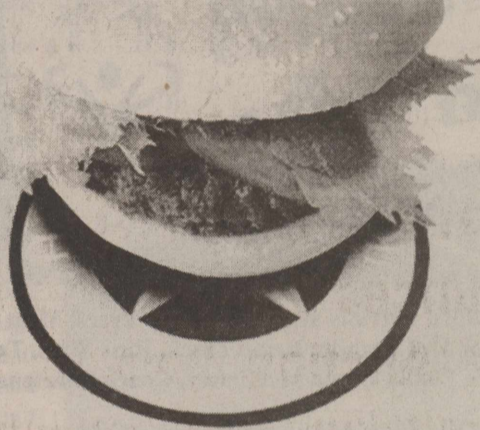
Chamber of Commerce Business Highlight

Smith Agency is the Business Highlight for the Month of May. Smith Agency is an independent insurance agency and has been in business for 40 years. It is owned by Miles Smith, Sharon Brown, and Wayne L. Smith. They are a full service independent insurance agency serving Stratford and Sherman County for 40 years. Their agency is licensed to do business in Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico. They specialize in all types of insurance; Auto, Home, Life, Health, Crop and all types of Commercial insurance. They offer products from five main line carriers: Allstate, Deerbrook, America-First, Beacon and Kemper. They also have several specialty companies that they write certain types of unique business with. "They said the advantage they offer to the consumer is that they are not a captive agency. They can market their clients business with several companies. That way they can provide the best coverage for the best premium. They can be reached at 806-396-2031/2379-319 N. Main-Stratford

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 SINEAD
 EVERETT**

Sinead Everett is a member of the Lady Elk Basketball and Track teams. She is also involved in UIL academics and a member of the Big Blue Band.

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

Father Aleksy Kowalski
 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
 702 N. 3rd
 Sun.—Coffee - 8:30 Sunday School - 9:30
 Worship Service - 10:30
 Wed. -Children—6:00, youth—7:00

La Mision Bautista

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

Miercoles (Wednesday)
 Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am
 & Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm
 Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
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Estudio Biblico
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The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

I Know...

I know that it is You, dear Lord,
 Who sings to me in the bird's sweet song.
 You are the fragrance of lush flowers,
 That spill their fragrance in the dawn.
 I know that it is your guiding hand
 That leads me down the path ahead.
 It is Your touch that tints the sky
 Into a fast expanse of crimson red.
 I know that it is Your loving smile,
 Hovering after the warm Spring rain.
 It fills the sky with a colorful glow,
 And brings forth fields of golden grain.
 I know it is You that fills the room,
 When I feel a presence vast and still.
 You are the purple mist that clings
 O'er the summit of a pine-crowned hill.
 I know You are standing near me, Lord,
 When the world has left me all alone.
 Your hand paints such pretty pictures,
 And Your voice sings such a lovely song!

Barbara Cagle Ray

Let us greet Him with a song of praise, joyfully sing out our psalms. Psalm 95:2

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 Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
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Pastor Roy Harris
 Community Building
 Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
 Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

Businesses:

**Don't get hit with a penalty!
 "Render" your taxable
 property Now!!**

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2006. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2007.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Sherman County Appraisal District
 402 N. 3rd
 Stratford, TX 79084
 (806) 366-5566

For more information, stop by your appraisal district and pick up

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"

Or contact:

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn
 Property Tax Division
 P.O. Box 13528
 Austin, TX 78711-3528
 or call: 1-800-252-9121

or on the Web at:

www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html

A public service announcement courtesy of this newspaper.



"400 years of Jamestown Week of the Young Child
By Gaynelle Riffe

The Imagination Station recreated the Settlement of Jamestown in 1607 for pre-K through 2nd grade April 24, 26. The settlers first landed in Jamestown on May 13, 1607.

Tuesday was all about Indians; the story of Pocahontas; planting and grinding corn; animal skins; hunting with bow & arrows; tasting berries; opening oysters. Thursday was all about the settlers: the story from Elizabeth's diary; what would you take on the boat; tools/ building a house; black powder gun (did you know an Indian could shoot 5 arrows before a gun could be reloaded?) glass blowing, weaving, games; trading; archeology dig.

Volunteer Adults: Ann Wells, Barbara Chumley, Cindy Jackson, Laurie Spurlock, Gaynelle Riffe. Kerry Bell demonstrated his black powder gun and was a great hit. Persons furnishing articles for the exhibit: The skins, Texas Parks A Wildlife in Dumas; the Schoonover tent; Turkey and elk hide, Steve Pemberton; deer statue Betty Hamrick; tools, Joe Flores, Leonda Fedric and James Spurlock; WTAMU, glass blowing pipe and pictures; loom, Stratford School Art Dept.; grain/coffee mill, and toys Yvonne Pittman; tripod and pot. Boy Scouts.



The Imagination Station-Week of the Young Child "400 years of Jamestown" April 24, 26, 28 Stratford Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1 and 2 grade learned about the Indians on Tuesday, the settlers of Jamestown on Thursday and a dinner with the settler was held on Saturday night. Schools from Plainview/Griggs and Dalhart also attended.



The Stratford Patriots 400 Meter Relay placed 1st with their best time of 1:10.34. The relay consists of Danton Sutterfield, Steven Kimbrell, Wade Plunk and Brian Zinck.

