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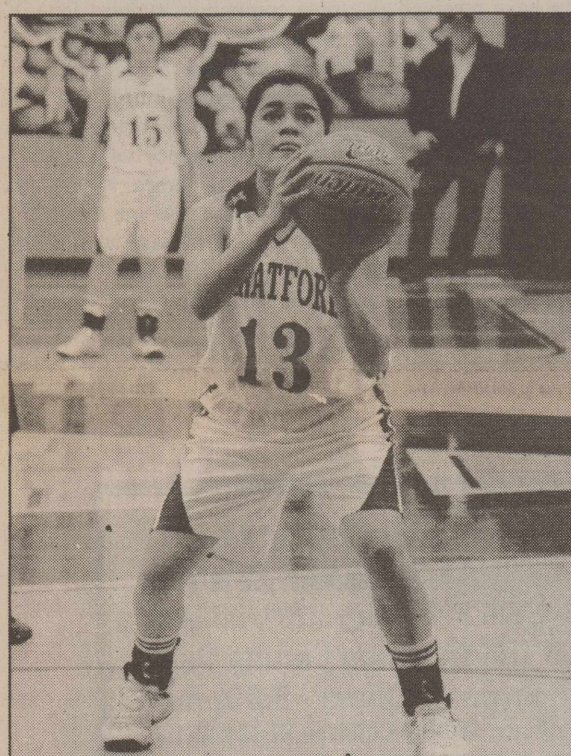
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Lady Elk Bethany Everett shown above drives for the basket against Panhandle Tuesday, Feb. 11th, Bi-Distract game held in Amarillo. Lady Elks lost to Panhandle 52-42. Jackie Gonzales (above left) defending against Panhandle Tuesday, Feb. 11th. Shown at (bottom left) Samantha Gonzales taking a free shot against Panhandle Feb. 11th. Great job girls!!!!



What's Happening In Stratford

Used Book Sale at County Library
Used book sale at the County Library, Saturday, February 22, 2014 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Depot Museum Fund Raiser
Depot Museum will be having a Fund Raiser Mexican Pile On on Sunday March 2, 2014 from 11:30 to 1 p.m.

Fundraiser for Stratford Fire Dept.
Coming in the Spring 2014. Sunday, April 6, 2014. 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Location- Stratford Fire Department.

Hamburger Feed
Boys State & Girls State Hamburger Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 23, 2014 at the Sherman County Barn. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free Will Donation. Proceeds go to help with the costs of sending the Boys and Girls State Representative to the programs in Austin and Sequin this summer. Everyone is invited.

Sherman County Public Library hours
Monday-9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday-9 a.m. 6 p.m.
Friday-9 a.m. 1 p.m.

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.

Stratford Fire Department Received Check

The Stratford Fire Department received a check for \$150.00 recently from Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies as an expression of thanks for the department's work on the property of Frische Brothers Partnership.

The money will be used for their loss prevention program.

The Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies pay fire departments this amount when the department works at a fire in rural areas, involving property insured by them. The Insurance Company believes fire departments have contributed to reduce the amount of loss involved by fire and more importantly, to prevent fires. It is their hope this money will help the Stratford Fire Department in their program.

Election Identification Certificates (EIC) to be issued

Sherman County will be issuing Election Identification Certificates (EIC) to Texans who **DO NOT** already have an acceptable form of photo identification necessary to vote.

For locations, dates, and times that EIC's will be available in Sherman County,

Contact:
Sherman County Tax Office
Valerie McAlister
Sherman Tax Assessor-Collector
806-366-2150

valerie.mcalister@co.sherman.tx.us
For more information regarding EIX,s, including eligibility guidelines and necessary documentation, visit <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/electionID.htm>.

Medical/Expense Fund has been set up for **Salma Iliana Ortega Aguilera** at First State Bank. Salma is a 6 year old daughter of Sarah D. Ortega and sister of Baruc, Vinny and Lui. Salma will be undergoing brain surgery in the near future and will be out in Dallas for 2 months during that time. We ask for **many** prayers as the family is undergoing tough times but also want to thank you all for the words of strength, prayers and help received from this wonderful Stratford Community. Words cannot express the true gratitude we feel towards the great people of Stratford and what they have done for Salma and the entire family. May God bless all of you and we thank you in advance for your help.

