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Stratford High School Band w/8' Grade Band Present Spring Concert-Thursday May 2nd at 7p.m. Birthday Calendar Sales Ends

The Stratford High School "Big Blue" Band will present their annual concert this Thursday night, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium. Musical selections include "Recuerdos de la Alhambra", "Salvation is Created", and "Adrenaline Engines". The 8th grade band will then join with the high school students to perform "Clocks", a recent popular song performed by Coldplay.

Also, the band's annual Birthday Calendar fundraiser ends this Friday, May 3rd. If you have not filled out your order form (mailed out last week) please complete it and bring it to the concert. If you did not receive an order form, they will be available at the concert. Cost is \$7.00 for one individual; \$9.00 for a couple; \$12.00 for a family; and \$5.00 for additional calendars.

Please support these students with your attendance. Students have been working hard and it should be a very enjoyable concert. Everyone is invited and there is no cost for admission.



Is a brake drum really a musical instrument?

Kevin Hernandez, with hammers in hand, rehearses his brake drum part on "Adrenaline Engines" (no kidding)

Snack Pak 4 Kids, feeding the minds of Stratford children

By Bailey Naugle

On April 10th a group of volunteers including local educators assembled the first month's supply of bags for the launch of Snack Pak 4 Kids in Stratford. Snack Pak 4 Kids is a weekend backpack program that provides nutritious snacks for elementary-aged students who over a weekend may go more than 66 consecutive hours without food.

The motto of the Snack Pak 4 Kids program is, "On an empty stomach you can't learn anything," and nobody sees the raw truth of this like educators do. Misti McBryde, principal at Mary Allen Elementary School, commented on the effect that hunger has on learning. "Children who are not getting adequate nutrition in general are not mentally focused. They can't take in what information they need to thrive in an educational environment," she said.

Snack Paks are filled once per month with nutritious snacks including crackers, a shelf-stable milk, a shelf-stable protein – such as a beef stick or Chef Boyardee, juice, canned fruit, nuts and Pop-Tarts. Each Friday the bags are discretely placed in the backpacks of participating students to be taken home for the weekend.

The first packing went swimmingly, with 90 Paks filled within about 20 minutes. Approximately 30 Paks are being distributed to Stratford students each week.

The next packing date will be May 1st, and volunteers are needed to help with both setting up and filling the bags. If you and/or your organization would like to volunteer please contact Sherry Willborn at 806-790-7792 or swillborn@msn.com.

The Snack Pak committee is still collecting Pop-Tarts and also needs approximately 30 jars (14 – 16 oz. size) of peanut butter. Donations can be dropped off at either Happy State Bank or First State Bank.

You may sign up to sponsor a child by submitting a Snack Pak 4 Kids donation form, located **on the back page** of this week's issue of The Stratford Star. Donations should be made payable to "Snack Pak 4 Kids." **Please designate Stratford in the memo line of your check.**

Donations can be delivered or mailed to Jo Hinds at PO Box 781 Stratford, TX 79084 or mailed directly to Snack Pak 4 Kids 701 Park Place Ave. Amarillo, TX 79101.

To learn more about Snack Pak 4 Kids in Stratford and how you can help, contact Jo Hinds at 806-570-6624.

Red Hats will meet Thursday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Ol'Biddy's Cafe

Ragsdale Inducted

Reid Ragsdale, son of former Stratford resident, Rhett Ragsdale and wife, Tracy of Canyon, TX was recently inducted into Phi Kappa Phi national collegiate honor society at Oklahoma State University. Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest collegiate honor society having originated in 1897. To be inducted, a student must be in the top 7.5 percent of his senior college class. Reid is a senior at OSU and the grandson of Robert and Sonja Ragsdale of Stratford

**Stratford Area
Foundation
Reminder for
the
Annual
Meeting
Tuesday,
May 7, 2013
Imagination
Station
7:00 p.m.
Entertainment
Business
Meeting
Refreshments**

*Please come
and bring a
friend*

What's Happening In Stratford

Red hats

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American Legion Schedules Meeting

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will conduct its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the SCOT Hall in Stratford. All Legionaries are encouraged to attend. If you are a veteran and would like more information regarding the American Legion please come to this meeting or call one of the following officers: Robert Marr, Post Commander at 806-827-7415, Aaron Sheehan, Post Adjutant at 806-396-1008 or Robert McGinnis, Post Sgt.-at-Arms.

Sherman County Public Library hours

Monday-9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday-9 a.m. 6 p.m.
Fridays-9 a.m. 1 p.m.
Closed Saturdays and Holidays

Yearbooks on sale Now

Stratford Year book on sale now-Price \$70.00
Order online at www.jostensyearbook.com
Or call Shari Hudson at SHS Library 366-3336 or 753-7798 or Mail to SHS PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084

Afternoon of Music May 5th

You are cordially invited to an afternoon of music featuring Marihoward & Her Students May 5, 2013 at 3 p.m. at First Christian Church at 420 N. Main Street, Stratford, Texas

Attention: Prom time

We have begun working on prom decorations EVERY Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at the High School Building, 2nd floor. We need EVERYONE to attend please. The Junior class is in need of artificial trees and Christmas trees. We would also like to borrow white/clear strands of lights. If you have any of these items that we could use, it would be greatly appreciated! Please mark your items with your name! Call Lorie Vincent at 806-683-2553 OR Laurie Spurlock at 806-753-7880

Scholarship Information

Any individual or Organization wishing to offer a scholarship to the Class of 2013 please contact Desine Garza at 366-3322. Any current donors wishing to make changes to their current scholarship requirements please let Mrs. Garza know that as well as deadline for this year.

Address for Donna Gillenwaters

If you would like to send a card to Donna Gillenwaters, you can send it to Jimmy Gillenwaters, PO Box 437, Bushland, TX 79012 and he will get the cards to her.

Volunteers Needed at Depot Museum

The Depot Museum is in need of Volunteers from April through October-2 hours a month. Call 366-2202 or 366-7679

Memorial Day service at Cemetery

Memorial Day Service will be held May 27th at 10:00 a.m. at the Stratford Cemetery. Bring your lawn chair.

NOTICE

The Sherman County
Commissioners' Court voted to
enact a burn ban again.
Sherman County is now under a

BURN BAN

BLOCK PARTY

BLOCK PARTY 2013 UPDATED LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The updated list is displayed in the window at the SCDC Office. So far the following have reserved vendor booths -

1. Imagination Station - Baked potatoes, watermelon & face painting
2. Angel Tree Project - Frito pies
3. Lollipop Junction - Cold drinks, water & ice
4. Greg Wright - Pulled pork
5. The Ol' Biddy Café - Burgers & sticky rice with chicken
6. Structured Touch Massage - Chair massage
7. Snow Cone Zone - Snow cones

Reminder - spaces are open to anyone; businesses, organizations, private citizens, etc.
Contact SCDC for further details. 806.366.2897



OBITUARIES

Lyle Wakefield (Buzz)

Lyle Wakefield (Buzz) died Tuesday, April 9, 2013 in Huntsville, Alabama. He was 78. He is survived by his brother Tommy in Valdosta, GA and Glenn Wakefield of Dallas, TX, his daughter Lana, and his son Steve who both live in Huntsville. He graduated from Stratford High School in 1953.

Lupe V. Olivas

May 19, 1932 - April 24, 2013

Lupe V. Olivas, 80 of Stratford, passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2013. A Funeral Mass was held at 10:00 AM Friday, April 26, 2013 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stratford with Father Carlos Castro and Father Hector Madrigal officiating. Interment followed in Stratford Cemetery. A rosary was recited at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at the church. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Lupe was born on May 19, 1932 in Candelaria, TX. She married the late Ben Olivas on March 9, 1952 in Candelaria. Lupe spent most of her life in Stratford. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother who loved to cook for her family and also enjoyed gardening. Lupe was a member of St Joseph's Catholic Church and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her husband; daughter: Norma Soto and son-in-law: Vito Estrada.

