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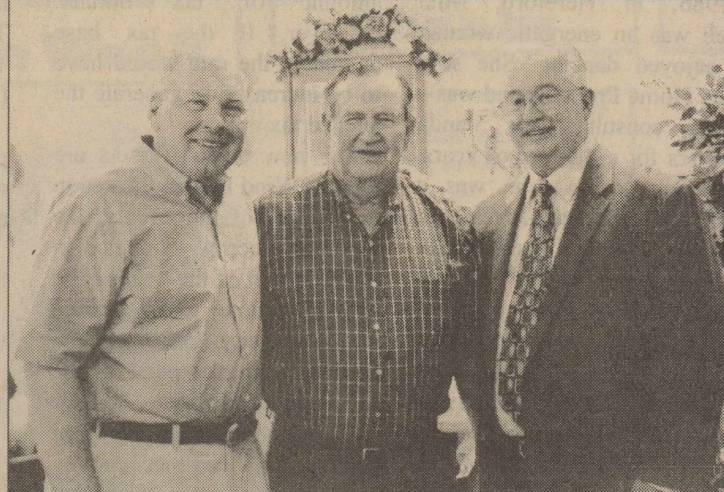
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New Business In Stratford

Beverlyn Lasley & Nikki Robinson-offering flowers, plants & gifts with a "personal touch".
309 N. Main-366-3577
Photo & Cutline by Gaynelle Riffe



Wayne Smith Honored

Wayne Smith (shown at right) was honored with a Reception for his years of service as a Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors on Sunday, May 6, 2007. Shown with Wayne are Kenton Kimball, present board member and new board member Billy Bell. Folks also got to view the new ambulance.

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 Trayler. Holdover members are Joe Reinart, Barney Willborn, Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock and Greg Wright.

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

Election de Fideicomisario 12 de mayo de 2007

El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Stratford tendra una eleccion 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

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

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

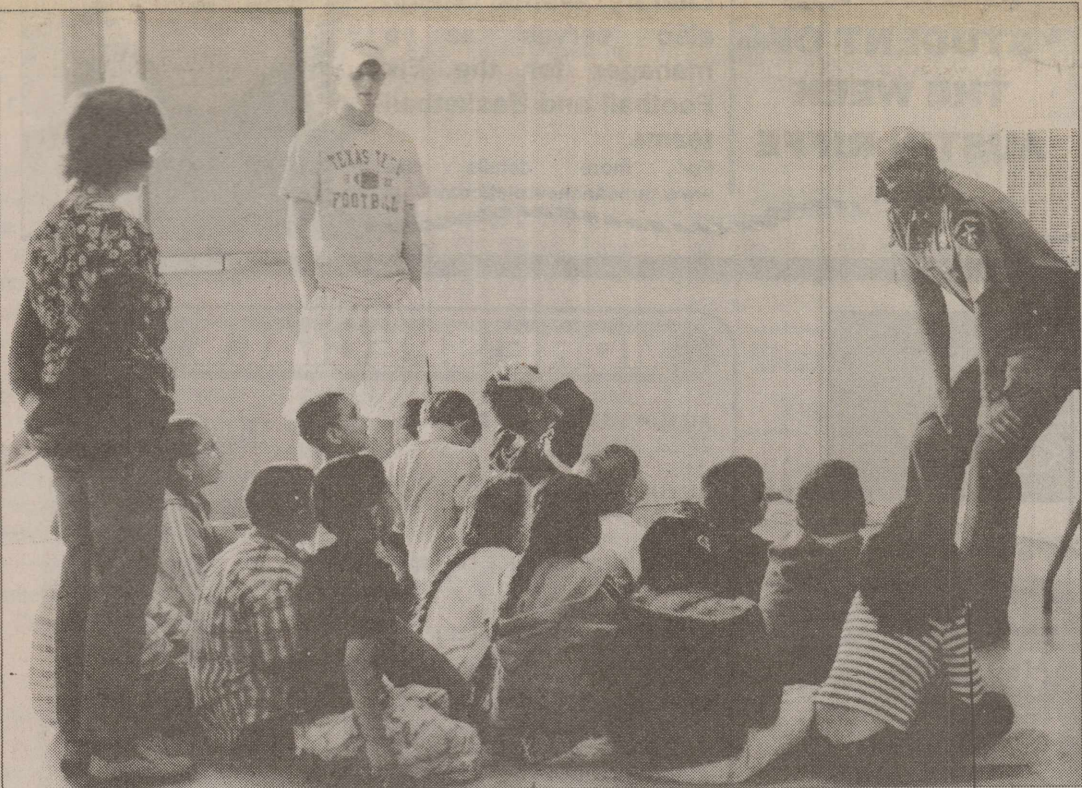


Spring Band Concert Held

The Spring Band Concert featuring the 6th grade band, Jr. High Band and Big Blue Band was held Tuesday, May 1 at the SHS Gym. Many past band members were also present as this was the last concert for retiring Band Director Randy Hunsaker.

VOTE

Attention Citizens of Stratford-Watch out for Rattlesnakes, they are in town
A little girl was bitten on Sunday, May 6th inside the city limits. Sometimes we forget (myself included) that they do reside with us. Please take extra caution!



Safety Fair Held Thursday, May 3

The Stratford High School National Honor Society students helped Mary Allen Elementary students grade K-4 at the Safety Fair held Thursday, May 3, 2007 at the Sherman County Barn. Shown above National Honor Society member Brant Cummings with the 1st grade students.

ELECTION MAY 12

Congressman Thornberry Announces Disaster Recovery Centers for Tulia and Cactus

WASHINGTON
Congressman Mac Thornberry today announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has opened Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in Tulia and Cactus to serve those who lost homes or businesses as a result of the storms and deadly tornadoes that have recently devastated communities across Texas.

"I have been getting daily reports from both Tulia and Cactus," said Congressman Thornberry. "While it is gratifying that the state and federal governments responded so quickly to these disasters I give

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Stratford Ex-Student Reunion July 27-28

By Gaynelle Riffe
The Stratford Ex-Student notices will be mailed by the Stratford Education Foundation this week. We will be ready to get returned mail on those we have no current address. We will try to mail one more time for corrected addresses so if you have a current change of address, please contact B. A. Donelson or Gaynelle Riffe. The Jamboree will be held during the Ex-Student Reunion week-end. The honored classes (ending with a seven) are invited to have a float in the parade on Saturday.

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.

VOTE

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.

Upcoming election on Saturday, May 12th
In addition to School Board election, Sherman County residents will be voting for or against the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed drinks.
Your vote on this issue is very important
Please come out & Vote!