Pantry Needs for February

Assembly of God-Mac & Cheese
First Baptist-Canned fruit
First Christian-Dry noodles
Methodist-Pasta Sauce
Catholic-Tuna
Church of Christ-Fruit juice
Spanish Assembly-Cereal

SHS Announces One Act Play Dinner Theatre

The Stratford High School One Act Play will be hosting a dinner theatre on Monday, March 17 at the Mary Allen Cafetorium. The evening will begin with dinner at 6:00 followed by a performance of this year's UIL One Act Play. The cast and crew will be going to zone competition on Wednesday, March 19 at White beer High School.

This year's play is Anatomy of Gray by Jim Leonard, produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., and directed by Ronna Riffe and Stacy Metcalf. Set in Indiana during the late 1800's, this award-winning author's newest play which he describes as a "children's story for adults" deals with death, loss, love, and healing in a unique coming of age story.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students and children and are on sale now. Tickets go fast so don't delay. All proceeds go to the SHS speech and theatre fund and will help send interested students to speech, debate, and theatre activities and summer camps. For tickets, see any member of the cast or crew or call Ronna Riffe at the high school at 366-3330 or 753-7255. We hope you come out to enjoy an evening of good food and fun at the theatre!

Cast Members are-Adrian du Plessis, Katy Moore, Mary Ann Spurlock, Victor Castro, Mazie Vincent, Brantley Powers, Allissa Palmer, Taylor Wright, John McBroom. **Townspiece-Branson Palmer, Chesney Rendon, Alexie Wright and Russell Spurlock. Crew-**Logan Uttley Alexa Peregrino, Jacie Seward, AJ Riffe, Val-mari du Plessis. **Alternates-** Aron Villegas, Sidney Turner, Slade Rogers, Bret Barnard

CIMARRON COUNTRY MUSIC THEATER 4th SATURDAY NIGHT OF EACH MONTH FEBRUARY 22, 2014 - BOISE CITY, OK
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For more info call Sandy Hawkins 806 674 5147

Boys State/Girls State Representatives to be selected

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will be conducting interviews on the evening of March 6, 2014 to select this year's Boys State and Girls State Representative. The nominees for Boys State this year are Brantley Powers, Chisum Rutherford, and Jordan Ruiz. Nominees for Girls State are Jaci Seward, Vanessa Mendoza, and Karla Ramirez. The nominees were chosen by their teachers and administrators at Stratford High School. The Howard Norvell Green Post members will conduct interviews of each nominee and selections will then be made by the members. Announcement of the selectee delegates will be made following the interviews.



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Customer Appreciation Day

Wednesday, February 26
CARQUEST Filter Sale
Lunch served at noon

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St. Joseph's Church
ANNUAL Youth Group Raffle
(\$5/ticket or 5 for \$20):
Raffling: (need not be present to win)
8" Nextbook Tablet
3.0 cu ft Igloo Erase Board Refrigerator
\$75 cake from Sugar & Spice Bakery

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267

Townhall Meetings & Counting!



Staying true to his original campaign promise to hold at least one townhall meeting annually in each of the 37 counties he serves in the Texas Senate, Kel Seliger recently completed his 267th Town Hall Meeting.

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- Voted for stronger pro-life and pro-family reforms
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Republican Primary: March 4, 2014
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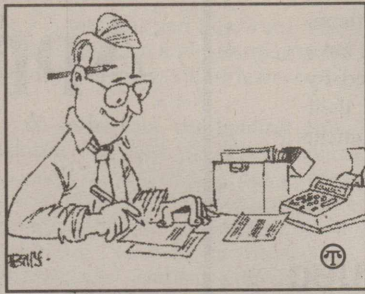
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Did You Know?

(NAPS)—If you're looking for ways to maximize your refund, consider this: TaxACT's free federal solution includes all e-fileable forms for simple and complicated returns. To file your federal return free with TaxACT Free Edition, visit www.taxact.com.

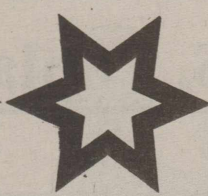
A Federal Trade Commission study shows that 20 percent of Americans have errors on their credit report and 5 percent have mistakes that could lead to them being denied credit. That's why it's important to check your credit report. To learn more, visit www.quizzle.com.