Lupe is survived by three sons: Oscar and Joe Olivas both of Austin and Albert Olivas and wife Delinda of Stratford; five daughters: Emma Porras and husband Jesse of Texhoma, OK, Estella Rivera and husband Alex of Dumas, Irma Olivas of Austin, Noemi Olivas of Stratford, Elva Chavez of Perryton; ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

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Pastor Ricardo Chabolla to step down

On "Cinco de Mayo" (May 5th) the community is invited to join the members and leaders of the Rock of Salvation Baptist Mission in recognition and celebration of more than twenty five years of ministry by their Pastor Ricardo Chabolla, his wife Alfa and their family.

The Chabollas came to the United States from Chihuahua, Mexico more than thirty years ago. Ricardo became a Christian in 1983 in Guymon, Oklahoma. They moved to Stratford in 1985. In 1986 the members of the First Baptist Church and the Chabolla family joined with other Hispanic families to start a new Spanish language Baptist mission in Stratford. That same year Ricardo was licensed to preach the Gospel. On August 18, 1996 he was ordained to the Gospel Ministry and named as the pastor of the mission. This Sunday Pastor Chabolla will conclude his leadership of the church as he steps down as pastor. The Chabollas will continue living in Stratford and serving our community through their local business, The Meat Locker.

The public is invited to the bilingual worship celebration at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, located at 702 N. Third Street, to be followed by Mexican food and dessert in the fellowship hall.

On Mother's Day the Rock of Salvation Baptist Mission located at 401 S. Wall Street will continue ministering to the Hispanic community as they begin a new chapter in their history. Pastor Ruben Alarcon, of Panhandle, TX will be preaching a message of hope and encouragement on "The Family".

El pastor Ricardo Chabolla se separa de su cargo

El cinco de mayo, la comunidad esta invitada a acompañar a los miembros y líderes de la Mision Bautista Roca De Salvacion al reconocimiento y celebracion de mas de veinticinco años de ministerio de su pastor Ricardo Chabolla, su esposa Alfa y su familia.

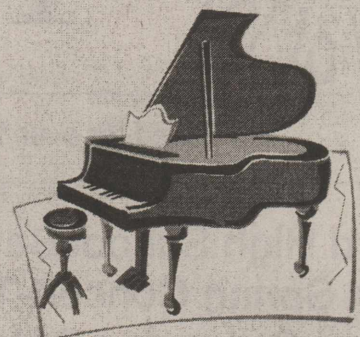
Los Chabollas llegaron a Estados Unidos desde el estado de Chihuahua, Mexico hace mas de 30 años. Ricardo recibio a Cristo en su Corazon en 1983 en Guymon, OK; ellos se movieron a Stratford en 1985. En 1986 los miembros de la Primera Iglesia Bautista y la familia Chabolla, se unieron con otras familias hispanas para iniciar una nueva Mision Bautista Hispana en Stratford, ese mismo año Ricardo obtuvo su licencia para predicar el evangelio; El 18 de agosto de 1996 El fue ordenado en el ministerio del evangelio y nombrado pastor de la mision. Este domingo el pastor Chabolla terminara su liderazgo en la iglesia separandose de ella como pastor. Los Chabollas continuaran viviendo en Stratford y sirviendo a nuestra comunidad a travez de su negocio, su carniceria.

El publico esta invitado al servicio bilingue de celebracion a las 4:00 pm en el santuario de la Primera Iglesia Bautista localizada en el 702 de la calle tercera, seguido por la degustacion de un rico platillo mexicano y postres en el salon adjunto.

El dia de las madres la mision Bautista Roca De Salvacion localizada en el 401 de la calle Wall sur continuara ministrando a la comunidad hispana para iniciar un nuevo capitulo en la historia. El pastor Ruben Alarcon de Panhandle, TX estara predicando un mensaje de esperanza y motivacion acerca de "La Familia".

You are cordially invited to
An afternoon of music

featuring
MariHoward &
Her Students



May 5, 2013 at 3 p.m.

First Christian Church

420 North Main Street

Stratford, TX

PROM TIME "Prom Special"

During the Month of April
Order Tuxedo in April w/deposit
receive a 10% discount.

Tuxedos starting at \$65.00

Deposit Required

Hair Creations

396-2809

Attn: Farmers & Landowners

If you have land that came out of CRP in 2012, you need to contact the Appraisal District Now.

The land classification may need to be corrected and could reduce your taxes. You will need to complete a new ag form prior to June 28, 2013 for any land reclassifications to take effect for the 2013 tax roll. Sherman county Appraisal District, 402 N. 3rd, Stratford, TX or call 806-366-5566.



BUILDING ON MAIN

STREET FOR RENT:

Currently being used as a beauty salon. Contact SCDC @ 366-2897 if interested in the building. Salon equipment for sale - contact Melissa at Great Lengths Salon.

Tax Facts

Free Tax Prep Help

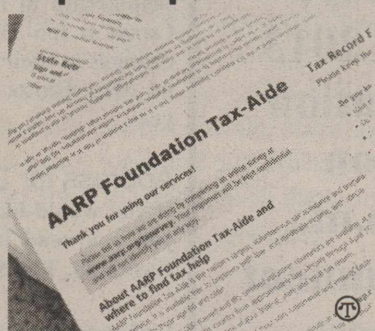
(NAPS)—Many Americans are helping each other, others in need and themselves by assisting with tax preparation.

Free, individualized tax preparation is available to low- and moderate-income taxpayers—especially those 60 and older—from the volunteer-based AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program.

A cadre of 36,000 trained volunteers assists with tax services and ensures taxpayers get applicable tax credits and deductions, which helps them have more discretionary income for everyday essentials such as food and housing.

This is offered in cooperation with the IRS. It's the nation's largest free tax assistance and preparation service, giving special attention to the older population. You do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this service. The Foundation is working to win back opportunity for struggling Americans 50 and over by being a force for change on the most serious issues they face today: housing, hunger, income and isolation.

Taxpayers who file a federal tax return with a refund due to them can also get help investing the money in America's future. They can purchase savings bonds in multiples of \$50, up to \$5,000, using all or a portion of their refund.



Free tax preparation assistance is available to many of those who need it.

Three more things to consider:

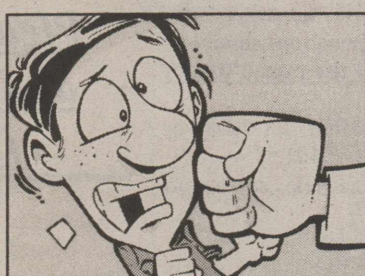
1. Make sure you have all your paperwork: government-issued ID; receipts for health care; mortgage interest; charitable gifts; and all W-2 and 1099 forms.
2. To get your refund faster, bring a checkbook if you want to direct deposit funds.
3. Please review your return(s) to make sure they are complete and accurate.

Learn More

You can find further information, including nearby Foundation Tax-Aide locations—sites generally include senior centers, libraries and the like—at www.aarp.org/findtaxhelp and (888) 227-7669.

Mitchell Theaters

Northridge 8
Guymon, OK
www.northridge8.com
580-338-3281
Southgate 6
Liberal, Kansas
www.southgate6.com
620-624-5573
Garden City, Kansas
www.sequovah8.com
620-275-2760



Most tooth loss in people under 35 years of age is caused by athletic trauma, fights or accidents.