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

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

Elk Summer Basketball
Will Host a
Hamburger Feed
In the park on
Monday, May 14th
5:00 p.m.—7 p.m.
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

Violet Chisum
Roberson Russell

OBITS

James Foster Lowe

James Foster Lowe, 74, of Amarillo, formerly of Stratford died Friday, May 4, 2007.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in South Georgia Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Miller, pastor officiating. Graveside services and burial were at 2 p.m. in Stratford Cemetery in Stratford with the Rev. Rodney Ray Roberson, chaplain of Conway Human Development Center, Conway, Ark., officiating. Flag detail was by American Legion Post no. 224 of Dumas. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Mr. Lowe was born Aug. 19, 1932, in Dalhart to Bill and Madge Lowe who resided at that time in Gruver. In 1946, he moved to Stratford and graduated from Stratford High School in 1953. After graduation, he joined the Army and served two years in Germany. Returning to Stratford, he was employed by Consumer's and drove a school bus for the Stratford School District. On Aug. 3, 1969, he married Luzelle Roberson in Stratford and acquired five children. He was a loving and caring husband and father until his death. He always had a smile and was loved by everyone who touched his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Glendon Lowe.

Survivors include his wife, Luzelle; two sons, Gary Roberson and wife Peggy of Sapulpa, Okla. and the Rev. Rodney Ray Roberson and wife Stacey of Conway; three daughters, Kaye Gunkel and husband Dennis, Gaye McKinney and Melody

French and husband Gary, all of Amarillo; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family gives special thanks to all the people who cared for him at the Amarillo Diagnostic Clinic, the VA Hospital and BSA Hospital.

The family suggests memorials be to South Georgia Baptist Church Building Fund, 5209 S. Georgia St., Amarillo, TX 79110. Visitation will be at 10 a.m. until

Violet Chisum Roberson Russell, 88, of Amarillo died Monday, April 9, 2007.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday April 12, 2007 in Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Ave Chapel, 5400 S. Bell St., with the Rev. Jeff Raines of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mrs. Russell was born Aug. 14, 1918, in Willow, Okla., to Thomas and Oveta Chisum. She married Melvin Russell on June 2, 1986, in Hereford. Mrs. Russell was an energetic woman who enjoyed dancing. She sold Stanley Home Products and was a cosmetic consultant for Vanda Cosmetics for a number of years. In addition to this she was a member of First Baptist Church, the Senior Citizens Association, the Order of the Eastern Star, AE Shirley 986, Royal Neighbors of America and Bluebonnets.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Oveta Chisum; her first husband, Robbie Roberson; her second husband, Melvin Russell in 2003; a sister, Viola Parker; and a brother, Virgil Chisum.

Survivors include a sister, Velma Blake and husband Homer of Stratford; two nephews, Tom Blake and wife Wanda of Streetman and Mike Chisum and wife Rita of Russellville, Ark., a niece, Anita Chisum Pierce of San Antonio; and 20 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Sherman County taxpayers should be aware that several new industries are planned or already built in the county. They will increase our tax base tremendously.

As you know the tax base times the tax rate computes to tax dollars. If the tax base increases, the tax rate can be decreased to generate the same amount of tax dollars. However, if the tax base decreases the rate would have to be increased to generate the needed tax dollars.

The new taxable assets are the, JD Wind Farms, located in the E part of the county; the new dairy complex located in the S/W part of the county; the proposed motel to be located within the city limits; and the proposed ethanol plant in the N/W part of the county.

JD Wind Farms: No firm figures have been forth coming from the valuation firm that works for the Appraisal District on commercial property.

The new Dairy complex in the southwest part of the county, now under construction, will certainly add to the tax base.

The proposed motel will give the city a much needed increased real property tax base, plus, more hotel/motel sales tax, etc. All the other new industries are out of the city and will generate no city taxes.

The proposed ethanol plant will be a big booster. My estimates are based upon the 2006 tax year rates and a ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR (\$100,000,000) additional tax base. My estimates are based on the actual dollars generated-not the tax base figures.

Sherman County would receive THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,800,000) over a ten year period; The Hospital District would receive TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,300,000) over a ten year period; The City would receive almost TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200,000)

generated from new homes. These combined tax dollar totals equal SIX MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,200,000) over a ten year period.

The Stratford ISD (Or the state??) would receive TWENTY SIX MILLION (\$26,000,000) +, for the next ten years. This levy is not included in the previously mentioned SIX MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,200,000) TOTAL.

This new tax money could possibly decrease your taxes, if not it would probably prolong an increase.

The estimates given here are SOLELY mine.

Les Dodson

Dear Readers,

A community changing vote on Saturday, May 12. Will Stratford be more prosperous as a watering hole, wet county? Just as the lottery? Gambling was to fix the school financing, will beer halls improve the community?

I think it interesting that I have not heard any publicity on either side of the issue. "Let sleeping dogs lie" wake them up and they might bite! It is your choice. VOTE. MAY 12.

Gaynelle Riffe

To Sherman County residents: There have been no secrets. The article was published back the beginning of November. It ran for two (2) weeks under the Legal Notices. The petition

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Ion Foot Spa
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211 N. Main
396-7673

The Board of Trustees of Stratford Independent School District
Cordially invite you to attend a retirement reception honoring

Judy Drake
Terri Teig
Steve Haynes
Randy Hunsaker

Sunday, May 20, 2007
1:30PM-2:30PM
Stratford High School Cafeteria

Don't Forget to Vote!
Blake Confer
Candidate for
SISD Trustee

I would appreciate your support on Saturday, May 12, 2007

Pd. Pol. Ad Pd. For by Blake Confer, P.O. Box 1191, Stratford, TX 79084

Austin is a member of the Big Blue band. He is also active in the one-act play and UIL Literary events. Austin also serves as a manager for the Elk Football and Basketball teams.

For more details see www.duncanchevrolet.com



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DUNCAN
CHEVROLET
STUDENT OF
THE WEEK
AUSTIN RIFFE

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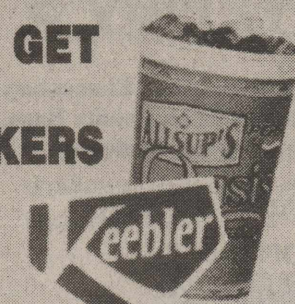
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- COMBO NO. 3 BBQ SANDWICH & 32 OZ. TALLSUP \$1.99
- COMBO NO. 4 HOMESTYLE POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP \$2.69
- COMBO NO. 5 SPICY POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP \$2.69

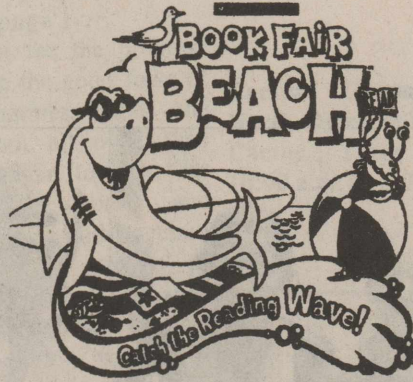
- COMBO NO. 6 3 TAMALES, HOWLERS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP \$2.59
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Greg Winn In Concert

Singer/Saxophonist/Songwriter Greg Winn from Tulsa, OK will be ministering in music at Assembly God on May 20, 2007. He has worked with such artists as the Katina's, Dottie Rambo, Reba and Dony Rambo/McGuire, Russ Taff, Mike Purkey, The Imperials, BeBe and CeCe Winans and many more. Service time is 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 921 N. Fulton.