Consumers can get banking services for less, along with other benefits, from a brokerage firm. To help investors learn what's right for them, Fidelity created a Viewpoint that gives the pros and



cons of moving to a brokerage firm for banking needs, at <https://www.fidelity.com/viewpoints/do-you-really-need-a-bank>.

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Two for Tuesdays at Ol' Biddy's Café
Buy 1 hamburger basket and get one free (Cheese and drink extra)

Ol' Biddy's Café



Tips For Safer Online Shopping

(NAPS)—There's good news for online shoppers who want more security when shopping at an unfamiliar website.

By taking a few practical steps, it's possible to have a shopping experience that is safer and more satisfying.

Here are a few tips to help determine if a company can be considered a trusted Internet shopping source:



Before shopping at a website, look for a clear return policy, refund policy or guarantee.

• Ask family and friends if anyone has shopped from the store. Post similar questions on any social networks you belong to.

• Look for a clearly stated return policy, refund policy, warranty or guarantee before shopping.

• Also, see if the site supports "SSL" or Secure Checkout. The site should show a locked icon in your browser when you check out.

• Stores that accept credit cards are typically more reliable than ones that only accept PayPal.

For additional tips, visit www.buyvia.com/how-to-find-safe-online-stores.



The saxophone was invented by a Belgian musician, Adolphe Sax, in 1841. It was patented in 1846. Today it is made in eight sizes, from the soprano to the sub-double bass.

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Obituaries

Jesse Carl Smith

December 12, 1946-February 11, 2014

Jesse Carl Smith, 67, of Dumas, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, at Stratford Cemetery in Stratford. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Dumas, 500 N. Maddox Ave.

Jesse was born Dec. 12, 1946, in Dalhart to J.W. and Marthy Smith. He enjoyed racing cars, building model cars and relaxing. Jesse was a Baptist.

Survivors include his brother, James E. Smith of Stratford; and two daughters, Amanda Dretske of Stratford and Shelli Thomas of Crosbyton.

Sign the online guestbook at www.boxwellbrothers.com.

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David Davis

for

Sherman County Commissioner Precinct 4
Republican Primary Election

March 4, 2014

Paid Political Ad Paid for by David Davis, PO Box 1275, Stratford, TX 79084-1275



From the Desk of Sheriff Powell

Hope everyone had a Happy & Safe Valentine's Day. What a beautiful weekend we had for it. Soon, YOUR Sheriff's Office will be gearing up again for our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the park. Over the past 3 years we have received awesome community support for this project and I just want to say how much we really appreciate it, as we love watching our children smile and have a fun time. I will be reaching out to our Police, Fire, and EMS again because the children have such a good time climbing on and looking at the emergency vehicles and hanging out with their favorite local heroes. If you have any new ideas for us this year, please give me a call or stop by the office. We are so blessed to have such a dynamic community that cares so much about our children. As always, thank you sincerely, for your continued support of all those that are here to protect you and serve you!!

Sheriff Joe Powell

St. Joseph's Church

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Baseball is like a poker game. Nobody wants to quit when he's losing; nobody wants you to quit when you're ahead.
—Jackie Robinson

Attention to all subscribers!! Rate change

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
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How To Create Flavorful Holiday Recipes From Pantry Staples

(NAPS)—The key ingredient to your next signature dish could be sitting in a box in your kitchen pantry right now. What's more, it could be that the ingredient contains 100 percent whole grains and is gluten-free.

In fact, you can try all sorts of new and unexpected twists to some of your favorite holiday recipes with the all-new Minute® Multi-Grain Medley. It's a blend of brown rice, Thai red rice, wild rice and quinoa and is ready in just 10 minutes. It can serve as the mainstay of many affordable and flavorful dishes for breakfast, lunch, dinner and even dessert. Plus, with four convenient preportioned bags in each box, you can try a variety of recipes, including this scrumptious Zucchini Banana Multi-Grain Bread, which can make a great gift for your friends and neighbors this holiday season.

Zucchini Banana Multi-Grain Bread

1 bag Minute® Multi-Grain Medley, uncooked
Nonstick cooking spray
3 large eggs, lightly beaten
½ cup sugar
1 ripe banana, mashed
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
¼ cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 medium zucchini, grated
½ cup walnuts, chopped
2 cups baking mix (can be gluten-free)

Preheat oven to 400° F. Pre-



The next time you're scrambling to find something to whip up for unexpected guests or as a last-minute gift, check your pantry inventory for healthful ingredients you have and create a wholesome treat that can double as your family's next go-to breakfast, snack or dessert.

