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**STRATFORD  
JAMBOREE & EX  
STUDENT REUNION**  
Meeting Thursday  
April 7<sup>th</sup>  
12:00-1:00  
@Happy State Bank  
Bring your own Lunch

## Fund For Mandy Helmuth and Daughter Sarah Grace

A fund has been set up at First State Bank for Mandy Helmuth and daughter, Sarah Grace. Mandy was hospitalized in ICU on March 6 due to Peripartum Cardiomyopathy (heart failure). At this time, she was put on a ventilator due to heart failure. Since then Mandy has been taken off the ventilator and has returned home. This is a critical time for Mandy because doctors are monitoring her heart to watch for complications. The first three months will be critical to Mandy's recovery. She will not be released to work for at least 6 months. The costs of a new baby, no insurance, and not being able to work is posing major problems for the family. If you would like to help the family during this time, please take your donation by the First State Bank and mention Mandy Helmuth. Mandy's address is:  
Mandy Helmuth  
3713 Grim  
Waco, TX 76710

## Fred Coming To Stratford

FRED, Fathers Reading Every Day is coming to Stratford in April. FRED is a four week program for dads (and mothers, too) encouraging fathers to read to their children for at least 15 minutes a day.

FRED starts with a kickoff event where dads (and mothers) can meet other dads (and mothers) and learn about the program. The kickoff event will be held on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at Lollipop Junction ChildCare Center in Stratford.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the kickoff event to learn about the program, the benefits of reading every day to children, and the great impacts of reading on the social and mental development of children.

For more information about FRED and how you can participate, contact Susie Spurlock at the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.

## New Date for Weather Spotters Class

Weather Spotter's Class night will be held on April 7, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the Stratford EMS Building due to bad weather canceling on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

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Friendship is the cement that will hold the world together.  
—Woodrow Wilson  
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## Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend

## Cancer Survivor Spotlight

The next person in our cancer survivor series is Mike Wells. Mike was diagnosed with cancer in 2001. Mike describes himself as one who in the past did not make regular visits to the doctor's office. In fact, he explained that he had not been to the doctor since 1971. One day he discovered a black spot on his ankle area. After having it examined by a physician, it was explained to him that he had Melanoma. Thus began the long process of treatments. Mike had six surgeries to remove the cancer area. He was also administered the medication, Interferon, which was given to boost his immune system.

At the time Mike was diagnosed with melanoma, his surgeon instructed him to "get right with his family and God." He was told that the chance of surviving five years was only 25%. During this difficult time, he expressed feelings of fear and sadness. In Mike's own words, "I got prepared to die."

What a difference four years can make. Mike is currently doing great and has been cancer-free since his treatment. The only remnant of the once deadly cancer is a slight scar on Mike's ankle. After a few minutes of visiting with Mike, his wonderful outlook on life is immediately evident. Mike explained that God had created his life and he didn't want to waste it. Mike has joined the M.D. Anderson Network that was established to connect survivors with recently diagnosed patients. Someone once told Mike, "If you have been through a storm and you don't help someone else, then you have been through the storm for nothing. Mike is committed to helping others who are currently in the midst of their storms with cancer.

On June 3, Mike will be involved in the Sherman County Relay for Life by taking part in the survivor's lap at the opening ceremonies. The Relay for Life Committee would like to encourage all survivors in our community to be a part of our Relay. If you are interested in walking the survivor's lap, receiving your free survivor's T-shirt, and joining in the survivor's celebration, please notify Michelle Lutes at 396-2065.

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Whatever you can do, or dream you can do, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.  
—Goethe  
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## Trustee Election May 7, 2005

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a trustee election May 7, 2005 to fill two positions.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin Wednesday April 20, 2005 and will end Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Early voting will be conducted in the Business office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Board members whose term will expire are Ricky Reed and Joe Reinart. Holdover members are Gared McBryde, Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock, Steve Hays, and DeWain Trayler.

Candidates are Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, and Barney Wilborn.

Remember to  
Change your Clocks  
this weekend  
Spring forward

Shown at right the Stratford High School One Act Play presented the play *Blithe Spirit* at their Dinner Theater held March 21, 2005. They competed at contest on March 24. Shown from left, Jordan Taylor, Jayme Wilhelm, Evan Haile, Austin Riffe, and Heather Robertson. For more information, see picture below.



Stratford High School participated in the North Zone UIL one act play contest on March 24. They performed the play *Blithe Spirit*. The cast and crew came away with several awards. Evan Haile was named the Best Actress, Allison Baskin and Jayme Wilhelm were both selected for the honorable mention all star cast. April Kautz was named best stage manager and Emily Shafer received an award for best sound effects. Shown above, seated Allison Baskin. Standing from left, Jayme Wilhelm, April Kautz, and Evan Haile. Not pictured Emily Shafer. Congratulations!!

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## Main Street Enhancement Public Meeting

TxDOT and the Main Street Enhancement committee will hold a public breakfast meeting for Main Street store owners, property owners and interested persons, Tuesday, April 19. This meeting will include a progress planning report from Texas Department of Transportation and discussions on relocation of water lines, awnings, lighting and brick pavers. (Recently, an out of town business showed interest in a location in Stratford but was discouraged by the appearance of our Main Street especially the curb and sidewalk in front of the Post Office!)

## Attention Junior Parents

Junior Parents-We will be meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wesley Spurlocks barn on Beaver Road next to the Ambulance Building. We NEED all Junior Parents to be there.

## Band Calendars to go on Sale March 30<sup>th</sup>

The Big Blue Band will begin selling band calendars on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. The Community Calendar is a valuable asset to the community of Stratford keeping everyone informed not only to family and friends' birthdays and anniversaries but also to community meetings. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar or having your organizations information added to the calendar please contact any high school band member or Mr. Randy Hunsaker. Deadline is April 15, 2005.

## Entire Community Invited

The entire community is invited to come and join us in the Relay for Life festivities. We're going to kick off the event at 6:00 p.m. at Sam Bass Stadium on June 3. The food, fun, games, and music will continue on into the night. The festivities will culminate at 1:00 a.m. the following morning. Don't miss this opportunity to contribute to our fight against cancer.

## 4-H Council Meeting

Sherman County 4-H Council will meet on Monday, April 4 at 8:00 p.m. at the County Extension Office. All members are asked to attend.

## 4-H Fashion Show

The Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford. Judging will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the fashion show and awards presentation at 7:00 p.m. All 4-H members who plan to participate in the achievement event are reminded that entries are due in the Extension Office on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

For more information and for a copy of the county Fashion Show guidelines, please contact the Sherman County Extension office at 366-2122.

## Bands to Compete

The Stratford Junior High and High School bands under the direction of band director Randy Hunsaker and assistant director Eldric Shanks will be competing in the UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contest Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at Boys Ranch. The High school will be performing Serenade and Dances by James Sudduth, Slavonic Folk Suite by Alfred Reed, and Marche des Parachutistes Belges (March of the Belgian Paratroopers) by Pierre Leemans and arranged by Charles A. Wiley. Performance times are 10:30 a.m. for the High School and 4:40 p.m. for the Junior High Band. Everyone is invited to attend.

