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Animal Issues Committee Meeting

Animal Issues Committee Meeting Monday, October 15, 2007 at Stratford Fire Station. Program by Ag Agent David Graf.

Red Hatters to Meet Oct. 4th

Spooky Red Hatter's Will meet at Elk Junction Thursday, Oct. 4, at 6:00 p.m. Order from menu. Dessert: Coconut Crème Pie.

Big Blue Band Previews Contest Show

On Tuesday, October 9th at 7:15 p.m. the Big Blue Band will perform their marching show. Everyone is invited to the stadium to cheer them on! After their performance, please join us at the band hall for cookies and visit with Mr. Shanks, Ms. Smith, and the band students.

Marching Contest is scheduled for October 13th at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. Make plans to attend!

NOTICE

Now that fall is here and the colder months are upon us, it is time for those who have lots at the cemetery to remove old flowers, wreath arrangements, and other items. There is a dumpster for use at the cemetery on the main entrance road on the west side adjacent to the maintenance shed. This will help keep the cemetery neat during the winter months and make spring clean up much easier. If you are not sure what can be placed on individual graves or lots, please go by City Hall and ask to see a copy of the city ordinance governing the use and maintenance of the cemetery. Thank you!

October Pantry Needs list:

Assembly of God: Peanut Butter & Jelly

First Christian: Cereal
Church of Christ-Soup
United Methodist-Fruit
St. Joseph's Catholic-canned meat

First Baptist-laundry soap
Primera Bautista Iglesia-toilet paper.

The Pantry also needs hamburger meat to be donated at Brown's Meat Locker.

Thank you in advance
The Pantry Board

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366-2000

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Greg Wright -7 days a week, updating as needed

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If you listen to Greg Wright on the Sports Network on the internet, you will need to download a new upgrade to your media player. Follow the instructions for your particular media player and you should be able to receive the broadcasts. Go to <http://www.tsrnsports.com/downloads.htm>



See You At The Pole-Sept. 26th

Mary Allen Students at "See You At the Pole" on Wednesday, September 26, 2007.



(Shown above) Roxie Newcomb, Ronda Mathews, Jack Gore & Kay Aston using the Survey Meters to detect radiation at the Radiological preparedness Class held on Sept. 24 & 25th.

Volunteer Community Responders Meeting

Volunteer Community Responders meeting on October 22 & 23, 2007 at Stratford EMS Building. CPR Training.

ABOUT IRSA International Rett Syndrome Association

The "A" in IRSA stands for Association. Association (n) A group of people who have come together for a purpose.

Our group of people is made up of families, friends, doctors, researchers, therapist, teachers, corporate, political leaders... in other words, people like you.

Our purpose is to bring about cures and treatments for Rett syndrome **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** while taking care of the families and individuals living with Rett syndrome **RIGHT NOW**.

We do this by pursuing a comprehensive, three-dimensional, & interdependent Research-Awareness and Support of IRSA.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT RETT'S @ THE RESTAURANT (ELK JUNCTION) OCTOBER 14TH. All tips and donations will be given to IRSA.

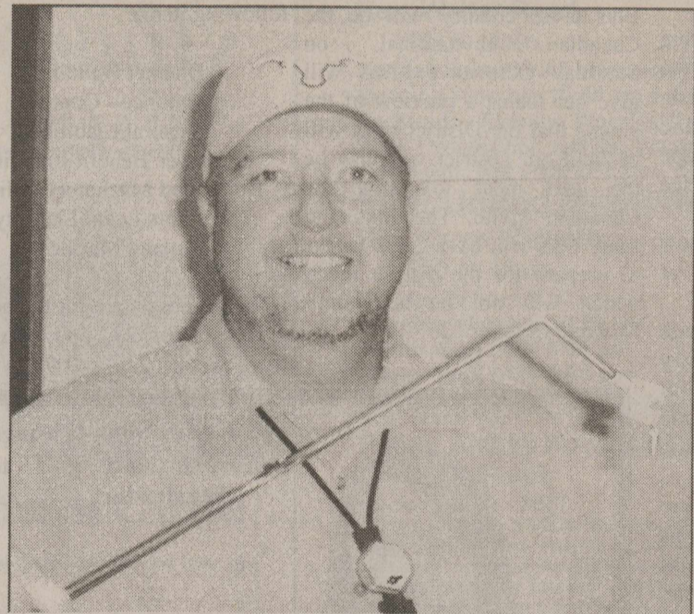
Coldwater Manor Halloween Carnival Oct. 20

Coldwater Manor Nursing Home Halloween Carnival will be Saturday, October 20, 2007 at Coldwater Manor Nursing Home-1111 Beaver Rd, Stratford starting at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

There will be Bingo, Cake Walk, Ring Toss, and Duck Pond, Darts and Pop Corn.