Stratford Patriots Compete In Hereford

Our Special Olympic athletes brought home several medals at the track meet held in Hereford on April 21, 2007.

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Brian Zinck— | 100 Meter dash | 3 rd |
| | 400 Meter relay | 1 st |
| | Softball throw | 3 rd |
| Seth Kimbrell— | 50 M. Wheelchair Slalom | 1 st |
| | Tennis ball throw | 1 ST |
| Steven Kimbrell— | 100 Meter dash | 1 st |
| | 400 Meter relay | 1 st |
| | Softball throw | 2 nd |
| Linda McKinney— | 50 Meter dash | 2 nd |
| | Tennis ball throw | 1 st |
| Tyler Pickens— | 100 Meter dash | 3 rd |
| | Softball throw | 4 th |
| Wade Plunk— | 100 Meter dash | 4 th |
| | 400 Meter relay | 1 st |
| | Shot Put | 2 nd |
| Matt Powers— | 400 Meter race walk | 2 nd |
| | Shot put | 1 st |
| Ross Sims— | 100 Meter dash | 3 rd |
| | Softball throw. | 4 th |
| Danton Sutterfield— | 100 Meter dash | 1 st |
| | 400 Meter relay | 1 st |
| | Running long jump | 2 nd |

These Athletes did a wonderful job and had a great time. Congratulations Stratford Patriots!! And thank you Stratford for your continued support to make these trips possible.



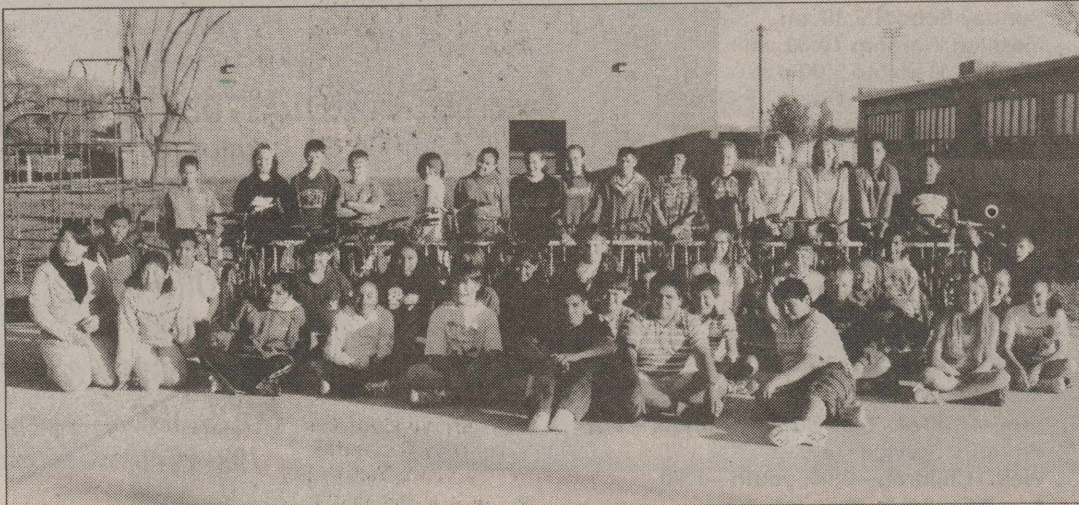
Shown above Stratford Patriots at the Hereford Track Meet from left Matt Powers, Coaches Michele Swart & Carol McLaughlin, Brian Zinck, Ross Sims, Tyler Pickens, Danton Sutterfield, Steven Kimbrell, Wade Plunk, Linda McKinney, Coach Sharlene Kimbrell, and Seth Kimbrell.

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Earth Day Recognized by 5th and 6th Grade

In recognition of Earth Day, 5th and 6th grade science students were challenged to come to school on Friday using no gasoline. Many Earth friendly students walked, rode bikes and even rollerbladed to school. These students were to pack a lunch that contained little or no trash. Of the trash that was collected, the students separated the trash into recyclable and nonrecyclable piles.



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Texhoma Main Street Park

By Carmen Harland

Texhoma's Iris Garden Club accepted a new responsibility in March from the Town of Texhoma. The Town of Texhoma has been mowing Main Street Park for the past few years; however, this park was in extreme need of care. Its junipers were grossly overgrown; native buffalo grass was gone, leaving only weeds to grow. Almost even tree in the park was damaged by the ice storm this past winter.

We knew we had to come up with an extensive plan. We began by contacting a representative from each of the following organizations:

Texhoma's Chamber of Commerce, City Council, OK & Texas Side Schools, Rotary, and the boy & girl scouts. Representatives met in early March to determine our objectives for the park and the project time-lines.

A native Texhoman, Brent Wooten, owner of Baughman Co. of Wichita, Kansas was contacted by the Iris Garden Club and asked to assist with planning a park that would meet the needs of all citizens of Texhoma and the surrounding area. Brent sent Landscape Architect, Brandon Boydston, to us to listen to citizen input.

From this luncheon/planning session Brandon was able to determine the projects the community needed to pursue for the park: playground, picnic area, large covered meeting area, etc.