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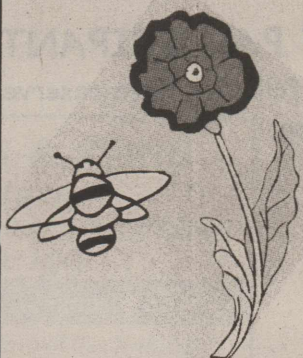
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The Stratford Star is no longer sending out notices when your paper is due. Check the label on the paper and see what month your subscription expires. I will be putting "Stars" on the current month. If you have a Star on your label it means that your sub expires that month. If you are not sure the amount you owe if you live out of the area call 753-7373 and double check. Locally is \$33.00 and out of the area \$40.00. If you are paying for someone else's sub, you will be billed for that person. The Stratford Star, PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084

Thanks-Marty



Stratford Hospital District

"Proudly serving the medical needs of Stratford and Sherman County."

Stratford Family Medical Clinic

Mon. - Thurs. 8 AM - 5 PM, Fri. 8AM - 3 PM
396-5583 Tommy Brian, ANP

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366-5505 Angie Hipp, RPH

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Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility

396-5568 Karl Punch, LNFA

Stratford EMS

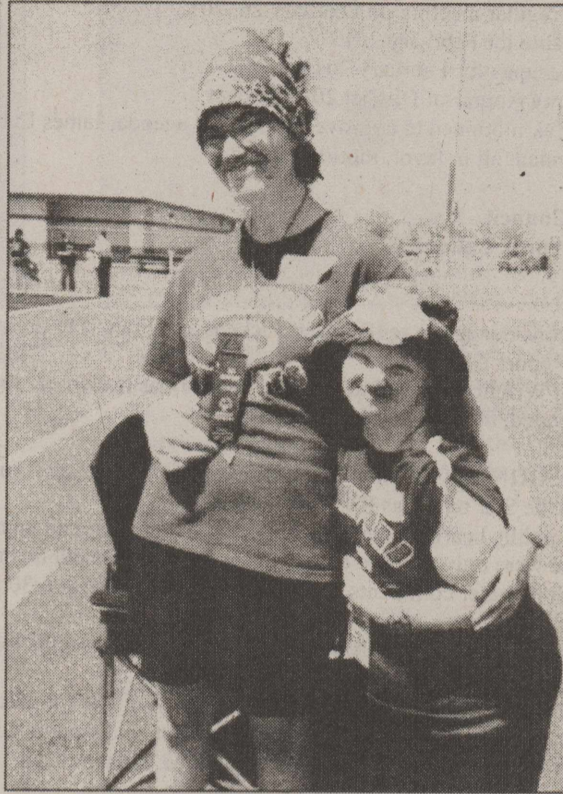
9-1-1 or 396-2844 Jimmy Lanning, Director

The Stratford Hospital District operates on a non-discriminatory basis, giving equal treatment and access to services without regard to sex, race, religion, age or ethnicity.



Kruse honored with Bridal Shower

Alison Kruse bride elect of Harrison Walden was honored with a shower Sunday, April 28, 2013 in the home of Tami King. Shown at left top row L/R Jo Wayne Summerour, Debra Pendleton, Debby Kruse, Molly Kruse, Katie Kruse, Jessica Childress, Deb Opfer, Laura Brown, Mary Lou Walden, Nell Summerour, Keri Walden. Bottom row L/R Nona Purcell, Kim Kruse, Alison Kruse-Bride to be, Klaire Walden, Kristi Walden, Helen Summerour



Patriots Compete

Stratford Patriots competed in the Dumas Track met on Saturday the 27th of April. Shown above Beth Diller-100 Meter Run-1st place, Softball Throw 1st place and Linda McKinney 50 Meter Run 2nd place and softball throw 4th place. Good Job Patriots!!!!!!



Rex & Bernice Christian celebrate 60 years together

Rex had just come home to Clayton, NM from Korea in April, 1953. We went to Raton, NM on April 29, to get married. On the way up there, we had to deal with bad highway construction. Got to the First Baptist Church. They were remodeling, so we had to step over rolled carpet, get around furniture out in the hall to get to the preacher. We were married, got all the way out to the car, when we remembered Rex had not paid the preacher. He had to go all the way back to him to pay. Went to Colorado Springs, Colo. On honeymoon. Visited with uncles, aunts and cousins. Left there went to Tularosa, NM to visit with Rex's sister and brother-in-law. Then came home to Clayton, went to work out at the Largent-Sadler Ranch show barn. Rex worked with the Hereford show calves. I fed the men three meals a day 7 days a week. We had a nice place to live in the west end of the show barn. They later leased a large ranch west of the show barn; put Rex on it to take care of cattle. I did not have to cook for men there. Rexan was born while we were there until May, 1954. Drought set in, we left there, came down to Stratford during wheat harvest, got a job with Bob Burgess. He and Minnie were like second parents to us. We've been in Stratford for the last 59 years. Rozan, Shirlyn and Max were born in Texas. We have four grandsons and one granddaughter, one great grandson and a great granddaughter. We love our Church and have been blessed with many friends and family.

COON MEMORIAL NURSING HOME TO HOST FASHION SHOW

Coon Memorial Nursing Home will host a fashion show on May 14th. The show will feature clothing designed for those with limited mobility and range of motion issues. These clothes are designed for ease of dressing for both the wearer and for the dressing assistant. These designs feature back closures in fashionable tops and dresses. The show will feature women clothing, but men's styles may be ordered. Styles available include street clothes, gowns, and other specialty items. Sizes range from small to 3X Large. Fashions will be provided by Something Special owned by Sue Hudson from Stratford. She will have some clothing ready for purchase the night of the show, but she may need to order items if size requests and demand exceeds her current supply. The festivities will begin with a light supper at 6:30 p.m. and; the fashion show will begin at 7:00p.m. Models will be nursing home staff members. The community is invited to attend this special event. For meal planning, we request that everyone RSVP by Friday, May 10th to Nancy Phillips at 806-244-8555. For more information concerning the fashion show, please contact Paula Nusz- Marketing Director at 806-244-1450.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
Pastor Gary Smith
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist
Rev. Jim Smith 396-2178
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
6th & Pearl
Rectory 366-5687
Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.
Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Pastor Ron Whitt
702 N. 3rd
Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.



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Brad Beckett
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
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 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

Eben-Ezer Templo Hispano
Asambleas De Dios
Pastor: Juan M. Valenzuela
806 366-3071
205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2188
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

Kerrick Community
Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
10 a.m. Worship Service

La Mision Bautista
Mision Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo (Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.
Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m. Estudio
Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 6 p.m.
Servicio De Adoracion 6 p.m. se Cuidamos
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COUNCIL MINUTES
March 26, 2013

Stratford City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 with Mayor Ricky Reed presiding and the following:

Present Council: Greg Wright, James Lutes, Joe Zak, Becky Lowe
Absent Council: Ann Johnson
City Attorney: Rob Elliott
City Administrator: Tommy Bogart
City Secretary: Kathy Rendon
City Planner: George Harding

Others: Jack Haile, Sandi and Andy Pale, Cynthia Jackson

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Ricky Reed called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Consent Agenda Items

- Minutes from regular meeting on February 26, 2013
- Accounts Payable for February 2013
- Financial Statements for February 2013
- Sherman County Appraisal District 2014 Budget
 - Joe Zak motioned to approve the consent agenda, James Lutes seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Presentations to the Council

- There were no presentations.