Where: Sherman County Public Library
When: Monday, May 14: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday, May 15-17: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday, May 18: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
For More Details Call the Library at 366-2200

HAPPY STATE BANK HAMBURGER FEED RESCHEDULED

Happy State Bank has rescheduled their Annual Hamburger Feed originally scheduled for May 18, 2007.

You will still be able to enjoy a delicious free meal later on this summer, so keep an eye out for the new date.

We have rescheduled so everyone can attend the **DUNCAN CHEVROLET 40th ANIVERSARY CELEBRATION!!**

Happy State Bank

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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!

**THE POPPY SHOP
INSIDE LMA
211 N. MAIN**

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: 9:00 a.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

Domingo—(Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

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Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am
& Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm

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The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Jesus Cares for Us

Does Jesus care when the dawn appears
And all seems to go awry;
When we think the sun will fill the day
But dark clouds bedim the eye...
The clouds of doubt and of weariness,
The clouds of despair and grief;
Desertion of friends and family,
The loneliness these things leave?
Does Jesus care when the night shades fall
On days that are long and hard?
Does He look on us with pitying eye
And enfold us in His arms?
Does Jesus care? Oh, yes, He cares;
His heart is touched with our trials.
No matter what hardships we must bear,
He cares for us all the while.

Loise Pinkerton Fritz

Casting all your cares upon Him; for He careth for you.
1 Peter 5:7

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Pastor Roberto Frescas

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Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.

Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.

Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

Kerrick Community

Church

Pastor Roy Harris

Community Building

Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

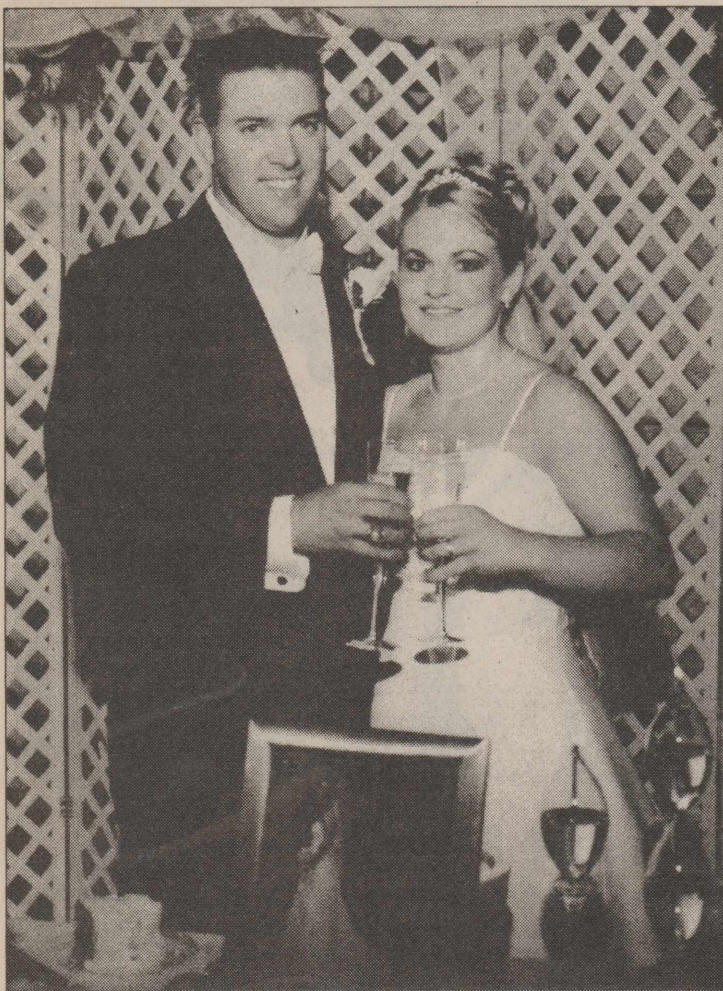
Remember-Mother's Day lunch Sunday at the Community Center at 1 p.m.

Greensburg, KS. was the town that we often stopped for lunch, about half way between Kerrick and Junction City, KS. Where my parents lived. Also on the way to Missouri via highway 54. Our heart goes out to all.

Brady, Trisha, Reed, Rett & Rese Schoonover attended the activities at Guymon Saturday.

Mike McDaniel had day surgery Monday on his pacemaker/defibrillator in Amarillo.

Jo June McDaniel was hostess to members of XI Epsilon Iota Thursday, May 3. Attending were Charlene Oquin, Jean Everett, Elizabeth Zimmer, Joyce Lowe, and Elizabeth Sanders.



Vows Exchanged

Joli Beth Barrett of Canyon and Dean Ray Hauser of Stratford were married Saturday, March 31, at the First Christian Church in Stratford. The Reverend Duane DeWald officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Brenda Barrett of Canyon. Grandparents of the bride are Caroline and James Dietz and Joyce Patching, whom attended the wedding, and the late Landon Barrett and the late Bob Patching.

Groom's parents are Ray and Lynda Hauser of Stratford. Grandmother of the groom is Marcelle Sutton, who attended the wedding, and the late Frank Sutton and the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hauser.

Matron of honor was Jenny Vincent, sister of the bride. Bridal attendant was Shonda Weise.

Best man was Justin Crownover. Groom's attendant was Neal Hauser, brother of the groom.

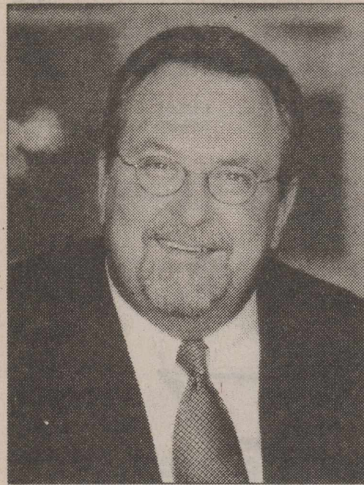
Flower girls were Darcy and Joleigh Bonds. Ring bearers were Ryan and Tate Bartley. Ushers were Jason Schickedanz and Kendall Bonds, friends of the groom, Sage Vincent and Geoffery Weise, brothers-in-law of the bride, and Chad Dietz, cousin of the bride.