He brought with him a Google-Earth enlargement of the park area, which is located between our Texhoma High School Athletic Facilities and the baseball fields and swimming pool. Texhoma School Athletic Director, Steve Neptune, also informed us that a new track was being considered in the future which might take away part of the park. Brandon did a rough measurement of the park and nearby practice field/track and returned to Wichita to design Texhoma's New Main Street Park.

In cooperation with Jack Strain, our Texas County Commissioner, and the men of the Texas County Highway Department, the park is evolving gradually into our vision of what this park should be for our community. The county highway department removed all overgrowth and poorly placed and damaged trees and hauled away all debris. We need additional help. The Town of Texhoma does not have any funds to renovate the park. We certainly would appreciate any help organizations or individuals may choose to give to Texhoma's Iris Garden Club for this worthy project that will benefit Texhoma and area residents. Our first area of concentration will be renovation of existing playground equipment and the construction of covered play decks with slides, rock walls and tire swing.

The Iris Garden Club recently received a matching grant from the J.B. Riffe Fund for \$1,000.00 for this park project.



Texhoma's community leaders: David Thrasher, Boy Scouts, Mel Yates, rotary Club and Texhoma, TX. School, Ashley & Brandon Boydston, Baughman Co. of Wichita, Kansas, Carmen Harland, Iris Garden Club Member, Grace Schafer, NW Dist. Garden Club President, Carol Beck and Sue Fleming, Gamma Theta Sorority. Other contributing ideas and assistance to the Main Street Park Project were Monte Stump-Texhoma Volunteer Fire Fighters, Trent Bolin-Town of Texhoma, Jack Strain-Texas Co. Commissioner, John Nye and Gwenna Strain-Modern Woodman Insurance, Eric Smith-Texhoma, OK Schools, Steve Neptune-THS Athletic Director and Tim Wagner-Texhoma Chamber of Commerce.



Before and After

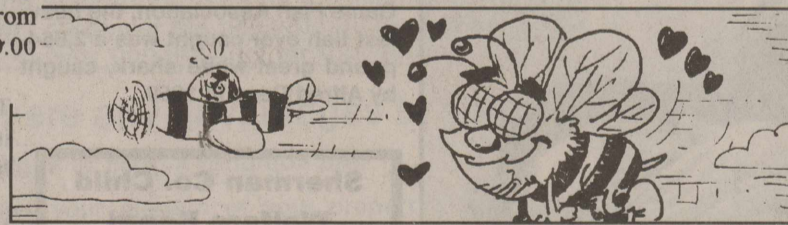


Loadin' up!

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.

We should be taught not to wait for inspiration to start a thing. Action always generates inspiration. Inspiration seldom generates action.
—Frank Tibolt



The smallest plane ever flown is the Bumble Bee Two, designed and built by Robert H. Starr of Arizona. It was 8 feet 10 inches long with a wingspan of 5 feet 6 inches.

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- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. dried thyme
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil, divided
- 1/2 cup dairy sour cream

Mix first 8 ingredients in medium bowl. Form into 8 oval patties. Heat 2 Tbsp. oil in a nonstick skillet over medium heat. Cook until golden, turning once (4-5 minutes). Drain on paper towels. Serve pancakes with a dollop of sour cream.

June is Dairy Month, and to celebrate the occasion, NFRA created a \$7,500 Sweepstakes. For contest dates, official rules and an entry form, visit www.EasyHomeMeals.com.

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Elementary Students Are Invited to Participate in Annual Water Conservation Artwork Contest

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grade students who live in North Plains Groundwater Conservation District are invited to participate in the annual Water Conservation Artwork Contest. Students can earn cash prizes for their winning artwork, as well as have their artwork featured in the water conservation calendar provided free to the public by North Plains Water District each year. Students may use any medium that they choose for their pictures, which should be bright and colorful depictions of ways that people can practice water conservation. Please encourage any child who is fourth, fifth or sixth grade to participate and learn more about water conservation. The guidelines for the contest, as well as the entry form to be attached to the artwork can be found on the North Plains Water District website at: www.npwwd.org Students may mail in their artwork or bring it by the NPWD office at 603 East 1st Street in Dumas.

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 apariencia 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.



An Irish cow, Big Bertha, lived to the record age of 48 before her death in 1993. In addition, she gave birth to a record 39 calves.

Tina Duke at MAE. Children helping children is the focus of our project.

Monday the high school G/T students took a Field Trip to the Moore County Courthouse. Driver's Education Test will be on Thursday and the National Honor Society will assist at Mary Allen Elementary for the day. Friday is a snow day, so we will be out of school. The Big Blue Band will leave Friday morning on the band trip and return late Monday. Have fun, Band!

Quote of the week: "How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it!" - Safety & Wellness newsletter.

Tips On Trips Safety Checklist

(NAPS)—If you're ready for a road trip, following a few common tips can help you get to your destination safely.

- Check your tires for air pressure, tread and wear before leaving—and don't forget your spare tire.
- Look under the hood and inspect the belts and hoses for possible wear and check that all of



For a safe trip, tune up your car and don't forget to take refreshing pit stops. Some travel centers offer food, gas, gifts and wireless internet connection (Wi-Fi).

your fluids—brake fluid, transmission and power steering—are at proper levels. If not, top them off.