There will be a costume contest at 7:30 p.m.

Candy Jar Give-a-way: (1 Free Ticket) to each child. Come and Join the fun.



Brian Griffith, Department State Health Services instructor for the Radiological Preparedness Class displaying a radiation source.

Story Time To Begin

The Sherman County Public Library is accepting enrollment in the library's Fall Story Time which will begin on Tuesday, October 16th, at 9:30-10:15 a.m. and continue every two weeks through Tuesday, December 11th. Story Time is a project of the Sherman County Library and is free to all children ages 2-5 years of age with enrollment strongly encouraged (but not necessary) to allow the library to have ample supplies on hand for each session. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the programs. To enroll, volunteer, or if there are any questions, call the library at 366-2200.

Stratford Hospital District will hold a public hearing on "Goods in Transit" & take action on October 9, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at Coldwater Manor's Board room



Radiological Preparedness Class Held

Students and instructor for the Radiological Preparedness Class. Story below

Stratford Fire Department and Sherman County Emergency Management hosted Radiological Emergency Preparedness Training on September 24 and 25 at the Stratford Fire Station. The program was presented by Brian Griffith of Department State Health Services. Students received training safety, effects of radiation and rescue efforts during a Boardroom radiation emergency. Students Officers and Directors present from Stratford Fire Department, were: Kenton Kimball, Cactus Fire Department, Stratford President

Police Department and Sherman County Sheriffs Office Kathie Altman, Vice President participated in hands-on activities Donelson, Director, arrived 6:55 using the Survey Meter to locate radiation sources. Stratford Fire Department: Jack Gore, Asst. Fire Chief, Eddie Williams, Fire Medical Service Ward Palmer for Chief, Shelby Long, Jeremy Stratford Family Medical Clinic Bench, Dean Hauser, Ernie Debbie Beilue, Administrator, Maiwald and Ronda Mathews, and Gail Schmidt-Witcher for Cactus Fire Department: Raul Coldwater Manor.

Ceniceros, Fire Chief, Lorenzo Castaneda, Juan C. Gomez and Salvador Figueroa-Esparza. Community Comments: None Stratford Police Department: Minutes of previous meetings Larry Penfold, Chief and Adam approved. Henley. Sherman County Sheriffs Office: Roxie Newcomb, financial report for SFMC. Sherman County Emergency Management/Stratford Fire Stratford Family Medical Clinic Department: Sandy Williams, Administrator, with Volunteer Community Responders: Kay Aston.

SSI/DNA October 20

The Imagination Station, "Science Saturday Investigation of DNA" will be held on Saturday, October 20. Paula Everett will be the instructor. Children interested in Investigation should attend with \$1.00 donation. Respond to Laurie Spurlock, 366-2772

HOSPITAL DISTRICT MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING August 14, 2007

Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors met for the regular business meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Coldwater Manor and rescue efforts during a Boardroom radiation emergency. Students Officers and Directors present from Stratford Fire Department, were: Kenton Kimball, Cactus Fire Department, Stratford President

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Provider network cost Discussion on Budget. Motion made to approve the 2007-2008 Budget for Stratford Family Medical Clinic. Jimmy Lanning presented the financial report for Stratford Emergency Medical Service. Jimmy stated that they had 13 runs last month. 10 New pages have been ordered to be paid from State Funds. Motion made for approval to pay Stratford Emergency Medical payables as

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Good Luck Cross County

Have a free afternoon or morning with nothing to do? Why not volunteer your time at your public library? The library is in need of volunteers willing to be trained to allow the library to stay open when the staff must be gone, either for training or illness. If you are interested, please contact Sandy at 366-2200 for more information.