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You can only protect your liberties in this world by protecting the other man's freedom. You can only be free if I am free.  
—Clarence Darrow  
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## Memory Class Series Begins April 4

"MASTER OF MEMORY" first class will be Monday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. at SCOT Hall in Stratford. The Sherman County office of the Texas Cooperative Extension and SCOT will be offering the six part class series. Other class dates will be April 15, 18, 29 and May 2 and 6th.

Lesson One will focus on how you learn new information. Lesson Two will be fun and games as memory strategies will be explored. You will see that with a little effort to employ a memory strategy, you may be able to remember like never before. Food, you can't live without it and things like salt, fat and cholesterol, as well as water intake, may affect how well your brain works will be the topic at Lesson Three.

Would it surprise you to know that your prescriptions and over-the-counter medications may be affecting your memory? Lesson Four will teach you what types of medications may affect your memory and when to talk to your health provider. Worried about being diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease? In Lesson Five you will learn about medical conditions that may affect your memory but are partially or completely reversible.

In the sixth and final lesson of the "Master of Memory" series, you will learn how exercise benefits your body and mind. For those who attend all previous sessions, a graduation ceremony will be held.

Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences will be teaching the series. Pre-registration is encouraged so that adequate materials will be available to class participants. To register, contact the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122. Extension educational programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

No one has yet computed how many imaginary triumphs are silently celebrated by people each year to keep up their courage.

—Henry S. Haskins  
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# Obits

## Homer (Powder) Coffman

Munday, TX- Homer (Powder) Coffman, age 74 of Munday, TX died Sunday, March 27, 2005.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2005 at 2 p.m.

Visitation will be at First United Methodist Church from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 31 before services at cemetery.

## Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre Announces 2005 Season

"Always A Texas Playboy" musical, Saturday, April 23 at 8:00 p.m. Direct from Las Vegas "Burning Love" Elvis is Hot Again!! Thursday, May 19 8:00 p.m. The XIT Melodrama will be held August 4, 5, 6 in connection with the XIT Celebration. "The Diamonds" return from last year's near sell out performance Wednesday September 7, 2005 8:00 p.m. The annual Christmas Dinner Theatre featuring "Sounds of the Season" on Saturday December 10, 2005. Dinner at 6:30. Show 8:00 p.m.

## Red Hatters To Meet Thursday, April 7, 2005

There will be Red Hatters meeting at the Methodist Church on Thursday, April 7, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses: Bobbie Wilson & Janice Vaughn. Catered by: Connie Bidy. Entertainment will be provided and door prizes. RSVP to Janice Vaughn, 396-2464 or Bobbie Wilson, 366-5891. Please RSVP by April 4<sup>th</sup> so we can let Connie know how much to cook.

## New York Times Fiction Best Sellers at the Sherman County Public Library

1. Honeymoon by James Patterson
  2. The Rising by Tim LaHaye\*
  3. Impossible by Danielle Steel
  4. The Broker by John Grisham
  5. The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
  6. Cold Service by Robert B. Parker
  7. The Five People You Meet In Heaven by Mitch Albom
  8. Vanishing Acts by Jodi Picoult
  10. Prince of Fire by Daniel Silva
  11. Shadow of the Giant\* by Orson Scott Card
  12. The Forgotten Man by Robert Crais
  14. State of Fear by Michael Crichton
  15. Missing Persons by Stephen White
  16. Killing Club by Marcia Walsh
  18. Blood Money by Greg Iles
  22. Lost Lake by Phillip Margolin
  23. Emma & Me by Elizabeth Flock\*
  24. Chainfire by Terry Goodkind
  29. I Am Charlotte Simmons by Tom Wolfe
  33. The President's Assassin by
- \*Indicates books on order



## Miss Beyond Imagination

Contestants' Miss Beyond Imagination" Miss Teaser and Miss Georgiana Hardbody. Will they return for the contest held on April 30, 2005? Contestants should apply (or friends apply for them) to Jeanne Bell, Laurie Spurlock or George Harding.

## Chamber News

By Patty Tims

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL BANQUET

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be April 11, 2005 this year. The Banquet theme this year will be, "Envision the Future", with Scott Buckles presenting the program. There will also be a live charity auction, with Aubrey Latham, auctioneer, XIT Auctions. Jeff Kautz is catering the meal, which will be rib eye steaks, baked potato, green beans, salad, dinner roll and dessert. Auction items are being displayed at the Chamber office. Come in and take a look or check it out as you walk by. This promises to be a fun time. We encourage everyone to attend this event.

### WAYNE SMITH GAVE ME THIS LAST YEAR AND THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO PUT IN THE PAPER DECLINE of a SMALL TOWN

The men were quite cocky as they stood in the sun  
Let's go to the city, stock up and have fun  
We'll buy by the case all under one roof  
And save lots too, of that we have proof.  
So they did just that for many a year  
And, from the results never too any fear  
Until one day they met once again  
Standing uptown just out of the rain.  
"What's happening here!" cried one in dismay  
Their faces were ashen, they had much to say.  
Then one scratched his head and the other said aloud  
"There's no beer and no coffee, not even a crowd  
My wife is real sick and right off her feet  
I came for some drugs, some milk, and some meat  
The hospital is closed the grocery stores too.  
What in the world are we going to do?"  
"My furnace is shot and the plumbing all broken."  
The other one gasped, I thought he was choking'  
:MY car's a near wreck and my tires are low  
I need nails and lumber, and there's no place to go."  
His friend had his head right down to his chest  
"We're to blame," he muttered  
We passed this town for the glimmer of lights  
Bought stuff by the carload and took in the sights  
The city is bustling and bursting with pride,  
While all our own merchants just up and died.  
The houses are empty, the bank's repossessed.  
I'll tell you old boy we're in for a test  
"We should have been smarter and wiser." They said.  
Then the town would be bustling, not half so dead."  
"It's never too late, we've learned," someone did say.  
But for the foolishness of many they'd all have to pay.  
They parted at last as the wind turned cold  
And muttered, "Buy locally, as this story is told."

Author Unknown

## Circus is Coming to Dalhart

The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus will be in Dalhart on Sunday, April 3, 2005 with a performance at 2:00 p.m. and a second performance at 4:30 p.m. at Rita Blanca Lake.

This event is being brought to you by the Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce. Tickets for either performance are available at the following locations:

Dalhart Chamber Office, 102 E. 7<sup>th</sup>

A to Z Home Center, 809 Tennessee,  
Alco Discount Store, 519 Blair  
Bartlett's Lumber & Hardware  
201 Denver  
Edward Jones Offices, 217  
Denrock  
Hodie's Bar-B-Q, 701 Highway  
87 South  
United Supermarket, 1601  
Tennessee.

Adult tickets are \$8.00 in advance or \$9.50 the day of the show.

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## 90th Birthday Celebration Bess "Granny" Stone

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Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living, the other helps you make a life.