Prepare Multi-Grain Medley according to package directions. Coat a loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, sugar and banana. Stir in Multi-Grain Medley, oil, milk, vanilla, zucchini (should be about 1½ cups of grated zucchini) and walnuts. Add baking mix and stir just until all ingredients are combined. Pour mixture into prepared pan.

Bake 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool 10 minutes, then remove from pan and cool on rack.

Makes 1 loaf.

Learn More

For this recipe and many more, visit www.minuterice.com.



Study Club hosts Coldwater Manor Birthday party for February

Prospectus Study Club was extremely blessed to host the February birthday party at Coldwater Manor on February 12th. Cake, petit fours, ice cream and punch was enjoyed by all (some twice!). Everyone was in such a great mood and all the residents were so excited to have us out. Shown are the February birthday girls (seated) Beverly Newburn and Lora Church. Behind them are representatives from Prospectus Study Club - Marty Bain, Ann Johnson, Laurie Spurlock and Penny Sheehan.



Re-Elect Tommy Asher

SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 4

Republican Primary Election

March 4, 2014



Electos Nuevamente Tommy Asher

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Take your needle, my child,
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—Oliver Wendell Holmes

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bling on something sitting
down.

—Charles Kettering

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FIRE CAUTION!

We are not currently under a BURN BAN,
but Sherman County is asking for everyone's
cooperation in preventing fires. We are
asking that you use caution with any fire.
Please monitor any fires and make sure fire is
completely extinguished before leaving the
area.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

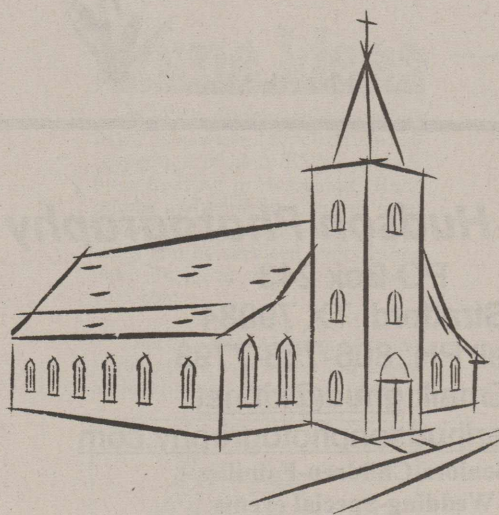
First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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. Steve Ulrey 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
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Pre_K Hugs – These Pre-K students expressed their love for each other with a group hug during the Valentine's Day party.



Valentine Babies – Four babies also celebrated Valentine's Day at Lollipop Junction.



Valentine Toddlers – Thirteen toddlers are enjoying the refreshments at Lollipop Junction's Valentine's Day party.

Choo, Choo Lollipop News

Thirty-one children and 9 parents joined the staff of Lollipop Junction to celebrate Valentine's Day with a party on Friday, February 14th.

Fourteen Pre-K students, 13 toddlers, and 4 babies enjoyed the celebration with games, food, lots of red hearts, and hugs. Parents of the children accepted the invitation to the party and too part in the children's celebration. No party is complete without refreshments!! The children enjoyed cupcakes, cookies, slices of apples, oranges, and pineapple tidbits with string cheese, juice, and lots of Valentine candies!!!

Lollipop Junction is enjoying a great 2014!!! The center extends an invitation to everyone to visit and learn more about their service to the community. If you cannot come and visit in person, visit Lollipop Junction at its website, www.stratfordchildcare.com.

Business Directory

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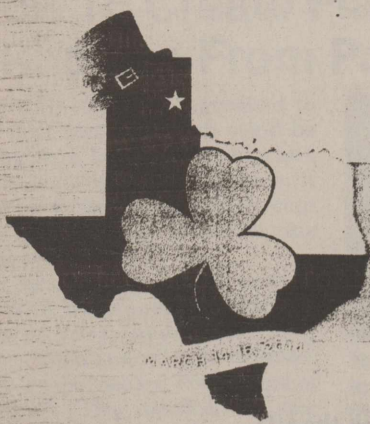
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Shamrock is the home of the biggest and best annual St. Patrick's Day weekend celebration in the great state of Texas. One of the many highlights is our Miss Irish Rose Scholarship Pageant. This year, the new Miss Irish Rose and her court will receive \$2,850.00 in scholarships: Miss Irish Rose - \$1,250; 1st Runner-Up - \$750; 2nd Runner-Up - \$500; 3rd Runner-Up - \$250; and Miss Congeniality \$100. Additionally, the newly crowned Miss Irish Rose will have her registration fee paid for into a Miss Texas USA Teen pageant of her choice, if she chooses to attend.