Council Business

- Discuss and consider action re: Doshier, Pickens and Francis to present FY 11/12 Audit Report
 - Greg Wright motioned to approve the audit as presented, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- PUBLIC HEARING:** Commitment made by the Stratford Sales Tax Board to participate in the Star of Texas RV Park Project
 - The public hearing opened at 6:29 pm. Tommy Bogart commented there were only positive comments at the previous public hearing. With no other comments, the public hearing closed at 6:30 pm.
- Discuss and consider action re: Authorization of Sales Tax Funds for Start of Texas RV Park Project
 - The loan would not exceed \$150,000 and would be for electrical only. The bills would be presented to Kathy Allen and then to Council for payment as they occur. The loan would be collateralized. (See motion below)
- Discuss and consider action re: Annexation of Star of Texas RV Park property
 - Jack Haile to present
 - The request is for 16.63 acres.
 - After some discussion, City Attorney Rob Elliott recommended items C and D be tabled until he could get more information regarding this process. James Lutes motioned to table these items, Becky Lowe seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: Revocation of Livestock Permit at address of 425 Stickney
 - On February 29, 2013 a horse from this address was seized due to its condition. A hearing was held and the City was given custody of the horse. Council reviewed pictures of this horse as well as

pictures of another horse from this address that had a complaint filed in 2009. The property owners stated they were feeding the animals to the best of their ability. After discussion, Joe Zak motioned to revoke the entire permit for this property, James Lutes seconded, all in favor, motion carried. The property owners will have ten (10) days to remove ALL animals from this property and the animals must be moved out of the City limits.

- Discuss and consider action re: Purchase of TYMCO Street Sweeper
 - A demonstration of this sweeper was conducted and observed by various staff and council. Staff has determined that the video equipment is not necessary, which will reduce the purchase price. Joe Zak motioned to authorize the loan through Happy State Bank, James Lutes seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Per Resolution No. 2, amount financed not to exceed \$126,000.

Citizen Comment Period

- There were no citizen comments.

Items from the Council

- On behalf of Ann Johnson, Ricky Reed was asked to verify the balance of the street maintenance sales tax
- Ricky Reed commented:
 - Some properties need clean-up - some have health/safety issues
 - Curb and gutter for some streets
- Becky Lowe commented:
 - It was reported to her about a shed that is dangerous and falling down. The location is around north Wall and Purnell.
- Joe Zak commented:
 - He was advised an employee will be attending training for fire hydrant repair

Adjourn

- Greg Wright motioned to adjourn at 7:14 pm, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Ricky Reed-Mayor
Kathy Rendon, City Secretary

Entertaining

(NU) - Even if your party guests' tastes lean more to chips and dip, Linnea Johansson, author of "Perfect Parties: Tips and Advice from a New York Planner," says that vodka—used as the base for a custom cocktail like the one below—is "a definite crowd pleaser."

MAPLE & FIG COCKTAIL

2 ounces Russian Standard Vodka
1/2 ounce Maple Syrup
2 ounces Lemon Juice
1 ounce Ginger Beer
1 Fresh Fig

Muddle the fruit and syrup in a shaker, add the lemon juice and Russian Standard Vodka. Add ice and shake well. Strain into a glass, and top with ginger beer. Garnish with a slice of fig.

Business Directory

Vincent Insurance Agency

Sabrina Melton

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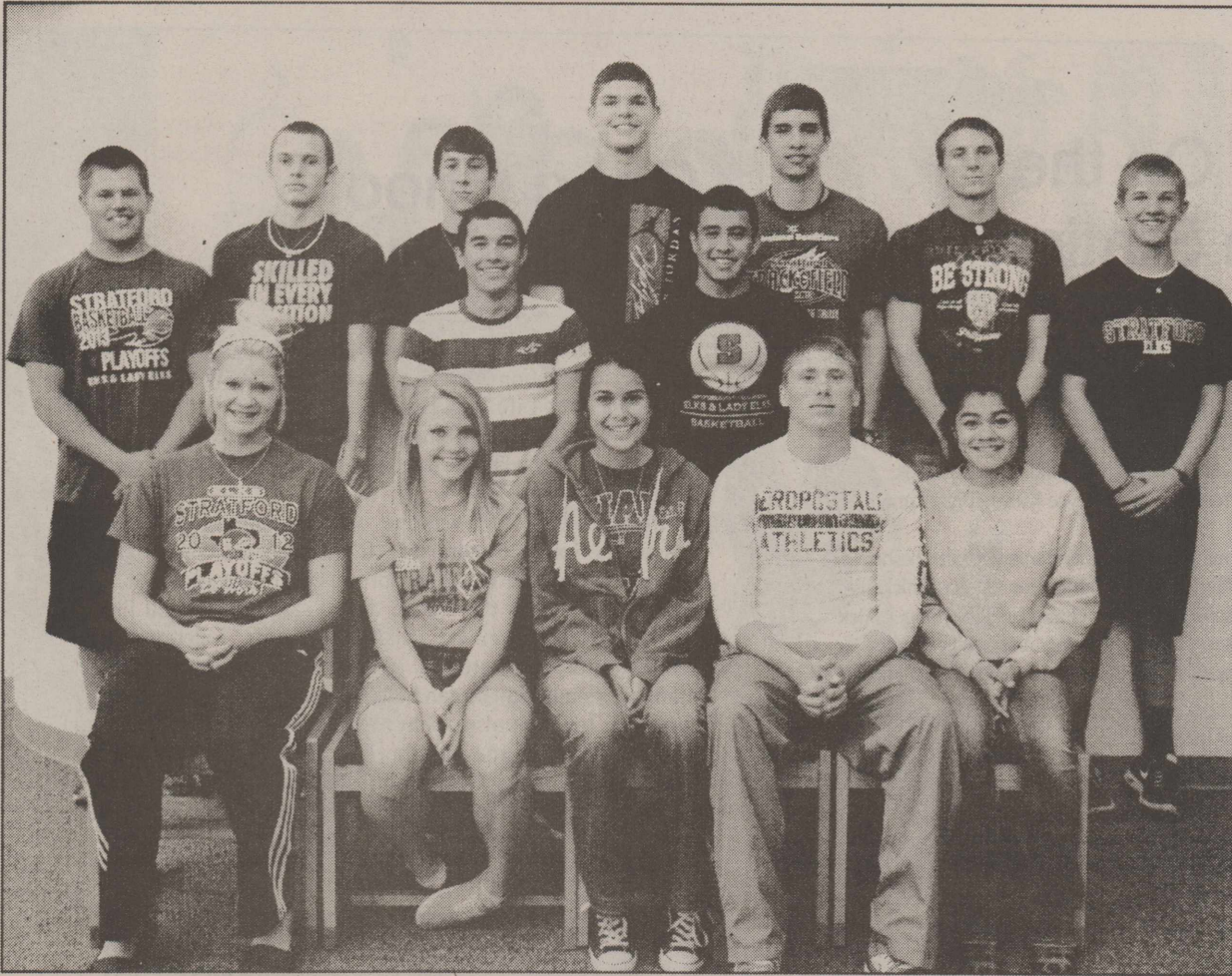
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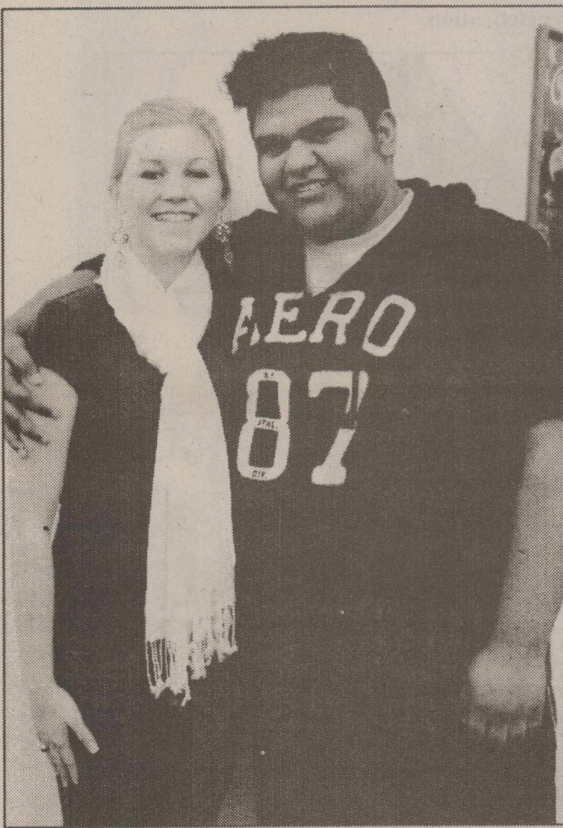
These Stratford High School athletes competed at the Regional Track meet held in Levelland, TX at South Plains College on Friday, April 26-27, 2013. Standing from left: Tanner Stone, Grayson Gonzalez, Colten Rendon, Jiovani Romero, Trevor Melton, Gerardo Romero, Sterling Audrain, Rett Schoonover and Jack McBryde. Seated from left: Bethany Everett, Alexie Wright, Karen Lozoya, Kelby Hartman, and Samantha Gonzalez. Congratulations to these students for qualifying. Also big Congratulations to Grayson Gonzalez and Bethany Everett for advancing to state in the 800 M Dash and Discus respectively.