—Sandra Carey

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

—Thomas Edison

Without a rich heart, wealth is an ugly beggar.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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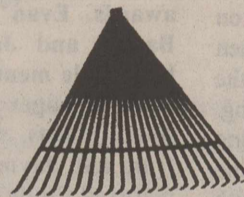
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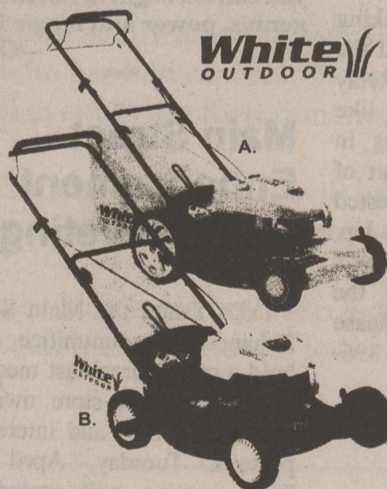


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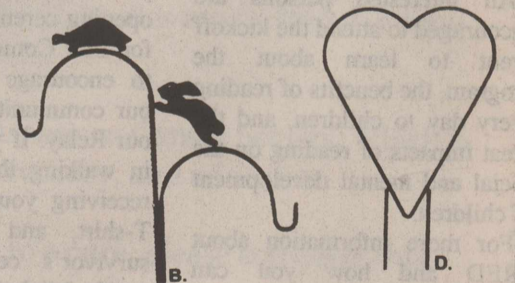
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## Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

**SECRET PALS:** Have you been remembering your Pal? There's been Valentine's, St. Patrick's and Easter. Mother's Day is coming.

Only trains heading south are going through Kerrick these days. Northbound trains are using some other tracks.

A good crowd shared Easter dinner at the community center. Goodness, that's what it was—good.

From Griggs were Geneva Wells, Joyce Wells, Terry & Gail Wells. From Stratford were Charley & Denton Crabtree, Mary & Dudley Hill, John, Teri Nicholas, Shelby McDaniel, Rev. Walter & Harriet Reed, Nora Wells.

David, Ginger, Conrad Odell, Boise City; Duane and Thelma Smith, Dumas; Leo & Elaine Horne, Conlen.

Hosts were Annette, Ralph James Hampton. Others were Dr. Gary Mathews, Virgie Mathews, Marjory Munden, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Jo June McDaniel, Bill & Pat Boren, Marylou & Mike McDaniel.

It was a letter postmarked Dublin, Ireland, that Barbara Schoonover received Saturday, Barbara, a big fan of Daniel O'Donnell, assumed it to be sent from his fan club. No, it was a handwritten letter from O'Donnell! She and Terry had met him in Branson, MO. Fun!

Thursday Barbara and grandson, Reed & Rett, had a slumber part at Guymon with cousin Brandon and his mother Marcia Hollingshead.

Easter was spent with Jean Danner, Barbara's Mother.

The Sandy Tillery's hosted Easter dinner for the Brady Schoonovers, the Mungias and Bowmans of Ballinger, TX. There was a big egg hunt.



## Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Betty

Betty Henry was given a 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party March 19<sup>th</sup> at SCOT Hall. Hosts were her children pictured, from left, B.F. (Butch), Dale, Betty, Gene, Ann & Joe. A large group of friends and family enjoyed the afternoon.

## Births Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

Drestyn, Brooke and Cutter are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby cousin, Sarah Grace Bench. Sarah weighed 7 lb. 1 oz and was 20 inches long. She is welcomed home by Mom & Dad - Mandy and Jeremy.

Proud grandparents are Jimmy & Tammi Helmuth of Stratford. Pam & Doug Taylor of Waco. Great grandparents Cecil Borth Stratford, Donna Helmuth of Perryton, Nita Taylor of Stratford.

Success is not measured by what a man accomplishes, but by the opposition he has encountered and the courage with which he has maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds.

—Charles Lindbergh

April is on its way, so there are just a few things that we need to be reminded of.

Bess Stone will be celebrating her birthday at SCOT Hall on April 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. Happy birthday, Bess!

Line dancing continues on Monday evenings at 5:30, with practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

Craft classes are held on first and third Tuesdays at 5 p.m. Those "Craft" ladies do a great job of decorating our tree in SCOT Hall. They do some very clever decorations.

Game night is on Friday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

Bingo will be on April 7 and 21 at 7 p.m.

The birthday party will be on Thursday, April 21 at 2 p.m.

The Board meeting will be on April 26 at 5:30 p.m.

It was exciting to plan a dance for last Saturday night, and sad that it had to be canceled. Mother Nature just didn't cooperate and the weather was not good for being out. The dance will be rescheduled sometime soon, we hope.

Let us remember that the "Master of memory" lessons begin at SCOT Hall on April 4 at 6 p.m. This is a six lesson series led by Susie Spurlock. Future lessons will be on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and May 2 and 6.

Our luncheon for March was well attended, with wonderful food and decorations. Coldwater Manor furnished meat, potatoes and gravy, plus the table decorations. Thank you, Coldwater Manor. And thank you, Boyd Spurlock for the great music.

We appreciate the EMTs who check blood pressure, too. See you around at these coming activities.

If you take too long deciding what to do with your life, you'll find out you've done it.

—George Bernard Shaw

You must do the very thing you think you cannot do.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

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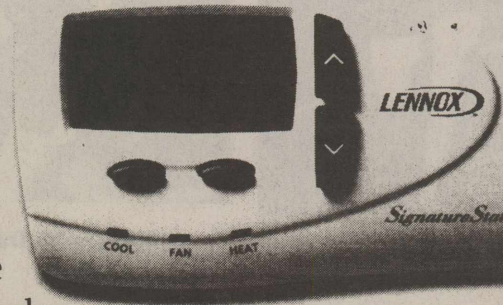
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I am more afraid of an army of 100 sheep led by a lion than an army of 100 lions led by a sheep.  
—Talleyrand  
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Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
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Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

**First Christian**  
Rev. Walter Reed  
5th & Main  
Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)  
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)  
No Sunday Evening Worship Service  
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,  
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

**First United Methodist**  
Rev. Gene Weinette  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:40 am  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm  
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

**St. Joseph Catholic**  
Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master  
6th & Pearl  
Rectory - 366 - 5687  
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass, or by appt.  
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon  
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
Ernie Maiwald  
N. 3rd & Chestnut  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

**Calvary Baptist**  
James Washburn  
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

**First Baptist**  
Brent Farney  
702 N. 3rd  
Early Service 9:00 a.m.  
Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.  
Late Service 11:00 a.m.  
Growth Groups Nightly 7:00 p.m.  
Wed.- Youth Group Teen Kids 7:00 p.m./Adult Choir 7:00

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Domingo-(Sunday)  
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)  
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Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm  
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## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

### The Crucifixion of Christ

As we approach what has been called Good Friday and Easter, we wonder why it could be a Good Friday. After all, almost 2000 years ago it was really a black Friday. It was the time of the death of the Son of God. Yet this was no ordinary death. This death opened the way into the presence of God. Matthew 27:50-51 exclaims, "Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. And behold the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom." Could a mere man pay the infinite price due to God for sins and gain access into God's presence for a host of others? NO! Men and women spending eternity in hell will always have to spend more time in that awful place to fulfill the debt they owe for their sins. Who could make adequate payment for the sins of human beings? Only a perfect human being. Only a human being actually united to divinity could be a perfect sacrifice. But Jesus Christ was and is both God and man in two distinct natures in one person. With reference to divinity, Jesus Christ was and is fully God. With reference to humanity, Jesus Christ was fully human with a body and soul just like yours. Yet Jesus Christ was one person. He was and is the God-man. This Jesus laid aside the prerogatives of heaven for a time. He laid them aside to enter the world as a babe in Bethlehem. He laid them aside for a time to walk the dusty trails of Galilee. He laid them aside for a time to die. God cannot die. But a perfect death was essential if adequate payment was to be made for the sins of men and women like us. So the God-man died. And that black Friday became the best of all possible times for those who trust in the death of Jesus.