Chamber News

By: Cindy Jackson

Everybody knows Stratford can play football but can it make Chili? That ladies and gentlemen is the question?
CALLING ALL COOKS: On Friday October the 26th at the Sherman County Barn the Stratford Chamber of Commerce is having its first Chili Cook Off. Before the football game. For more information contact one of the chamber members.
Can you stand the heat in the kitchen?

A special Thank You to Shirley Durham, Kay Payne, Betty Carter, Cindy Jackson for helping to setup the Stratford Chamber of Commerce Craft Show and Bazaar.

A great big Yahoo to Leonda Fedric for her great MC job and to Cindy Jackson for her many talents at every job she did.

Thank you to the following vendors:

Emily Berg, S.C.O.T., Karen's Kandies, Darlette Haaland, Mountain Man, Marva's etc, Seals of Approval, Girl Scouts, Penny Boyd, Long's Ben Franklin, Ruby Rakes, Bob & Mary Kennedy, Buddy & Cathy Matthews, Karlyn Jantz, Shannon Kratochvil, Bobbie Wilson, Billy Bishard, KayBob, and Whips & Wheels. Y'all brought many talents to this show.

The vendors would like to thank the Chamber for the coffee and the First State Bank and The Happy State Bank for the bottle water - it was a lifesaver for us.

A big thank you to all who came to see us. Look for us again next year in September along with the Whips and Wheels Day of Traditional Driving.

Stratford Chamber of Commerce

Bobbie Strong Chairman

Pat Johnson is the raffle winner of the flower arrangement.

Next Chamber Project is the Chili Cook Off on October 26, 2007 at the Sherman County Barn.

Call one of the following Chamber Members:

Jolie Asher 396-5521
Cindy Jackson 366-5581
Shannon Sellers 396-5681

Thank you,
Your Stratford Chamber of Commerce

Cross Country Competes In Lubbock

4-H FOOD SHOW OCTOBER 8

By Susie Spurlock

The county 4-H Food Show will be Monday, October 8 at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

Judging of youth will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the public viewing and awards program at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend the recognition ceremony.

Participants of the County Food Show will be showcasing knowledge and skills learned by exhibiting a food dish of their choice.

4-H members will be entering competition dishes in one of the following four areas: Main Dish, Fruits and Vegetables, Breads and Cereals, and Nutritious Snacks. First place winners in each age division will advance to the District 4-H Food Show scheduled for October 20 at Bushland High School.

Volunteer leaders working with youth are Laurie Spurlock, Mary Ann Ely, Connie Burton, and Jill Killian. Teen leaders are Katie Killian, Eric Burton, and Jennie Spurlock.

Sponsors of the Food Show are Walter Lasley and Sons Feedyard, West Texas Gas Company, Moore's Food Pride, Sherman County Parent/Leaders Association and the Texas Cooperative Extension. Educational programs conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

On Saturday September 29, the Lady Elk Cross Country team ran at the Lubbock Invitational. Running for the Lady Elks were Kristen Crabtree, Kelsie Keener, Lucero Ortega and Kristina Woodburn. Each of the girls ran well and posted some great times. Running in a race with over 300 other girls Kristen finished 14th overall with a time of 12:57. Kelsie finished 31st and posted a time of 13:21. Lucero posted a time of 14:57 while Kristina ran the course in 16:46. Good Job ladies!!

Next up for the Elks and Lady Elks cross country will be the Canadian Invitational on Saturday October 6. This will give our teams a preview of the course that the District meet will be held on. District will also be the next meet following the Canadian Invite. The Elks and Lady Elks will have 2 1/2 weeks to prepare for the district meet, which will not be held until Monday October 22.

Ask the Geek

By Kevin McDonald

Knowing When to Upgrade - Part 1

Last week, a reader wanted to know how to tell when upgrading an older computer is worth the cost versus buying a new one altogether. This week I promised to discuss other upgrade options, so here we go.

If all you're lacking is a CD or DVD burner, or DVD data/movie capability, take heart: You can buy a DVD burner that reads and writes to both DVDs and CDs, and it won't cost you more than about \$30-\$50, if you know where to look and do it yourself. Installing one is easy, and it's usually just a matter of removing your old CD drive and putting the new one in its place, then installing some software.