Special music was provided by Greg Wright, Nina Lavake, Rolene Arkon, and Marihoward Engelbrecht.

The bride is a graduate of Canyon High School. She attends West Texas A&M University and is studying nursing. She is employed by Baptist St. Anthony Hospital.

The groom is a graduate of Stratford High School. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Ag systems management. He is employed by First State Bank of Stratford.

Following a honeymoon trip to Colorado Springs, CO, the couple will reside in Stratford.



Kelly Forehand

Kelly Forehand CHS Hall of Fame 2007

Editors Note: The following article is about Kelly Forehand, son-in-law of Les and Joyce Dodson. He recently was inducted into the Canyon High School Hall of Fame. He is married to Brenda.

The character and integrity of a man is written for others to read, not in books, but in the life he chooses to live...in spite of the circumstances or challenges. This year's CHS Hall of Fame inductee has written a beautiful story with his life and leaves a living legacy for all who know him. When times are good he gives the credit to God and others; when times are tough, he praises God and lives his life as a model of patience and perseverance—a testimony of his faith and fortitude. If you've ever wondered why bad things happen to good people; you'll understand today that what seemed like an insurmountable tragedy—one that many would have let define their lives and limits—becoming bitter and blaming; for this man proved to be an obstacle to overcome and a reason to be a better man.

Kelly Forehand grew up in Canyon with wonderful parents and two special sisters, Vicki and Kim. As a student at Canyon High School, Kelly excelled in

academics, was loved by his teachers and peers—being elected Mr. CHS, and a truly gifted athlete. His high school coach said that Kelly was one of the best linemen in the state and had a future at the collegiate level. But Kelly's life and future plans changed one Friday night in the fall of 1974 during a game with Caprock. A hit, an injury, devastating news, and a wheelchair. While some would have used this tragic event as an excuse to give up or give in,

Kelly chose to live a life that was not defined by an accident, but a life that he defined.

Kelly graduated that year with his CHS class and continued his education receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration in business management and finance from West Texas State University in 1980. Kelly worked for Merrill Lynch for 20 years rising through the ranks as a financial advisor, vice-president, and as the Director of the entire West Texas Complex from El Paso to Amarillo. He currently serves as Senior Vice President and Senior Trust Officer with Happy State Bank.

Kelly serves his family, his community, and his church. Kelly serves on a number of boards and associations, including the Canyon ISD School Board for 9 years, as president in his final term.

Kelly...that is what is on the official pages of the book you have written with your life so far... but I consider myself one of the many living pages upon which you have written your life... you have made an enormous and eternal difference in the lives of so many. Here are just a few of the many comments from the pages of Kelly's book...

From his colleagues...

Kathy McKaskle

Vice President, Trust Officer said... I have had the opportunity to work with Kelly for approx. 5 years in the Trust Department at

Happy State Bank. One is quick to realize Kelly has devoted his life to God, the importance of education and inspiring others to achieve beyond what they thought themselves capable of. I have learned so many things from Kelly but the three things that stand out the most are:

1. I never have a bad day.
2. Opportunities are everywhere and in everything.
3. Never buy wine in a box.

Paul Boston

Vice President & Trust

Investment Officer said...

I have worked with Kelly for 1 1/2 years, but have known him professionally for over 20 years. He is a key reason that I am at Happy Bank today. His positive attitude and gregarious nature make for a winning combination, and would be high enough praise by itself. However, Kelly is more than that... He is a man who cares about others' needs before his own; whose energetic love of life is both awesome and inspiring; whose love of God comes first.

He motivates others to greatness and has shown the way by his perseverance in the face of difficulties both small and large. Accolades and recognition are due this man for what he has allowed God to make of him, and I will be the first to stand and clap!

Jim Burrows Trust Department

I have worked with Kelly for the last 7 years and not only consider him an excellent employer but a close friend. Kelly is a devoted Christian who cares about the well being of everyone around him. His optimism and genuine personality is an inspiration to all who know him. I would also like to add that his wonderful sense of humor brings pleasure to everyone around him.

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2007-2008 Jr. High Cheerleaders

The 2007-2008 Jr. High Cheerleaders are 8th graders kneeling from left: Tori Rouse, Monica King, Shannon Maiwald, Perla Rueda. 7th graders standing from left: Meghan Brooks, Alex Asher, Cheyenne Acker, Haydee Rojas, & Kaylee Mungia.

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circulated for 60 days. Got 233 signatures. It may be a community changing election, maybe for the better for Sherman Co. The Tax revenue alone that goes out of the county could do a lot of good right here, not to mention new business. Maybe it is time for Stratford to grow. We need to promote new business. What happens to buying local when the revenue goes out of this county. Thank about it. Suppose you go to another city to buy your drink of choice. Then to the store for something to go with that mixer before you head back you might as well have a bite to eat and then while your there save a penny or 2 on gas. That's four (4) business that could have had a sale right here alone. Not to mention keeping a few drunk drivers that have run out of something and need to make a run to get more off the Hwys. Early voting is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. County Clerks office. It started April 30 until May 8th with Election Day May 12. Keep the revenue here in Sherman County. Boost our Economy VOTE YES.

Some interesting facts:
Beer/Wine/Liquor Sales
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Dumas 65%
Pampa 11%

The first column is the town/city that sells the alcohol. The second column shows the portion of that city's alcohol sales that were purchased by someone in the 79084 zip code. As you can see a lot of money goes to outlying counties for the purchase of alcoholic beverages but it does not stop here. For example: you drive to Dumas for your beer
Gas for the round trip \$10.00
Eat dinner out \$30.00 (2 people)
Buy groceries \$100.00
Beer \$10.00
Grand Total \$150.00
What if you decide to drink a beer on the way home \$250 for a DWI or the loss of your license or worse, a car wreck?
Vote Saturday

Angela Harbour



Banknotes issued by hundreds of banks were used as money in the United States during the early and mid-1800s, known as the Wildcat Period of American banking.