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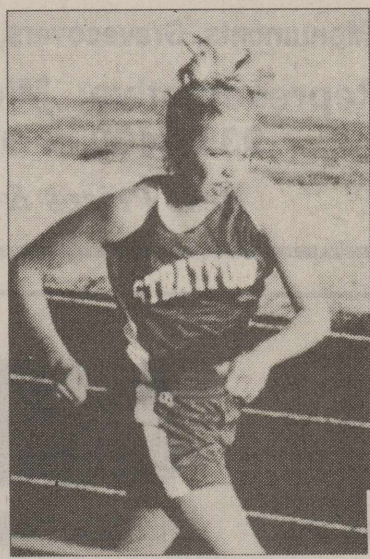
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# Track Results



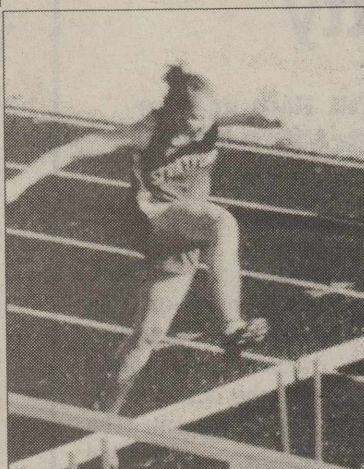
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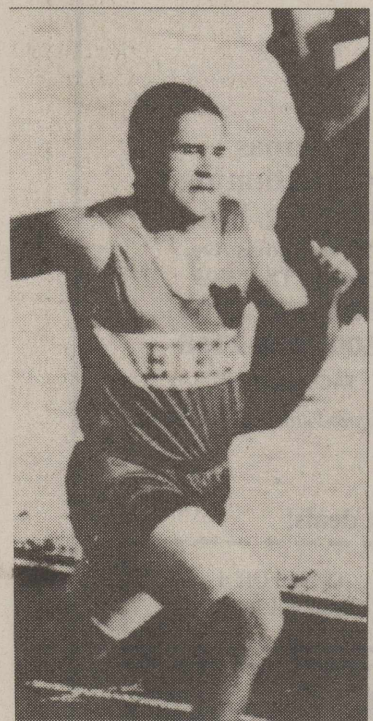
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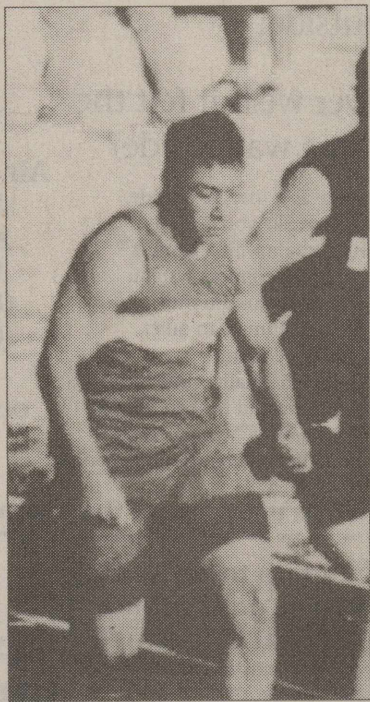
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Gustavo Rosales



Tony Ruiz

The Varsity Lady Elk Track team won the Tulia Track Meet held Saturday, March 19, 2005.

Individual results as follows:

400 M Dash: Whitney Garza, 7<sup>th</sup> 4:11; 200 M Dash: Cassi Garza, 5<sup>th</sup>, 31.09; 400 M Dash: Allison Baskin, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:04.93; Kelsey Stein, 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:08.11; 800 M Run: Kristen Crabtree, 2<sup>nd</sup>, :29.04; 1600 M Run: Yadira Ortega, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:53.09; Kristen Crabtree, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:49.65; 3200 M Run: Whitney Reese, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 14:05.14; 400 M Relay: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 54.46 (Kelsey Stein, Whitney Garza, Rhia Everett, Cassi Garza); 800 M Relay: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:55.84, (Candie Bell, Lindsay Stein, Yadira Ortega, Cassi Garza); 1600 M Relay: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:26.03 (Kristen Crabtree, Lindsay Stein, Yadira Ortega, Allison Baskin); 100 M Hurdles: Lindsay Stein, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 16.87; Candie Bell, 4<sup>th</sup>, 17.69; 300 M Hurdles: Candie Bell, 5<sup>th</sup>, 53.26; Merilee McDaniel, 6<sup>th</sup>, 56.55; Shot Put: Katelyn Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 33'4"; April Peregrino, 5<sup>th</sup>, 30'2"; Discus: Deidre Tarver, 1<sup>st</sup>, 116'9"; Katelyn Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 99'10"; High Jump: Whitney Garza, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5'0"; Rhia Everett, 4<sup>th</sup>, 4'10"; Allison askin, 6<sup>th</sup>, 4'10". The Lady Elks won the Stratford Invitational held March 24 & 25<sup>th</sup> with 111.5 points. Individual results as follows: 400 M Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> 55.25; 800 M Run: Kristen Crabtree, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:30.71; Yadira Ortega, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:32.28; Lindsay Stein, 5<sup>th</sup>, 17.18; 100 M Dash: Whitney Garza, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13.90; 800 M Relay, 4<sup>th</sup> 1:59.10; 1600 M Run: Kristen Crabtree, 1<sup>st</sup>, 48.78; Yadira Ortega, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 58.75; 1600 M Relay, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:23.98; Shot Put: Katelyn Reed, 1<sup>st</sup>, 34'10"; 5<sup>th</sup> April Peregrino, 2'25"; Discus: Deidre Tarver, 1<sup>st</sup> 129'9"; 3<sup>rd</sup> Katelyn Reed, 103'3"; High Jump: Whitney Garza, 5'0"; 4<sup>th</sup> Rhia Everett, 4'10"; 5<sup>th</sup> (tie) Allison askin, 4'8"; Long Jump: 4<sup>th</sup> Lindsay Stein, 13'11.5"; Triple Jump: 6<sup>th</sup> Candie Bell, 29'9.25".