Processors (CPUs) are a bit trickier to upgrade. First, you'll need to determine what kind of processor you have and the type of "socket" it is in. Then you'll have to determine what the fastest processor of that type your motherboard is compatible with. *Then* you need to see if you can still purchase a processor of that type, as stocks usually run dry quickly for out-of-date parts like this. Swapping out a processor can be physically challenging. You must remove the fan and heat sink that is keeping your current processor cool, remove the processor from the board, then put on the new processor, some heat-transfer paste and a nice new cooling fan. You might find older ones cheap.

If you like to play the latest games, you certainly need a good bit of memory and a quick processor, but you'll absolutely need a good video card. A modern video card doesn't just paint pictures on your monitor, it also can do a considerable amount of the processing that normally your CPU might do, such as decoding DVDs and doing advanced algorithms to draw smooth 3D shapes. You can get great, but slightly older video cards for an older PC. I recently ordered one for about \$35 from www.newegg.com

If you're running low on space, you can either add an additional hard drive, or just replace the one that is in there. This can be time consuming and technical if you want to keep all your existing data and just end up with more space. Consult a pro if you're in doubt. You should be able to at least double your space for \$50-\$150.

Finally, this is what I tell lots of people who are looking for an upgrade: Consider just wiping out your hard drive and reloading everything. Your computer shouldn't be any slower now than it was when you first purchased it - at least, not doing the things you were doing originally. If it is, it might be time to start fresh, without the years of accumulated detritus that litters your hard drive and the ghosts of former programs lurking about. If you can't do it yourself, any professional worth his or her salt should be able to. Be sure you have a good, verified backup of all your data, including your address books, email accounts, web "Favorites," financial software files, music and software that you've purchased and downloaded, etc.

Kevin McDonald lives in Stratford with his wife and three children. He owns and operates Definition Computers: 806-366-7637
Do you have a burning computer question (or perhaps, a burning computer)? Email Kevin at askthegeek@definitioncomputers.com.

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
The Stratford Independent School district is accepting requests for proposals for the following items:

- Blanket Building
- Insurance - Content
- General Liability
- Employee Benefit Liability
- Boiler and Machinery Policy
- Educators Legal Liability
- Inland Marine

The proposals are for the period of November 23, 2007 through November 23, 2008. The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., November 12, 2007. Any request for proposal after this date will not be accepted. The proposal may be mailed to Stratford I.S.D., P.O. Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent Office at 503 N. 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened November 12, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and or all proposals.
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ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

Last week started the second six weeks. The science room lost one of its bull snakes. It just disappeared! Ms. Talcott brought a rat for feeding day; it escaped into her car, and then managed to get into the room in some boxes. So it's loose in the room now. How does she know this? She spotted the same droppings in her room that she saw in her car! There's also been a sighting of the loose snake and the rat. Update! The rat has been caught, but the snake is still loose (as of Monday morning).

Coach McKinney says the 7th grade football team is 3-0. No team has scored on them this season.

Mrs. Haynes' First Grade Class took their first test labeling subjects nouns, verbs, adverbs, and adjectives. They did very well on their test. We like our new basal readers and the children are enjoying reading the stories in them.

This week in Mrs. Wright's first grade we are studying the letters Mm and Ee, spelling with ck and final K. We are creating and reading graphs, starting addition facts with sums to 18 and using a balance to identify lighter and heavier.

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Second graders are learning about the water cycle in science. They learned that the water that the dinosaurs used is the same water that we use today. They also did a science experiment that showed evaporation, condensation, and precipitation using a tea kettle and a frozen container. Last week in reading, the students read two stories about bicycles. The students used their imaginations to create their image of what a bicycle might look like 100 years from now. In math, second graders are learning the names for some polygons - triangle, square, parallelogram, rhombus, trapezoid, and hexagon. Bet you didn't realize second graders were learning such advanced material!

Last Monday was busy with the Band Clinic during first and second class periods, Senior Financial Aid meeting at 10:00, juniors and 8th graders turned in their magazine orders and money, and Senior Parent Financial Aid meeting at 6:30 p.m. Report cards go out Wednesday.

Thursday the 7th & 8th teams will play Dalhart. Pep rally starts at 3:15. The JV will play Dalhart. Games will begin at 5:00 p.m. The Varsity will play Dalhart there on Friday. Pep rally starts at 3:10.

Come by the junior high building and check out the brand new royal blue lockers that have been installed. They sure dress up the hall!