New York Times Best Sellers @ Your Library

By Sandy Baskin, Librarian

Fiction

1. Simple Genius by David Baldacci
2. The Woods by Harlan Coben
- 3.1 Heard That Song Before by Mary Higgins Clark
4. Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult
5. Back on Blossom Street by Debbie Macomber
6. Fresh Disasters by Stuart Woods
7. The River Knows by Amanda Quick
8. Obsession by Jonathan Kellerman
9. The Land of Mango Sunsets by Dorothea Benton Frank
10. Whitethorn Woods by Maeve Binchy
11. For One More Day by Mitch Albom
12. Step on a Crack by James Patterson
13. Laced by Carol Higgins Clark
14. The Alibi Man by Tami Hoag
15. Sisters by Danielle Steel
16. The Marriage Game by Fern Michaels
17. Obsession by Karen Robards
18. The Quilter's Homecoming by Jennifer Chiaverini
19. The Double Bind by Chris Bohjalian
20. Hot Stuff by Janet Evanovich

Non-Fiction

1. Einstein by Walter Isaacson
- 2.1 Feel Bad About My Neck by Nora Ephron
3. Grace Eventually by Anne Lamott
4. The Audacity of Hope by Barack Obama
5. The World Is Flat by Thomas L. Friedman
6. In An Instant by Lee and Bob Woodruff
7. Marley & Me by John Grogan
8. Carved in Sand by Cathryn Jakobson
9. The Looming Tower by Lawrence Wright
10. The Measure of a Man by Sidney Poitier
11. Blink by Michael Gladwell
12. 90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper
13. Night by Elie Wiesel
14. The Freedom Writers Diary The Freedom Writers with Erin Gruwell
15. The Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell
16. Mayflower by Nathaniel Philbrick
17. The Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan
18. 1776 by David McCullough
19. Tuesdays With Morrie by Mitch Albom
20. A Death in Belmont by Sebastian Junger

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.

Contemplation often makes life miserable. We should act more, think less, and stop watching ourselves live.

—Nicolas de Chamfort



Justo Lamas Concert May 15

Pictured here are members of the Justo team that will do the preparations for his concert at the Globe News Center in Amarillo. Some of the group will perform a dance on stage with Justo during the concert. Shown l-r bottom to top: Alex Martinez, Trenda Maiwald, LaRissa Luna, Sierra Valenzuela, Gerry Garay, Jennie Spurlock, Anne Brooks, Jordan Confer, April Peregrino, Anna Torres, Kristen Crabtree, Kelsey Stein. Not pictured: Brooke Barnard, Tiffni Drake, Margarita Rocha, Deborah Molina, Joey Reta, and Becky Rosales.

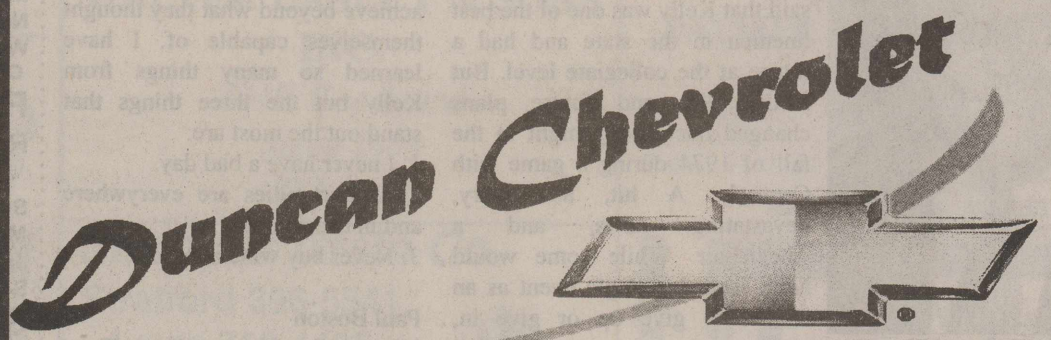
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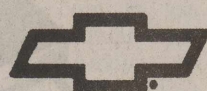
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ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

Kristen Crabtree and Justin Lanning are students of the week at Stratford High School.

The Big Blue Band returned from their trip on Monday night. The FHA picnic was held on Tuesday. Several exams will be given this week. They include the AP Calculus Test, Geometry Credit by Examination, Spanish Credit by Examination, and World History performance test. Thursday activities include the G/T Field Trip to the Discovery Center and the Band Banquet. Student Council Elections will be held on Friday.

The first hour high school ESL class is working on the final edition of the Elk Express which will be a special edition to salute the seniors of 2007.

The second hour ESL classes are continuing the computer program, *Reading Coach*, to improve their reading and writing skills.

The junior high ESL class will be updating a poster in the hallway to give an account of the historical events in US history for each day in May.

Mrs. Brownlee's 5th grade classes have been busy working on their math project in the computer lab.

It was a short week last week, so I don't have many Elk Tales. Maybe we'll have more to report next week.

Quote of the week: "Butterflies and little children seem to understand the main purpose in life is to live with joy!" - Gail Marsh

Disaster Recovery

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the real credit for the progress made so far to the good folks of those communities, and the volunteers from all over, who immediately began to clean up and rebuild the homes and businesses in Tulia and Cactus. I also appreciate the support of Governor Perry and Senators Cornyn and Hutchison; together we will work with the Administration to assist the victims of the Tulia and Cactus area tornadoes."

Locations and hours of operation of the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) are:

Tulia City Hall
127 SW 2nd Street
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Spurlock Entertains Settlers

Mary Ann Spurlock as "Elizabeth" from Jamestown, entertaining The Imagination Station Settlers at dinner April 28. Settlers were served oysters on the half shell, pumpkin soup, fresh wild greens with blueberries, venison, elk, smoked turkey, beans, corn, fresh berry cobbler with (later American, Ice Cream).

Prospectus Study Club

By Marylou McDaniel

Want someone else to do the cooking for something special or "just Cause"? GFWC/Prospectus Study Club will feature a recipe each week for the next seven weeks. Beginning May 9 a special chocolate cake will be available; May 16 is King Ranch Casserole; May 23 Brown Sugar pound cake; May 30 Cookies of choice; June 6 Breakfast Casserole; June 13 Ice Cream; June 20 Buttermilk Pie.

Any other dishes may be ordered. Phone 769-4453 and leave name and phone number and call will be returned.

Money made from this project goes to the several community projects of the club.

Cindy Jackson, club president, conducted the busy meeting May 2 at Sherman County Library.

Club will deliver Meals on Wheels during the month of July. Linda Swain is chairman.

There will be a new club cookbook out later this summer.

The Old Timer celebration is set for July 28.

Two graduating seniors were awarded scholarships. They will be given the night of graduation.

Present were Cindy Jackson, Margaret Reed, La Veil Haggard, Joyce Hart, Dorothy Haile, Mattie Baskin, Barbara Haile, Laurie Spurlock, Marylou McDaniel, Marty Bain, Sandy Baskin, Michelle Lutes, Jill Killian, Ann Johnson.



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

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

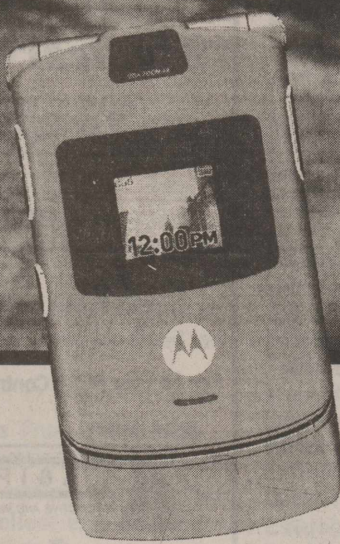
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Property Tax Division
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From Niki Chamberlain:
I've been Kelly's assistant since January of this year. In the short time I've worked for Kelly, I have learned a lot about what kind of man he is. His sense of humor and outlook on life keeps everyone's spirits up and there is always laughter. He is encouraging to me both professionally as well as spiritually. He is generous and caring, and God has truly blessed him with wisdom and prowess.