The Varsity Boys track team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Stratford Track Meet held March 24-25<sup>th</sup> with 7.33 points. Individual results: 400 M Relay: 4<sup>th</sup>, :59; 110 M Hurdles: 2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Ruiz, 16.04; 100 M Dash: Tony Ruiz, 1<sup>st</sup>, 11.36; 6<sup>th</sup> Travis Soto, :54; 800 M Relay: 1<sup>st</sup>, 34.23; 300 Hurdles: 3<sup>rd</sup>, Josh Manning, 42.98; 4<sup>th</sup> Craig Kautz, :65; 200 M Dash: Case Crabtree, 1<sup>st</sup>, 23.43; 4<sup>th</sup> Ryan McDaniel, 24.84; 1600 M Relay: :33.46; Shot Put: 6<sup>th</sup> Martin Stran, 40'7"; Discus: Martin

Beltran, 6<sup>th</sup> 119'11"; High Jump: Tie for 4<sup>th</sup>, Craig Kautz, 5'4"; Long Jump: 4<sup>th</sup>, Case Crabtree 19.5 1/2"; Travis Soto 6<sup>th</sup> 19'.0.25".

The JV Elk Track Team won the Stratford Track Meet with 219 points. Individual results: 3200 M Run: 2<sup>nd</sup> Chad Smith, 12:36.45; 3<sup>rd</sup> Michael Frizzell, 12:49.00; 400 M Relay: 1<sup>st</sup>, 47.37; 800 M Run: David Chavez, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:19.54; 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Frizzell, 2:24.17, 3<sup>rd</sup> Joey Reta, 2:24.55; 110 M Hurdles: Brant Cummings, 1<sup>st</sup> 17.38; 100 M Dash: 1<sup>st</sup> Gus Rosales, 11.66, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeffrey Frizzell, 2<sup>nd</sup> 12.05, 5<sup>th</sup> Steven Rueda, 12.94; 800 M Relay: 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:43.09; 400 M Dash: 1<sup>st</sup> Corey Carter, 57.49, Chad Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>, 58.85; 300 M Hurdles: 2<sup>nd</sup> Brant Cummings, 46.77; 200 M Dash: 2<sup>nd</sup> Steven Rueda, 25.89; 1600 M Run: David Chavez, 1<sup>st</sup> 5:27.04; Michael Frizzell, 5:49.20; 1600 M Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> 3:53.84; Shot Put: 2<sup>nd</sup> Gilbert Reta, 38-3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandro Gomez, 35-9.25, 5<sup>th</sup> Dillyn Williams, 33-7.75; Discus: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandro Gomez, 111-11, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dillyn Williams, 107-9; Long Jump: 3<sup>rd</sup> Alex Martinez, 16-9, Jeffrey Frizzell, 15-5.25; Pole Vault: Andrew Correll, 3<sup>rd</sup> 8-6.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys won the Stratford Track Meet with 142 points. Individual Results: 400 M Relay: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 49.65; 800 M Run: 4<sup>th</sup> Matt Valenzuela, 2:24.53, 6<sup>th</sup> Hector Marques, 2:33.76; 100 M Dash: 2<sup>nd</sup> Raul Gonzales, 12.56, 4<sup>th</sup> Manual Chavoya 12.88, 5<sup>th</sup> Angel Resendes, 12.94; 800 M Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> 1:43.18; 400 M Dash: 2<sup>nd</sup> Pepe Licon, 57.36, Raul Gonzales 58.62; 200 Hurdles: 4<sup>th</sup> Pepe Licon, 28.68; 200 M Dash: 1<sup>st</sup> Nelson Rodriguez, 1<sup>st</sup> 25.32; 1200 M Run: 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Valenzuela, 3:58.32, 4<sup>th</sup> Hector Marques 4:07.76; 6<sup>th</sup> Jay Hacker, 4:22.10; 1600 M Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> 3:52.47; Shot Put: Brent Reed, 3<sup>rd</sup> 35-11; Discus: 1<sup>st</sup> Caleb Horsford, 132-9; High Jump: 5<sup>th</sup> Caleb Horsford, 5-0.10; Long Jump: Nelson Rodriguez, 4<sup>th</sup> 16-8.75; Pole Vault: 4<sup>th</sup> Armando Valenzuela, 8-6.03.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Elks won the Stratford Track Meet with 116 points. Individual Results: 400 M Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> 57.54; 800 M Run: 2<sup>nd</sup> Perla Rueda, 2:49.17; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sicarra Valenzuela, 2:51.80; 100 M Dash: 5<sup>th</sup> Marylou Maldonado, 14.94; 800 M Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> 2:02.77; 200 M Hurdles: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sinead Everett 35.06; 200 M Dash: Deborah Molina, 1<sup>st</sup> 30.34; 1200 M Run: 6<sup>th</sup> Rachel



Lindsay Stein

Martinez, 5:22.50; 1600 M Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> 4:41.47; Shot Put: 6<sup>th</sup> Jessica Meroney 26-10.25; Discus: 3<sup>rd</sup> Stephanie Bell, 82-3; High Jump: Sinead Everett 1<sup>st</sup> 4-10; Long Jump: Perla Rueda, 3<sup>rd</sup> 13-7.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with 111.50 points at the Stratford Track Meet. Individual Results: Discus: Victor Carrera 1<sup>st</sup> 107-8, 4<sup>th</sup> Elias Terrazas 94-5; High Jump: 2<sup>nd</sup> Blu Pruitt 4-6.01, Justin Smith tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> 4-6, Klinton Keener tie for 5<sup>th</sup> 4-4; Pole Vault: Tie for 1<sup>st</sup> Klinton Keener 8-6, Justin Smith tie for for 4<sup>th</sup> 6-6; Shot Put, 5<sup>th</sup> Victor Carrera 33-5.50; Triple Jump: 6<sup>th</sup> Blu Pruitt, 28-3; 400 M Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> 54.90; 800 M Run: 5<sup>th</sup> Roy Allen, 3:05.12, 6<sup>th</sup> Luis Ortega, 3:08.48; 110 Hurdles: 2<sup>nd</sup> Oscar Sausamedo, 22.07, 5<sup>th</sup> Wesley Anderson 23.16; 100 M Dash: 2<sup>nd</sup> Elias Terrazas, 13.63; 800 M Relay: 5<sup>th</sup> 2:10.23; 200 Hurdles: 4<sup>th</sup> Blu Pruitt, 33.04, Klinton Keener, 6<sup>th</sup> 33.74; 1200 M Run: Justin Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:20.70; 1600 M Relay: 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:29.51.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Elks placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Stratford Track Meet with 65 points. Individual Results: Discus: Channing Zieman, 1<sup>st</sup> 61-10, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunny Russell, 60-10; 400 M Relay: 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00.09; 800 M Relay: 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:08.61; 200 M Hurdles: Angie Rosales, 6<sup>th</sup> 39.74; 1600 M Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> 4:52.53.

## Human Interest

(NU) - Heifer International, an organization that has been working for more than 60 years to end world hunger, has committed \$1 million for programs that will help victims of the Dec. 26, 2004, tsunami in South and Southeast Asia. Over the next few years, Heifer's Indonesia staffers and partner organizations will work together to rebuild agricultural production, increase family incomes and support housing, education and public health efforts. The programs will provide training, livestock and related aid to tsunami survivors and farms on the coast of the Indonesian island of Sumatra and elsewhere in the region.