• Don't forget pit stops for the driver. Regular stops for coffee, food and rest are vital. You can also use the break to check your e-mail at locations that offer Internet access. For example, TravelCenters of America (TA) locations offer a wide variety of food options, snacks, beverages and wireless Internet service (or Wi-Fi) so you can check e-mail and be sure everything is okay at work or home—even get a better set of driving directions.

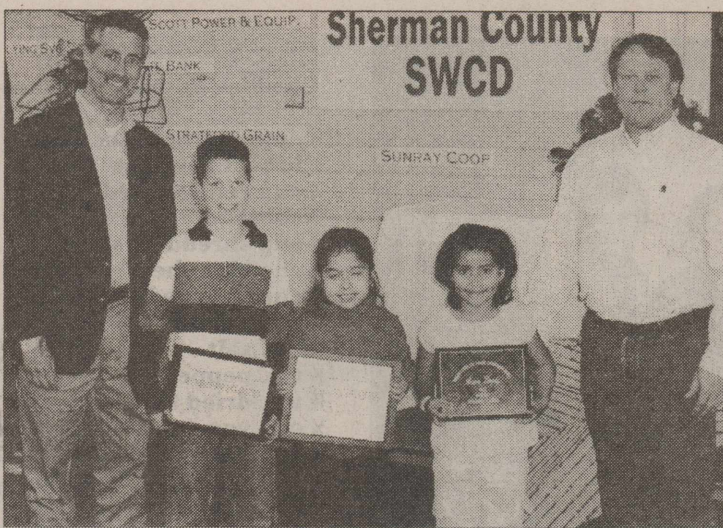
To learn more about travel center locations and Wi-Fi access, visit www.tatravelcenters.com.

The shortest answer is doing.
—Lord Herbert



Representative Mac Thornberry attends local Banquet

The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District held its Stewardship/Awards Banquet on April 13, 2007. United States Representative Mac Thornberry was the featured speaker. Awards were given to students at Mary Allen Elementary School and Stratford Junior High School for their efforts in the annual Coloring and Poster Contests. Approximately 110 people turned out to hear Rep. Thornberry as he spoke about upcoming agriculture legislation and answered questions on various topics. The District Board of Directors, consisting of Roger Wells, chairman; Scott Buckles, vice chairman, Tom Moore, secretary and members Tommy Sangster and Mark Hartman want to thank the many business in Sherman County who supported them in putting on this banquet. These include: Vincent Insurance, Happy State Bank, Sunray Co-Op, Stratford Grain, Scott Power & Equipment, First State Bank, Stratford Flying Service, Panhandle Implement, Duncan Chevrolet and Gustin Equipment. They also want to thank Acquisitions and Let's Make Arrangements for help with the decorations and Lynn and Kathy Allen for a great meal.



US Representative Mac Thornberry is shown here with the Coloring Contest winners from left, Russell Spurlock, Natalia Naive and Sonia Lopez. Also shown is board member Scott Buckles.



US Representative Mac Thornberry is shown with Poster Contest winners, Mazie Vincent, Desinya Garza, and Taylor Wright - 1st place. Also with the winners is Board Member Scott Buckles.

Book Fair @ the Library

The Sherman County Public Library will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair to help raise money for the library's summer reading project and to purchase books as reading prizes. The "Fair" will be held on the following dates: May 14th, Monday: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; May 15th, Tuesday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; May 16th, Wednesday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; May 17th, Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and May 18th, Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Volunteers Needed

The Sherman County Public Library is in need of volunteers for the Summer Reading Program. Four people are needed specifically to be in charge of one (1) program each for the months of June and July and others to assist with the programs. There will be an organizational meeting on May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the library. If you are interested in helping with this project, contact Sandy at 366-2200 or come by and visit. High school students, this is also a great opportunity to use this educational activity as your community service project for college applications.

Soon silence will have passed into legend. Man has turned his back on silence.

—Jean Arp

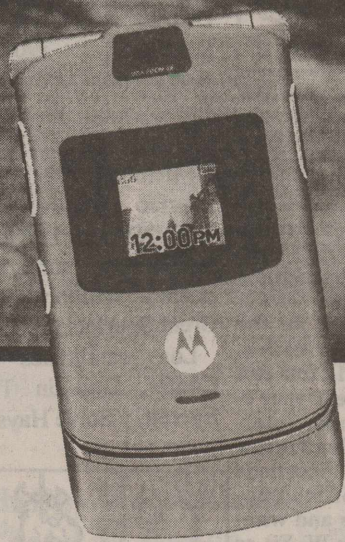
It is time that financial types developed a greater tolerance for imprecision, because that's the way the world is.

—John C. Burton

ATTENTION CITIZENS:

This is a reminder that the green dumpsters in the alley are for yard waste only. Do not dispose of tree limbs, bushes, trash, etc. in these containers. If non-compliance continues, the containers will be relocated.