From his family...
Brenda (his wife): Being married to Kelly is like being on a 27-year adventure. He's interested in everything and everyone. Learning is his passion. I guess that's what makes him such a good teacher. I could write volumes on what I have learned from Kelly, but I'll only mention a few. This one he sings: "Life's a dance you learn as you go.

Sometimes you lead and sometimes you follow." Or, "To be an over-comer—fake it until you make it." And "It's your choice—be a victim or a victor." His patience is amazing. Without question, the greatest lesson I've learned from Kelly is that the divine gift of prayer given to us by Jesus Christ is miraculous—

not only because it is answered, but it is miraculous because it is heard. And the adventure goes on —
Johnny (his son): My dad is always telling me he knows everything. I'm 21 now, and, even though I know he doesn't, I let him think he does. He's a great Dad.

Rana (his niece, 6-years-old, pronounced Raina): I love my Uncle Kelly. He is funny and fuzzy.

Vicki (sister): I always think of Kelly as "the Great Protector." When we were little kids, he protected me from grasshoppers and horny toads; as we got older, he protected me from mean girls in the neighborhood; as teenagers, he warned me about certain boys and what they were up to; in high school, he protected me from the embarrassing sophomore initiations and told me how to "handle" the teachers. He continues to protect me in my adult life and career, and, if I'm lucky, he always will.

Kim (sister): Being a nurse and a caregiver gives me a unique insight into Kelly and the challenges he faces everyday. I know how easy it would be for Kelly to be dependent on his family and friends. He could sit back and let the world take care of him, but that's not his way. I remember after Kelly came home from rehab in Houston, he decided to see if he could make his bed. He just about wore the carpet out going back and forth around the bed, but he got that bed made up. Maybe he didn't make hospital corners, and you couldn't bounce a quarter off of it. But that bed was made up and he didn't ask anyone for help. That's the Kelly I have come to know and love more than I think he knows. Kelly approaches every area of his life with this same drive and determination.

From your Dad, Roy:
Whenever Kelly was in first grade, Mr. Hinger and Mr. Brotherton came to visit his mother and me. They said that even at the young age of 6, Kelly had leadership abilities that they had never seen in one so young. We tried to make sure he was a positive leader. I've observed his leadership abilities all through his life. He makes me proud.

From Sandy:
In the 19 years that I have known Kelly, his optimism and faith in God have stood out most in my mind. Disability is not in his vocabulary. He forges ahead in new endeavors with optimism and gusto. I'm sure that Kelly would give God the glory and credit for any positive attributes that he possesses. I admire him very much and look forward to many more years as friends.

From friends...
Coach Ron Mills was Kelly's coach at CHS and is here for Kelly today. When I spoke with him this week he said that in his entire 36 years of coaching he never had any athlete who more deserved the life's fighting heart award. He said after the accident, when the doctors told Kelly all the things he would never do; Kelly rose up to define himself by what he could and would do. Coach Mills said that when he would get down and discouraged, it was Kelly who encouraged him. "He is just such a good man and he stands taller than anyone I know."

And, Coach Mills, Kelly shared with his family and others that he believes that in your coaching of football, you taught him everything he needed to live life the way he does now. In Kelly's words, "He's such a gentle man."

From: Garre LaGrone
From "starting first grade together", to Cub Scouts, to Kids Inc. Football, to a million Jr. High and High School memories, to being on the field with him that night in October of 1974... hardly a day goes by that I don't think of Kelly and what a tremendous inspiration he has been in my life. He is a true role model and Christian example of faith, perseverance and encouragement to me.

"Romans 8:28 says "God causes all things to work together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purposes." Thank you Kelly for having such a huge impact on my life... God has used you in a mighty way! I love you!

From Bob Splawn:
I have been blessed to know Kelly for over 30 years. I have known him as a fellow Canyon High Eagle, a fellow West Texas A & M Buff and as a person who cares so much about the young people of our community. But most importantly, I know him as a friend.

He has inspired me by demonstrating through his life, that when hard things are put in your way, they are put there not to stop you, but to call out your courage and strength. Also, he has often inspired me to get out of the way when he is flying down the hall in a motorized chair that has been clocked by police radar reaching speeds in excess of 90 MPH.

As Canyon High School Eagles we know this verse...
We'll spend our lives in serving, For she has taught us how. So here's our pledge, we'll give our best For Canyon High School now.

For Kelly, this has been more than a school song. It has been his life. He has spent and continues to spend his life in serving. He has given his best for Canyon High School in the past and continues to do so now.
So, Kelly, it is an honor to know you, to have been your babysitter on occasion, to have worked with you. You are a magnificent person and truly worthy of this honor.
Eagles, please join me in welcoming Kelly Forehand, Class of 1975

Childhood Investments Can Build Nest Egg for Later in Life

(NU) - One way for kids to learn about investing is by doing it themselves, and mutual funds can be an excellent way to start.

While most funds require a minimum investment of \$5,000 or more, the minimum initial investment in some funds could be as low as \$250 or \$1,000, making the idea of investing more welcoming for kids.

"Investing early in life is important — not only does it give young investors a head start in building a nest egg for a first home, a college education or retirement, but it also creates good investing habits," said David Kathman, fund analyst for investment research firm Morningstar Inc.

When helping kids invest in funds, keep things simple. Focus on stock funds, rather than bond funds, as kids have long time horizons and can take on plenty of risk.

Large-cap stocks are a good option for kids, as they are more likely to hold stocks of companies with which kids are familiar.

Younger investors will usually have no need for sector funds or load funds. While some load funds have low minimum investment requirements, they



Derek Hager entered the Weekly Reader Contest and his entry has been chosen to be judged in the "What's So Funny" contest. We want to share it with our readers. Below is the letter that Derek has received on his entry.

Derrek Hager
PO Box 108
Stratford, TX 79084

April 11, 2007

Dear Derrek:

Thank you for sending your "What's So Funny" entry to KNOW YOUR WORLD EXTRA. I thought your entry about that tough biker riding the girl's bike was very funny. Keep up the great work! Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Jessica Livingston
Associate Editor

Derrek's caption read "Here Comes Santa Clause, Here Comes Santa Clause."