## Golf Results

### Girls

Dalhart 3rd place team  
Juliana 2nd place medalist

### Boys

Highland Park  
Tied first place team  
Josh King  
Robert Seawright  
Scott Hudson  
Walter Spurlock  
Tyler Haynes 1st medalist

### Boys

Canadian  
Third place team  
Same as above  
Tyler 2nd place medalist "had a hole in one!!"

### Boys

Gruver at Guymon  
4th place team  
Harrison Walden  
Landan Luna  
Walter Spurlock  
Robert Seawright  
Tyler Haynes 1st medalist

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No game in the world is as tidy and dramatically neat as baseball, with cause and effect, crime and punishment, motive and result, so cleanly defined.

—Paul Gallico

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## Research Shows Computer Passwords Are Easy to Break

NewsUSA

(NU) - According to research from the Internet Security Foundation, 86 percent of Internet users believe that the passwords hidden behind asterisks are securely protected.

But the truth is that a glaring security hole in Microsoft Windows makes such passwords easy to review. For instance, SeePassword software, available at www.seepassword.com, allows computer users to review the forgotten passwords by simply dragging a magnifying-glass interface over the asterisks.

Criminals use various tools to remotely obtain passwords of unsuspecting Internet users, gaining access to victims' bank accounts and to private information such as credit card accounts. This privacy issue is especially troublesome in an era when criminals and terrorists routinely use stolen identities to conduct their unlawful operations.

With the popularity of the Internet, identity theft has become a more troubling and growing concern. In one notorious case of identity theft, the criminal incurred more than \$100,000 of credit-card

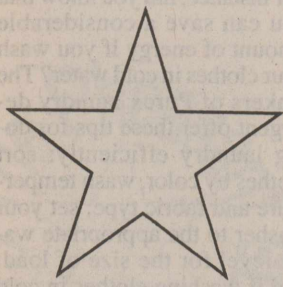
debt and bought handguns in the victim's name before filing for bankruptcy, also in the victim's name. While it took more than four years and \$15,000 to restore the victim's credit and reputation, the criminal served only a brief sentence for making a false statement to procure a firearm, but made no restitution to his victim for any of the harm he had caused. Many identity thieves operate from abroad and never get caught.

To protect computer users, the Internet Security Foundation recently released a program called Asterisks, which removes unsecured passwords from users' computers.

"Keeping your passwords stored on your computer, open for any hacker, is beyond careless," aid Alex Konanykhin, chairman of the Internet Security Foundation. "We remove risks from asterisks."

Asterisks is available for download from www.asterisks.info. Visitors to the site also can download free security software such as EliminateSpam! and PopUp Buster+, developed by KMG, a New York-based Internet technology company.

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For Sale by Owner: 4/2/3 home on corner lot. Custom built in 1995. New carpet, 20 x 20 finished basement, fireplace, ceramic tile in entry, utility, dining and kitchen, sprinkler system, open floor plan, approx. 3200 total sq. ft. Call 806-366-2303 evenings or leave a message.  
11-4-tfn

FOR SALE BY OWNER...Beautiful 4 bedroom home, large sized rooms, 3 full baths, office, large utility room, basement, covered patio, beautifully landscaped backyard. W/deck. This house is located in a GREAT neighborhood!! 202 Kay Ave. Approx. 3800 sq. ft. Call 806-366-2482.  
4-22-tfn

For Sale: Our home at 619 S. Pearl. 2572 sq. ft. living area, 3 b, 2 b, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, separate storage garage extra lg. Lot 366-5829 or 753-7775.  
4-22-tfn

3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot. 1201 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for appointment.  
10-21-tfn

For Sale: 3BR, 1.75 bath home at 603 S. Fulton. 2 living areas, dining room, master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Lots of closets and storage throughout the house. Large backyard with above ground swimming pool, metal storage shed and covered patio. 2 car garage. Brick and vinyl exterior for maintenance free up keep. Contact Rhonda Browne after 6:30 at 366-7597 or leave message.  
12-9-tfn

For Sale: House and furnishings as a package. 1320 sq. ft. living, detached garage, sprinkler system. \$49500.00. Shown by appointment only. Trust Dept. 396-5521.  
9-25-tfn

For Sale: Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick home at 408 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CHA, attached garage, new attic insulation, large fenced in backyard. Stove, washer, dryer and new built in dishwasher stay. Great neighborhood \$55,000. Call 366-3111.  
3-24-tfn

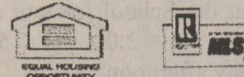
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3-31-tfn

For Sale: 305 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 bdrm, laundry room, CHA, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$20,000. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613.  
3-31-tfn

### Health

(NU) - According to a recent nationwide survey, Generalized Anxiety Disorder — marked by symptoms of restlessness, irritability and fatigue — negatively impacts many aspects of men's lives, especially their friendships and romantic relationships. Generalized Anxiety Disorder, commonly known as GAD, is one of the most prevalent anxiety disorders, affecting more than 4 million American adults each year. Though treatable, GAD remains largely underdiagnosed and undertreated, especially among men. However, of the survey respondents diagnosed with GAD, 93 percent reported an improvement in their quality of life after beginning treatment for the disorder. To learn more, visit www.anxietscreener.com.

Ad Rem Land Co.  
803 S Bliss  
Dumas, TX 79029  
806-935-7364



Very Motivated Seller! 3 B/R, 1 1/2 baths, large master suite, walk in shower. Double garage with workshop and C/H&A.  
Reduced to \$85,000

Move Up to this Beautiful Home! 3 B/R, 1 1/2 baths, 2 living areas, and a large adjacent lot for parking, on the east side.  
\$89,000

Home with Style! 2 B/R, 1 1/2 baths, with large living and dining areas. Hardwood floors, and updated baths.  
\$78,900

Very Cute! 1 B/R, 1/2 bath home, would make a great rental property.  
\$15,000

Great Starter Home, or Possible Investment Property! 2 B/R, 1 bath.  
\$25,000

Shop in Backyard! Nice 3 B/R, 2 bath with 1 car detached garage.  
Reduced to \$45,000

Prime Location! This 3 B/R, 2 bath home is located in a quiet neighborhood and close to schools.  
\$125,000

Corner Lot! This 4 B/R, 1 1/2 bath home has had C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line has all been recently replaced.  
\$60,000

### Public Notice

#### Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on April 14, 2005 in conjunction with the regular City of Stratford City Council meeting at City Hall, 518 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. This hearing will be held to discuss property located at 212 N. Wall.  
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 31, 2005.

### Public Notice

FUSC Surcharge Factor Increase  
Effective April 1, 2005, the amount of the Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) appearing on your XIT Communications/XIT Rural Telephone bill each month will increase as a result of an increase in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) universal service fund contribution factor from 10.7% to 11.1%. The new FUSC amount is calculated by multiplying the FCC's universal service contribution factor against your interstate access service charges. The federal universal service fund program is designed to help keep local telephone service rates affordable for all customers, in all areas of the United States. Please address any questions concerning this notice to XIT Communications/XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. P.O. Box 711, Dalhart, Texas, 79022 or call 806-384-3311.  
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 31, 2005.