The Miss Irish Rose pageant will be held on Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15 and is open to young ladies who are currently enrolled in high school. Contestants may never have been married, be pregnant or have a child. Enclosed is a copy of the pageant's rules, regulations and entry form for you to please distribute to those who may be interested in competing and representing your school, organization or community. Homecoming Queens, student leaders, cheerleaders and civic queens are highly encouraged to participate. This year, Miss Amarillo and Miss Lubbock will be serving as emcees for the pageant weekend!

Each Colleen contestant will be required to obtain a sponsor which may be any school, organization, civic group, business or town club. We encourage your organization to sponsor a contestant and in return, your organization's name will be displayed on your delegate's sash which will be worn during the weekend event. Additionally, a special recognition of the sponsorship will be made during the announcement of your sponsored contestant, both Friday and Saturday.

All entry forms must be submitted before Friday, February 28th. A \$125 registration fee is required along with a headshot photo for our local town and county newspaper. The registration fee also includes rental of an official Colleen Outfit that will be worn on Saturday during the interview process and parade, plus a commemorative event t-shirt.



MISS IRISH ROSE ENTRY FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY/ATTACH ANOTHER SHEET IF NECESSARY

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____
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PAGEANT INFORMATION SHEET

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

- FORMAL LENGTH GOWN:** Prom/Homecoming Dress = Elegant/Classy – The formal gown will be worn at the banquet on Friday, March 14 and the pageant crowning on Saturday, March 15.
- INTERVIEW & PARADE ATTIRE:** As a part of the registration fee, an official Colleen Outfit will be provided to you by the pageant. The outfit is a tradition and will be specially made for each girl. Each contestant is required to return the outfit following the parade.

SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED EVENTS FOR EACH CONTESTANT

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

- REHEARSAL: 2PM - Shamrock Community Center, 911 North Main Street** – Contestants will meet with the pageant director, practice modeling techniques and rehearse personal introductions.
- ST. PATRICK'S ASSOCIATION KICK-OFF BANQUET: 6:15PM – Shamrock Community Center, 911 North Main Street** – Banquet tickets, special seating and a catered meal will be provided for each contestant. Each contestant will do an individual modeling walk with a personal introduction. *Introductions should include, but not limited to: full name, age, hometown, school, sponsor. Parents/family/friends will need to purchase banquet tickets by calling the Chamber of Commerce office at (806) 256-2501.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

- COLLEEN BREAKFAST: 8AM – Citizen's Bank, 711 North Main Street** – Interviews will begin at this time with each contestant meeting individually with each judge. Float assignments for the parade will take place at this time. If your sponsor has a float, you will have the opportunity to be on their float. Please let the pageant director know ahead of time for planning purposes. **Contestants and pageant staff/judges may only attend.*
- PARADE: 10AM – Main Street USA, Downtown Shamrock** – Contestants will be assigned to ride on floats of participating businesses.
- LUNCHEON: Immediately following parade – Location to be announced** – A school bus will be located at the end of the parade to transport all contestants to the luncheon. **Contestants and pageant staff/judges may only attend.*
- MISS IRISH ROSE SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT: 3:00PM – Shamrock High School Auditorium, 100 South Illinois** – There is no cost for admission for any spectator.

AN OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION PACKET WILL BE MAILED TO EACH REGISTERED CONTESTANT WITH MORE DETAILS – DEADLINE TO ENTER: FRIDAY, FEB. 28



MISS IRISH ROSE CONSENT FORM

As a contestant in the 2014 Miss Irish Pageant, I agree to the clothing requirements and the schedule of required events. I hereby certify that I am currently enrolled in high school, have never been married, had a child or currently pregnant.