Quote of the week: "Some people grin and bear it; others smile and do it."

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Jimmy Gillenwaters and children Kylee and Kaiden came Sunday to see Bill & Donna. They have recently moved into their new home at Bushland.

Merilee McDaniel was presented as a 2007 New Member of the Kappa Zeta Chapter of Chi Omega over the weekend at Lubbock. Her mother, Kathy Riffe, sister Lynz McCracken & niece Kaydena, and dad Mike McDaniel attended the festivities that included a formal presentation,, two brunches, and tailgate party*

Evan Haile pledged to Pi Beta Phi.

Marylou McDaniel visited with Scott & Nita Hutchison and Cliff Abbott at Lubbock over the weekend.

Pat Boren participated in the recent Whip & Wheels at Stratford. She drove a black Morgan mare named Joy and was third. She won the Pub Hub contest

Bill & Pat have attended several Bushland 6th grade football games to see Brice and Will play. The Joe Bill family is building a new home there.

Joe & Judy Boren of Houston arrived Monday for a visit.

Cards of Thanks

First Baptist Church would like to thank Dairy Max dairy promotion and Dennis Marsh for the milk provided to the students who participated in See You At The Pole last Wednesday. Your support and generous donations is greatly appreciated.

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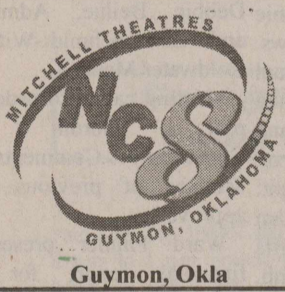
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Movies Beginning October 5

- The Heartbreak Kid
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- The Seeker: The Dark is Rising
PG Ian McShane
- The Game Plan
PG Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson
- Becoming Jane
PG Anne Hathaway Maggie Smith
- Good Luck Chuck
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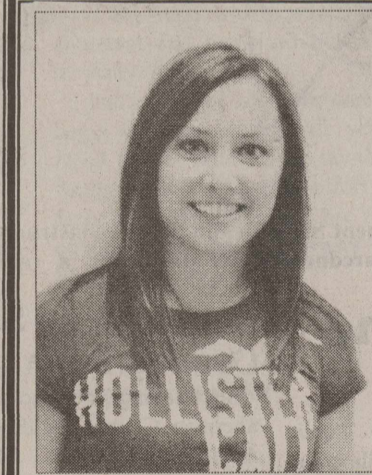
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Stratford ISD Education Foundation Awards Grants

The Stratford ISD Education Foundation has awarded grants for the 2007-2008 school year.

The first grant awarded went to Kaci McBryde for the Literacy Stations. This grant will bring professional instruction into the school to work side by side training our teachers in new and exciting ways to teach reading, phonics, and English language arts in the classroom.

Ronna Riffe was granted the chance to take her One Act Play cast and crew to see the Broadway Musical "Hairspray". This musical will be performed in Amarillo and the kids will have the chance to experience Broadway and be inspired by other actors and singers.

Career Day is something the 5th & 6th grade math classes of Brenda Brownlee will be experiencing this year. Brenda will be bringing in professionals from right here in our own community to talk to her students about their possible career decisions they will be making in the future. The kids will then choose a career and figure out their yearly income. They then will have to make a budget and figure out their living expenses. This is a very exciting way for the kids to think about what they want to do with their lives and how to manage their finances.

Bookstore to Book Talks is being awarded to Kaci McBryde's 8th grade TAKS reading class. The class will enjoy a trip to Barnes and Noble bookstore in Amarillo where they will sit in the coffee shop and discuss the novel they have just finished. The kids will then be treated to a book of their choice that they will bring home and read. After they have read their book, they will do a book report on it. This is a fun way to get kids interested in reading and to see what a vast choice of books is out there for them to enjoy.

The last grant goes to Laurie Gilliland. Laurie has set out on a big adventure to bring Bill Nye the Science Guy to the Amarillo Globe News Center. Bill Nye brings science to life for children and makes it fun and understandable. It is quite an honor to be the host school bringing in Bill Nye and to be able to share this experience with area schools will touch the lives of so many kids.