### Legal Notices

#### Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested Vendors to refurbish the football field. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM April 11, 2005. Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, Faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent office at 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened on April 11, 2005 at 2:00 PM. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals.

Items include labor, material, and equipment for the renovation.

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#### Bid notice

The City of Stratford is now accepting bids to renovate an existing sewer lift station on Purnell Avenue. Details on the lift station can be obtained at the City Hall located at 518 North 3<sup>rd</sup>. The deadline for the bids will be April 13, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. The sealed bids will be opened at the City Council Meeting on April 14, 2005 at City Hall. The City will award the lowest and best bid and retains the right to reject any and all bids.  
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 31, 2005 and Thursday, April 7, 2005.

#### STRATFORD SECURE STORAGE LEGAL NOTICE

This is to notify that the contents in Unite #201 currently leased by Barbara Diller of Stratford are now seized. Anyone interested in bidding on the contents of these units should contact Henry Harrison at the numbers listed below. All bids will be confidential. All bids will be finalized by 10:00 a.m. On April 9, 2005.  
Phone #4 806-366-5381 or 753-6481.  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 24, 2005 and Thursday, March 31, 2005.

### Cards of Thanks

To the wonderful people of Stratford we extend our thanks to you for your love, support and prayers during the recent loss of our father, James Boardman. To my wonderful church family your outpouring of love and support has been such a blessing. Thank you to those who have come to the house, brought food, sent flowers, and offered prayer and words of encouragement. It has been such a blessing and comfort to me and my family. God Bless you all.

Sincerely, Blake & Marie Sladek, Amy, Dalton, Alisha and Blakelee

Thanks for showing your concern and caring over the loss of our loved one, Julia Ann Lavake, through your prayers, visits, food, cards and memorials. God Bless all of you.

Wayne, Pat, John and Darla and Jeremy and Jennifer

St. Joseph's Catholic Church CCD Enchilada Dinner Free Will Donation!!  
Sunday, April 3, 2005  
12:00-2:00 p.m.  
PARISH HALL  
Proceeds to help take CCD Kids to Wonderland at the end of the year!!  
Come and help support our CCD Kids and Teachers!!!!

Miss Teaser-Jim Taliaferro and Miss Georgiana Hardbody-George Harding

#### Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

Kathie Altman-366-5611  
David Cross-396-2396  
Ken Forthman-366-2586  
Patsy Harland-827-7568  
Belinda Hamilton-827-7728  
Jesse Resendes-366-3134  
Brent Farney-396-5554

#### Austin Hotline

1-800-252-5400  
ALL CALLS  
CONFIDENTIAL

### Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- April 1-3 "Hank The Cow Dog" ALT Academy Amarillo Little Theatre Main Stage 806-366-9991
- April 1 West Texas A&M U Showcase of Music Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-651-2840
- April 2 Chamber Music Amarillo- strings 8:00 p.m. Amarillo Museum of Art 806-236-3545 www.chambermusicamarillo.org
- April 2 Sandy A. Filnt Magic Show Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- April 9 Amarillo Symphony, Jennifer Frautschi, violin Amarillo Civic Chorus, WTAMU Choirs Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-8782
- April 12 Harrington String Quartet WT A&M U Mary Moody N Recital Hall 806-376-8782
- April 7-17 "Cat on A Hot Tin Roof" Drama Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space 806-355-9991
- April 16 "Coppelia" Lone Star Ballet Amarillo Civic Auditorium
- April 20-23 "A Farewell Salute to the Branding Iron Theatre" WTA&MU Branding Iron Theatre 806-661-2798
- April 23 "Always A Texas Playboy" 8:00 p.m. Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre 244-5888



Did you know the Stratford Area Foundation had a part in securing the new water tower, upgrading the city water system and several other improvements in our community? By participating in matching fund grants, the Foundation has provided in excess of \$56,000.00 toward the cost of these upgrades since 1984.

## Second Annual WaterWise Gardening Class to be Offered

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, in partnership with Moore County Extension, will offer the second annual WaterWise Gardening class on April 23, 2005. The class, taught by master gardeners, will cover the basics of xeriscaping and water wise gardening, as well as how to install and maintain a drip irrigation system for homeowners that will more efficiently deliver water to landscape plants and trees.

The principal of xeriscaping involves using plants that are adapted to a particular region and are drought tolerant to produce beautiful and long-blooming landscapes. There will also be information on tree selection, and participants will learn how to install a drip irrigation system in their own landscape. In addition to conserving water, the drip irrigation systems can cut the costs of watering for homeowners and can also provide water more efficiently directly in the area where the plants need it.

The class is free, and class gardening, as well as free computer software to help plan a more water efficient landscape. Class time will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 and the class will be held at North Plains Water District, 603 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Dumas, TX. Interested persons can sign up for the class by contacting Rhonda Artho at North Plains Water District at 806-935-6401 or by contacting Moore County Extension Agent Tim Trimble at 806-2594.

### Banana-Strawberry Smoothie

- 2 bananas
- 1 cup frozen strawberries
- 1 8-ounce carton vanilla low-fat yogurt
- 1 cup milk

Peel and cut bananas into chunks. Combine with frozen strawberries, yogurt and milk into a blender. Blend on high speed for 1 minute or until mixture is smooth. Makes 2 servings.

To help celebrate the Frozen and Refrigerated Fuel for School Festival, NFRA has created a \$12,500 Fuel for School Sweepstakes. For contest dates, official rules and entry form, visit [www.BringUsToYourTable.com](http://www.BringUsToYourTable.com).

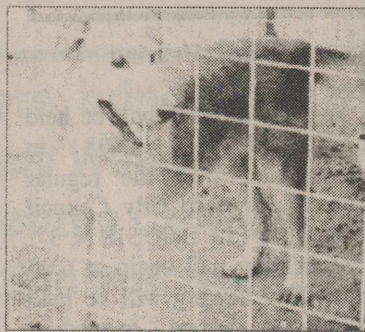
## Stratford Ex-Student Reunion July 29-30, 2005

Stratford Ex-Student Reunion interest has come mostly from out of town. Out of a possible 34 ex-students from the honored classes in town, two were at the meeting Thursday, March 24. Maybe it was because it was Maundy Thursday and everyone was at church or maybe a homecoming is not a big deal because they are home. Corrected addresses should be to Gaynelle Riffe by April 15th. I need a 1935, 1945, 1965, 1975 graduation class picture. The plan at this point is the Friday night Hamburger visitation at the County Exhibit Building. Honored classes ride in the parade and have barbeque lunch at the park on Saturday. Maybe the whole group will meet at the School for tour and program at 2:00 or 5:00 Saturday afternoon? Addresses Please.