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Cards of Thanks

Salvation Army would like to say "Thank You" to all of the individuals for their donations to assist the Cactus and Etter tornado victims. We provided baby food, formula, diapers, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toiletries, and some toys and games. We would also like to thank First State Bank for their generous donation and Longs Ben Franklin and Moore's Food Pride for giving a discount on our purchases. Please remember when you donate to the Salvation Army Stratford branch it stays at home. Thank you again and keep praying for those who lost so much. Sincerely,
Laura Smith

Ken and I want to say a Big Thank You to all of you that made our Amarillo weekend so great. You are so thoughtful. God Bless.
Ken and Linda

Thank you to the Volunteer Community Responders. You have been and will continue to be a joy and blessing to work alongside. Your dedication to your community is exceptional. I along with all the other first responders appreciate what an asset your organization will be to our community. Thank you for the wonderful gifts of the watch and paintings. As was said on the card... "It has been a ride!" Let's keep on riding together.
Sandy Williams

WE WILL NOT FORGET

Your friendship has meant the world to us during the loss of our Georgia. You have caringly touched our lives with telephone calls, food, cards and visits of support. The care that the doctors, nurses and friends gave her will never be forgotten. The words of comfort at the service. The beautiful flowers and plants you sent have brightened our days. The enduring light that is Georgia will never be diminished by time and we are so glad that a measure of a person's life is not about the number of days they lived, but by the number of lives they touched. We are so blessed to have each one of you in our lives. Sincerely.

Michael, Jeff & Belynda
Shawna, Julie & Jimmy
Brent & Heika,
Grandchildren and Great Grandbabies

Thank you so much for all the phone calls, the cards you sent, the visits you've made, the food you've brought, and most of all for the prayers on my behalf. I'm finally on the road to recovery and will be well soon. It's great to live in a town like ours.
Wm Glenn Hart

Inspirations never go in for long engagements; they demand immediate marriage to action.
—Brendan Francis



Although today the process is purely decorative, it is believed that ears were originally pierced in a ceremony to let demons out of a person's head.



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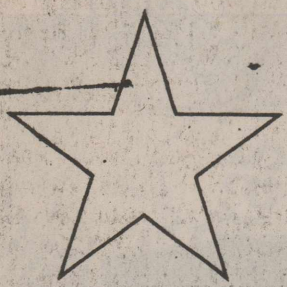
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REDUCED: 3-Bdrm, 1 3/4 bath on large corner lot, 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Call 366-2153 for appointment.
10-21-tfn

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath- 2 3/4 bath, CH/A detached garage, Big back yard with storage building. Close to school 366-2401.
5-5-tfn

House For Sale: 3 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, 2718 Sq. Ft., New Central Air, Large Living Room, Den/Sun room, Gorgeous Rock Fire Place, Storm Cellar, Big Bath Room with Jacuzzi Tub, Amazing Storage, Close to Schools, Call 396-5320 after 5:00. Will show by appointment only.
3-1-tfn

For Sale: Country Living, 15 miles from Stratford. 25 from Dalhart, 4000 plus living, 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, formal dining, oak flooring, basement, 40 x 50 insulated shop. All rooms extra large. Call 366-3233 for appointment.
3-29-c See pictures @ Shermancountytx.org

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER- \$38,710. Owner motivated for quick sale! Bring all offers! 819 N. 2nd St., 2 story stucco house, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 5 lots on corner, has attached garage and 3 detached garages, basement. Call 806-930-8555 for appointment.
9-11-2-tfn

House for Sale: 1214 Division St. Stratford, Texas 1/2 block from Mary Allen Elementary School. Great neighborhood, brick, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, game room, remodeled-open kitchen to family/dining, central air, rock fireplace with fenced in back yard. Selling for appraised value. Call Carolyn Tarver 210 824 8451, 210 854 8924 or 806 396 5810
8-17-tfn

3 Bedroom, 2 full baths, office area. Some new floor. Corner lot with 2 big buildings. 601 S. Pearl. 806-674-3118 or 366-3431. Ask for Barry Smith.
2-1-tfn

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207 West Texas Ave -\$139,000 Commercial Building

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For Sale or Lease-Morten Building, 54' x 72' x 16. 396-2305.
6-22-tfn

For Sale: 2000 Mercury Grand Marquis LS 60,000 miles \$8500.00 1998 Super cab Ford (Black) Nice pickup \$7,000. Call 806-674-3118 and ask for Barry
3-15-tfn

Houses for Sale

206 N. 3rd-79,900.00 3/1.50/1 home. Kit. W/laundry bar & pantry. Living rm. W/fireplace. Mstr. Bdrm. W/walking rm. 1 car garage w/storage & 2 car carport. Storm cellar. Call Lindahl Realty 806-935-7300, 1-866-935-7300

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408 N. 8th-Stratford-\$95,000.00

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402 N. 8th-Stratford-\$29,500.00

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301 N. Poplar-Stratford-\$275,000.00

60 x 100 Commercial Building Showroom & Office

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9-21-c

Want to Purchase

Want to purchase small acreage with or without home. 20 mile radius of Cactus & Etter. Please call 254-445-0108 or 432-413-3694.
5-17-c

POINTERS FOR PARENTS

Baseball Fun Facts

(NAPS)—For many families, a scrapbook of memories can be traced back to America's pastime. Whether it's a youngster's first trip to the ballpark, a casual game of catch in the backyard, or Mom and Dad cheering in the stand for a game-winning hit, baseball serves as an essential backdrop to a lifetime of experiences.