Palmer headed to State

Allissa Palmer won 1st place in Lincoln-Douglas Debate at the UIL Regional Academic Meet. Allissa went 6 rounds undefeated to win the contest. She will advance to the UIL State Meet held in Austin beginning on May 20. Congratulations Allissa and Good Luck at State!

One Act Play Contest



Shyanne Acker and Victor Castro who received Honorable-Mention All-Star Cast at the Area One Act Play contest held on April 11th at Randall High



Adrian du Plessis who was awarded Best Actor at the Area One Act Play contest. Congratulations to Adrian on the outstanding achievement of being award Best Actor at the zone, district and area contests!



Shyanne Acker placed 6th in Poetry at the UIL Regional Academic Meet held in Levelland on Friday, April 19th. Congratulations to Shyanne for four years of outstanding achievement in UIL academics!

Congratulations to all of the participants

From the Stratford Star



Pictured above is the crew of the one act play who received the Best Technical Crew award at the Area One Act Play contest. Logan Uttley also received the Best Technical Crew award at the Area One Act Play contest. Logan Uttley also received the Best State Manager Award. Congratulations to Val-Mari du Plessis, AJ Riffe, Jacie Seward, Tyler Seward and Logan Uttley!

The smallest bird egg is believed to be that of the Vervain Hummingbird, of Jamaica. It measures just 0.39 inches and weighs 0.0132 ounces.

TIPS & HOW TO

Are You Fully Alive? Tips for Living a Full Life

NewsUSA

(NU) - When you hear the words 'walking dead,' you may think of AMC's hit zombie show "The Walking Dead," but you don't have to lack a pulse or crave human flesh to go throughout your life like a zombie.

The debilitating effects of depression assault 15 million Americans these days. By 2020, it's estimated that depression will become the second most common health problem in the world. But depression isn't the only issue preventing adults from feeling content each day—perhaps it's a stagnant job, poor health, a loss of faith or countless other factors.

Author, comedian and keynote speaker Ken Davis was a member of the walking dead for years before he realized he was living an unfulfilled life—mentally, physically and spiritually.

"This idea of living fully alive is not some thrill-seeking quest. It doesn't require leaping from an airplane or riding bicycles at break-neck speeds or jumping a log cabin on skis," says Davis. "I've done all that. What I longed for was to experience that sense of adventure in my everyday life. Shouldn't we feel some of the excitement that comes from jumping off a fifty-foot cliff when we jump out of bed?"

Ideally, yes. But as adults get caught up in the stressors of daily life—work, commuting, bills—it's easy to lose sight of the many components that interact to form a meaningful, healthy life.

"The very nature of the words 'fully alive' implies completeness,"



Are you and your family living a full life?

Davis says, "We are physical, social, mental and spiritual beings. To ignore any aspect of our humanity is to be only partially alive. I'm not interested in partial life any more than I'm interested in partial plates or premature death."

Davis shared his epiphany and desire to reinvigorate life in his newest book, "Fully Alive: A Journey That Will Change Your Life." Here's a snapshot of the advice Davis offers to his readers:

- Kick guilt to the curb, and experience real freedom.
 - Be active for an hour a day, and find ways to push your body to its limit several times in that hour.
 - Develop spirituality in your life, whether through prayer, meditation, reading, connecting with nature or attending a religious service.
 - Focus on positive behaviors and goals, not problems and fears.
- Basically, Davis' philosophy can be summed up in the newest acronym flying through Twitter, YOLO: you only live once. See what else Davis can teach you at www.fullyalivebook.com.

Week of the Young Child On the Farm" at The Imagination Station

The Imagination Station was busy and wiggly with 437 children plus teachers and 3 lambs; 1 nanny goat with 3 kids; 2 bottle calves; 25 chicks; 2 piglets; 1 horse, 1 rabbit.

Then there were crops; corn, cotton, wheat, tritico, grain sorghum, canola, sunflowers, soy beans. How it is used, how it taste, how it feels and what do you see at the store. There was even some planting of Milo (waiting for the growing and? harvesting).

It takes a village to present three days of 'On the Farm' to children from Texhoma, Stratford, Sunray, Goodwell, Cactus and Dalhart. Those who brought the equipment: Cotton Stripper/Wes Spurlock; Combine! Shown Meidinger; Planter/Jon Engelbrecht; Bailer/Jay Lone; Pens/Lance Horsford. Those who brought Animals: Horse: Andy Riffe, Erin Wilkins, CeCe Yelek; Lambs-Ron Eggleston; Goats- Joe Rangel; Bottle Calves-Jeff Pronger; Baby Chicks-Jill Pronger; Rabbit-Bryce Killian, Pigs- Lance Horsford

The Presenters of Crops: Corn/Cotton-Susie Spurlock, Laurie Spurlock; Wheat, Triticale, Grain Sorghum- Nita Bamard, Ineta Chesher, Conola/Sunflowers/Soy Beans- Teri Teig, Cindy Jackson, Lisa Moore; Planters- Yvonne Pittman, Karen Perrin, Joan Palmer; Chickens- Brad Easterling; Feeding Bottle Calves- Jill Killian; Lambs/Kids-Gaynelle Riffe; Farm Equipment-Stratford Grain Guys/Joe Rangel, Alex Alvarez, Cervando Rosas, Henry Harrison, Sandy Tillery, Larry Parsons. Laurie Spurlock kept everyone moving. Ann Wells, borene Harrison and Ellen Tillery helped corral children in their groups. bon Riffe was the gofor. Students from Stratford High School jumped in where needed.

The Public is always invited to view the Exhibits during the students visits or when someone is there.

Choo Choo Lollipop News

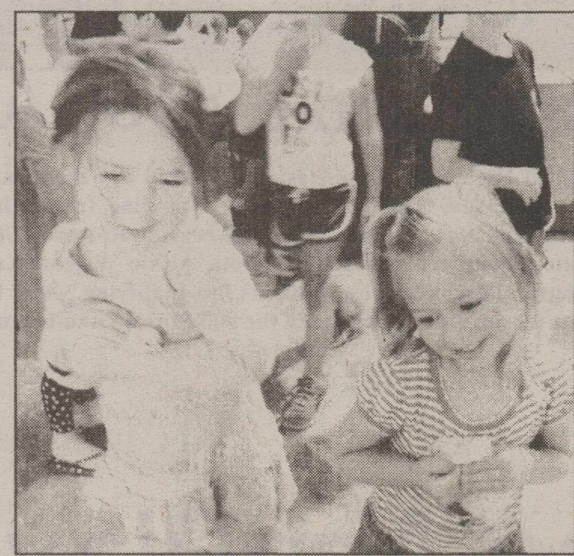
Lollipop Junction children took a field trip to the Imagination Station April 22 to celebrate the Week of the Young Child. Life on a Farm was the theme of the hands on activity. All the children got an opportunity to see and touch many animals that live on a farm and the equipment used for farming.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported Lollipop Junction's Spring Fundraiser. It was very successful and appreciated by the child non-profit child care center. If you missed out on the cookie dough sales and would like to assist the center, visit Lollipop Junction at www.stratfordchildcare.org. On the website you will find many ways individuals can help the center and its mission.