Missing Persons:  
'31 Emma Kidwell Shuffield; '32 Mary McDaniel adorn. Lucille Dowd Moore Juwel Watson Gately; '34 Alice McAdams Gomez, Wilber Williams, Lanelle Griffin Montgomery; '36 Kathryn Roberts Woodward, Mary Helen Higginbottom Goodman, Ullom Wakefield; '41 Elmer Pemberton, Joe Gaona; '43 Rosalie McDaniel Coats, William B. Woodard; '45 Violet Lee Garoutte Johns, Virginia Schroeder Jones; '48 Evelyn Carter Wagner, Lena Faye Cowdrey Purdy, Billy Bob Adkins; '49 Ruby Brannan Brewer, Nan Doontz Ferguson, Patricia Ramon Matherly; '50 Alphonso Garcia; '70 Phillis Farris Melton, Ernest Stubelfield, Grant Keener, Gary McMillion, Jeff Price, Gail McAlister Henderson, David

Worley, Ronnie Pool, David Williams; '71 Denise Meil Spiker, Linda Shertler Thompson, Randy Shertler, Terry McDaniel, Wanda Weiss, Shirley Downs McReynolds, Dana Oquin Craig, Ann Henry Foster, Judy Gupton Diamond, Deborah and Linda Garner, Rob Hager; More to come.

## Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

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

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

One of the beautiful things about baseball is that every once in a while you come into a situation where you want to, and where you have to, reach down and prove something.

—Nolan Ryan

A musician must make music, an artist must paint, a poet must write if he is to be ultimately at peace with himself. What one can be, one must be.

—Abraham Moslow

## USDA Announces Sign-up for Crop Disaster Assistance Program

Sherman County producers can expect to receive financial assistance for crop losses through the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), launched by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Monday, March 14, 2005. According to Rebecca Hemphill, County Executive Director for the Sherman County Farm Service Agency (FSA), CDP is available to producers with qualifying crop losses resulting from damaging weather in crop years 2003 and 2004 as well as certain losses suffered in 2005.

"We are motivated to provide crop loss assistance benefits to producers as quickly as possible," said Hemphill. "Drought, floods and hurricanes are unpredictable weather events that put farmers and ranchers at risk-impeding their ability to produce a dependable, affordable national food supply."

Eligibility for CDP is similar to that of the 2001-2002 Crop Disaster Program. Producers suffering a production loss greater than 35-percent and/or more than a 20-percent quality loss are eligible for CDP. The payment rate for CDP has been increased to 65 percent of the established commodity price for insured crops and non-insurable crops, and 60 percent of the price for uninsured commodities. Previous disaster assistance provided payments of 50 percent of the established commodity price for insured and non-insurable crops and 45 percent for uninsured crops.

Producers may apply for CDP for any crops that are eligible for coverage under the Federal Crop Insurance or the Noninsured Assistance Program. This program results from Congressional passage last

October of the Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2005 (the Act).

"CDP payments will be limited to \$80,000 per producer and/or entity, but funding for the program is unlimited," said Hemphill. "Although no sign-

up deadline has been announced, we are striving to implement this program in a timely fashion in order to effectively benefit the producer."

Hemphill encourages producers to begin organizing relevant crop loss documentation and contact the Sherman County FSA Office to schedule an appointment to discuss program eligibility and the application process.

For more information regarding CDP and other disaster assistance, contact the Sherman County FSA office at 806-396-2122 or visit the USDA Web sites at

## Read Nutrition Labels For Better Health

(NU) - In today's hurried, harried world of food shopping, many people take the claims on the fronts of food packages — "healthy," "low carb" or "low fat" — as the final word on nutrition.

But by failing to read the small print, particularly the "Nutrition Facts" panel and the ingredients list, consumers may not be aware of what else they are getting, namely added sugars and trans fats. For example, did you know that a chocolate peanut butter PowerBar Performance Bar has 20 grams of sugar? That's twice the amount of sugar in a Krispy Kreme original glazed doughnut.

Reading labels, particularly if you are following a controlled-carbohydrate lifestyle, is one of the best ways to take control of what you buy and eat.

"We believe — and emerging science confirms — that a high-carbohydrate diet, particularly one that includes a significant amount of added sugars in a variety of forms, contributes to many health-related concerns," said nutritionist Colette Heimowitz, vice president of education and research for Atkins Health & Medical Information Services. "Thus, it's crucial to read the labels on all packaged foods."

Always look at the serving size, for instance, to ensure that the portion will be able to satisfy your appetite. In many cases, it is smaller than you might assume. If you don't read the label, you may never realize that the smoothie you just drank is actually two servings, not one. Also,

## Consumer

(NU) - There is more to doing laundry than just separating the lights from the darks. For instance, did you know that you can save a considerable amount of energy if you wash your clothes in cold water? The makers of Purex laundry detergent offer these tips for doing laundry efficiently: sort clothes by color, wash temperature and fabric type; set your washer to the appropriate water level for the size of load; and if washing clothes in cold water, use a detergent formulated to work well in cold water, such as Purex detergent. For more laundry tips, visit [www.purex.com](http://www.purex.com).

look for an adequate amount of fats, fiber and protein, all of which assure satiety.

Knowing what ingredients should not be in products is equally crucial. The front of the package may say "no trans fats," but the ingredients list might reveal trace amounts of hydrogenated or partially hydrogenated oils. A product that contains less than 1 gram of these oils is not required to include them on the Nutrition Facts panel. The only way you can be sure that a product is free of these unnatural, harmful fats is if there is no mention of them in the detailed ingredients list.

Avoiding added sugars also is important. Natural sugars in milk and fruit are fine, while added processed sugars, such as sucrose (table sugar) or corn syrup, should not be part of any healthy diet. Intake of sugar alcohols, which often are used in low-carb products to replace sugar and add bulk, also should be monitored.

A controlled-carb approach requires strict monitoring of the total carbohydrate content of any product. Atkins products do the work for the consumer, omitting added sugars and trans fats and providing a Net Atkins Count, based on clinical testing, that displays only the number of carbs that will have an impact on blood sugar.

Other products may require carb-conscious consumers to do this work themselves. In this case, subtract fiber, sugar alcohols and glycerine from the total carbohydrate count.

American Cancer Society presents

## THE SHERMAN COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIA LIGHTING SERVICE



Help support the goals of the American Cancer Society and remember or honor a loved one by purchasing a luminaria candle. The votive candles, nestled in a sand bag and lit for a soft effect, are being sold now. The candles will be lit in a special ceremony on June 3, 2005 during the RELAY FOR LIFE, an overnight event held at Elk Stadium in Stratford.

For a donation of any amount per candle, you can dedicate the glowing tribute to someone who has had cancer. Those who purchase candles are invited to attend this special event to see their donation come to life.

Proceeds from luminaria sales will benefit the American Cancer Society, which is dedicated to cancer research, patient services, advocacy, and education.

To purchase a luminaria and help light the way to a cure, please complete this form and send it to the address indicated.

Thank you!

Yes! I'd like to light the way to a cure! I have enclosed a donation IN HONOR OF:

IN MEMORY OF:

TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDLES: \_\_\_\_\_

PURCHASED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to the American Cancer Society. Return this completed form with your donation to:

Cindy Cummings, Relay For Life Treasurer  
PO Box 618  
Stratford, TX 79084