CONTESTANT'S SIGNATURE: _____
DATE: _____

I, _____ (please print), being the legal parent/guardian of _____ (please print), hereby consent to her participation in the 2014 Miss Irish Pageant and hereby indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Saint Patrick's Association, pageant director, pageant staff and judges from any accident, injury or illness sustained by my child during her participation in the pageant.

MAIL BOTH THE ENTRY & CONSENT FORMS ALONG WITH YOUR \$125 REGISTRATION FEE & ONE (1) HEADSHOT PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE NEWSPAPER TO:

THE MISS IRISH PAGEANT
c/o ELVIRA WARD
1010 S. Houston St.
SHAMROCK, TX 79079

For additional questions, please contact Pageant Director, Elvis Moya at (806) 773-3404 OR elvis.moya@ttu.edu

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—A new campaign encourages parents to visit www.SayYes2Less.com and pledge to eliminate things their children don't need in their life. The Little Remedies® brand will donate \$1 to Make-A-Wish for each of the first \$100,000 people who take the pledge.

There are thousands of scholarships available for students with all types of skills and hobbies. Families can research these online and through their school. Another great resource is the free scholarship search tool at www.SallieMae.com/ScholarshipSearch. That database represents over 3 million scholarships totaling \$16 billion.

The country of Morocco, under the leadership of King Mohammed VI, is committed to a process of regionalization, which will transfer decision making on a number of issues out of Morocco's capital in Rabat and into the hands of the country's local elected leaders.

For over 75 years, people who are blind have been producing products for the U. S. military. That's the word from National Industries for the Blind (NIB), the nation's leading employment resource for people who are blind. To learn more, visit www.nib.org.



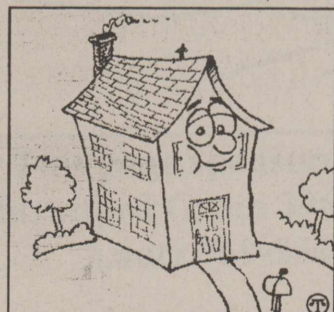
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Home Ideas

(NAPS)—Before cold weather hits, it's wise to schedule an inspection of your HVAC system by a heating professional. Heat pumps and oil-fired furnaces need annual tune-ups; gas-fired equipment can be serviced every other year. To learn more, visit www.york.com.

There's a whole new generation of receptacle wall boxes and accessories that can make your life eas-



ier—and safer. For more information on these clever devices, go to www.tnb.com/receptacles.

An organized pantry that blends beautifully with your home can save you valuable time when you're entertaining or just serving everyday family meals, advise the experts at EasyClosets. For organizing ideas, go to www.easyclosets.com or call (800) 910-0129.

When you have only two pennies left in the world, buy a loaf of bread with one and a lily with the other.
—Chinese proverb

The violets in the mountains have broken the rocks.
—Tennessee Williams

Break open a cherry tree and there are no flowers, but the spring breeze brings forth myriad blossoms.
—Ikkyu Sojun

Perfumes are the feelings of flowers.
—Heinrich Heine

The flower is the poetry of reproduction. It is an example of the eternal seductiveness of life.
—Jean Giraudoux

Flowers really do intoxicate me.
—Vita Sackville-West

Stratford Band Students Receive High Ratings At UIL Solo/Ensemble Contest

On Friday, February 7, 53 Stratford Band students traveled to Canyon and the Canyon High School campus to perform in the UIL Region 1 Instrumental Solo/ Ensemble Contest. Of 24 separate events entered, Stratford received 21 Division I (Superior) Ratings. This is the highest rating given at UIL Music Contests. The 53 students received a total of 51 medals for their efforts.