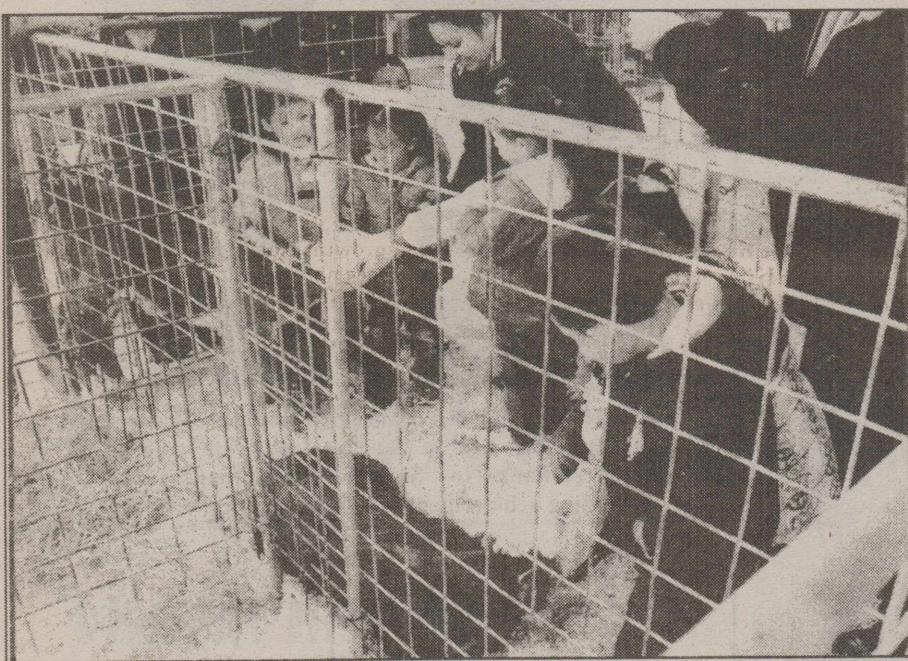
Lollipop Junction also wishes to extend THANK YOU to Channel Seeds, Barney Willborn for the generous donation through Community Connection. This money will be used for the completion of the safety updates to the center's playground.



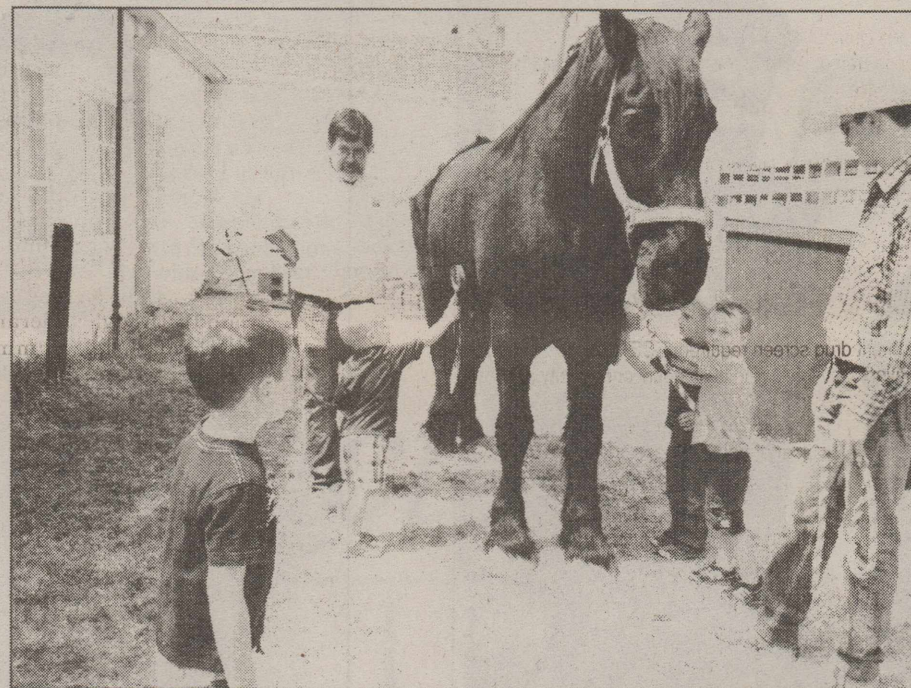
Week of the Young child "On the Farm" Farm Equipment Bailer



These Lollipop chicks are holding some of the baby chicks that were at the Imagination Station Week of the Young Child celebration.



Feeding the Bottle Calf

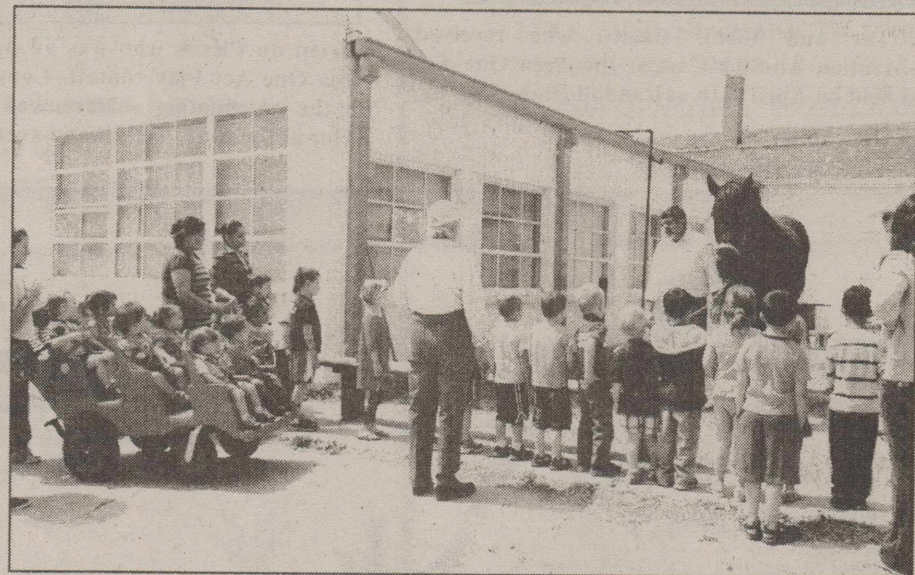


Lollipop Junction children got hands on experience on how to brush a horse at the Imagination Station's activity, Life on the Farm.



Stapes / Stirrup

The smallest bone in the human body is the stapes or stirrup bone located in the middle ear. It is approximately one tenth of an inch long. Shaped like a stirrup on a saddle, it transmits sound vibrations through the hearing system.



Andy Riffe talks to Lollipop Junction children and staff members about his horse at the Week of the Young Child hosted by the Imagination Station.

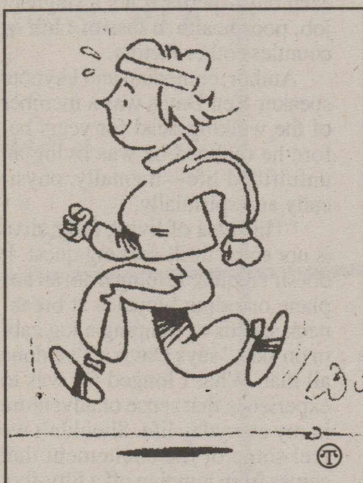
HEALTHY IDEAS

(NAPS)—Simple diet and exercise changes can help reduce your risk of health complications. If you live a sedentary lifestyle, get back into an activity you enjoy doing. Learn more at www.Heart.org.