Peanutty Trail Mix Bars

- 1 1/2 cups whole grain flake cereal
- 1 cup whole grain "O" shaped cereal
- 1/2 cup chopped dry-roasted peanuts
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- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/2 cup packed golden brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons peanut butter

In a medium bowl, stir together cereals, peanuts and dried fruit. Combine honey, brown sugar and peanut butter in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Pour over cereal mixture and stir until well coated. With back of oiled spoon, press mixture into lightly greased 8-inch square pan. Cool. Cut into 9 pieces.

Serving size: 1 piece
For more fun facts and healthful recipes, visit www.nationalpeanutboard.org.



The standard wine bottle holds about three quarters of liter.

Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.
—Berthold Auerbach

A painter paints pictures on canvas. But musicians paint their pictures on silence.
—Leopold Stokowski

Consumer

(NU) - As consumers fill up their gas tanks, they may want to consider conservation efforts. According to Mammoth Resource Partners Inc., a Kentucky-based oil and gas exploration company, there are signs that the world's oil production is peaking. Peak oil occurs when half of an oil field's reserves have been extracted, which means it will begin to progressively yield less oil with every passing year until nothing is left. For more information, visit www.mammothresource.com.

Food and Wine

(NU) - Like Americans, Australians also share a genuine passion for barbecuing. While the folks down under are reaching for their "shrimp on the barbie," they also tend to reach for their favorite glass of wine — which is often a Shiraz, the hallmark grape of Australia. It has a rich fruit character and seems perfectly suited to take on any of the big, bold tastes coming off the grill. The Wyndham Estate winery, located in Australia's famed Hunter Valley winegrowing region, is known throughout the world as "the place where Australian Shiraz began." Wyndham Estate wines are available nationally and imported by Pernod Ricard USA.

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Health

(NU) - Whether in the sun for 10 minutes or 10 hours, it's essential to protect your skin wherever you go. Clothing that incorporates Ultra-violet Protection Factor into the fabric helps to block both UVA and UVB rays. For example, the Titanium Silver Ridge shirt by Columbia Sportswear (www.columbia.com) provides advanced UPF protection, cooling vents and moisture-wicking properties. And the UPF 30 Bora Bora Booney hat features a wide brim, plus quick-drying materials and a cool mesh upper panel. For more information on UPF apparel, visit www.columbia.com.

Home

(NU) - People know about dust mites in their beds and pet dander in their carpets, but they may be missing some other hot spots where allergens collect in their homes. "Allergen avoidance and reduction at home is critical to allergy control," says Mike Tringale, director of external affairs at the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. Top allergen hot spots include walls, closets, door jams and window sills. To help consumers control these allergen hot spots, Proctor & Gamble makes Swiffer Dusters and Febreze Allergen Reducer, which can trap and lock dust and dirt and remove many common household allergens.

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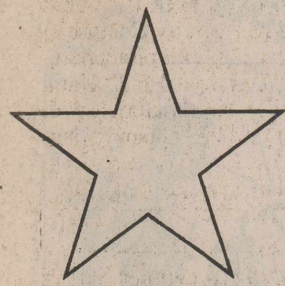
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Counter Sales person needed at A&I Parts in Stratford. Applicants must be dependable. Benefits include health insurance, vacation and holiday pay. Contact Jerry at 806-366-5592. We are an equal opportunity employer. 4-12-tfn

First United Methodist Church has an opening for position of Church Secretary. Hours 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday. Salary based on experience. Contact church office at 396-2178 and leave message 5-10-2xc

Help Wanted: Gas Compressor Mechanic, Call 620-626-5728 ask for Jim 5-24 4xs

Fax or mail resume to: Attention: AJB Job Order 42343310, ETA Case Number D-05222-99782, 700 North Pearl St. Suite 510, Dallas, Texas 75201
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Walter Lasley & Sons, Inc. PO Box 168, 14233 FM 119 Stratford, TX 79084. 5-24-c

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Office help wanted. Apply at Stratford Grain. 5-3-tfn

Houses for Sale

For Sale
2 Bdrm house across from Park
Priced to Sell
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4-12-tfn

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

For Sale: 614 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath- 2 1/2 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. 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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Cimarron Feeders needs a full time member to join the Pen Riding Team. Excellent facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Great benefits that include: Medical & Dental insurance as well as 401 K, vacation & bonuses. Questions? Call: Gary @ 580-543-6383 ext. 1646. Must pass physical and drug test. EOE 5-10-2xs

Houses for Sale

206 N. 3rd-79,900.00 3/1.50/1 home. Kit. W/leaving bar & pantry. Living rm. W/ fireplace. Mstr. Bdrm. W/ sitting 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 3/1 3/4/1 Home Call: Lindahl Realty (806) 935-7300 or 1-866-935-7300.

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Call: Lindahl Realty (806) 935-7300 or 1-866-935-7300. 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

Services

I will baby-sit in my home-801 N. Chestnut. Call Mandy at 366-3088. 5-3-3xs

Garage Sales

Big Moving Sale: Friday, May 11-611 N. Maple-4:00 to? Furniture, computer and computer desk and lots more! 5-10-c

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For Sale

Used Tire sale: Duncan Chevrolet 366-5557 7-28-tfn
For Sale or Lease-212 N. Poplar-40' x 60' office building. Call 806-679-5585 4-1-tfn

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

Let Study Club Bake for You

Are you needing a dessert for church or a graduation cake? Let us help you out. We will cook up whatever you need. Prospectus Study Club will be cooking for you over the next six weeks. Each week we will feature an item. This week's item is **Chocolate Cake**. This would be the cake they served at prom. If you would like one of these cakes or anything else please call Cindy Jackson at 769-4453 and we will fix you up.

VOTE

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.

Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank the community of Stratford for all of your support, donations and help. There have been lots of items and money donated that has allowed us to replace most of what was lost. For those of you who have inquired about additional or specific items needed we are still needing building materials to begin the reconstruction of our home. Inquiries can be made @ 1-806-396-5583 or see the list below. Thank you very much and God bless all of you.

Sincerely,
Angelina Lora

- 20-2x4 12 ft.
- 3-Rolls of Insulation
- 8-5/8 sheets of plywood
- 8-1/2 sheets of plywood
- 6-Bundles of shingles
- 1-4x8 sheet metal with grooves
- 1-5 lb. 2 1/2 box of screws
- 2-5 lb. boxes of nails for 2x4
- 2-5 lb. boxes of nails for shingles
- 2-5 lb. boxes of Flex caps nails
- 1-Roll of tar paper (200sf)
- 5-Boxes of tile

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
The annual report of the Earl N. and Conrad E. Riffe Memorial Scholarship Trust is available at the address noted below for inspection during normal business hours by any citizen who so request within 180 days after publication of this notice of its availability.
Earl N. and Conrad E. Riffe Memorial Scholarship Trust, The First State Bank of Stratford Trustee, 302 N. Main Street, Stratford, Texas.
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Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

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Ernie Maiwald-366-5546

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Cooking Corner

Now Is A Great Time To Update Your Pantry

(NAPS)—Having a pantry that is organized and well stocked with fresh ingredients is the key to preparing flavorful and delicious meals. So the next time you get the urge to clean the house from top to bottom, don't forget the kitchen—especially your pantry!