Receiving Division I (Superior) Ratings on their ensembles were the following: Taylor Aduddell, Vanessa Gonzalez (flute duet); Eugenia Almendariz and Natalia Reta (flute/clarinet duet); Emily Barajas, Xenia Franco, Eiyelene Mendoza (alto saxophone trio); Laynee Burr, Carlee Metcalf (clarinet duet); Rebecca Couch, Giselle Marquez (flute/clarinet duet); Chantal Guel, Brandon Mireles, DarCee Robinson (mixed trio); Aidely Guerra, Eimy Mendoza, Eiyelene Mendoza (Woodwind trio); Irene Henderson, Natalia Reta (flute/clarinet duet); Elizabeth Martinez, Astrid Valenzuela (mixed duet); Karl Punch, Kory Punch (clarinet duet); Erika Lopez, Jennifer Chavez (mixed duet); Sherridan Powers, Aidely Guerra (flute/clarinet duet); Ailyn Duarte, Sonia Lopez, Natalia Niave (brass trio); David Hernandez, Zachary Lujan, Colten Lanning (brass trio); Lilibeth Ibarra, Nadia Ortega, Victor Torres (brass trio); Nick Payne, George Rico (brass duet); Jennifer Torres, Astrid Valenzuela (brass duet); Ruben Gonzalez, Angel Guerra, Colten Lanning, Tucker Summers (Brass Quartet); Justin Duran, Luis Mendoza (percussion duet); Baruc Ortega, Matthew Sandvig (percussion duet); and Jazmine Castaneda, Sergio Guerrero, Pedro Ortega (percussion trio). Receiving Division II (Excellent) Ratings were the following: Raelynn Mungia, Lucero Robles, Daniela Valdez (mixed trio); Heber Fiero, Damian Maldonado (brass duet); and Ruben Gonzalez, Noah Harris, Blake Rios (brass trio). (See related pictures)

Congratulations go to all band students for the hard work and effort given to represent Stratford Schools so well at the contest.



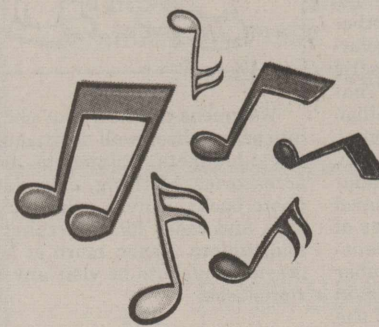
8th Grade Band

(in no particular order) Taylor Aduddell, Laynee Burr, Jazmine Castaneda, Jennifer Chavez, Rebecca Couch, Ailyn Duarte, Ruben Gonzalez, Vanessa Gonzalez, Chantal Guel, Angel Guerra, Sergio Guerrero, Noah Harris, David Hernandez, Colten Lanning, Erika Lopez, Sonia Lopez, Zachary Lujan, Giselle Marquez, Carlee Metcalf, Brandon Mireles, Raelynn Mungia, Natalia Niave, Baruc Ortega, Pedro Ortega, Karl Punch, Kory Punch, Blake Solis, DarCee Robinson, Lucero Robles, Matthew Sandvig, Tucker Summers, and Daniela Valdez,

7th Grade Band



(in no particular order) Eugenia Almendarez, Emily Barajas, Justin Duran, Heber Fierro, Xenia Franco, Aidely Guerra, Irene Henderson, Lilibeth Ibarra, Damian Maldonado, Elizabeth Martinez, Eimy Méndoza, Luis Mendoza, Eiyelene Mendoza, Nadia Ortega, Nick Payne, Sherridan Powers, Natalia Reta, George Rico, Jennifer Torres, Victor Torres, and Astrid Valenzuela.



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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

The City of Stratford, Texas is accepting bids for the possible sale of the real property located at the northwest intersection of South Spruce Street and Highway 54 (Texas Street), comprising approximately 0.482 acres, and described as Lots 6 through 10, Block 88, Original Town of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas.

The City may award the bid that is best determined to be the best value to the City. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, February 20, 2014, Thursday, February 27, 2014, Thursday, March 6, 2014 and Thursday, March 13, 2014.

Advertisement for Reinke irrigation systems. Includes text: 'More economical!', 'Differences between electric and hydraulic-driven systems', and contact information for Texas Electric Co. in Stratford, TX.

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Real estate advertisement for Clift Land Brokers. Lists several properties with details like 'New Listing!! 311 N. Fulton- 2220 sq. ft. home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas...' and provides website and contact information.

Houses for Sale

419 N. Fulton, 3 bed, 2 bath, basement, man cave, hot tub, gazebo, new heating and air, water softener w/filtration system. Call Laura at 806-753-7411- 2/13/tfn

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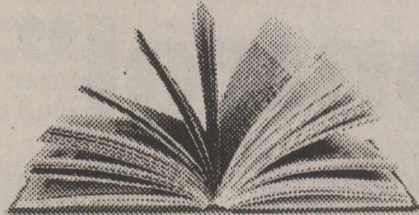
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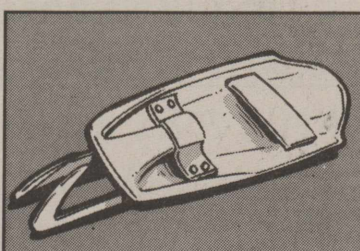
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The seat on a luge sled is called a sling.