The sport of baseball brings people together in a variety of ways, from gathering to watch the World Series to organizing a "rotisserie" team; from tailgating outside the stadium to engaging in trivia challenges. Here are a few questions that you might be able to knock out of the park:

1. Who is the only player to be voted World Series MVP and All-Star Game MVP in the same season? a. Steve Garvey; b. Terry Steinbach; c. Derek Jeter.

2. What is the "Pesky Pole"? a. the right-field foul pole in Fenway Park; b. any part of the stadium structure that blocks a fan's view; c. the flagpole flying the banner of whatever team is in last place.

3. In baseball terms, what is "rhubarb"? a. a player who digs up a mound of dirt as he slides; b. a grounder that kicks off one of the bases; c. an argument or brawl.

4. What sports commentator and lifetime .300 hitter wrote a book titled "I Ain't an Athlete, Lady..."? a. Bobby Murcer; b. John Kruk; c. Joe Morgan.

Answers

1. c. Jeter accomplished the feat in 2000.

2. a. Johnny Pesky was a light-hitting player for the Red Sox in the 1940s and 1950s—and later the team's manager. He only hit 17 home runs in his whole career, but several of them wrapped around the right-field foul pole—which is just 302 feet from home plate.

Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message). You can also drop them off at the shelter.

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

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide free food. AH of these dogs have had their shots, and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.



Baseball can be a great way to teach children about the universal values of friendship, teamwork and determination.

3. c. Part of the baseball vernacular since 1943, the term "rhubarb," referring to a commotion, actually dates back to noises made on stage by Elizabethan actors when they portrayed an angry mob.

4. b. After walking away from baseball in 1995, Kruk became a sports analyst, writer and actor. One of his latest projects is "The Sandlot: Heading Home," the DVD sequel to the beloved 1993 hit.

The film, which also stars Luke Perry and Danny Nucci, follows successful, arrogant baseball superstar Tommy "Santa" Santorelli as he travels back to 1976 and relives his boyhood days on the sandlot baseball team, this time choosing friendship over glory, and ultimately earning both. The backyard baseball story recruits the universal values of friendship, teamwork and determination, to weave an inspiring and relatable story for sports fans of all ages.

"The Sandlot: Heading Home" is available on DVD from Fox Home Entertainment. To learn more, visit www.foxhome.com.

From Birthdays to Bills: E-mail Alerts Help You Remember

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(NU) - Birthdays, anniversaries, work deadlines, due dates for bills — who could possibly remember it all?

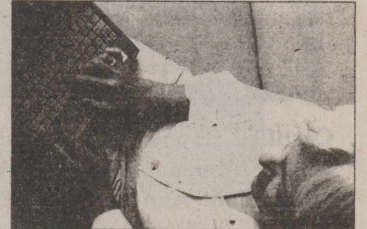
For people who have too much on their minds, e-mail alerts provide a convenient way of remembering some of the little details of daily life.

Online florists and greeting card companies will remind you of birthdays and special occasions. Utility companies will write to you when your payments are due. And some banks are offering alert services to help consumers manage and keep track of their finances.

"E-mail alerts give online bank consumers the next generation of convenience," says Lou Byfield, manager of online strategies for NetBank.

When it opened its virtual doors in 1996, NetBank was one of the first to ride the swelling wave of an Internet trend — online banking. Although it has no brick-and-mortar locations, it offers traditional banking services and some services not available at most conventional banks, like online interactive financial planning tools and the e-mailed reminders.

NetBank customers can ask the bank to send them an e-mail when their balances drop below



E-mail alerts from your bank help keep finances on track.

or exceed a certain amount, a debit or credit is made, a check clears or when a certificate of deposit is about to mature.

"Many of our customers have busy lives and prefer to manage their accounts only when it's necessary," Byfield says. "They need their account information delivered in a way that supports their lifestyle. Receiving e-mail alerts with the information they've requested allows a person to manage their money without having to log in to their accounts every day."

Institutions such as Bank of America and American Express also offer alert services. NetBank offers alerts for checking accounts, money market accounts, auto loans, mortgage loans and overdraft protection.

For more information, visit www.netbank.com.

Kitchen Corner

Know Your Onions

(NAPS)—Here are a few facts about onions you may find quite appealing:

• Onions are sodium-, fat- and cholesterol-free and provide dietary fiber, vitamin C, vitamin B6, potassium and other key nutrients.

• Research suggests onions contain generous amounts of a flavonoid called quercetin that may help guard against cataracts, cardiovascular disease and cancer. In addition, onions contain a variety of other naturally occurring chemicals known as organosulfur compounds linked to lowering blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

• Fresh yellow, red and white onions are available from March through August.

• Spring/summer onions have thin, light-colored skins. They also have a higher water content, which often gives them a sweeter, more mild flavor than storage onions (available August-April). Fresh onions are ideal for salads and other raw or lightly cooked dishes.

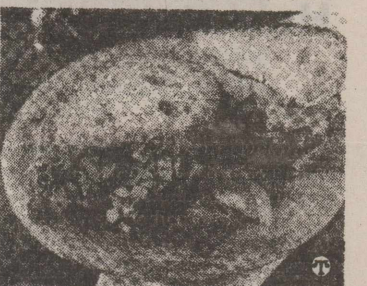
• To chop an onion without tears first, chill it for half an hour or so. Next, cut off the top and peel the outer layers, leaving the root end on until last.