In a recent survey by the National Association of Professional Organizers, 81 percent of those surveyed said they planned to do a big yearly cleanup: Seventy-four percent said their motivation for cleaning was because they were tired of clutter.

Clutter doesn't just exist in obvious places such as a "junk" drawer in the kitchen. Take a look in your pantry—chances are that there are items that you have never used or haven't used in years.

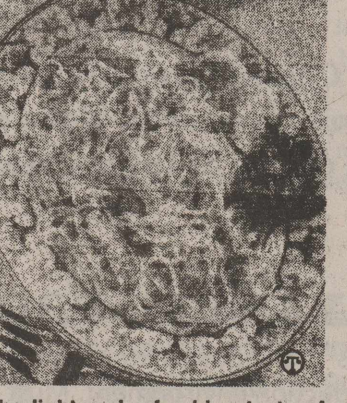
While pantry essentials don't have to be replenished as often as refrigerated ingredients, restocking those staples with fresh ones will help you to make flavorful dishes all year long.

If you don't know where to start—don't worry. Here is a list of five must-haves that are commonly found in many popular recipes and should be replaced when cleaning out the pantry:

- Broth
- Rice
- Olive Oil
- Dried spices
- Flour.

A great way to incorporate your new pantry staples is by making light, springtime dishes like Florentine Simmered Rice and Lemony Chicken Pasta Toss.

Florentine Simmered Rice starts with a base of Swanson® Chicken Broth and incorporates spinach, Italian seasoning and Parmesan cheese for a hearty side dish.



The light and refreshing taste of Lemony Chicken Pasta Toss is sure to wake up your taste buds!

Lemony Chicken Pasta Toss combines the savory flavors of lemon juice, Dijon-style mustard, garlic and parsley to make a sensational side your family will love. For more recipes and helpful cooking tips, visit www.swansonbroth.com.

Florentine Simmered Rice
Prep / Cook Time: 30 minutes
Serves: 4

Ingredients:
1 1/2 cups Swanson® Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness® or Certified Organic)
1 tspn. dried Italian seasoning
1/2 cup uncooked regular long-grain white rice
1 cup chopped spinach
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

Directions:
HEAT the broth in a 2-quart saucepan over medium-heat to a boil. Add Italian seasoning. STIR in the rice. Reduce the heat to low. Cover the saucepan and cook for 20 minutes or until the rice is tender and most of the liquid is absorbed. Add chopped spinach. STIR in grated Parmesan cheese before serving. Serve with additional cheese.

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Lemony Chicken Pasta Toss
Prep / Cook Time: 25 minutes
Serves: 4

Ingredients:
2 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 1/2 cups Swanson® Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness® or Certified Organic)
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 Tbsp. Dijon-style mustard
1 lb. skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into strips
2 cloves garlic, minced
3 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley OR 1 Tbsp. dried parsley flakes
4 cups hot cooked thin spaghetti, cooked without salt

Directions:
MIX cornstarch, broth, lemon juice and mustard. COOK chicken and garlic in nonstick skillet until browned, stirring often. Remove chicken. ADD cornstarch mixture. Cook and stir until mixture boils and thickens. Return chicken to skillet and heat through. Stir in parsley. Toss with spaghetti.

ELECTION MAY 12

Safety Fair-May 3rd, 2007



Eric Riffe of the National Honor Society shown with 1st grade students listening to Dr. John Killian.



National Honor Society members Kelsey Stein and Jordan Confer with their group of students at the Safety Fair.

Top Tips To Encourage A Child's Love Of Reading

(NAPS)—Has your child read any good books lately? Encouraging reading is one way parents can help their children succeed academically and develop an enjoyable and positive habit.

"Children who have reading problems can perform poorly in school, finding it harder to master increasingly difficult subjects. So it's very important to promote a love of books at an early age—and you can start a lot earlier than you might even imagine," said Beverly Ellman, a reading and writing specialist.

Children learn to read at different ages. Some can read a simple book by age 2 while others struggle into grade school.

Here are a few tips roughly broken down into age groups; you can adapt them to your own child's abilities:

Birth to age 3

- Even a 6-month-old baby can enjoy sitting on your lap and looking at picture books without words. Parents can describe the pictures as they turn the pages. Be sure books are tough enough to withstand tugging, pulling and throwing.

- Establish a time of day when you read to your children.

- Talking helps develop reading ability. Talk with your child all day using short, simple sentences. If your native language is not English, talk to your child in your native language anyway. Practicing their first language will help them practice English.

- Let your children see you read. Children love to imitate



A program that lets children write their own books also helps them to develop reading and comprehension.

their parents.

Ages 3 to 5

- Introduce your child to books with poems and silly rhymes, which children love to repeat. Children have a great sense of the absurd, so rhyming books such as those by Shel Silverstein can improve their language ability and tickle their funny bone.

- Take your child to the library to get his or her own library card. Let her choose her own books within reason.

Choosing a book makes reading it extra special, because the books a child chooses reflect her special interests.

- Give your children books as gifts. Share your favorites from when you were their age.

- Set up a reading area in your home where children can easily reach their books.

- Restrict the time your chil-

dren watch television and limit their viewing to educational programs that teach reading basics.

Ages 5 to 11

- As children get older, you can take turns reading a book with them.

- Ask them what part of the book they like best. If the child has read more than one book by an author, ask which one he likes best and why.

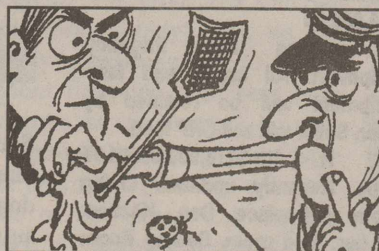
- Stay involved in your child's schoolwork. Research shows that when parents are involved in a child's learning, achievement increases.

- Use tools to help older children (grades 4 and 5) experience success. For example, reading and writing programs such as Knowledge Adventure Books by You help children to tap into their creativity while learning and applying reading and writing processes. The software product is designed to allow kids, ages 8 and up, to create, edit, illustrate and personalize books.

In this program, award-winning author and actor John Lithgow motivates and guides children through the book-development process by asking thought-provoking questions. Kids' answers and details are woven into the story in unexpected ways that make reading the story a fun and involving experience.

For more information, visit www.parentspace.com.

One of the best gifts a parent can give is the gift of reading. It's a gift that not only entertains but benefits children for a lifetime.



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