 One of the essential nutrients for people over 30, says nutritionist Keri Glassman, is CoQ10, but it's important to get it in its "body-ready" Ubiquinol form. Most major supplement brands carry it. Learn more at www.ubiquinol.org.

 Many Americans suffer from a difficult-to-correct circadian rhythm disorder called Non-24. Anyone with sleep problems should see a doctor. Although there are no FDA-approved treatment options currently available, studies are under way that may provide help and hope. Learn more at www.non-24.com.

 The Partnership for Healthy



Mouths, Healthy Lives, a coalition of dental health organizations and the Ad Council, created the Kids' Healthy Mouths campaign to teach families about easy ways to prevent oral disease. Learn more at www.2min2x.org.



This is BIG!! Lollipop Junction kids learned about farm equipment and got the opportunity to sit in the driver's seat of a cotton stripper, combine, and other farm equipment during their field trip to the Imagination Station.



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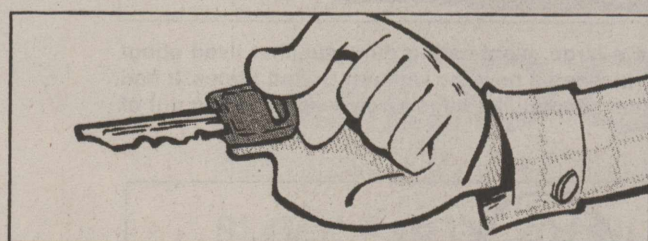
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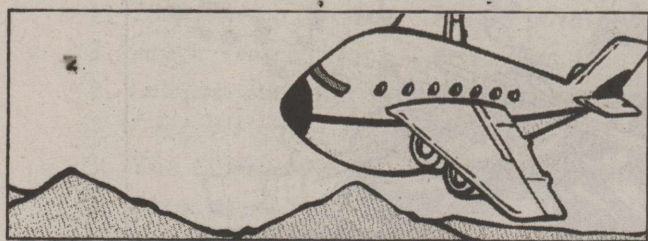
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Your Garden

Seven Secrets For A Beautiful, Low-Maintenance Landscape

(NAPS)—Anyone who thinks a low-maintenance landscape has to be plain green and ugly should think again. With a bit of planning, some smart plant choices and the help of these seven garden designer secrets, you can have a yard that's the envy of your neighborhood—and enough time to enjoy it.

1. Choose plants that will flourish given the realities of your yard. Some plants like full sun while others tolerate shade; some don't mind freezing temperatures while others are unfazed by relentless heat. Selecting plants that thrive in the existing conditions of your site ensures a healthy, attractive landscape. Observe the light levels around your home—six to eight hours plus of uninterrupted sun each day indicates full sun, four to six hours is considered part shade or part sun, and less than four hours would be a shaded site. Plants at the garden center should have tags that tell you their light preferences. Shopping locally helps ensure that all the plants you see will be suitable for the climate in your yard.

2. Plant drought-tolerant shrubs. These specially adapted plants thrive with limited water once they are established (usually after their first season in the ground). Drought-tolerant plants sail through hot summer days easily, saving you the time and money it takes to water the landscape. Read the tag attached to the shrub for information on its drought tolerance or look for visual cues such as silvery-grey leaves, as are found on Petit Bleu caryopteris, and narrow, needlelike foliage, as on Fine Line rhhamnus.



Compact plants like 'Lilac Chip' butterfly bush contribute to a low-maintenance landscape.



The cheery gold of Chardonnay Pearls deutzia can brighten your yard.

3. Spare yourself the time it takes to prune your plants by opting for compact varieties. Compact (also known as dwarf) plants never get too large for the space where you've planted them so you don't have to bother with confusing pruning instructions. Most people's favorite plants are available in compact, no-prune varieties: hydrangea lovers can try Little Lime or Bobo dwarf-panicle hydrangeas or the tidy Cityline series of big-leaf hydrangea. Rose fans should take note of the low-growing Oso Easy series with its range of 10 vivid colors, all under 3' high. Even butterfly bush, a shrub notorious for its giant, sprawling habit, is available in a compact 2' height with the innovative Lo & Behold series.

4. Choose plants with high-quality, attractive foliage. These look great even when not in bloom, beautifying your landscape for months instead of just a few weeks. Colorful foliage, including the dark purple of Black Lace elderberry or the cheery gold of Chardonnay Pearls deutzia, and variegated foliage, such as My Monet weigela or Sugar Tip hibiscus, make engaging focal points

from early spring through late fall. Mix them with such evergreens as Castle Spire holly and Soft Serve false cypress for year-round color.

5. Plant in masses of three, five or seven of the same kind of plant. This gives your landscape a cohesive, professionally designed appearance. Plus, weeds cannot grow if desirable plants are already taking up the space, eliminating that notoriously tiresome garden chore. Planting in groups of odd numbers is a designer's secret for a bold statement that doesn't feel too formal or fussy.

6. Mulch. A two- to three-inch-thick layer of shredded bark mulch not only gives your landscape a pleasing, finished look, it conserves water by reducing evaporation. It also keeps plant roots cool and shaded, allowing for healthy, vigorous growth that resists pests and diseases naturally.

7. Don't be afraid to replace the plants that take too much of your time, or those that you don't really like, with new, easy-to-grow shrubs. At www.ProvenWinners-Shrubs.com, there are so many improved varieties available now that there is little reason to settle for anything else.

FASHION FORECAST

Dare To Go Bare—And Be Beautiful

(NAPS)—The latest look to wear is one that's nearly not there: From nude lips to nude nails to nude legs, it's all about accentuating your best assets with a little help from the latest accessory trends.

Fashion designers are showing feminine dresses and skirts in bold colors and striped patterns stomping up and down the runway. With an emphasis on legs, skin-toned sheers work very well to complement any of these trends without taking away from the overall style.

Bare It All—Almost

While bare legs were a trend in the past, now, style seekers are looking for a more ladylike finish. Ultra sheer hosiery effectively hides many imperfections by giving legs an impeccable finish. For example, Hanes Silk Reflections Ultra Sheers with run-resist technology are now available in beautiful skin tones. They provide flawless coverage in a wide range of cosmetic skin tones such as Buff, Natural, Bisque, Gentlebrown and Cocoa. These sheers complement your natural skin tone for a look that is better than bare in a multitude of shades.

For those who love to step out in peep-toe pumps and strappy sandals, Hanes Silk Reflections Ultra Sheer Toeless gives you a flawless finish no matter the shoes.

On Beyond Bare

For fashionistas wanting a bit more couture in their repertoire, textured tights allow for old-world glamour with a modern twist.

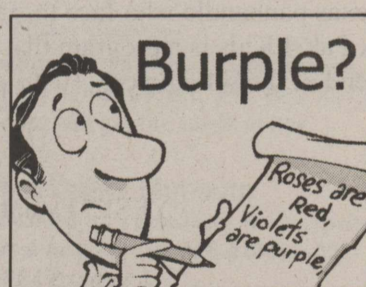


Grin and bare it: The style to be seen in today is nude shades and hard-to-spot accessories.

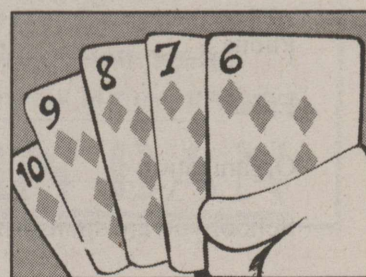
Consider the Fashion Textures by Hanes Silk Reflections hosiery. They add just the right amount of style and are versatile enough to easily go from day to night. These modern styles are a wonderful complement to the black-and-white patterns that were seen gracing the runways this season. Styles such as Modern Mesh and Vertical Mesh add a little sexiness to your look while the Back-seam gives any outfit a retro ladylike elegance.