Child Safety Update

Eye Protection Crucial When Playing Sports

(NAPS)—Sports require sharp vision and young athletes need to keep their eyes protected to prevent injury and keep them in the game. While thousands of children suffer sports-related eye injuries each year, there are steps that parents and coaches can take to prevent them.

The Problem

According to the National Eye Institute (NEI):

- Most eye injuries among kids ages 11 to 14 occur while playing sports.
- Every 13 minutes, an ER in the United States treats a sports-related eye injury.
- Eye injuries are the leading cause of blindness in children.

An Answer

That's why the American Optometric Association (AOA) stresses the importance of wearing well-fitted, protective eyewear when athletes are playing sports or participating in other activities.

As much as 90 percent of injuries can be avoided with appropriate eye and face protection such as safety glasses and goggles, safety shields and eye guards designed for sport. If your child wears prescription glasses or sunglasses, safety goggles should be worn over them.

The NEI notes that polycarbonate lenses provide the most suitable protection from sports injury. This type of material is lightweight, scratch resistant and can be designed to meet most eyewear designs or prescriptions. In addition, polycarbonate is 10 times more impact resistant than similar materials.

Protective eyewear not only defends your children's eyes from harm, it may enhance playing



Following a few simple safety precautions can help keep children safe during sports and games.

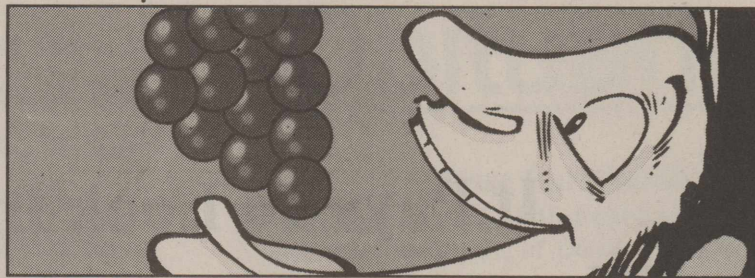
ability. The NEI says children can play better when they're less afraid of getting hit in the eyes or face while participating in sports.

Scheduling regular eye exams with an optometrist is important for all children—not only to ensure their vision isn't hindering their academic and day-to-day activities but to identify problems that could impede their performance in a particular sport.

Sports have different visual demands. In soccer, for instance, a player needs good peripheral vision to see a teammate or opponent in the corner of his or her eye, while in hockey, a player needs good dynamic visual acuity; that is, the ability to see objects moving very fast. An optometrist can discuss your child's needs with you and recommend the best eyeglasses, contact lenses or sports vision training program for particular sports and daily regimens.

Learn More

For further information about protecting and enhancing your child's vision and how to find an optometrist nearby, visit www.aoa.org.



The people of Portugal and Spain will often eat 12 grapes from a bunch just as the clock strikes 12 on New Year's Eve. This tradition is said to ensure 12 happy months in the coming year.



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- \$

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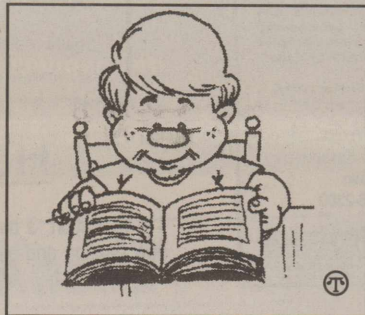
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Checks are payable to "Snack Pak 4 Kids." Please designate Stratford in memo line of your check.

Snack Pak 4 Kids
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Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Specialists confirm that many students with dyslexia benefit more from seeing and hearing text than from seeing it alone. Learning Ally produces audio textbooks for students with disabilities, including titles with on-screen text synched to human voice narration. To learn more, visit www.LearningAlly.org/Join.



 Master Your Card, a public education program sponsored by MasterCard, has added new consumer-protection standards for all MasterCard-branded employee payroll cards to help those without bank accounts who otherwise are at the whim of payday lenders and check cashers. Learn more at www.masteryourcardusa.org.

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