• To remove the smell of onions from your hands or cooking equipment, rub them with lemon juice.

• Onions are known to have been cultivated for 5,000 years.

• One medium onion will yield about one cup of chopped onion.

A great way to enjoy onions is in a dish like this:



Sweet onions and dried cherries give ordinary chicken salad a tasteful twist.

Smoked Chicken Salad with Onions and Dried Cherries

- 4½ cups diced smoked chicken
- 1½ cups diced celery
- 2½ cups diced sweet onions
- 2½ cups dried tart cherries, chopped
- 1½ cups pecan pieces
- ½ cup basil, fresh minced
- 2 cups light mayonnaise
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper, ground
- 1 teaspoon orange zest
- 3 tablespoons fresh orange juice

Place all ingredients in mixing bowl, stir gently until well combined. Refrigerate until ready to prepare sandwiches. Makes 12 servings.

For more delicious and healthy recipes or additional onion information, visit the National Onion Association's Web site at www.onions-usa.org.

Breakthroughs Could Mean Healthy Future

(NAPS)—New types of medicines are helping doctors treat conditions ranging from blindness to cancer. In fact, in 2006 alone, the FDA approved 29 new medicines developed by American pharmaceutical and bio-research companies.

Here's a look at some breakthrough treatments on the horizon.

Cancer Treatments

Five new medicines were approved for the treatment of cancer, including a first-of-its-kind treatment for certain colorectal cancers. Medicines for a rare group of bone marrow diseases, leukemia and lymphoma were approved as well.

Diabetes And Blindness

As an increasing number of Americans are being diagnosed with diabetes, the FDA approved a new treatment for the condition. Additionally, a new medicine will be used to treat blindness in 2007.

New Vaccines

Four new vaccines were approved, including one for the prevention of influenza, one for the prevention of cervical cancer, one for a virus that attacks infants and children and one that prevents the reactivation of a common childhood virus.

A Healthy Future

According to the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), companies have more than 2,000 new drugs in their development pipelines.



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While these new drugs represent potentially lifesaving news for thousands, the cost of future breakthroughs remains high.

A report from the Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development found that the average research and development cost of an approved medicine is \$802 million. This represents a 250 percent cost increase from a decade ago.

Fortunately, groups are working to prevent these added costs from being passed on to consumers. For instance, the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) plan helps patients without access to prescription drug coverage get the medicines they need. Additionally, Medicare Part D could help millions of Americans access prescription drug benefits.

For more information, visit www.phrma.org.

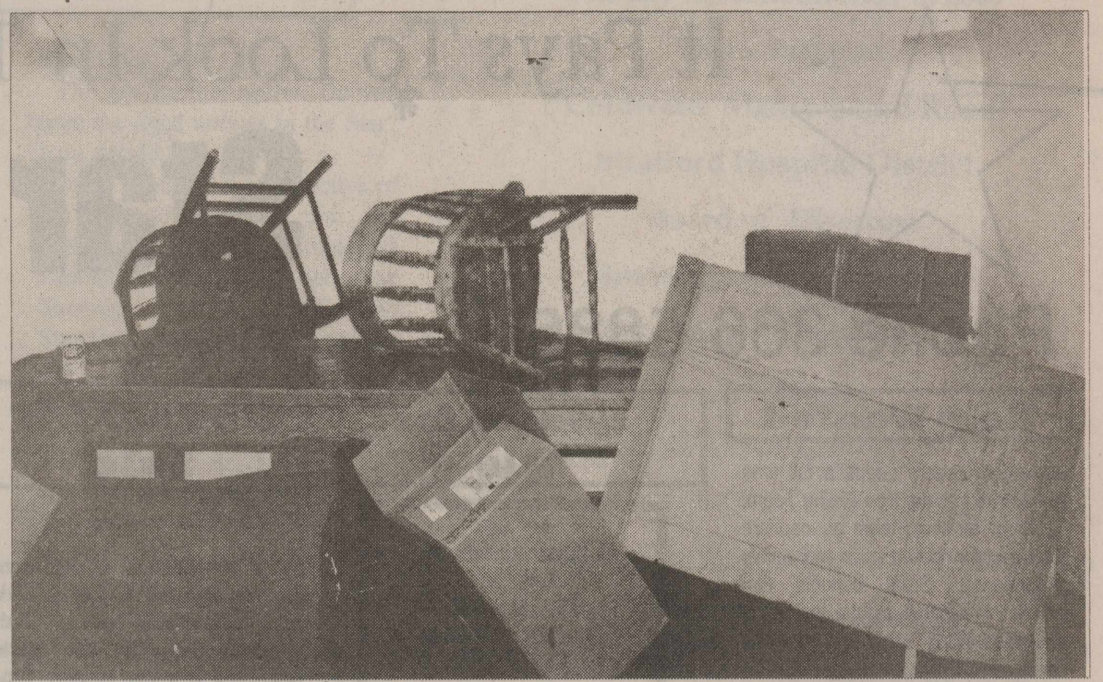


In 1995, students at Savannah College of Art in Tybee Island, GA completed a 76,726 square foot painting of Elvis Presley.