The Education Foundation

would like to thank everyone who has made contributions to the foundation. Without your generous donations these exciting experiences for our youth would not be possible. Please continue to remember this when giving memorials, honorariums, and end of year donations. We will also be sending out our email news letter soon. To make sure we have your email address and the address of anyone you think might like to receive the newsletter, please go to our website and email your address to www.stratfordeducationfoundation.com.

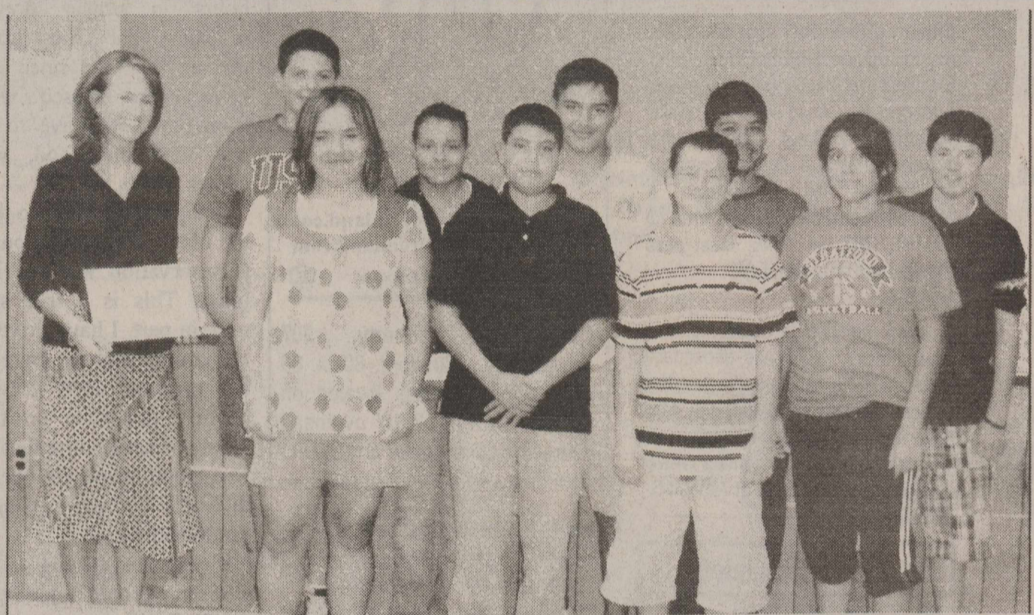
Once again, thank you for your continued support of the Stratford ISD Education Foundation.

Golf is a game where guts and blind devotion will always net you absolutely nothing but an ulcer.

—Tommy Bolt



Brenda Brownlee with 5th & 6th grade math classes



Kaci McBryde & 8th Grade TAKS Reading Class

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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
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Rectory - 366 - 5687
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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.
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Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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Pastor Jason Stone
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Wed. -Children—6:00, youth—7:00

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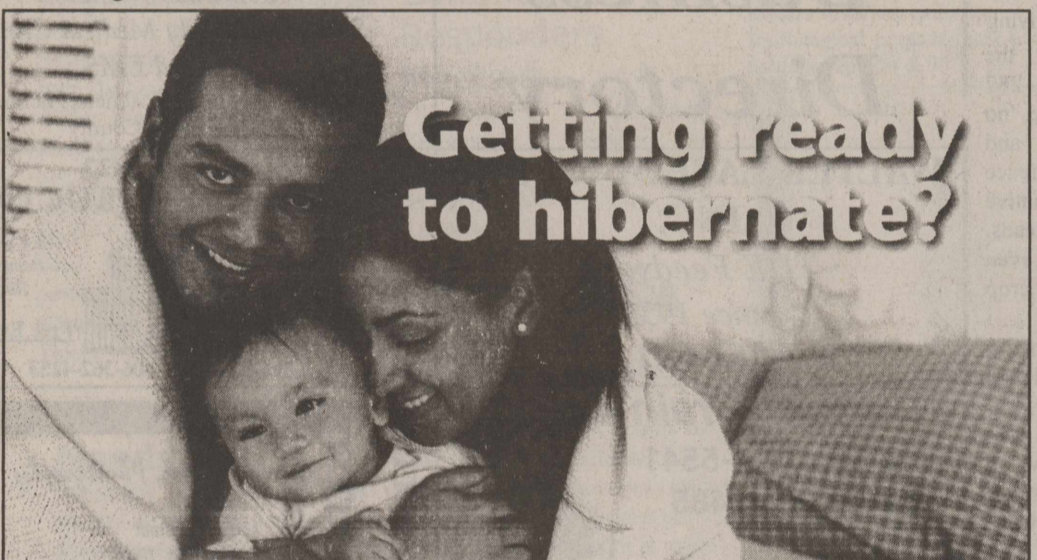
Some things, some actions, some circumstances are not right, they are not just, they are not good. We want to have no part in these things, these actions, these circumstances. Should we be caught up in them, we feel condemned and we condemn ourselves. But condemnation is not the way up and out of that which we do not want to be a part of. We have the power of prayer to help us lift ourselves and others out of that which we cannot condone. God is love. God does not condemn. His love is right with us for the accepting. Sometimes, even when we know this, we may find it difficult to accept forgiveness—God's forgiveness, the forgiveness of other people. We may not feel that we are worthy and so we continue to feel under condemnation. Today's prayer thought will help us to accept forgiveness, to begin again. We forgive and we are forgiven. We bless and we are blessed.