Learn More

You can find further fashion facts and information on today's legwear trends when you visit www.haneshosiery.com.



No words in the English language rhyme with orange, silver or purple.



There are 311,875,200 five-card poker hands possible in a 52-card deck.



Egyptians used a form of toothpaste over 5,000 years ago.

Home

(NU) - The American Lighting Association (ALA) offers some proven tips for decorating with refined style, indoors and out.

First of all, consider a grand entrance. Adding a few easy-to-install landscape uplights to highlight trees and shrubs, or path lighting to illuminate a sidewalk, will immediately add a sense of elegance.

Secondly, little touches can inspire a cheery mood and make guests feel comfortable. For an especially warm and intimate look, shine a spotlight toward framed photos of family members or past gatherings.

SWCDS in State District I to Elect TSSWCB Board Member

(TEMPLE—April 29, 2013) Soil and water conservation districts in State District One will elect a member to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) on Tuesday, May 7. The election will be held at 6 p.m. at the College Heights Baptist Church in Plainview.

State District One consists of 51 counties within which there are 49 soil and water conservation districts in the Panhandle-Plains region of Texas.

The current TSSWCB member for State District One is Scott Buckles of Stratford, TX. Buckles, who has been a member of the TSSWCB since May, 2011, has a farming and ranching operation in Sherman County.

"Since its beginning, the TSSWCB has been governed by five board members. Each respective board member is elected in a convention type election by delegates from soil and water conservation district directors within the state district that the member resides. However, with the enactment of S.B. 1828 by the 78th Legislature, two Governor Appointees also serve on the TSSWCB to create a seven-member board," said Rex Isom, TSSWCB Executive Director.

"Elections occur annually to comply with the soil conservation laws of Texas. The elections are held in state district conventions and TSSWCB members serve two-year staggered terms. Since this is an odd numbered year, TSSWCB member elections are being held in State Districts One, Three, and Five," added Isom.

Elected State Board members must be 18 years of age or older, hold title to farmland or ranchland, and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. The gubernatorial appointees must be actively engaged in the business of farming, animal husbandry, or other business related to agriculture and wholly or partly own or leases land used in connection with that business. They; however, may not be a member of the board of directors of a conservation district.

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and delivers coordinated natural resource conservation programs through the State's 216 soil and water conservation districts.

Additionally, the TSSWCB is the lead agency for planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution. The agency also administers a water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush.

The TSSWCB, in an additional area of responsibility, acts to ensure that the State's network of 2,000 flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repair grants to local government sponsors. The agency also facilitates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

"In short, the services and programs provided by the TSSWCB target rural Texas farmers and ranchers through soil and water conservation districts, but the results of these services benefit all Texans. For example, soil and water conservation districts provide technical assistance in cooperation with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to assist agricultural producers implement voluntary conservation plans that best address the capabilities of the land they operate," said Isom.

"In addition to on site soil and water conservation benefits to a farmer or rancher, the public enjoys residual benefits which includes wildlife enhancement as well as the prevention of sediment, pesticides, nutrients, bacteria and other contaminants from impairing Texas waters," added Isom.

The TSSWCB, which was organized in May 1939, has its state headquarters in Temple, Texas. Within the state there are 216 soil and water conservation districts.

Proper Tree Watering

By Brad Easterling

Although you may think your trees are receiving enough water when you water your grass or from your dripper lines, location and duration play a large role in how much water your trees are actually receiving. If your trees only receive water when you water your grass then chances are they are only getting about .25-.50 inches of water at a time and you are helping to develop a very shallow root system. On the other hand, if you are getting water down to 3-4 feet around the drip line on the tree, you are wasting quite a bit of water around the rest of your lawn. In an extreme drought such as this, hand watering trees in order to get the water down to the root zone is the most effective way to water without wasting water on the rest of your lawn.

With trees watered by drip lines it is important to remember that over time the drip lines need to be moved as the trees roots move out further away from the trunk of the tree. Twenty year old trees such as trees in a wind break with the drip line laid next to the trunk are not able to utilize the water applied because their feeder roots may be 15-20 feet from the dripper line.

Because trees and their root systems can be large, it often takes several months and often up to a year before problems become obvious. Even then, symptoms caused by inadequate watering, cold, chemicals, or improper trimming may be difficult to pinpoint as to their cause.

Once stress is a factor, the slow degradation of root systems is often difficult to see and often more difficult to correct.

Environmental stresses such as drought, heat, or cold typically will affect the entire tree or shrub, with all branches or limbs being affected similarly. There may be dead or wilted leaves or branches uniformly across the tree, especially on the interior. On the other hand, chemical or mechanical damage will normally affect a more localized area of the tree at the outset. Insect damage can vary from localized areas in the early stages of infestation to the entire tree in latter stages or severe infestations.

Proper watering in our arid panhandle environment is critical to minimizing stress. Water infrequently and slowly so soil moisture is adequate at least to the outside circumference of the tree's canopy (drip line) and to a depth of three feet. Eighty percent of a tree's roots are in this area. Check this by pushing a sharp rod or stake into the soil under the tree in 2 or 3 locations to be certain you are not striking a root. If it will penetrate to 2 foot depth, your tree should be adequately watered. Remember to allow the ground to dry between waterings, as trees must be able to obtain oxygen through soil that is not saturated with water.

The only source of knowledge is experience.

—Albert Einstein

Happiness is not a goal; it is a by-product.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

The difference between greatness and mediocrity is often how an individual views a mistake.

—Nelson Boswell

I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage.

—Erma Bombeck



The youngest president was Theodore Roosevelt, who was 42 when sworn in after William McKinley's death in 1901.



Giving a Voice to Hungry Kids

We all know that there are children who have free breakfast and lunch provided for them at school Monday through Friday. Have you ever stopped to think what these children do for food on the weekends? Have you ever eaten lunch on Friday and then not had another actual meal until Monday morning? Can you imagine trying to listen to your teacher on Monday morning when all you can do is watch the clock and count the seconds until lunchtime? Unfortunately, there are children in Stratford and the surrounding towns in the Texas panhandle who face this struggle every weekend and during school holidays. Snack Pak 4 Kids is a program that provides food for children in these situations every weekend of the school year. 100% of all money is used for food only.

YES!!! I want to adopt a child for: **Stratford ISD**

- 1 year- \$133 (number of children)
- 1 month-\$14 (number of children)
- 1 week- \$3.50 (number of children)
- other- \$

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Organization

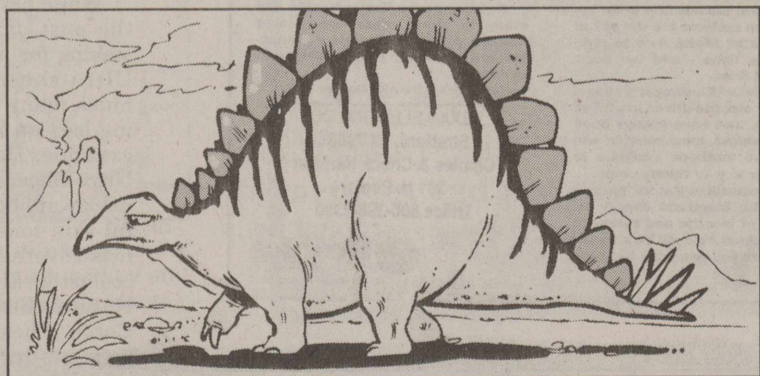
School you are sponsoring

Checks are payable to "Snack-Pak 4 Kids." Please designate Stratford in memo line of your check.

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The stegosaurus was a large, plant-eating dinosaur that lived about 150 million years ago in what is now the western United States. It had two rows of bony plates shaped like huge arrowheads sticking out of its back.



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