Mock Exercise Held



Certified responders are Michelle Lutes, Joan Palmer, Lynda Hauser, Karen Perrin, Ray Hauser, Kathie Altman, Belinda Roberts, Kay Aston, Kay Payne, Bobbie Strong, Ann Wells, Teresa Edmond, Marty Bain, Ann Johnson, Zelda Pickens and Karen Woolsey.



Volunteer Community Responders also known as Community Emergency Response Team along with Stratford and Sherman County first responders conducted a mock exercise Saturday, April 28, 2007. The mock disaster was a collapse of the Sherman County Courthouse.



Sandy Williams being interviewed by Teri Teig, The Busy Body reporter.



Getting ready to enter the collapsed courthouse at the Mock Exercise held on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 2 p.m.



Mock Exercise Held Saturday

Volunteer Community Responders also known as Community Emergency Response Team along with Stratford and Sherman County first responders conducted a mock exercise Saturday, April 28, 2007. The mock disaster was a collapse of the Sherman County Courthouse. CERT team members who conducted damage assessment, search and rescue, medical triage and treatment operations were assisted by members of the Stratford Fire Department and Stratford EMS. Sherman County Sheriff Jack Haile provided courthouse security and Stratford Police Department provided traffic control. The three CERT teams who were assigned duties by the CERT Incident Command searched two floors of the courthouse for victims, triaged and provided medical treatment to 5 victims.

Following the mock disaster exercise, everyone involved met at the Stratford Fire Station for graduation and issue of Certificates of Completion of the CERT Team Training to the Volunteer Community Responders. Judge Terri Carter commended the CERT team and expressed how fortunate our community is to have such an organization.

We ended the day with a hamburger cookout. Brown's Meat Locker provided the hamburger patties for the meal, which was cooked by Joe Rangel. A big thanks to Joe for his help and good cooking.

The Volunteer Community Responders who meet at the Stratford Fire Station have been training since September 2006 to be prepared to assist local first responders in the event a disaster occurs. They have been trained in Incident Command System, search and rescue, damage assessment, utilities shut-off, first aid, victim psychology, and record keeping. Training was provided by members of the Stratford Fire Department, Stratford EMS, Sherman County Sheriff Department, Stratford Police Department and Sherman County Emergency Management and Sherman County Judge Terri Carter.

Sherman County Emergency Management received a grant of \$4,500.00 from Texas Association of Regional Councils Citizens Corps for equipment and training of the Community Emergency Responders. Funds from this grant purchased backpacks with small hand tools, gloves, goggles, flashlights and handbook for 25 volunteers and larger kits containing search and rescue and medical supplies.

The next time you see one of the team members, show your appreciation and thanks for their dedication to their community. The CERT Volunteer Community Responders are: Bobbie Strong, Kay Payne, Ray Hauser, Lynda Hauser, Ann Wells, Joan Palmer, Karen Perrin, Kay Aston, Michelle Lutes, Kathie Altman, Belinda Roberts, Teresa Edmond, Marty Bain, Ann Johnson, Zelda Pickens and Karen Woolsey. Anyone wishing to volunteer is welcome. There is always room for another volunteer.

A special thank you to the volunteer victims: Sheila and Colton Lanning, Joli Hauser, Jacob Mariscal and David Tweedy, you all did a great job. Thank you Marty Robertson of the Stratford Star and Teri Tieg who did a great job representing a live news channel. Thanks to Sandy Tillery for filming.

MARY ALLEN STUDENTS ARE WALKING ACROSS TEXAS

Mary Allen Elementary Students are Walking Across Texas as part of their physical education class this spring. Students began the walk the week of March 19th.

As of April 30th, the student body has traveled 3,340 miles!!! Students participating in the program will be recognized at the Mary Allen Awards Assembly on May 25th.

Congratulations Students!!!

Ozark Trail BBQ Cook-off May 5th

Estelline would like to welcome everyone to attend the Ozark Trail BBQ cook-off on May 5th to benefit Child Protective Services in our region.

There will be live music Friday and Saturday. Saturday there will be a giant slide for kids, face painting, hair streaking, and temporary Tattoos, and a dummy roping, and many other activities for kids of all ages.

The festivities will kick off with team's registration on Friday at noon.

Music on Friday will begin at 4:00 pm, consisting of: "Slightly 420'd", Northwest Texas Swing Band at 6:00 pm, and to cap the night off; Memphis' own Blues Boy Willie playing at 8:00 pm.

There will be a cook's appreciation dinner on Friday night, beginning at 7:00 pm for all the cooks entered in the competition at the Old Post Office (North End of the square off HWY 287).

Saturday will begin the cook-off with; Registration continuing at 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Head Cook meeting will begin at 9:00 am. Chicken judging at 12:00 Noon. Ribs judging at 2:00 pm. Brisket judging at 4:00 pm.

Awards from all three categories will be presented at 5:30 pm.

Music for Saturday will include: "The Josh Weathers Band" "Slightly 420'd" "Rusty and Bunky" "Chancey Bernson" And others.

This cook-off event will be sanctioned by Lone Star BBQ Association.

For full details and rules visit our website at: www.ozarktrailbbq.com (where you can also enter online.) or Janie Farnsworth @ 806-259-3068



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