Forgiving one another.—Eph. 4:32.

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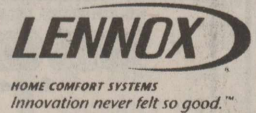
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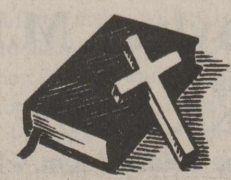
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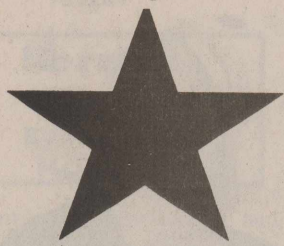
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Garage Sales

Yard Sale: Sat. 10/6/07-206 S. Pearl, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. entirely too many items to list. Lots of Holiday decorations, tool box and lots of \$1.00 items.

10-4-p

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10-4-c

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5-17-tfn

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9-21-c

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Last year I received many phone calls concerning the weed problems in our county. I will be the first to admit, last year was a nightmare. With several years of drought over a wide area of the country and then being blessed with good rainfall, we were just destined for the weed problem. This is part of a cycle. Believe it or not, Sherman County was not alone. I read an article last winter about a neighborhood in Montana that was covered up with tumbleweeds. The drought, which was a precursor to the weed explosion, spanned several states. This community has spent many hours in prayer praying for moisture. The Good Lord heard our prayers and once again we have been blessed with rain. Sometimes we have to take the bad with the good, with rain comes weeds.

In a previous letter to the editor, the blame was placed on the CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) grass. This is a true statement, only in part. I have driven around the county and we have some of the prettiest CRP grass in the country and then on the other hand we have some that is not in very good shape yet because it is in the early stages of establishment.

If you are driving around and you see a problem, please give me a call. I will do everything in my power to be a part of the solution. I just want to let you know that there are other areas of concern, and I feel that we may have a repeat of last year.

I am NOT pointing a finger at anyone; this is just what I have seen driving around our town and county. When you are driving around, take a look at the following: Hwy's 54 and 287 railroad right of ways, the 'no man's land' between state and county roads and fields, fence rows, equipment lots, native pastures, abandoned homesteads, corrals and livestock pens, even the city itself has a fair crop growing.

I did not point these areas out to shift the focus away from CRP; I just want you to realize that some of these areas are beyond our control. After all, we do live in the Panhandle where weeds are abundant and the wind blows a majority of the time.

I just hope that when the weeds begin to blow around this year, AND THEY WILL, I can say that we have put forth a great effort to make sure that the weeds are not coming from the landowners of Sherman County.

Sincerely
Rebecca Hemphill, CED
Sherman County FSA

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presented. Discussion on Budget. Motion made to accept the 2007-2008 Budget for Stratford Emergency Medical Service.

Adjourn for break
Debbie Beilue presented the financial report for Coldwater Manor. Motion made for approval to pay Coldwater Manor payables as presented. Discussion on budget. Discussion on bids for

insurances. Coldwater Manor Budget tabled till after Stratford Hospital District budget.

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Stratford Hospital District Budget. Motion made for approval to pay Stratford Hospital District payables as presented. Motion made to set proposed tax rate at .22, motion carried 4/0. Executive session Meeting adjourned

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